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Mr. Keith Petersen
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RE: *Mandatory On-The-Job Training for Peace Officers Working Alone -00-TC-19*
POST Bulletin: 98-1, issued on January 9, 1998, entitled "Mandatory On-The-Job Training for Peace Officers Working Alone."
County of Los Angeles, Claimant

Dear Mr. Petersen:

On January 14, 2002, you asked what action the EMCN has to take to protect the eligibility of K-14 education agencies for this test claim filed by the County of Los Angeles. The subject of this test claim is POST Bulletin: 98-1, issued on January 9, 1998, entitled "Mandatory On-The-Job Training for Peace Officers Working Alone." This test claim was filed by a local agency, the County of Los Angeles.

Page 2 of the bulletin states that "Only those agencies affected by the new requirements (Police Departments, Sheriffs Departments, School/Campus Police Departments, and selected other agencies in the POST program) will receive additional documents. . ." Thus, by this specificity, POST identified "School/Campus Police Departments" as being affected by the "new requirements." If school districts allege the same reimbursable activities as the County of Los Angeles, and the Commission determines that this POST Bulletin constitutes a reimbursable state mandated program, no further action on your part is required at this time.

However, if school districts allege different reimbursable activities than the claimant, the best way to protect school districts' interests is to (1) file a test claim on the same executive order on behalf of school districts or (2) request that the claimant amend a school district into the test claim as a co-claimant and file additional supporting documentation.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paula Higashi".

PAULA HIGASHI
Executive Director

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