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Fresno County Sheriff Issues Appeal to Citizens in Partnership for Strong Law Enforcement Services

Responding to the increasing number of citizens and businesses wanting to assist law enforcement officials and build a strong partnership in the fight against crime, Sheriff Richard Pierce today announced that Fresno County citizens are being invited to become Associate Members and businesses are invited to become Business Members of the California State Sheriffs' Association.

Membership appeals go out in the mail shortly. **THERE WILL BE NO TELEPHONE SOLICITATIONS.** Individuals choosing to join the voluntary program can do so for as little as \$25. *The funding provides critically important technical resources, training, and legislative support on key criminal justice issues and civil procedure functions.*

"With government funding becoming increasingly difficult to secure, the Associate and Business Membership drive has taken on greater importance than ever before," said Sheriff Pierce. "The funding is vital to helping us carry out our mission of making communities safer places to live, work and play."

Individuals and Businesses not receiving a membership appeal or desiring more information can obtain it by contacting the California State Sheriffs' Association at 800-761-2772 or writing to the office at 1450 Halyard Drive, Suite 6, West Sacramento, CA 95616. Citizens may, of course, also sign up for the program by contacting the Fresno County Sheriff's Office at 488-3002.

Founded in 1894, the California State Sheriffs' Association is a professional and educational organization dedicated to the preservation of peace and the protection of the lives and property of the citizens of California.