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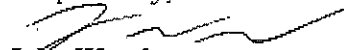
Dear Kip Ringen,

On 05/25/05 at approximately 2220 hours, the Colma Police Department had an officer involved shooting. At the time of the incident, the Colma Police Officers Association contracted with California Organization of Police and Sheriffs (COPS) for legal representation. After trying for two hours, we were unable to make contact with the COPS attorney. An officer from a neighboring agency provided a telephone number for an attorney that had recently represented him, Paul Brennan of Rains, Lucia & Wilkinson LLP.

We were able to speak with Mr. Brennan and explained the situation. Although Mr. Brennan was not associated with COPS he offered his services for free. Within thirty minutes he was at our agency to speak with the involved officer. Mr. Brennan advised the involved officer and stayed with him during his interviews. The officer expressed gratitude and relief that Mr. Brennan was there for him.

Although this shooting was "textbook", there are still significant amounts of stress and concerns involved in any shooting. The Colma POA members were unanimous that no response from COPS at such a critical time was unacceptable and decided to explore our options. We contacted PORAC, who contracts with Rains, Lucia & Wilkinson LLP for their legal defense fund. Within two months of the shooting, our association switched from COPS to PORAC. The law firm of Rains, Lucia & Wilkinson LLP and specifically Mr. Brennan should be commended for the excellent and timely service they provided our officer.

Respectfully,


John Wood
CPOA Vice President

cc: Cindy Forbes, Rains, Lucia & Wilkinson LLP