

Changes for 2021

Modesto Police Officers Association



President, Sgt. Dan Starr

Sgt Starr is currently assigned to the Traffic Unit. He brings years of experience both as a police officer and as a board member. He has 16 years experience as a police officer, 10 years on the board.



Vice President, Sgt. Tom Fara

Sgt. Fara has been in Law Enforcement for over 25 years. He has worked K-9, FTO, SDEA, and the Anti-Terrorism Task Force. He is currently assigned as the Homicide Sgt and K-9 Sgt.



Vice President, Det. Derrick Letsinger

Detective Letsinger is currently assigned to the homicide unit. He brings years of experience as a board member.

Board members for the year of 2021.

Board seats are held for 2 years, with elections every year in December.

Board seats alternate.

The president and one vice president come up for election every two years, along with secretary and 3 board of directors. The next year is the vice president, treasure, sergeant at arms, and 3 board of directors.

Board Meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month. The minutes from these meetings are posted to the MPOA website



Secretary, Det. Randall Bolinger

Detective Bolinger is currently assigned to the homicide unit. Randy has been on the board for over 7 years and has worked at MPD for 26 years.



Sergeant at Arms, Det. Doug Ridenour Jr.

Detective Bolinger is currently assigned to the homicide unit. He has 21 years of law enforcement experience working patrol, FTO, MNET, SDEA, SGU, and Homicide.



Treasurer, Officer Martin Lemus

Officer Lemus is currently assigned to SGU. He has been a police officer for 17 years. He is an FTO, Spanish PIO, UAV Operator, and CNT Negotiator. He has been on the board since 2016 and is motivated to continue to serve the members.



Director, Officer Orrin Nelson

Officer Nelson has been a police officer for 13 years and on the POA board for 7 years. He is currently assigned to patrol. He is also a SWAT member, FTO, Range Master, Recruitment Team, and active shooter instructor. Just to name a few.



Director, Det. Shawn Kelley

Detective Kelley is currently assigned to the Major Crimes Unit as a Robbery Detective. He has been a valued employee with the department for 22 years and brings a wealth of knowledge to the table as a board member.



Director, Sgt. Steve Hinkley

Sgt. Hinkley is the most senior supervisor and is currently assigned to patrol. He brings many.... many years of experience to the board.



Director, Detective Michael Rokaitis

Det. Rokaitis is newly elected to the board. He brings 6 years of patrol experience and is currently assigned to the Street Gangs Unit. He is also on the Mobile Field Force and an Explorer Advisor.



Director, Sgt. Robert Gumm

Sgt. Gumm is a patrol supervisor. He has spent several years on the MPOA board and in the political action committee. Sgt. Gumm brings years of investigative experience to our members as he has been assigned to our Gang Unit and out Homicide Unit.



Director, Officer Kyle Johnson

Officer Johnson has been a police officer with the City of Modesto since 2016. He is currently assigned to patrol and is a Field Training Officer. He is the newest elected Board member and is eager to get to work.

So you've made it to the end. As you can see the board is a wealth of knowledge and experience. Reach out to them. Talk to them. They work on this board for you. We have a website (www.modestopoa.com) and a phone App (The HQ App). If there is ever any problems, I am here to help. On behalf of your board, I thank you for taking the time and always welcome your participation. ~ *John Moss*