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The Shasta County Peace Officers Association (SCPOA) was incorporated as a not for profit private corporation in 1950. Former Redding Police Department Captain Louis A. Record donated his personal property so that all peace officers in Shasta County would have a permanent training facility to maintain and improve their skills in firearms and other law enforcement disciplines.

The Record Range is privately owned and in unincorporated Shasta County. It is governed by a seven member board of directors who serve voluntarily. All peace officers in Shasta County that pay dues are members of the Shasta County Peace Officers Association. Most Law Enforcement agencies in Shasta County; including local, state and federal agencies use Record Range as their primary firearms training facility. The open firearm ranges at Record Range provide the type of realistic training scenarios the officers' face daily. The proximity of Record Range to the City of Redding allows peace officers to train, on duty, without excessive travel that would greatly affect agency staffing and overtime budgets.

The SCPOA Board of Directors operates the training facility as a non-profit corporation. The membership fees have been kept lower than other private facilities, minimizing impacts on agency training budgets.

When the Record Range facility was originally constructed in the early 1950's, it was in a largely rural area. Over the last sixty years, the City of Redding and the County of Shasta have allowed homes to be built around the range property. All residents purchasing homes or property near the range have been made aware of the facility and signed a waiver during escrow.

SCPOA has and will continue to address concerns from our neighbors. In response to noise complaints, the SCPOA Board voluntarily implemented rules to stop firearms training after 10:00 PM, even though it is not legally required to. Statistically speaking, officers are more likely to be in firearms related incident at night than any other time. Training in darkness is a necessity for peace officers. Shutting the range down at 10:00PM was a compromise to allow nighttime firearms training throughout the year while trying to be a good neighbor.

The SCPOA Board of Directors has always opposed homes being built closer to the range. Unfortunately, city and county planners have continued to approve the building of homes with minimal buffering to the range. As homes have continued to be built closer, SCPOA has made environmental design changes to minimize the impact to our neighbors.

For example, metal targets, although an important training tool, have been banned from the Record Range. Grading and new backstops have been built to capture rounds and minimize ricochets. Security measures have also been put in place to prevent unauthorized access and use of the range. This is only a small sample of measures the board has taken to be good neighbors.

The Record Range and the Board of Directors will continue to work with Mary Lake residents to try to lessen the impact the training facility has on their quality of life. Residents with a particular complaint are welcome to contact any board member via our web page at [Shastacountypoa.org](http://Shastacountypoa.org).