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Public Safety Members Proactively Work Across the State to Help Fix California's Budget Largest Public Safety Association in the Nation Announces "PORAC: Part of the Solution" Campaign

Sacramento, CA – The Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC), representing 62,000 public safety members and 890 public safety associations, has launched an outreach effort to demonstrate how public safety from across the state is working together to solve the estimated \$20 billion budget shortfall in California.

"We realize that this is the worst economy many of us have seen in our entire lifetime," said PORAC President Ron Cottingham who served on Governor Schwarzenegger's Public Employee Post-Employment Benefits Commission. "And public employees are not to blame. We are proactively working towards solutions, offering concessions at the local level. A one size fits all approach will not work. Working together is the only way progress will be made."

With the launch of PORAC: Part of the Solution, PORAC's members will educate California about how public safety members have been and continue to negotiate with cities and counties to reduce costs while still providing employees with necessary benefits. During these discussions, many concessions have been made by employees, moving these cities and counties towards fiscal repair. By engaging in fair and understanding discussions, real progress is being made.

"We believe that by showing the advances that have been and continue to be made, Californians can begin to see the light at the end of the tunnel," said President Cottingham. "Legislators do not need to make sweeping cuts and leave our most vulnerable populations out in the cold. We need to search for long term sustainable solutions."

For more information please visit www.PORAC.org and click on the "PORAC: Part of the Solution" tab, or visit us at www.Facebook.com/PORAC to view this information.

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 890 public safety associations and over 62,000 public safety members, 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.