



DIVISION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

The mission of the Division of Law Enforcement (DLE) is to enhance public safety by conducting criminal investigations, regulatory oversight, and forensic analysis of evidence for criminal proceedings. DLE uses their expertise to solve crimes, protect consumers, and ensure our communities are shielded from criminal activity and corruption. Comprised of sworn peace officers, forensic scientists, auditors, professional staff, and specialized support personnel, DLE is dedicated to protecting the safety and reducing the vulnerability of all Californians, citizens, residents, and visitors alike.

The Division is organized into four bureaus:

Bureau of Firearms serves the people of California through education, regulation, and enforcement actions regarding the manufacture, sale, ownership, safety training, and transfer of firearms. Bureau of Firearms staff are leaders in providing firearms expertise and information to law enforcement, legislators, and the general public in a comprehensive program to promote legitimate and responsible firearms possession and use by California residents.

Bureau of Forensic Services collects, analyzes, and compares physical evidence from suspected crimes. They provide analysis of evidence in toxicology, including: alcohol; controlled substances and clandestine drug labs; biology and DNA; firearms; impression evidence such as shoeprints, tire marks or fingerprints; trace evidence including hair, fibers, and paint; and crime-scene analysis of blood spatter patterns and evidence collection. Forensic scientists also provide expert testimony in state and federal courts.

Bureau of Gambling Control protects the integrity of gambling in California by ensuring that gambling is conducted honestly, competitively and free from criminal and corruptive elements. The Bureau of Gambling Control carries out this mission by working cooperatively with the California Gambling Control Commission to develop and implement a means of regulating the gambling industry in California.

Bureau of Investigation is composed of Special Agents who are experts in conducting complex criminal investigations ranging from identity theft to transnational criminal enterprises. Agents are assigned to regional offices and task force offices throughout the state. The mission of the Bureau of Investigation is to provide statewide expert investigative services combating multi-jurisdictional criminal organizations. The Bureau of Investigation enhances public safety by focusing law enforcement efforts in the areas of organized crime including organized retail crime, human trafficking and drug trafficking, consumer fraud protection, cyber-crimes, and more.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

Every Californian deserves to live in a community that is safe, just, and free from violence and exploitation. From firearm regulation and forensic science to gambling oversight and statewide criminal investigations, DLE works every day to enhance public safety.

DLE addresses some of the most pressing challenges facing Californians today—taking fentanyl and other dangerous drugs off our streets, combating organized retail crime, and protecting families from gun violence. The California Department of Justice is committed to ensuring that every community in our state can thrive.

If you have information about a crime, organized criminal activity, or public safety concern, you can:

- Contact your local law enforcement agency or dial 911 in an emergency.
- Submit information directly to the California Department of Justice, Division of Law Enforcement through our website: [Contact Us | State of California - Department of Justice - Office of the Attorney General](#)

