



## Legislation Text

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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Jim Steele, Chairman, Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Brian L. Martin, Sheriff/Coroner

**DATE:** October 23, 2018

**SUBJECT:** Authorize Long Distance Travel to Las Vegas, Nevada, for two detectives to attend the California Homicide Investigators Association Conference

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Sheriff's Department requests approval to attend the California Homicide Investigator's training being given in Las Vegas, Nevada. A copy of the course flyer is attached for your review. Travel dates will be February 26 through March 1, 2019 and, Investigators John Gregore and Shamus Stafford will be attending with an estimated cost of \$2,500.

The California Homicide Investigators Association (CHIA) is a non-profit organization that was formed in 1968 when homicide detectives from Los Angeles and San Francisco met over dinner to discuss the Zodiac Killer investigation.

This simple dinner gathering grew into what is now the largest organization of homicide and death investigation professionals in the United States.

Since its inception, the CHIA membership has grown to over 3,000 members that include law enforcement representatives from all over the United States and Canada.

The mission of the California Homicide Investigators Association (CHIA) is to provide investigative support, training and networking opportunities to homicide investigators, prosecutors and death investigation professionals throughout the Western United States.

The "cornerstone" of our Association is our annual training conference that now attracts upwards of 800 homicide detectives, coroner investigators, support workers and prosecutors from across the nation.

During this three-day event, the participants attend notable case presentations and training seminars. In addition, the conference provides a fertile environment for networking, individual case evaluations and discussions of investigative techniques with some of the top investigators and prosecutors in the

country.

As we assign new detectives to the unit this would not only provide continuing training as it relates to homicide investigations, but give them those contacts to assist them.

The conference provides training in techniques and updates in case laws as it pertains to major investigations. It is one thing to testify at a homicide trial that you have attended a homicide course some years ago, but if you are also able to say you have received continuing training as a member of CHIA, speaks volumes to a jury.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** ☐ None ☒ Budgeted ☐ Non-Budgeted

Estimated Cost: \$2,500

Amount Budgeted: \$2,500

Additional Requested:

Annual Cost (if planned for future years):

**FISCAL IMPACT (Narrative):** Funds are budgeted in the Sheriff/Coroner budget 2201/object codes 28.30 and 29.50

**STAFFING IMPACT (if applicable):** N/A

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Authorize Long Distance Travel to Las Vegas, Nevada, for two detectives to attend the California Homicide Investigators Association Conference