

# Membership Alert!

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Several Members of CRPOA have been contacted by an organization known as "Reserve Police Officers Association" (RPOA) through the U.S. Mail. "RPOA" is asking for a donation of \$25. The donation supposedly "...enables the RPOA to help provide the support our volunteer reserve police officers and deputies deserve."

RPOA is not a California organization. They are not in any way affiliated with CRPOA.

As volunteers, each and every one of you deserve the best help and support available. But we do not believe that RPOA does that. According to their own website [www.reservepolice.org](http://www.reservepolice.org), they are an organization based out of Florida and incorporated through the State of Delaware. According to records available online from the California Secretary of State, <http://kepler.ss.ca.gov/list.html>, they are not authorized to do business at all in the State of California.

RPOA provides no Legal Assistance, they offer no long term disability, no famous "Backup" Magazine, and according to their website has provided only one donation to a Police Department in California in the past 10 years.

Whether or not you receive one of their letters, if you wish to donate any amount of money to support reserve policing in the State of California, the correct address to do so is CRPOA, Post Office Box 5622, San Jose, CA 95150-5622.

For approximately the same amount of money RPOA charges to be a member of their Association, from CRPOA you get:

Accident Insurance Including:

In-Hospital Benefits

Rehabilitation/Retraining

Psychological Therapy

Disability Insurance

Legal Services

Legislative Support Activity

Training through ARPOC

The "Backup" Magazine

And:

Recognition as being a volunteer member in the best Police/Sheriff Departments in the United States.

Check them out and I'm sure you will find that CRPOA beats RPOA in every aspect. Remember, if you wish to donate, please use the CRPOA address above. Your hard earned \$\$ will go to support you and your organization and all the reserves in the State of California! And while you're at it, let your friends and relatives know that their support should go to California's dedicated reserve officers.