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Hello CPOA Members, and Happy New Year!

As we usher in 2025, we are excited to share a fresh new look for CPOA, starting with our updated logo! You may have already noticed this change in some of our recent communications. The logo was approved by the Board of Directors and aligns with our updated website, which launched last July as part of the 2024-2025 Membership Year.

Congratulations to Chief Brian Baker of Yuba City who retired in January! Chief Baker served as a Member-at-Large on the [Board of Directors](#), which left a vacancy after his retirement. CHP Captain Larry Depee Commander of Humboldt Area CHP, who is on the Region III Board, accepted the invitation to fill the vacancy and hit the ground

running representing the very northern part of California. We are thankful to Captain Depee for his willingness to serve and his decades of public safety experience.

A new year also brings new legislative challenges and opportunities. There's no better time to engage in these critical discussions than at the [33rd Annual Law Enforcement Legislative Summit](#) on **March 12th**. Whether you plan to attend in person in Sacramento or participate via Livestream, this summit is a key event for the public safety community to come together and discuss pressing legislative issues. We hope to see you there!

Please fill out the [CPOA 2025 Member Survey](#). We value your input as we develop our next multi-year **Strategic Plan**. It should take less than 2 minutes to complete, and your feedback will help guide us in understanding what makes CPOA unique, as well as identifying areas where we can best serve the ongoing needs of the profession.

Lastly, we have nearly [20 in-person and virtual courses](#) available on our website. Head over to [cpoa.org](#) to find professional development opportunities that fit your needs and those of your agency.

I hope your 2025 is off to a strong start, and I look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events.

Chief Neil Cervenka, Fort Bragg Police Department
2024-2025 CPOA President