



IMPORTANT NEWS FOR CCPOA CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

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CCPOA NEEDS YOUR HELP FOR POTENTIAL LAWSUIT AGAINST STATE. As you may be aware, the CDCR is implementing various changes to programs and staff working conditions — some of which may be in violation of our contract. For instance, the Behavioral Management Unit (BMU) was approved as a pilot project at one institution, but is now being expanded, without proper authority or notice, to other institutions. We urge you to report any CDCR changes to CCPOA immediately by contacting one of the following: your field representative, Chuck Helton, Chuck Alexander or Steve Weiss. This information may be important to arbitrations occurring over the next 4-6 months, and could be used in a lawsuit filed by CCPOA in state or federal court.

Your Dues Dollars at Work. Second in a series, CCPOA is airing a new TV commercial aimed at improving our image, raising awareness of the dangerous job we do and promoting public donations to the Peace Officers Memorial Foundation. The ad features the sons of Officer Manuel Gonzales, who was killed by an inmate in 2005. As you recall, the first ad in this series was our Christmas Ad, which featured a correctional officer and young daughter.

CCPOA Wins Awards. We're proud to announce that CCPOA was recently honored with Pollie Awards (from the American Association of Political Consultants) for our "Christmas" TV commercial and for our mailed brochure against Arnold's dangerous special election initiatives. In addition, the Alliance for a Better California — of which we are a member — won a Pollie for its "Cops" TV commercial featuring a CCPOA parole agent. Congratulations to everyone!

Annual Convention — LOCATION CHANGE. For those who have not yet heard, CCPOA has had to change the location of this year's annual convention FROM San Francisco TO the Silver Legacy in Reno. It appears that the San Francisco hotel workers are operating without a contract and could potentially strike in the near future. In respect to your union brothers and sisters, and for the sake of our convention, we had no choice but to relocate.