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▶ SEVEN YEARS AFTER SUSTAINING SEVERE INJURIES IN A VEHICLE PURSUIT / COLLISION, OUR FRIEND AND PARTNER SERGEANT STEVE MAY PASSED AWAY IN 2009. OUR HEARTFELT PRAYERS AND HOPEFUL THOUGHTS GO TO DIANA AND STEVE'S ENTIRE FAMILY.



▶ THE ANNUAL SCPOA PEACE OFFICER'S MEMORIAL SERVICE WILL BE HELD ON MAY 5, 2010 AT 10AM ~ LAKEWOOD MEMORIAL PARK, HUGHSON.

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From your 2010 Stanislaus County Peace Officers Association President – *The Word 2010*
John E. Plett, Retired – California State University Police

It is with great pride that I begin this year entrusted with the leadership of such a fantastic and historic organization. For 25 years, I proudly wore the uniforms of both the California Highway Patrol and the California State University Police Department, retiring in 2007. It was a privilege to work along side such high quality men and women in an occupation that demands so much trust and sacrifice each day.

I would first like to extend my appreciation to the past-President, Lt. Jolene Gonzales, of Modesto Police Department. In the midst of a very busy schedule, she always found time and endless energy to oversee the activities of the Peace Officer's organization.

When I look back over the years since I began an active role as a board member with SCPOA in 2001, I am reminded of many great memories, events, memorial ceremonies, operations, assignments, and the opportunities to work with the best people from Stanislaus County's law enforcement agencies. In those times I was fortunate to development of many friendships, including several who have achieved the highest leadership positions in their departments. The Peace Officer's Association is my personal way of maintaining these friendships for a lifetime and I invite you to take that same advantage.

The month of May continues to be National Peace Officer's Memorial month and I would like to invite you all to our annual Stanislaus County Peace Officer's Memorial program, held at Lakewood Memorial Park in Hughson, on Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at 10:00am. We have held this solemn vigil for many years and will continue this tradition as a reminder to the families, friends and partners of those who have given their lives for this county. This service is open to everyone.

We can be proud that Stanislaus County is one of the very few counties in this State to hold an annual service in honor of those officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice. For several years it has been my responsibility to research and list the names of officers killed in the line of duty in California for their appropriate acknowledgment at our Memorial Program. In years past I have listed as many as 18 officers killed in our state in a single year. My heart breaks for each family and agency that suffers such a loss; and we should all understand that the sense of loss does not end – ever.

Our memorial service holds a special place with families – to help them in coping with a loss and pain that will be with them, and us, forever.

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2010 CALENDAR OF SOCIAL MEETINGS:	
MONTH	HOST AGENCY
March	CSUS PD
April	Ceres PD
May	Oakdale PD
June	Stan S/O
July – Sept	No meetings
October	Turlock PD
November	CHP
December	DA/Probation
January	Modesto PD

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Although each lost officer is a tragedy, California endured a significantly low number of officers killed in the line of duty in 2009. Of the six officers killed in the service of our State, four of those deaths were in one horrendous incident in Oakland, and another was one of our own; Sergeant Steve May of Modesto Police Department, who passed last year from injuries suffered in a collision 7 years ago. It is with great sadness that we add Steve's name as the 13th member of the intrepid and courageous group of officers honored on the Stanislaus County Peace Officers Memorial Monument at Lakewood Memorial Park.

My thoughts and prayers go out to all the families who lost loved ones last year and years past and, equally as important, prayers of protection for the thousands of officers on-duty and in harms way each day. After my retirement, my stake continues at a new level in this profession as my son-in-law now wears a badge.

I will do my best to be a good steward of this great organization, and as a board of directors, we will make all efforts to continue to passionately support our law enforcement community and those who were chosen for this profession. I can only ask for continued participation from all agencies and officers in Stanislaus County. I encourage all to attend our social functions, to begin or continue your membership, and for those with time and talent to share, to come and be part of the board of directors!

God bless you all.

John E. Plett

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