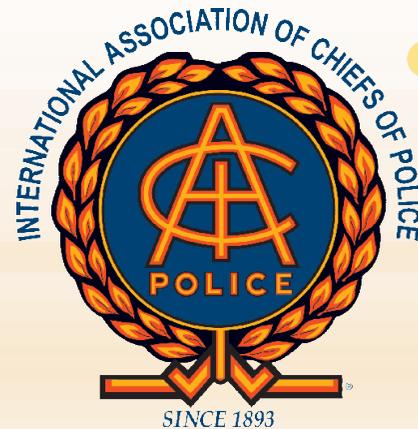


What we do:

- Create policy guidance on timely and relevant topics in law enforcement
- Facilitate and encourage dialogue between local law enforcement, State Associations, the IACP, and our state and federal partners
- Provide tools and resources for members to manage their individual association more effectively
- Provide training programs and presentations on a wide array of subjects to our membership
- Create training projects and workshop topics generated from our membership
- Through the SafeShield Committee, serve as the advisory body for the IACP Center for Officer Safety and Wellness, which works to promote mental and physical safety and wellbeing of officers
- Through the Smaller Department Section, represent the unique needs of small and rural agencies nationwide



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Who we are:

SACOP serves as the organizing body for the individual state associations of chiefs of police. SACOP also functions as the coordinating body between the state associations and the IACP membership as a whole, facilitating the exchange and dissemination of information related to a host of important topics in law enforcement.

The SACOP Membership is comprised of:

- The presidents of the individual state associations
- The state representatives who serve as the state's SACOP liaison
- The executive directors who manage the associations

With this diverse but specific membership, we are able to hear issues not only from chiefs themselves, but also from the associations as a whole. Having the executive directors as members offers us an opportunity to learn more broadly about the issues in each state. SACOP allows us to reach members of the individual state associations who may not be members of the IACP. This is what makes SACOP such a unique and valuable group.

SafeShield:

As leaders of the individual State Associations, SACOP members understand that it is their responsibility to provide law enforcement with the best training and equipment available in order to ensure safety in the face of the numerous and varied threats that they face each and every day.

The SafeShield Committee is made up of committed SACOP members who are focused on officer safety. It is organized under the philosophy that law enforcement leaders cannot accept the proposition that accidents or injuries are a reality of the law enforcement profession, and believes that the only acceptable number of officers killed or injured is zero. The committee believes that although chief executives have limited control over dangerous situations an officer may face in the line of duty, they can control the outcomes through comprehensive planning, proper preparation, and the use of protective equipment.

The goals of the SafeShield Committee are:

1. Identify problems and threats impacting officer safety
2. Find solutions that incorporate improved policies, training, equipment, and uniforms

The many successes of the committee directly led to the formation of the IACP Center for Officer Safety and Wellness (COSW), in 2012. The SafeShield Committee now serves as a partial advisory group to the COSW, hold it meetings during the annual and midyear meetings of SACOP.



The Smaller Department Section:

The Smaller Department Section is charged with identifying and responding to the needs of smaller law enforcement agencies (50 and fewer sworn officers or populations of 50,000 and fewer). These include, but are not limited to, policy issues, training, staffing, resource allocation, and the unique challenges confronting smaller law enforcement agencies. Closely aligned with the IACP Smaller Law Enforcement Agency Program, the section focuses on guidance for law enforcement executives, leadership and management, operations, community outreach, and more.

This section, housed within the IACP Division of State Associations of Chiefs of Police (SACOP), emphasizes the role that SACOP plays in being the voice for local law enforcement and works to amplify the voice of the smaller agency. While housed in SACOP, this section is for all members of IACP who fit the above criteria and are interested in enhancing their department through participation.