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Veteran Sacramento Police Officer Brent Meyer Elected Vice President of California's Largest Public Safety Organization

Sacramento, CA: The Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC), representing more than 64,000 public safety members and 910 associations, announced that Sacramento Police Officer Brent Meyer will serve as their 2013-14 Vice President.

After seven years, PORAC's former Vice President, Mike Durant, was unanimously voted to replace Ron Cottingham, who retired this year, as President. The PORAC officers are elected by their peers.

Officer Meyer is a twenty year veteran of the Sacramento Police Department. He began as a student intern while in high school. During his time with the department, Meyer has worked in patrol, the police department's federally grant-funded Community Oriented Policing and Problem Solving (COPPS) program at the Regional Community Policing Institute, as a traffic enforcement officer on a motorcycle, and as a bicycle patrol officer. Meyer's most recent assignment has been assigned to the Patrol Division, patrolling during the graveyard shift in the downtown Sacramento area.

"I've worked in Sacramento all my life," explained Meyer. "I'm very proud to be able to give back in this way. I've come across and seen a lot during my time here at the police department. Having a part in keeping our city safe is what keeps me going."

Officer Meyer served as the President of Sacramento Police Officers Association from 2007 to 2011. At 32, Meyer was the youngest officer ever elected to that position. In his term as SPOA President, Meyer orchestrated an agreement that was touted by Mayor Kevin Johnson and the Sacramento City Council as a "blueprint for exceptional labor relations," and was credited with saving the jobs of 67 police officers that year.

Officer Meyer brings a fresh perspective to PORAC's leadership team. Meyer has jump started his term by taking on many unique projects, including a Facebook page, to share his day-to-day efforts with PORAC members and those they serve.

"Social media is a critical part of our lives," said Vice President Meyer. "This new profile is one more way I can personally reach out with my membership, the community, policymakers and the media. I look forward to actively engaging them all as we further the critical discussion around the next generation of law enforcement. There are over one billion people on Facebook and PORAC leadership has always been on the forefront of this changing technology."



Meyer's duties as PORAC Vice President include the outreach and recruiting new law enforcement associations, championing public safety legislation, improving upon the training programs offered to members and continuing PORAC's efforts to improve the security of all Californians.

"I am extremely proud to take on this new role," Meyer explained.

If you would like to discuss the importance of public safety with Vice President Meyer, or if you have any questions regarding how you and your family can stay safe, feel free to contact him at the PORAC office: (916)928-3777.

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 64,000 public safety members and over 910 associations, making it the largest law enforcement organization in California and the largest statewide association in the nation.

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