

MUNICIPAL MOTORCYCLE OFFICERS OF CALIFORNIA



M.M.O.C.
Municipal Motorcycle
Officers of California



The Siren – February 2026

“The official publication of the Municipal Motorcycle Officers of California”

Directors, Officers & Staff:

President – Doug Wayne, Oakland P.D. (Retired)
Vice President – Larry Hodson, Oakland P.D. (Retired)
Secretary – Rhoda Nishiyama (Brown), ALCO Superior Courts (Retired)
Treasurer – Jim Davis (PP), Los Angeles P.D. (Retired)
Director – Tom Bailey (PP), Santa Cruz P.D. (Retired)
Director/Ride Dir. – Ed Pressnell, Oakland P.D. (Retired)
Director/Asst. Ride Dir. – Kevin O’Rourke, Oakland P.D. (Retired)
Membership/Recruiting/Events – Jim Gordon, Oakland P.D. (Retired)
Quartermaster/Events – Scott Koller, Hayward P.D. (Retired)
Recruiting – Ed Callejas, San Francisco P.D. (Retired)
Siren Editor – Rodger Haley, Oakland P.D. (Retired)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This is the first Siren newsletter in quite some years that I have not been the editor. I am very excited to see what the new editor, Rodger Haley (OPD-retired), has in store for us. I know he is looking for content, as I did for years. Anyone can author an article or provide an idea for an article. Don't hesitate to lend a hand to Rodger.

I just spoke with MMOC's Ride-Director, Ed "Dewey" Pressnell. He and Asst. Ride-Director, Kevin O'Rourke, have put together a nice ride in late July in the Santa Maria area. Check out Dewey's article, with dates and hotel information in this issue.

Also, Jim Gordon is hard at work trying to nail down the location and specific details for this year's convention in September. Look for his article and registration information in this issue.

Jim G., Ed Callejas and Scott Koller have done a good job, signing up new members. They have some plans to attend different functions and events to generate more interest in MMOC throughout the state. If you know anyone who you feel would be a good fit with MMOC let them know that we are up and running strong with no end in sight! They can always contact us and/or get the application online at: <https://www.mmoc.org>.

Over the next few years, we will be transitioning to new leadership for the MMOC. Under normal times, which we have not had for the last ten+ years, there would be five board members, with three from SoCal and two from NorCal. The rotation of the elected officers was set up so the following year there would be three from NorCal and two from SoCal. There would be a President, with a one-year term and a Vice President who would assume the President's position at the end of the President's one-year term. This ensured a smooth transition, with fresh faces and ideas on the Board. Over recent years, it became increasingly difficult to get members to volunteer to join the Board. There were so few volunteers that we dispensed with elections and were happy to have anyone join the board. I volunteered to be the President in 2017. Larry Hodson was the vice-president, and had been for years, but he was unable to take the president's position due to other time commitments. I was able to enlist Ed Pressnell as a director. We ran with that setup for years until Past President, Tom Bailey, volunteered to come back on the board in 2023. This year we twisted the arm of longtime member, Kevin O'Rourke, who is now the newest board member. Unfortunately, we still must suspend the NorCal/SoCal director rotation as we have been unable to recruit any SoCal members to join the board. Hopefully, that will change in the near future. That's the latest from your MMOC president.

We are taking nominations for the 2027 Board of Directors. Please contact me **ASAP** if you are interested in becoming a board member. There is very little time commitment. Board meetings are done by Zoom. Your convention attendance is expected.

Take care and be safe,

Doug Wayne – President

dwayne@mmoc.org

2026 M.M.O.C. Ride

Ride director Ed (Dewey) Pressnell has put together the 2026 ride and it looks like it will be a great time. Destination: Santa Maria.

Here are all of the details:



2026 MMOC Ride
Santa Maria Ca.

2026 MOOC ride will begin on July 26th when some of the members head down to Santa Maria. We plan on riding down starting on I-5 then switching over to 33 eventually winding up on Hwy. 58 for a nice ride on the undulating hills. We'll be checking in at the Santa Maria Inn sometime in the afternoon.

THE RIDES

The rides I have planned are going to take us east from Santa Maria. We will be staying at the Sata Maria Inn. The price for the rooms is approx. \$125.00 including tax per night. Santa Maria Inn 1 (805) 254-6570. There are several restaurants within walking distance from the hotel. Shaw's Steakhouse & Tavern (excellent food) and The Pantry Café for a great breakfast are just a couple of the many good places to eat in the area (including the Santa Maria Inn our hotel). NO rooms have been reserved for us yet. You must make your own reservations.

Monday is a ride that will take us northeast on some very good motorcycle roads ending that afternoon at the Graveyard Vineyards in Paso Robles for lunch.

Tuesday will start off on Foxen Canyon Rd. We'll be on several different roads that are highly rated motorcycle roads. We'll end up on route 166 heading back home to the hotel.

Wednesday we will head out 166 to 33 to our annual stop at the pistachio store and then head off to Ojai Deer lodge for lunch. It will be open.

Thursday Frazer Park Ca route 166 to Hudson Ranch rd. to Frazer Park for coffee and donuts.

Friday Home

Any questions or concerns call me at 510 301-1804
Dewey Pressnell

2026 M.M.O.C. Convention

And now for the event that you've all been waiting for; the 96th annual M.M.O.C. Convention! We will all be meeting in beautiful Pismo Beach this year for 'Ride the Coast'. Special thanks to Jim Gordon for all the work that he's put into arranging this year's convention. The location couldn't be better for our get-together, and it provides everything we'll need. Jim has put together this flyer and all the additional details are in the "2026 M.M.O.C. Annual Convention" briefing below the flyer. See you there!



 Municipal Motorcycle Officers of California
MMOC 2026 ANNUAL CONVENTION

Ride the Coast

September 20 – 24, 2026
The Cliffs Hotel & Spa – Pismo Beach, CA

Convention Highlights

- ◆ Oceanfront resort venue
- ◆ President's Ball Dinner
- ◆ Winery Excursion & Lunch
@ Baileyana Winery in San Luis Obispo
- ◆ Camaraderie
- ◆ Hospitality suite & raffle prizes
- ◆ Scenic Central Coast riding roads

www.mmoc.org

Convention Fee: \$150
Hotel Group Rate:
\$163/night (Gov Rate)
≈ 187/night with tax **
Resort fee waived

HOTEL REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Contact The Cliffs Hotel & Spa directly at **(805) 773-5000**
Convention Registration is open
Register by the deadline **August 1st, 2026**
Watch the Siren and email for further details

** Limited number of rooms at this rate

  **M.M.O.C.**
Municipal Motorcycle Officers of California

The 2026 MMOC Annual Convention

September 20–24, 2026

The Cliffs Hotel & Spa – Pismo Beach

We've secured an outstanding oceanfront venue on California's Central Coast. The Cliffs Hotel & Spa sits on the bluff overlooking the Pacific and offers the perfect setting for what makes MMOC conventions special, such as reconnecting with friends, meeting new members, and spending time together.

This year's convention is being planned as a relaxed, social, and scenic gathering centered on camaraderie and the kind of riding/driving the Central Coast is known for.

Planned highlights include:

- Past President's Dinner
- Welcome Luncheon and General Membership Meeting
- Tuesday Winery Excursion with a BBQ
- Wednesday's President's Ball Dinner
- Hospitality Suite and Raffle
- Scenic riding and driving opportunities throughout the Central Coast

This location truly captures the spirit of our theme — *Ride the Coast*.

The registration fee for the convention is **\$150.00**, the hotel group room rate is **\$187.00** per night, including tax, *for a limited number of rooms*. Once filled, the rate could be higher. Please contact me ASAP if that occurs. There is a \$30 per day valet fee, unless you choose to use the public parking (approx. 1.5 blocks away). Call the hotel directly (805) 773-5000 or book on-line by clicking [HERE](#). If the block is filled, we can open up more rooms. Please contact me if you have any issues.

Why Your Attendance Matters

Our annual convention is more than a getaway; it's one of the most important ways we keep MMOC active and connected.

Many of us have served and currently serve in different agencies, and many of us who served have retired to different parts of the state. The convention gives us the opportunity to reconnect, strengthen friendships, and welcome newer members into the fold.

Simply put: the convention works when members participate.

If you haven't attended in a few years, this would be a great one to return to. If you've never attended, this is the perfect first convention.

Ride safe, and I hope to see you on the coast.

You can email me at jgordon@mmoc.org .

My cell is (925) 550-3805



Municipal Motorcycle Officers of California

MMOC 2026 ANNUAL CONVENTION

Ride the Coast

September 20 – 24 , 2026

The Cliffs Hotel & Spa – Pismo Beach, CA

Rooms

- All rooms are \$187 (includes tax) - ** There are a limited number of rooms at this rate **
- Optional valet parking \$30 per day – free parking is a 5 min. walk from the hotel

Hotel registration

(Deadline is 1 Aug 2026)

For hotel registration call 805-773-5000 & mention you're from "Municipal Motorcycle Officers of California"

Or click [HERE](#) to book your room online

MMOC REGISTRATION (Remove and Return with Payment - Please Print)

Name _____ Spouse/Guest _____ Department _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____ (include Sunday dinner and extra shirt(s) costs (see below))

Registration Deadline is August 1st, 2026. If you have any questions, please contact us at (925) 550-3805.

Attendance Fee is \$150.00 Per Person – Make checks payable to MMOC- Mail check and this form to MMOC 4600 Palomino Way Antioch, CA. 94531, or register online @ www.mmoc.org using PayPal or Zelle.

Lunch and Dinner options will be finalized as we get closer to the event date, and we will contact you about your choices (if necessary).

Sunday's (9/20) Past President's dinner is a no-host dinner. If you are not a Past President, or current Board member/staff the cost is \$65 per person. Please include this with your registration fee.

If you plan to attend this dinner, please indicate how many in your party _____

This year's Tuesday's event will be at the Baileyana Winery in San Luis Obispo. We will be serving a BBQ lunch. The only cost will be the optional purchase of wine. We will be carpooling to the winery. Please indicate if you will attend and how many in your party _____

[\(See below for more information\)](#)

As a bonus for Members, you are receiving a short sleeve shirt at this year's convention.
Below is a photo and shirt sizes.

Please indicate your size _____

If you would like to purchase additional shirts, please indicate the number of shirts you wish to purchase adjacent to the size and include the appropriate amount on your check .

- Small \$50 - ____
- Medium \$50 - ____
- Large \$50 - ____
- X-Large \$50 - ____
- 2X-Large \$55 - ____
- 3X-Large \$55 - ____



Total amount of shirt(s) purchased \$ _____

Some additional information about the shirt, provided by Scott Koller:



MMOC 2026 CONFERENCE

Every M.M.O.C. member who attends will receive one official conference shirt.

Port Authority W963 – Carolina Blue short sleeve performance shirt featuring the embroidered MMOC logo. Lightweight, breathable, moisture-wicking fabric with UV protection for comfort and a professional appearance throughout the conference.



Member Updates:

While on vacation in Hawaii recently, M.M.O.C. members Jim and Winnie Davis (retired L.A.P.D.) ran into Rene and Susan Falaprevotte (retired S.F.P.D.) in Waikiki at The Dukes. They all met up the next day for lunch and to catch up on life. Rene and Susan are living in Idaho now.

News & Events

1. New Traffic Enforcement Laws (Effective Jan 1, 2026)

Several laws that took effect at the start of 2026 directly impact how motorcycle officers conduct daily traffic enforcement:

- **"eMoto" Regulations (SB 586):** Off-highway electric motorcycles (eMotos) are now officially defined and subject to the same regulations as other off-highway motor vehicles. This includes mandatory safety helmets and [DMV-issued identification plates](#).
- **Expanded "Slow Down, Move Over" (AB 289):** Officers now have the authority to cite drivers who fail to slow down or move over for **any** stopped vehicle using flashing hazard lights, not just emergency vehicles.
- **E-Bike Safety Mandates:** All electric bicycles must now utilize a rear red reflector or solid/flashing red light at **all times** (day and night).
- **Autonomous Vehicle Noncompliance (AB 1777):** As of early 2026, officers can issue "notices of noncompliance" to manufacturers for traffic violations committed by driverless vehicles.

2. Operational Shifts in Major Departments

Staffing remains a critical issue for municipal units:

- **Oakland PD:** In late 2025, the Oakland Police Department reassigned its remaining six motorcycle traffic enforcement officers to regular patrol duties to address staffing shortages and 911 call response times.
- **Woodland CHP:** Conversely, some areas are expanding; the Woodland-area CHP recently added a dedicated motorcycle officer to its force, with plans to grow into a three-unit motor squad.

3. Ongoing Training & Policy Updates, etc

- **Facial Covering Policies:** By **July 1, 2026**, all California law enforcement agencies must post written policies limiting the use of facial coverings by personnel.
- **POST Training:** A new February 2026 report from [POST](#) details upcoming classroom-based continuing training requirements for patrol officers and supervisors.
- **POST:** Legislative updates

A New Year's Message from CalPERS CEO Marcie Frost - January 2026



As 2025 ends, and we begin to focus on the year ahead, we have much to look forward to in 2026. The new year will bring important improvements to those of you who rely on CalPERS for health benefits, as well as the same commitment to delivering on pension benefits that we have held for more than nine decades.

Let's start with that commitment to you and your family.

2.4 Million Strong

We proudly say that "CalPERS serves those who serve California." Today, that means we are working on behalf of nearly 2.4 million public sector employees and their beneficiaries. We are talking about state employees, city and county workers, and those who help keep our schools running across California.

Since 1932, CalPERS has built retirement security for these public servants. Roughly one-third of our members, about 825,000 people, are retired or a beneficiary. Today the average retiree receives almost \$3,800 per month, money that can provide stability and security.

As a pension fund, we are committed to securing your future by making sure CalPERS has the resources to continue paying those monthly benefits for the next century and beyond.

Stronger Funded Status

One key measure of our overall strength is our "funded status" — an estimate of the funds we have on hand to meet our current and future obligations. Thanks to the strong work of our team, CalPERS had an estimated funded status of 84% as of Dec. 31, 2025, up from 71% at the end of fiscal year 2021-22.

This is a significant improvement, and we remain committed to continue working toward full funding.

Best in the Nation

We head into 2026 equipped with a refined investment strategy. In addition to investing in a broad swath of publicly traded companies, our team is focused on seizing the best opportunities with private partners. The private equity class of investments earned a 14.3% return in the most recent fiscal year. And a November report by the respected publication *Pensions & Investments* found that CalPERS posted the highest private equity return among 74 U.S. public pension funds with more than \$1 billion in assets.

In November, our Board of Administration voted to make CalPERS the first major public pension fund in the nation to adopt the [Total Portfolio Approach](#), a method of investing used successfully by large funds worldwide that prioritizes the overall health of the fund for the long-term benefit of our members and employers. The new approach means our investment team members will work together even more closely to identify investments that will produce the best results.

New Pharmacy Benefits Manager

The new year will also bring a new pharmacy benefits manager for the 587,000 CalPERS members enrolled in our Basic and Medicare health maintenance organization (HMO) and preferred provider organization (PPO) plans. [The new contract with CVS Caremark that begins on January 1](#) requires CVS to forfeit up to \$250 million if it does not meet targets for improved health care and controlled costs.

We are also working closely with health plan providers such as Blue Shield and Included Health to hold the line on costs by tying the money we pay them every year to how well they manage costs.

Opportunities to Learn More

There will be many opportunities in the coming year for you to learn more about the specifics of your pension and health benefits. In 2026, as always, our expert team members will be fanning out across the state to meet you near where you live and work. I encourage you to attend one of our [CalPERS Benefits Education Events](#). We also host numerous online seminars, individual online appointments, and in-person visits at our Regional Offices.

I hope this message finds you and your family safe and healthy. We are looking forward to serving you in the year ahead.

Editor's note:

To: The Membership of the Municipal Motorcycle Officers of California (MMOC)

From: Rodger Haley

Date: February 26, 2026

Subject: Taking the Handlebars: A New Chapter for *The Siren*

Greetings, Brothers and Sisters,

It is an honor to introduce myself as the new editor of our tri-annual newsletter, [The Siren](#). As we move through the 2025–2026 membership cycle, I am stepping into this role with a deep respect for the history of this organization, which has been promoting traffic safety and law enforcement camaraderie since 1928.

Our previous editor and board members—including Doug Wayne, who has long managed this publication—have set a high bar for keeping our community connected. As we look toward the future, particularly with our 95th Annual Convention and upcoming rides like the tour of Santa Maria, my goal is to ensure *The Siren* remains the premier source for:

- **Organizational Updates:** Critical information regarding [membership renewals](#) and the vital task of filling board positions to ensure MMOC's longevity through 2028 and beyond.
- **Safety & Legislation:** [Tracking new California motorcycle laws, such as the 2025 insurance requirement updates and ongoing helmet compliance standards.](#)
- **Member Highlights:** Sharing stories from the road, from retired members to those currently active on the line.

A newsletter is only as strong as its contributors. I invite you to send in your photos, ride reports, and "Ten-Codes" from the field. Whether you are active duty, retired, or one of our dedicated public supporters, your voice is what makes this association unique. You can reach me at: rhaley@mmoc.org

I look forward to seeing you at the next convention and, more importantly, seeing you out on the road.

Ride safe,

Rodger Haley

Editor, *The Siren*

Municipal Motorcycle Officers of California (MMOC)