

CSLEA Alert

California Statewide Law Enforcement Association
2029 H St. Sacramento, CA 95821 916-447-5262



December 2012

CSLEA.com

Office Of Protective Services Auditor Confident In OPS Officers & Investigators



"I don't blame your guys at all. I blame top level management at DDS."

-Thomas Simms, Retired Police Chief & Former DOJ consultant

Retired police chief and former California Department of Justice (DOJ) consultant Thomas Simms is making it clear, Office of Protective Services (OPS) officers and investigators are not to blame for the current problems at the Sonoma Developmental Center or the continuing problems within the Department of Developmental Services (DDS). [Read more](#)

State Park Ranger Involved In Shooting Of Man Armed With Knife



CSLEA Legal Defense Fund Attorney Dispatched To Represent Member In Investigation

Yesterday, December 13, 2012, at approximately 2:10 pm., a State Park Ranger and CSLEA member was required to use lethal force in self defense against a subject armed with a machete like knife. The incident occurred at the Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve. [Read more](#)

CSLEA President Welcomes New Assemblymember To Sacramento

The newest members to California's Legislature were sworn into office earlier this month, among them was Assemblymember Tom Daly

In This Issue

- *Undercover Stings Take On Underground Economy
- *Fighting Fraud: Our EDD Investigators At Work
- *A Message From Your CSLEA President

New Video:

December 2012 Holiday Message



"Take a moment, kick up your feet, relax for a second and take a good compliment..."

-CSLEA Political Consultant Peter Mitchell



(D-Anaheim). Tom Daly represents the 69th Assembly District which includes the cities of Santa Ana, Anaheim, Garden Grove and Orange.

"Assemblymember Daly has a great deal of experience," said California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) President Alan Barcelona. "He's had boots-on-the-ground, [read more](#)

Undercover Stings Take On Underground Economy



Their track record is impressive. As we pointed out last month, there is no shortage of work for our CSLEA members who are investigators with the Contractors State License Board (CSLB) and they are not letting the holidays get in the way of their non-stop battle against the underground economy.

In their latest undercover sting to protect consumers and put a stop to unlicensed contractors, investigators went undercover in Camarillo and arrested 12 people. [Read more](#)

Fighting Fraud: Our EDD Investigators At Work



It took 13 months to investigate and years to see a criminal fraud case through to a conviction and sentence, but our CSLEA members who are investigators with the Employment Development Department went the distance.

A case against a Southern California contractor concluded with a seven year prison sentence for Steven Morales, 65, of Wildomar in Riverside County. [Read more:](#)

Frontline Flood Fighters



When three major storms hit Northern California in a short five day stretch and creeks, streams and rivers rose faster than most residents could have imagined, our California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) members with the California

Conservation Corps (CCC) quickly went to work.

"We're the front line of flood fighters, we're the first line of responders called in by... [read more](#)

Life-Saving Advice From Our CSLEA Members At CALFIRE

[Watch The Video](#)

After Nearly 30 Years In State Law Enforcement Shelley Bishop Retires



CSLEA Board Member
CASI President
ABC Agent

"I have met many grieving parents holding on to hope that justice could be done for their deceased child," said Bishop. "Many had no one else to turn to. I was pleased to be able to offer them some small sense of hope and justice."

*-Shelley Bishop
CSLEA Board Member*

[Read More](#)



Our CSLEA members with CAL FIRE are reminding all of us to be fire safe this winter as we warm up our homes. Firefighters see a big spike in home heating fires in December, January and February and most can be prevented.

"Our CSLEA members who are deputy fire marshals, fire service training specialists, even our CAL FIRE Comm Operators, [read more](#)

Case Closed: Eight Year Prison Sentence



Fraudulent Scheme Uncovered By State Investigators.

Our CSLEA members who are state investigators with the California Fair Political Practices Commission cracked the case that is now sending an ex-campaign treasurer to prison. [Read more](#)

ABC Agents Assist With Food Stamp Fraud Case



What do our CSLEA members who are Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Agents have to do with food stamps?

"Our ABC agents work closely with federal investigators all the time," said Shelley Bishop, president of the California Association of State Investigators (CASI), an affiliate of CSLEA. "We

go into locations attempting to find out if alcohol...[read more](#)

Conservationist Jim Kastner

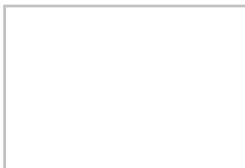


How well do you know CSLEA Board Member and Association of Conservationist Employees (ACE) President Jim Kastner?

"I probably saw more of California than most people who have lived here all their lives, in the first year in the Corps." - Jim Kastner

Kastner shares his great CCC career in [this video](#).

A Message From Your CSLEA President



The December holidays are upon us and I would like to personally wish you the very best this holiday season. My hope is that you will be able to spend time with your family and friends and enjoy what really matters in life, those you love.

The Flood Of Calls To 911

**WATER ON ROADWAY
REDUCE SPEED**

A proud shout out to all of our CHP dispatchers and CalFire Comm-Operators for dealing with several back-to-back, heavy-duty Nor-Cal storms earlier this month.

Thank you for handling the flood of calls with professionalism and compassion. You're always there when we need you.

CSLEA FOUNDATION



The mission of the CSLEA Consumer Protection & Public Safety Foundation is to empower Californians with the knowledge they need to protect themselves against

You do such a tremendous job helping to keep Californians safe, healthy and untouched by fraud. We are all very aware how challenging 2012 has been. While many of us are becoming impatient with the impact those challenges are having on our lives and our careers, we must prepare for an equally as challenging new year.

The New Year will usher in some continuing problems such as pension reform and possible changes to health benefits for retirees. Some groups continue to demand that state workers pay more, or the entire cost, for retiree medical benefits and for pensions. There is an estimated \$2 billion budget deficit even after the passage of Proposition 30. While a \$2 billion dollar deficit is manageable, it will preclude the restoration of almost all budget reductions imposed over the last few years.

California faces many other challenges, including the skyrocketing cost for those of us putting our young students through college. The cost is through the ceiling, often burdening graduates with immense debt.

Attention will also be focused on a stable clean water supply for California. Along with energy, water is a resource that is going to be platinum in the future.

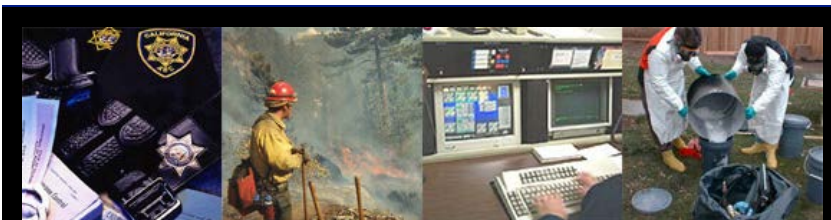
We face all these problems in the middle of an extremely slow economic recovery. While all these issues are swirling around the Capitol I, and the CSLEA board of directors, will be focusing on our members compensation and working conditions. We will shield and protect our members as much as possible by continuing to be extremely active at the Capitol.

Right now, the only thing standing between our members and the tsunami of takeaways are the public employee associations. The groups representing public employees are the thin line. At CSLEA we are working diligently to obtain fair compensation for our members and to save jobs. The ultimate goal is to protect our members and enhance our members' wellbeing. We have never lost sight of that.

You are not the reason behind our troubling economy. You continue to be a shining example of professionalism, pride and protection. We promise to keep you well informed of our challenges and accomplishments and we thank you for all you do for the state of California.

With sincere wishes for bright holidays and a bright future,

Alan Barcelona
CSLEA President



California Statewide Law Enforcement Association
Protecting Californians Where They Live, Work, and Play

Northern California
CSLEA Office

Southern California
CSLEA Office

consumer fraud and public safety threats to their lives and families.

For more information:
[CSLEA FOUNDATION](#)

Are You In Touch?



Are you receiving the monthly CSLEA Alert?

Are you logging on to CSLEA.com?

Have you "liked" CSLEA on Facebook?

Are you following @CSLEA on Twitter?

Check Us Out

Ideas? Send them to:
Teri Cox
CSLEA Communications Director

2029 H Street
375
Sacramento, CA 95811
92683

(916) 447-5262
(800) 522-2873
Fax: (916) 889-8289

5555 Garden Grove Blvd., Suite
Westminster, CA

(714) 894-4411
(800) 551-1414
Fax: (714) 894-6040