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Subject: *Driver Training Study: Volume I* Now Available on POST Website

The *Driver Training Study: Volume I*—the first product of POST’s Vehicle Operations Training Advisory Council (VOTAC)—is now available on the POST website at http://www.post.ca.gov/Publications/Driver_Training_Study/. The study is responsive to POST Strategic Plan Objective B.10, “Enhance and continue the study of driver training methods and vehicle-related high-risk activities to improve training, enhance safety, and reduce preventable collisions and injuries.” It provides detailed information and analysis that includes:

- Peace officer injury and fatal collision rates and causes in California and nationally;
- Current practices and capabilities of California driver training presenters and an overview of programs offered in other states and countries;
- A study of the correlation between training and collisions;
- Costs of driver training;
- Findings, recommendations, and best practices for driver training; and
- Related references and resources.

The VOTAC endorsed this publication and the first set of findings produced by the study. The publication was presented to the Commission at its October 2008 meeting, at which time it was approved. Still, more remains to be done. We need to translate the findings and recommendations into real world policies and procedures in order to reduce injuries and save lives. Many agencies and individuals have contributed to this study. I am grateful for the time and resources they have shared in this collective effort. Together, I am confident that we will realize better and safer vehicle operations in the years ahead. I invite you to review the study and consider what your agency can do to improve vehicle operations safety.

The Driver Training Study and the involvement of the VOTAC are ongoing, and subsequent volumes will be developed. Information regarding the Driver Training Study or the VOTAC may be obtained from Senior Consultant Bryon G. Gustafson, Training Program Services Bureau, at (916) 227-3902 or by email at Bryon.Gustafson@post.ca.gov.

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