



NCOPO

The California Oriental Peace Officers was formed in 1968, shortly after the death of Officer Gary Murakami, Los Angeles Police Department, the first Asian American Police Officer to lose his life in the line of duty. This Southern California based group currently has sixty five active members. In a recent meeting of peace officers in San Francisco, it was unanimously decided to form a Northern California Chapter.

You may ask yourself what's in it for me? I'm a cop in the east bay, or a Deputy Sheriff in the Peninsula. I can't come to all the meetings. Why should I pay dues? To begin with, there simply isn't enough of one oriental ethnic group to form an effective association with enough community and political strength. Together, a coalition of Chinese, Japanese, Filipinos, Hawaiian, Samoan, and Korean peace officers, we will command the attention of politicians, civic leaders, and law enforcement agencies. If it isn't possible for a member to attend some of the meetings, minutes of each meeting and a monthly newsletter will be sent to keep the member abreast of current events.

The three basic goals of our group, herein called NCOPO are:

1. A fraternal group dedicated to the interests and well being of our members. We are interested in maintaining a comradeship feeling among our members, and to encourage each other to work and study for upward mobility. There should be Lieutenants, Captains, and perhaps a few Chiefs of Police and Sheriff among us within a decade. Certainly many more Sergeants and Inspectors. Future meetings and social events will afford us the opportunity to know one another better.
2. A service agency committed to assisting our ethnic communities. This may come in many, many different forms. A senior citizens group, for example, may request our assistance and/or participation. A teenage group may ask us to chaperone a dance to preclude possible violence. We may participate as one of the official host agencies for visiting law enforcement officials from China, Japan, the Phillipines, etc. Also speakers provided upon request.
3. To promote law enforcement as a career for youths. Initiate and maintain a program of active recruitment to seek out, assist, and encourage oriental youths to consider law enforcement as a career. To this end, a mailing list of interested youths will be kept current. A library of informational job descriptions and upcoming civil service examinations will be maintained and applications mailed to interested persons upon request. Personal interviews and tours arranged with interested youths and our members to discuss how best to prepare and study for upcoming examinations. It is anticipated that Police Departments, state and federal agencies, and personnel managers will rely heavily upon NCOPO to provide them with oriental youths.

Proposed Programs and Format:

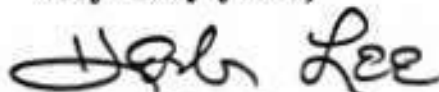
1. A monthly luncheon meeting to be held the first Thursday of each month. A top law enforcement speaker or prominent citizen will be invited to speak and be our guest for lunch.
2. An NCOPO Young Person of the Month Award. An awards committee will select a young person as the recipient of our NCOPO award, attesting to his or her interests and accomplishments in the field of law enforcement, and will be our guest for lunch. From these winners shall be selected the Young Person of the Year Award, and he or she will receive their prizes at the Annual Luau (see below).
3. Minutes of each meeting and a monthly newsletter will be published and mailed to our members.
4. A fund raising Hawaiian Luau will be scheduled each October. Authentic Hawaiian dishes, music, and entertainment will be featured. Tahitian and Samoan entertainment will also be included. Everyone to come in Hawaiian attire. Our spouses and friends to assist in the decorations and lei making. Donations from merchants and private citizens gladly accepted. This event may one day attract over a thousand persons and be the social highlight of the year. We should realize several thousand dollars from this event to finance our community programs.
5. Any other programs or social events as approved by the membership.

As Chairman, I am asking all of you to join this progressive thinking organization and be a part of what promises to be an exciting and challenging opportunity to be of service to our communities and to increase our number and strength in law enforcement. Together with our Southern California Chapter, we should number in the hundreds within a year. To date, peace officers representing thirty one city, state, and federal agencies are members. A partial list of these agencies include: Berkeley PD, San Francisco PD, Oakland PD, BART Police, Marin County SO, Pittsburgh PD, San Francisco SO, FBI, Drug Enforcement, U.S. Alcohol, Tobacco, & Firearms, Richmond PD, Albany PD, State Alcohol Beverage Control, Dept. of Motor Vehicles, U.S. Immigration, U.S. Customs, East Bay Regional Parks Police, S.F. State Campus Police, S.F. City College Police, Public Health Inspectors, S.F. Housing Inspectors, Calif. State Police, and SFPD Chaplain and Criminologist.

No organization can survive without the interest and participation of its members. If you cannot actively participate, at least become a dues paying member and show your concern and your support for the only statewide law enforcement group comprised of oriental peace officers.

If you are interested in joining, simply drop us a line with your name, address, and phone number and we will follow up your inquiry.

Very truly yours,



Herbert Lee, Inspector of Police
San Francisco Police Department
Chairman