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MEMORANDUM

March 18, 2003

TO:

Bernie Anderson, Chairman Assembly Judiciary

FROM:

Richard P. Clark, Executive Director, Commission on P.O.S.T.

SUBJECT: AB 242

NEVADA COMMISSION ON PEACE OFFICERS' STANDARDS AND TRAINING FACT SHEET

The Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training is the regulatory commission statutorily mandated to establish and enforce the professional standards that govern the recruiting, hiring, training and certification of all peace officers in Nevada.

In 1999, P.O.S.T. was re-established as a stand-alone commission under the Governor's office, with all regulatory, training and certification responsibilities re-affirmed. P.O.S.T. is totally dependent on administrative court assessments and is a non-general fund agency. Since the court assessment fund was established to support P.O.S.T. in 1983, several other agencies have been added to the administrative assessment funding pool. P.O.S.T. is currently experiencing a financial crisis with an approximate 10% decline in available funds.

P.O.S.T. plays a vital role in the quality of public safety that we enjoy throughout the state, both in the level of professional service and safety for our citizens and visitors. Whether an unquestioning supporter or a cautious skeptic of law enforcement, we can all agree that having a strong viable regulatory agency that builds and maintains professional standards and quality training for peace officers in our state is not a luxury, it is an undisputed necessity.

Please support AB 242 so that P.O.S.T. training will survive.

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