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## **WEEKLY UPDATE**

**March 25, 2005**

### **Expression of Sympathy for the family of Sgt. Ross Ecklind**

On behalf of the State Board and staff CCSO expresses its sincere sympathy for the family of Sergeant Ross Ecklind, employed at Avenal State Prison, who died Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> from a heart attack. It makes one pause and look at our own lives. We rush about our daily lives, sometimes forgetting to experience the beauty of family and friends. May Sergeant Ecklind find the peace and serenity that his God will bestow on him.

### **Inspector General's Office Comments re: CIM**

It has been reported by the Inspector General's Office that CIM in Chino has some serious problems. The report references broken windows, piles of trash, mismanagement and Warden DiCarlo's orders not being followed.

Legislators are citing problems within CIM that may have been instrumental in the death of Officer Gonzalez. This report has brought a closer look at Governor Schwarzenegger's proposal to merge the youth and adult prisons into one agency headed by YACA Secretary Rod Hickman. Mr. Hickman has responded by stating that it was clear "to me that we as a state must do more...better training and supervision...to ensure our staff is safe".

### **Lackie Conference Report**

Monday and Tuesday, (March 21-March 22, 2005) President Tatum, Administrative Field Service Representative Braden and myself (Chief Operations & Financial Officer Le Sage) attended a two-day seminar on Peace Officer Rights and Legal Updates presented by Lackie & Dammeier LLP. It was informative, and we walked away with a greater understanding of new labor laws and literature that will assist supervisors.

### **Parity Court Case Ruling by Judge Connelly**

Although we lost the parity court case, it will not affect current raises (SO6) that are scheduled through June 30, 2006. The court case revolved around fiscal year 2003-04.

### **Thank you to Lieutenant R. Samms**

CCSO wants to thank former Chapter President Lieutenant R. Samms for the time he dedicated promoting and assisting supervisors at CSATF. Due to his recent transfer to CSP-Solano, he has appointed, with his Boards approval, Lt. Klee as the acting CSATF Chapter President. CCSO looks forward to working with Lieutenant Klee and we appreciate him accepting the responsibilities of a Chapter President.

### **Welcome New Members**

On behalf of the CCSO State Board and staff, I want to welcome the new members who have joined CCSO this week.

### **Thought for the Week**

"We can draw lessons from the past, but we cannot live in it". Lyndon B. Johnson

**"Happy Easter"**