

Major Expenditure Reduction Action on POST

As all law enforcement executives and trainers know, this is a difficult budget year for everyone in California. POST is not exempt from the impact of the state budget deficit. POST staff worked diligently for the past several months to preserve funding for law enforcement training, but the final result is that the budget (spending authority) has been decreased by \$2 million in 2008/09—and the outlook for future years remains uncertain.

This reduction in POST's budget means that some program budget cuts will be required. At its April meeting, the Commission authorized the Executive Director and staff to pursue a number of proposed alternatives to accommodate any foreseeable reductions that might be imposed by the Legislature.

To cover the budget reductions, the following cost-cutting

measures will be implemented as of the date indicated on each respective measure:

1. Recurring training contracts will be held to their FY 2007/08 amounts. July 1, 2008.
2. Backfill reimbursement will remain suspended. July 1, 2008
3. Reimbursable training will be capped at 40 hours per officer, from July 1, 2008, until further notice.
4. High-cost lodging allowance will be suspended. Revised reimbursement rates are:
Reimbursement statewide for Basic Course subsistence will be \$46 a day. Reimbursement for all other subsistence (lodging and meals) will be \$124 a day.
5. Commuter lunch allowance will be suspended. Sep. 1, 2008

In addition to the state's deficit, a secondary condition affecting POST's budget is the increase in the number of trainees requesting reimbursement. The

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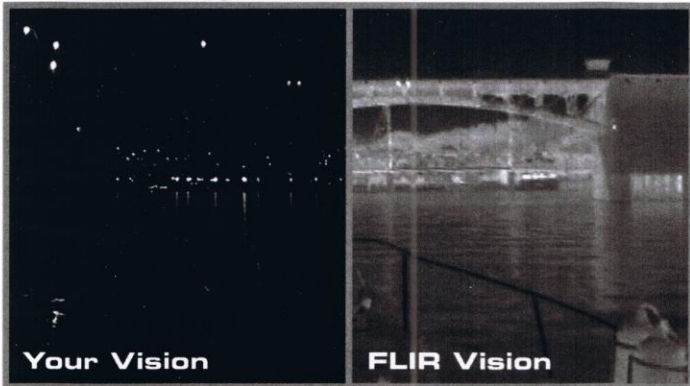


The first recipient of the CBSOA Dedication to Boating Safety Award, Officer Carrol France, pictured at the 35th Annual Training.

baseline budget has remained relatively flat, but the number of reimbursable trainees has climbed from roughly 54,000 in 2003, to over 68,000 in 2007. To correct this imbalance, POST must reduce the annual total number of reimbursable trainees. To assist in this

effort, chiefs, sheriffs, and training managers are requested to send officers to POST-certified training venues closest to home, or to utilize no-cost online courses at the POST Learning Portal. For more information on online training, visit www.lp.post.ca.gov.

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