

# CALIFORNIA CORRECTIONAL SUPERVISORS ORGANIZATION

October 16, 2009 - Weekly Update

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## MESSAGE FROM CCSO BOARD MEMBER AND LAW ENFORCEMENT LIAISON, LT. CHRIS GOLD:

I, recently, spoke with the Office of the Governor's staff regarding the impact of the continued "furloughs" and impending layoffs within CDCR that will directly impact our own CCSO members.

As many of you are aware, SEIU is getting closer again to striking another deal with the Governor's Office for their rank and file members on multiple issues. Rest assured that the CCSO State Board continues to remain just as vocal and determined as SEIU on behalf of our members.

Although the attitude has changed over the years, CCSO's commitment to you as our member remains strong and steadfast. CCSO will never idly sit back accepting scraps from a plate left over from any organization that is lead with blinders on and is infested with greed. CCSO will combat your issues with honor, integrity, and always with your best interest at hand. We will lead our membership and this department into a positive future, setting the example of success.

On a different note, I was the Master of Ceremony for the charity-boxing event held on Saturday October 10, 2009 at Raley Field in Sacramento. This charity-boxing event is called "Battle of the Badges." This is a terrific event with proceeds going to the Firefighters Burn Institution, Sacramento Sheriffs Toy Project, and the Sacramento Fallen Officers Resource Fund. This event would not be successful if it were not for the many supporters of this most worthy charity. I, personally, want to thank CCSO for the Organization's financial support, as well as CCPOA and all the supporters.

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**Pensions:** On Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, results from a field poll showed that a majority of California voters support changes that would make pension benefits for newly hired state and local government workers less generous. While 40 percent of respondents said the pension plans currently in place are "about right," 32 percent said they thought the benefits are too generous. Half that figure, 16 percent, said the plans aren't generous enough.

Here is how voters said they felt about several proposals for changing the system:

- **60 percent** said they backed instituting a limit on the amount paid to workers upon retirement.
- **56 percent** supported replacing the current benefit system with 401k plans.
- **51 percent** said they thought the pension plans for public employees should be less generous.
- **58 percent** said they oppose imposing a surtax on pension benefits that exceed \$50,000.

**Rest in Peace:** CCSO bids a fond farewell to retired Sgt. John Crothers. Sgt. Crothers passed away at his home in Manteca on Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. He was hired at Deuel Vocational Institution as a Correctional Officer. John spent most of his career at DVI and was promoted to sergeant at DVI. He retired from the Richard A. McGee Correctional Training Academy after spending ten years instructing new officers.

P.L. Fry & Son Funeral Home, 290 North Union Road, Manteca, CA is handling all funeral arrangements. Visitation is Monday, October 19, 2009, open to family and friends from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. His funeral service will follow on Tuesday, October 20, 2009 at 11:00am in the chapel. Mr. Crothers will be laid to rest at Cherokee Memorial Park in Lodi. An online guest book is available at [www.plfryandson.com](http://www.plfryandson.com) for condolences.

**NO UPDATE NEXT WEEK**

There will not be a weekly update next week because of meetings and the Chapter President's Workshop scheduled in Ontario.

The next update will be Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>.

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