



IMPORTANT NEWS FOR CCPOA CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

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Hickman Quits. In a move that was long overdue, Corrections Secretary Rod Hickman resigned from his post last week — leaving a trail of failure and disappointment in his wake. While the Administration tried to put a good spin on it — saying that Rod “served tirelessly” — you just can’t hide the truth ... which is that Hickman will be best remembered for his tireless self-promotion, failed leadership and uncanny ability to blame everyone else for his own and his management team’s failures. (For more on the “Hickman Legacy,” see latest President’s Message at www.ccpoa.org)

Supervisors Win 3.0 at 50. CCPOA finally won a long and hard fought victory on behalf of supervisors last week when the department agreed to give correctional supervisors 3.0 at 50 retirement, without any increase in their contributions. This new benefit will be retroactive to January 1, 2006.

Media Takes Swing at CCPOA -- and misses. Both the *Sacramento Bee* and the *San Diego Union Tribune* took some serious shots at CCPOA last week, blaming us for everything from the overtime the state pays us, to opposing parole reforms that kept child molesters and murderers on our streets. CCPOA has responded with letters-to-the-editor, the highlights of which include:

- Your assertion that the California Correctional Peace Officers Association has too much influence can best be described as fallacious drivel, on par with the discovery of aliens in the sewer.
 - Rod Hickman’s resignation is the only real corrections reform that has taken place in more than two years. While he did make big promises, he delivered nothing.
 - And your diatribe faulting correctional peace officers for working too much overtime was totally baseless. The FACT is that there are over 3,000 vacant positions, and in many cases the overtime is mandatory — driving by a bad decision made by Hickman himself.
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