



Peace Officers Research Association *of California*

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**LARGEST STATEWIDE ASSOCIATION REPRESENTING PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL
IN THE NATION SENDS WORDS OF SYMPATHY FOR THEIR BROTHERS AND
SISTERS IN FRESNO AFTER THE LOSS OF ONE OF THEIR OWN**
Fresno County Sheriff Deputy Dies after Serving a Routine Search Warrant

The Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC), representing more than 62,000 public safety members and 890 California public safety associations, is reeling after the loss of one of their own.

“We cannot express enough our heartfelt sympathies on this day of sadness,” said PORAC President Ron Cottingham. “This loss one of our law enforcement brothers is a tragedy we hope never to experience. Our thoughts and prayers are with our colleagues in Fresno.”

Fresno County sheriff deputies were assisting Cal Fire in serving a search warrant when a shooting occurred this morning. Shots were fired as they were serving the warrant. One officer has lost his life and another is still in the hospital suffering shrapnel wounds. An additional officer was shot by the man, suffering a critical wound.

“Our thoughts go out to the men and women in Fresno,” said PORAC Vice President Mike Durant. “This goes to show that even a routine task can be a dangerous one. All of our members are standing in solidarity with the Fresno peace officers today.”

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 over 62,000 public safety members and 890 associations, making it the largest law enforcement organization in California and the largest statewide association in the nation. PORAC’s core belief is that working together with other agencies throughout California will allow our public safety members to successfully protect the citizens of our state and ensure a safe and welcoming environment in which our future generations can thrive. For more information, please visit www.PORAC.org.