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DONNY YOUNGBLOOD
Sheriff - Coroner - Public Administrator



September 29, 2026

Board of Supervisors
Kern County Administrative Center
1115 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301

**UNUSUAL TRAVEL REQUEST FOR SHERIFF'S SERGEANTS BESS RUTTER, JOSEPH MALLEY, JAMES JACKSON, DANIEL JUAREZ, AND DAVID LIDGETT TO ATTEND THE P.O.S.T SUPERVISORY COURSE IN MILPITAS, CALIFORNIA
(Fiscal Impact: \$18,622; Budgeted; Mandated)**

Sheriff's Sergeants Bess Rutter, Joseph Malley, James Jackson, Daniel Juarez, and David Lidgett are scheduled to attend the P.O.S.T Supervisory Course in Milpitas, California from October 11, 2026, through October 23, 2026. This 80-hour course satisfies the POST regulation 1005(b)(1) mandate for supervisory training.

Sheriff's Sergeants Bess Rutter, Joseph Malley, James Jackson, Daniel Juarez, and David Lidgett's attendance at this course will require their absence for more than seven working days, however, will not exceed \$4,500 in expenses per person. The breakdown of the cost for Sergeant Rutter to attend this course is as follows: lodging \$2,536 and meals \$1,196, with an overall total of \$3,732. The breakdown of the cost for Sergeant Malley to attend this course is as follows: lodging \$2,536 and meals \$1,196 with an overall total of \$3,732. The breakdown of the cost for Sergeant Jackson to attend this course is as follows: lodging \$2,498 and meals, \$1,196 with an overall total of \$3,694. The breakdown of the cost for Sergeant Juarez to attend this course is as follows: lodging \$2,536 and meals, \$1,196 with an overall total of \$3,732. The breakdown of the cost for Sergeant Lidgett to attend this course is as follows: lodging \$2,536 and meals, \$1,196 with an overall total of \$3,732. The total anticipated fiscal impact for this training is \$18,622.

The County Administrative Procedure Manual states that training which requires an employee to be absent for more than seven working days or exceeds \$4,500 in expenses must be approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Therefore, IT IS RECOMMENDED that your Board approve the Unusual Travel Request for Sheriff's Sergeants Bess Rutter, Joseph Malley, James Jackson, Daniel Juarez, and David Lidgett to attend the P.O.S.T Supervisory Course in Milpitas, California from October 11, 2026, through October 23, 2026, at a cost that will not exceed \$18,622.

Sincerely,

DONNY YOUNGBLOOD, Sheriff-Coroner

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Erik Levig", is written over the typed name of the Chief Deputy.

By: Erik Levig, Chief Deputy
Compliance Bureau

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