



PORAC CONTINUES TO SEEK PEACE IN THE FACE OF TRAGEDY

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Law enforcement has been targeted for simply answering the call of duty.

The murders of Kissimmee Officer Matthew Baxter and Sergeant Sam Howard and the attempted murders of Jacksonville Officers Michael Fox and Kevin Jarrell are a reminder of the reality every police officer faces in our streets.

This is a tragic trend in the course and scope of an officer's daily duties.

These killings are also, once again, a call that we need to work together as a community. We need to bring all stakeholders together.

PORAC will continue to be a part of the conversation. We keep Officer Baxter, Sergeant Howard, Officer Fox and Officer Jarrell in our thoughts as we work with policymakers and our communities to promote unity.

"As an officer reaching the end of his career, I find it painful that the streets have become more dangerous and our ability to communicate has become increasingly difficult. We need to get beyond what has been the most extreme divide I have seen in my entire career," stated PORAC President Mike Durant.

PORAC wants peaceful streets.

The Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC) was incorporated in 1953 as a professional federation of local, state and federal law enforcement agencies. Today, PORAC represents over 70,000 public safety members and 920 associations, making it the largest law enforcement organization in California and the largest statewide association in the nation.

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