



The Billy & Spanner



PRESIDENT'S NOTES

By Mike Alford

Let me start this month's newsletter off by thanking Mike Moffet and his team for the outstanding job they did in putting together this year's Christmas luncheon. The event was well attended and a good time was had by all.

I would also like to thank you the membership for all they kind words toward me as this was the last official event of my time as President of our Association. I have enjoyed doing what little I could to make things more tolerable for the membership over the past three years. Looking forward I have confidence that Ray Storms will carry on the tradition of past Presidents and continue to serve the Association well.

The position of President is only as good as the Board of directors that serve with him and we have been fortunate to have the most dedicated and capable people serving in that capacity. I am proud to have been able to serve you the membership for the past three years. I would encourage younger retirees to get involved in leadership of the Association. Whether it's getting up to speed on retirement board issues, volunteering for one of our community causes or getting involved in our political activities, we need the collective action of many to help protect us all.

As you know from past writings , I am not one for a lot of flowery words and platitudes so I will end my time serving with one last THANK YOU for your support to the Board and the membership.

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REFORMING THE REFORMS? PROPOSED STATE INITIATIVE COULD AMEND PROPS 47 & 57



Law enforcement officials and unions across the state have decried the public safety impacts of California's Proposition 47 and newly implemented Proposition 57. Combined, the voter-approved laws have reduced the penalties for many crimes from felonies to misdemeanors and are allowing for the early release of thousands of convicted criminals. While supporters of both initiatives promised more resources and improved safety in our neighborhoods, the opposite has been the case.

Recently, a coalition of law enforcement leaders and crime victims have proposed a new initiative aimed

at reforming the "criminal justice reforms." According to its supporters, The Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2018 proposes to:

- Reclassify currently "non-violent" crimes like rape of an unconscious person, sex trafficking of a child and 14 other serious crimes as "violent" — to prevent the early release of inmates convicted of these crimes.
- Reform the parole system to stop the early release of violent felons, expand parolee oversight, and strengthen penalties for parole violations.
- Reform theft laws to restore accountability for serial thieves and organized theft rings
Expand DNA collection to include those convicted of drug, theft, domestic violence and other serious crimes to help solve rape, murder and other violent crimes.

As it stands now, the initiative, which is an amendment to California's Constitution, is awaiting review by the Attorney General's Office for the official title of the measure and its summary. Following this step, the initiative will be circulated for signatures to qualify for the November 2018 ballot. Over 585,000 valid voter signatures are required to qualify the Constitutional Amendment.

While the Association does not traditionally take official positions on State measures, there is not a single community that has not been impacted in some way by these initiatives. As such, we will keep you posted as the initiative process develops.

SUTTER HEALTH OPENS IN SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

For those of you who live in Santa Cruz County, you now have access to a new healthcare option. Sutter Health will begin service in January 1, 2018.

The Sutter Health Plus network in Santa Cruz County includes Palo Alto Medical Foundation and its care centers throughout the county, Sutter Maternity & Surgery Center and Watsonville Community Hospital. Members will also have access to El Camino Hospital in Los Gatos, a Sutter Health Plus participating provider since 2015. The health plan's provider network now includes 30 hospitals, eight walk-in care facilities, 45 urgent care centers and more than 5,000 physicians.

If you are looking for more detailed information, you can visit this link of the City's website:
<http://sanjoseca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/73285>

ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED SAN JOSE POLICE OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS

Christmas Luncheon 2017





SAN JOSE FIREFIGHTERS DEPLOY...AGAIN TO KEEP CALIFORNIA SAFE



ACTOR ROB LOWE HOSTS DINNER FOR SAN JOSE FIREFIGHTERS AT HIS HOME.

At the time of this writing, the Thomas Fire in Southern California is California's second largest fire burning approximately 272,000 acres, forcing the evacuation of over 104,000 people and destroying 765 single family homes. Once again, firefighters from SJFD have been deployed to battle the blazes in Southern California. As can be seen from the photo, their work has been appreciated by regular residents and celebrities alike.

A massive amount of firefighters, over 8,500, have been marshalled to fight the blaze. To date, SJFD has sent strike teams to take on the roaring fire. As those of us who used to wield a hose know, wildland fires are among the most dangerous fires we must take on—with changing wind direction, unstable terrain and endless amounts of fuel, a fire can quickly turn deadly. Unfortunately, this became all too true for one firefighter from San Diego, Cory Iverson, who leaves behind an expecting wife and a daughter. Iverson died a hero, protecting the lives of tens of thousands.

A special hat tip must be given to those SJFD personnel who have been deployed to fight not just this fire, but the other fires around California this year. The fires of 2017, all across the state, have been devastating this year. SJFD personnel have left family behind for extended time to join in the collective battles that have raged throughout California. They deserve our thanks and a very restful, peaceful holiday. We cannot guarantee the latter two, but we can give our thanks.

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR RETIREMENT

Max Boyer, Police Officer, 25.05* years of service.
Andrew Harsany, Police Sergeant, 26.99* years of service.
Scott T. Herrero, Fire Engineer, 20.42* years of service.
Richard Lira, Police Sergeant, 25.84* years of service.
Anthony E. Pianto, Fire Captain, 23.49* years of service.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Michael T. Tapia
Teresa Jeglum
Wanda Hill (Survivor)

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 1/3 Hick'ry Pit - Gray, 980 E. Campbell Ave. Campbell 408-371-2400
1/10 City Diner – Tan, 2951 Monterey Rd., SJ 408-269-5490
1/11 Association Meeting, 11AM to 1PM
at the San Jose P.O.A. Hall, 1151 N. 4th St San Jose
1/17 Burger Pit - Blue, 120 Blossom Hill Rd. San Jose 408-225-6030
1/17 Police Benevolent Association, 5PM
at the San Jose POA Hall, 1151 N. 4th St., San Jose
1/24 Goodies - Wine – Wine, 2201 S. Bascom Ave, Campbell 408-369-1236
1/29 Holders Country Inn. – Green, 1424b Saratoga Ave. SJ., 408-378-6022
2/7 Hick'ry Pit - Gray, 980 E. Campbell Ave. Campbell 408-371-2400
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Retired Firefighter Nicholas (Nick) Mayer. Retired in 1984 and is survived by his wife, Phyllis, and six children.
Chief Daniel Bourbon. Retired in 1993.

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