

What is CAAJE?

The California Association of Administration of Justice Educators, CAAJE, is a 501(c)(6) organization dedicated to supporting public safety education, training, and practitioner excellence.

Since 1965, CAAJE has been at the forefront in promoting education, knowledge, training, and leadership in Administration of Justice/Criminal Justice education in California.



A Message from Kathy Oborn, your CAAJE President

Hello everyone, CAAJE is back!

I would like to commend all of you for choosing to teach in the field of criminal justice. It's a unique calling! It takes someone very special to be a criminal justice educator. The best teachers are capable, dedicated, passionate, and hardworking along with having an interest in making a substantial difference for the future of our students.

It's clear to me that our jobs have gotten tougher over the years. We have been constantly reminded how the criminal justice system is "broken". Many of you have expressed concerns regarding the difficult challenges you have faced in your classrooms making sense of significant social issues such as gun control, prison overcrowding, use of force situations, and diversity.....among others; it hasn't been easy!

WHO WE ARE

California's community colleges do a great job providing education and training for a variety of public safety options. Did you know?

- ❖ **96** campuses offer certificates/degrees in *Administration of Justice* (2105.00)
- ❖ **32** campuses offer certificates/degrees in *Corrections* (2105.10)
- ❖ **3** campuses offer certificates in *Probation and Parole* (2105.20)
- ❖ **12** campuses offer certificates/degrees in *Industrial and Transportation Security* (2105.30)
- ❖ **13** campuses offer certificates/degrees in *Forensics, Evidence, and Investigation* (2105.40)
- ❖ **29** campuses offer certificates/degrees in *Police Academy training* (2105.50)

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EMPLOYMENT PROJECTIONS

According to statistics provided by the California Employment Development Department the occupational projection for employment as a Police and Sheriff Patrol Officer is only 7.3% annually between 2014-2024.

Yet there is a 31.8% projected increase in the hiring of Forensic Science Technicians along with a significant demand for security guards between 2014-2024.



TRANSFER

Largely due to the Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act (SB 1440) (ADT's) signed into legislation in 2010, we have seen an over 60% increase in our students transferring to a CSU in the following disciplines: Criminology, Sociology, and Social and Behavioral Sciences since 2008.

WHAT CAN CAAJE DO FOR YOU?

CAAJE was started back in 1961 as a networking organization for Police Science faculty in which retired police/sheriff types would get together and ruminate over their students and the ever changing curriculum. Today the academically correct term could be considered "sharing best practices". But beyond that, like working in law enforcement, CAAJE became analogous to a fraternal order.

CAAJE currently has a voice in several arenas around the state. We have representation on the Chancellor's Public Safety Committee, P.O.S.T. Advisory Committee, and with the ASCCC (Academic Senate of the California Community Colleges).

Can we fix the problems that you are having on your campus such as low enrollment? Chances are that we cannot, but we can dialogue with one another and perhaps develop strategies for increasing enrollment for your program by learning from others about how they increased their numbers.

The CAAJE website is designed to be a resource for criminal justice faculty. In addition to our website we hold yearly conferences in the Spring in which subject matter experts share their knowledge and experience.

If you choose to join CAAJE, which gives you full access to the CAAJE website, the dues are \$25.00 per year which covers costs associated with maintenance of the website and materials.



HOW TO JOIN CAAJE

**Pay Pal option
coming soon!!!!**

P.O.S.T. ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE

May 2018

P.O.S.T. has been looking at the effects AB2069 (a proposed bill that would amend CA employment discrimination law to protect medical marijuana users) would have on law enforcement and academies. P.O.S.T.'s response is that it will ultimately be an HR hiring issue within individual departments.

AB931 - the Use of Force Amendment will insert the word "necessary" into the language which will result in some training implications.

In an effort to streamline their operation P.O.S.T. has now moved "testing" to their Training Bureau.

P.O.S.T. met with the Public Safety Dispatch Council and is working on updating that curriculum. They are also finalizing an ADA Reasonable Guide that details what would be a reasonable consideration and what would not.

