

V - PERSONAL ESSAY

1. For relatives of SPOA members in good standing: Applicant must submit a typed essay (500 words or less, double spaced and in 12 point font), and pick one of the following questions:

During a major catastrophe or crisis, how has the Sacramento Police Department positively helped a specific neighborhood, group, family or individual?

If you have a parent/relative in law enforcement, what's a positive story or lesson you learned from them that affected you?

[If you interview a Sacramento Police Department retiree], what was the most positive memory that retiree has about policing? And why?

[If you interview a family member related to an officer that was killed or died in the line of duty], what was the most positive memory or characteristic about that fallen officer? And why?

[If you interview a current or retired Sacramento Police Department police officer or dispatcher], what is the most positive police story that police officer or dispatcher remembers? And why?

As the earliest police department in California, what challenges did police officers face during the beginning years after the "Gold Rush of 1849"? Did they overcome those challenges? If so, how did they?

If you were to go back in time, which time period in Sacramento would you want to be a Sacramento Police Department officer? What was interesting about that time period? And why?

Sacramento Police Department recognizes 16 police officers for giving their life while serving the community. If you were to pick only one, what could you relate about that one police officer, the circumstances that led to his/her death, information about his/her family and how he/she is remembered today?

2. For community members: Applicant must submit a typed essay (500 words or less, double spaced and in 12 point font), and pick one of the questions from either above or below:

How has Sacramento Police Department positively affected your life?

How does Sacramento Police Department positively serve the Sacramento community?

If you have ever visited a police memorial facility or funeral, where was the facility/funeral? Why did you attend? And what did it make you think about the most, either while you were there or afterwards?

[If you interview a current Sacramento Police Department police officer or dispatcher], what is the most positive characteristic about that police officer or dispatcher? And why?