

Membership Information



Reserve and Fulltime Law Enforcement - Search and Rescue
Volunteers in Police - Supporting Members

Your Association

CRPOA membership is open to anyone who is involved in or supportive of law enforcement. Our membership is made up of Reserve Peace Officers, Full-Time Peace Officers, Law Enforcement Administrators, Volunteers in Law Enforcement, Search and Rescue members and citizens who feel it is important to support their volunteers. We welcome members from anywhere and have categories of membership for both active and retired individuals. The Membership Coverage Table shows the member benefits provide to each type of membership.

Membership Coverage Table				
Member Type	Publications	Accident Insurance	Legal Services	Voting Rights
CA Reserve (Active)	✓	✓	✓	✓
CA Reserve (Retired)	✓			✓
Out-of-state Reserve (Active)	✓	✓		✓
Out-of-state Reserve (Retired)	✓			✓
Full-time Peace Officer (Active or Retired)	✓			
Non Sworn Supporting Member	✓			
Full-time Peace Officer serving as the Reserve Coordinator	✓			
Search and Rescue	✓	✓	✓	✓
Volunteer in Law Enforcement	✓	✓	✓	✓

The California Reserve Peace Officers Association was founded in 1974 for the purpose of raising the professional, educational and appointment standards of Reserve Peace Officers. In the years that followed, CRPOA expanded its membership to include the many volunteer groups that provide specialized services to their community. CRPOA now serves the entire law enforcement community through organizational networking, education, legal services and disability benefits. We actively

participate in POST (California’s Commission on Peace Officers Standards and Training) committees and discussions regarding Reserve Officer activities. We work closely with the California State Legislature on bills where law enforcement volunteers are involved.

Each year CRPOA sponsors a training conference for Reserve Peace Officers, Volunteers in Law Enforcement and Search and Rescue members. This training conference, one of the largest law enforcement training events in the State of California is entitled the Annual Reserve Peace Officers Conference (ARPOC). ARPOC is composed of professionally taught training classes, static and active displays of law enforcement related activities, along with numerous vendor displays of law enforcement products. The classes provide POST certified training that offers the required 24 hours of advanced officer training for reserve officers in the State of California.

Benefits

Accident Insurance

CRPOA suggests that you determine what coverage your agency provides you and under what conditions. Does the coverage apply when you serve as a volunteer, or only when your agency has a “callout” for your services? If you have a full-time occupation in addition to your volunteer position, you should also determine what benefits you may have from your full-time employer while you are volunteering. If you have other Accident Insurance policies, be sure to discuss with your Insurance Agent whether coverage applies when you are serving as a volunteer. While CRPOA hopes that you will never have the need for Accident Insurance we are ready to assist all Reserve Peace Officers, Volunteers in Law Enforcement and Search and Rescue members.

The coverage period and reporting requirements are the same as defined in the Covered Accidents, Coverage Period and Reporting Requirements under the heading of Disability Coverage. This policy provides the benefits shown in the Accident Benefit Table.

Under the loss of extremity, the coverage includes the loss of use, such as paralysis as well. If loss of life occurs and the use of a seat belt was available for use at the time of the accident, and the seat belt was in use, then a 10% increase in the death benefit will be paid.

In-hospital Benefit

In the event your accident requires an in-hospital stay, you will receive \$100 per day, following a 2-day waiting period, for a maximum of 14 days.

Rehabilitation/Retraining

In the event your accident results in your not being able to carry on your gainful employment, you are eligible to receive a Rehabilitation/Retraining benefit in the amount of 10 percent of the loss benefit to a maximum of \$10,000.

Accident Benefit Table	
Loss	Benefit
Life (Must occur within 180 days of the accident)	\$30,000
Hand or Foot	\$15,000
Both Hands or Both Feet	\$30,000
Sight of One Eye	\$15,000
Sight of Both Eyes	\$30,000
Speech and Hearing	\$30,000
Speech or Hearing	\$15,000
Thumb and Index Finger of same hand	\$7,500

Psychological Therapy

In the event your accident results in the need for psychological therapy, you are eligible to receive psychological therapy benefit in the amount of 10 percent of the loss benefit to a maximum of \$10,000.

Disability Insurance

What happens to you when you are unable to perform your regular employment because you were injured while performing your volunteer duties? Will your agency help buy food for your table or assist with your mortgage or rent payment? CRPOA urges you to check with your agency before support becomes a necessity. To supplement any coverage you may currently have, CRPOA offers one of the best disability programs available to Reserve Peace Officers, Volunteers in Law Enforcement and Search and Rescue members in California.

As a general member of CRPOA, if within 30 days from the date of the accident, accidental bodily injury causes you to be continuously and totally disabled and prevents you from performing the duties of your gainful occupation, you will receive a maximum of \$400 per week for 26 weeks following a 5-day waiting period.

Legal Services

Reserve Peace Officers, Volunteers in Law Enforcement, and Search and Rescue members are usually not paid or paid only modest wages yet have exposure for the same job risks that face regular, full-time officers. You can be accused of and threatened civilly for a civil rights violation. You can be investigated criminally for misdemeanor or felony use of excessive force. You may be subject to administrative actions for any transgression from improper paperwork to violating civil rights under color of authority. You may be subject to administrative actions resulting in penalties up to and including dismissal for allegedly taking enforcement action while off duty. You can even be denied a "liberty interest" hearing where the facts otherwise legally compel such a hearing. If any of these things should happen to you, CRPOA's Legal Services Plan will afford CRPOA General Members the following:

Administrative Matters

The Plan's legal counsel will provide advice and counsel in administrative matters relating to the Member. The Plan's legal counsel or designee will appear on behalf of the Member in any interview or hearing.

Appeals to the Superior Court

Where a Member has received an adverse administrative decision on a matter described in the preceding paragraph and CRPOA determines that the issues involved are of broad importance to CRPOA Members, CRPOA may authorize an appeal to the Superior Court. In such an event, the Plan's legal counsel will work with CRPOA to undertake the appeal as they mutually determine to be beneficial to the membership as a whole. Where such appeals are undertaken they will be at no cost to the Member.

Criminal Matters

The Plan's legal counsel will provide initial legal representation, whether the Member is a witness or the target of an investigation, until such time as charges are filed and/or an indictment is returned against the Member, at which time benefits cease.

Civil Actions

If a Member is named as a defendant in a civil suit and the Member's agency fails or refuses to provide the Member with a defense, the Plan's legal counsel will attempt to persuade the agency provide a defense.

Legislative Activity

Do you have any idea what goes on in Sacramento on a regular basis that may affect your ability to serve as a Reserve Peace Officer, Volunteer in Law Enforcement or Search and Rescue member? Is your department taking an active role to make sure your rights to serve are protected?

While your agency appreciates your service, they seldom have the time to be proactive with legislators on issues that directly affect you. Keeping a watchful eye on legislation is a time consuming activity that CRPOA performs on your behalf. We actively participate in POST (Peace Officers Standards and Training) committees and other discussions regarding reserve activities. We work closely with California State legislators.

Training and Recognition

Each year in August, the California Reserve Peace Officers Association sponsors the Annual Reserve Peace Officers Training Conference (ARPOC). ARPOC is composed of professionally taught training classes for Reserve Peace Officers, Search and Rescue and Volunteers in Law Enforcement personnel. The classes provide POST certified training that fulfills the required biannual 24 hours

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ARPOC also provides the opportunity for recognition of Reserves, Unit Coordinators, Search and Rescue and Volunteers in Law Enforcement. Check the CRPOA Web page for additional information, forms and entry dates. Awards are presented in several different categories.

Membership in the California Reserve Peace Officers Association will cost you less than 25 cents a day. We offer our members a yearly Legal Service program for less than you would pay for one hour of an attorney's time. It is designed for Reserves, Search and Rescue and Civilian Volunteers and has a positive track record since its implementation over 30 years ago! Visit us today on the internet at CRPOA.ORG to become a member, or complete the application below and mail it to us.

CRPOA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

CALIFORNIA RESERVE PEACE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION - POST OFFICE BOX 5622 SAN JOSE, CA 95150 - 408.371.8239 FAX 408.371.1270

NAME _____ DOB ____/____/____ SOCIAL SECURITY ____-____-____
FIRST NAME MI LAST NAME

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE: HOME [____] _____ - _____ WORK [____] _____ - _____ EMAIL _____

AGENCY NAME _____ PLEASE CHECK: New Member ____ Renewal ____

PLEASE CHECK MEMBERSHIP TYPE:

CA Reserve Peace Officer - Legal and Ins. Benefits Inc.	\$81 _____	Full-time Officer - No Legal and Ins. Benefits	\$30 _____
CA Volunteer in Police (VIP) - Legal and Ins. Benefits Inc.	\$81 _____	Retired Reserve - No Legal and Ins. Benefits	\$30 _____
CA Search and Rescue - Legal and Ins. Benefits Inc.	\$81 _____	Non Sworn Support - No Legal and Ins. Benefits	\$30 _____
Out-of-State Res. Peace Officer - Insurance Benefits Inc.	\$54 _____	Full-time Officer-Res. Coord. - No Legal or Ins. Benefits	Free _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT: Check ____ MasterCard or Visa ____ *Note: Credit card applications my be faxed to 408.371.1270*

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