



**April 2014**

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## California Statewide Law Enforcement Association ALERT

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**CSLEA Member Sponsorship Program**

Sponsor a new member of CSLEA and earn \$50 for each sponsorship. For more information email [contactus@cslea.com](mailto:contactus@cslea.com)

**CSLEA and Affiliate Scholarship Information**



**Spring is Upon Us**

Spring break is here and for many families that means a little rejuvenation. If you're vacationing this week, have fun and travel safely.



**Thank You**

**To Our Public Safety Dispatcher and Communications Operators**

April 13th-19th is National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week and what better time to recognize our California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) members who are CHP Public Safety Dispatchers, CAL FIRE, State Parks and State Hospital Communications Operators.

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### The CSLEA Consumer Protection and Public Safety Foundation Scholarship

Now accepting applications!!!

The Foundation established a scholarship program for CSLEA members, members' spouses and their children to help with the rising costs of obtaining higher education. A career in public safety or consumer protection is encouraged, but not a requirement to receive a scholarship.

Deadline is May 15

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### CARII Scholarships California Association of Regulatory Investigators & Inspectors

Accepting Applications For 2014-2015 Scholarships  
Deadline May 31

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### CAFI Scholarships



## CSLEA Board Member Quarterly Meeting

On Tuesday, March 18, 2013, the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) board members and officers met at CSLEA Headquarters in Sacramento to discuss issues facing CSLEA, CSLEA affiliates and CSLEA members.

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## CSLEA Empowers Seniors At Santa Clara Scam Stopper Seminar

*"They're looked at by scammers as cash cows. Our seniors are the nicest group of people and sometimes we have to teach them, when it's in their best interest to say no, to not open the door, to hang up the phone."* - CSLEA Unit A Vice President Kenny Ehrman

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### California Association of Fraud Investigators

Accepting Applications For 2014-2015 Scholarships

Deadline May 15

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### ASA-DOJ Scholarships Association of Special Agents

Accepting Applications For 2014-2015 Scholarships

Deadline May 31

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### CSLEA Membership Appreciation BBQs

#### Food, Fun & Fabulous Prizes

At the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) we value each and every one of our members, all public safety and consumer protection professionals, who play a vital role in keeping safe and healthy those who live, work and play in California.



### CSLEA

## Consumer Fraud and Public Safety Foundation

#### Town Hall Meetings With State Lawmakers

On Saturday, March 22, 2014, the CSLEA Consumer Fraud and Public Safety Foundation partnered with the Office of the State Bar and the California Bureau of Real Estate to hold the first in a series of town hall meetings throughout California. The event was held in Los Angeles at the request of Senator Kevin De Leon.

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### CSLEA At The

## State Capitol

#### Measures That Matter To Members

There are thousands of bills currently being considered by legislators at the State Capitol and some of them have a direct impact on members of the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA).

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In appreciation, CSLEA would like to celebrate an afternoon with members and their families by hosting three barbecue events throughout California. We invite you to attend for food, fun and fabulous raffle prizes.

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[CSLEA Merchandise](#)



CalPERS to Host Benefits Education Events in Sacramento, Visalia & Ontario  
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### **CSLEA Exclusive Member Discounts Program**

Some items our members are saving money on.

**Firestone Complete Auto Care** - 15% off oil changes, tires, maintenance, and repairs. Plus, pay only store cost plus 10% on Bridgestone and Firestone brand tires.

**Regal Entertainment Group** - Save Up to 30% on Premiere Movie eTickets (Any Movie - Anytime) with no expiration date and

## **Pension Reform: San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed Not Down For The Count**

### **Sets His Sights On 2016**

Despite a setback in his goal to place a pension-change initiative on a statewide ballot in 2014, San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed plans to rally and return in 2016. Reed told attendees at a Sacramento Press Club luncheon April 3, he will press forward with another round

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## **Department of Justice Rapid DNA Service Team Receives National Award**

Congratulations to our California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) members on the Department of Justice (DOJ) Rapid DNA Service Team (RADS) in Richmond who received a national award for their work to improve the DNA analysis of rape kits by law enforcement agencies.

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## **Congratulations To CHP Public Safety**

printable on demand.

**LA Fitness** - Save \$75 off new member initiation fee plus locked-in monthly rate of \$29.99.

**1800FLOWERS.COM** - 20% off purchases, same day delivery available with coupon code Abenity

**CALSTAR** - Regional Air Ambulance Service

**Disneyland** - Save up to 10% off single day, multi-day and park hopper admission tickets

Not signed up? [See how here.](#)

## Are You Covered?

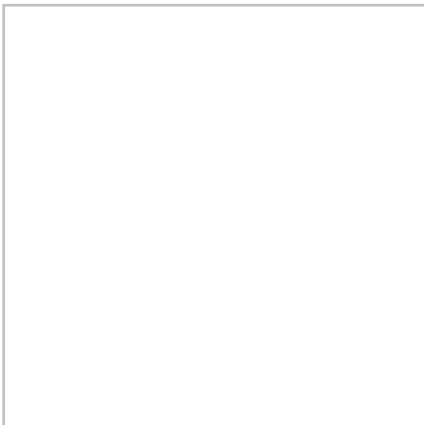


CSLEA Legal Counsel Ryan Navarre

"One of the most difficult tasks I encounter as a CSLEA Attorney is when a member calls who has just been diagnosed with a serious disability or disease such as cancer or has been involved in a serious non-work related accident or has just given birth to a child and they want to know what their options are for disability leave, and I have to tell them that if they do not have a supplemental disability insurance program or they aren't enrolled in annual leave, they can only count on \$135 a week for up to 26 weeks."

## Need more information?

Watch the video below.



Non-Industrial Disability Leave Benefits Featuring CSLEA Legal Counsel Ryan Navarre

## Operator Tami Caldera

### Public Safety Operator Of The Year 2014, Sacramento CHP Communications Center

Congratulations to CSLEA/CHP-PSDA Member Tami Caldera for her achievement as Public Safety Operator of the Year 2014 at the Sacramento CHP Communications Center.

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## Catastrophic Time Bank For DOJ Special Agent Matthew Pavlich

*"I have received a tremendous amount of support. The calls, texts, emails, cards and home visits have all been of great benefit to me and my family."* - CSLEA Member & DOJ Special Agent Matthew Pavlich

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## Congratulations To CSLEA Members In Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay

*"They committed themselves to the challenge, trained for it and in the spirit of healthy competition among law enforcement officers, they performed in outstanding fashion. We applaud our CSLEA members in State Parks, the Department of Justice, Alcoholic Beverage Control, Department of Motor Vehicles and Department of Insurance who competed in the Baker to Vegas race."* - CSLEA President Alan Barcelona

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**SAVE THE DATE!**  
4th Annual  
CSLEA CPPS Foundation  
Golf Tournament

September 22, 2014

Cache Creek Casino Resort  
Yocha Dehe Golf Club

More details coming soon.

**UPDATE ADDRESS**

Do we have your current mailing address?

If you have moved, we may not. The state does not notify CSLEA of a change in your address.

**JOIN CSLEA**

Are You A Full-Dues Paying Member?

Only full-dues paying members receive all the benefits CSLEA has to



## Lottery Investigators Win Approval To Wear 9-11 Commemorative Badges in September

Excitement is brewing among California State Lottery investigators who received their director's approval to change up their badges in September in honor of the unity among all first responders and in honor of the first responders who lost their lives in the 9-11 attacks in 2001.

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## DOJ Agents At Work: Lengthy Prison Sentence For Sacramento Man Busted In Nationwide Drug Ring

A Sacramento man, heavily armed and heavily involved in a large meth-trafficking ring, was sentenced to prison as a result of a case investigated, in part, by California Department of Justice (Cal-MMET). On April 8, 2014, a judge sentenced Jose Mario Medrano, 36, to nearly 22 years for his involvement in trafficking large amounts of methamphetamine in at least three states, including California.

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offer, including a \$15,000 basic life insurance benefit.

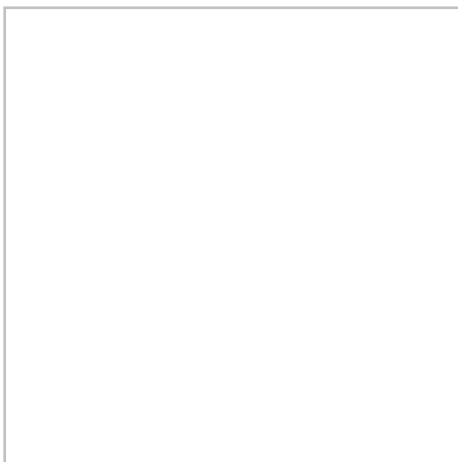
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### Download the CSLEA App



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### CSLEA Know Your Rights Videos



A CSLEA Presentation: Social Media featuring CSLEA Legal Counsel Jim Vitko



## ABC Agents Link Fatal DUI Crash To Mountain View Bar

On March 27, 2014, agents of the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) posted a notice of suspension at Zen Lounge, located at 251 Castro Street in Mountain View. The bar, will not be allowed to sell alcohol for 15 days. The penalty is the result of an ABC "Target Responsibility for Alcohol-Connected Emergencies" (TRACE) investigation.

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## Fish and Wildlife Wardens Target Poachers in Nighttime Operation

"In a sense, they are more at risk than some other law enforcement officers, they're out late at night in regions where most people have guns and often they are out there alone." - Lake County Chief Deputy District Attorney Richard Hinchliff

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## Victims of Health Insurance Scam Receive Restitution

*"Thanks to the superior work of California Department of Insurance investigators and aggressive prosecution by the District Attorney's office, the Woodward's property and other assets were seized and sold so we could provide at least partial restitution to the seniors and families ripped off by the Woodwards." - Dave Jones, California Insurance Commissioner*

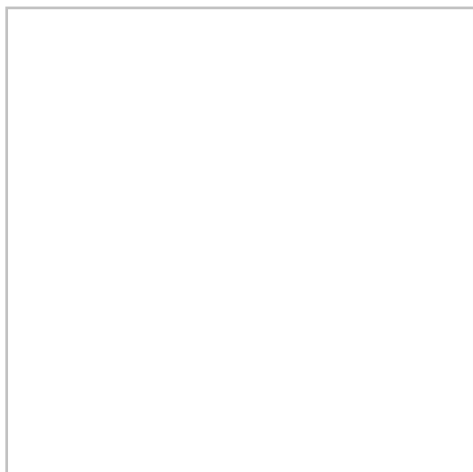
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## L-A Area Doctor Charged With Illegally Prescribing Addictive Drugs

**Accusations include laundering drug dealing proceeds**

LOS ANGELES - On April 10, 2014, a Los Angeles-area doctor, indicted on federal drug trafficking charges for allegedly illegally distributing drugs, including powerful and addictive painkillers, surrendered to authorities.

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Alternate Work Schedules Featuring CSLEA  
Legal Counsel Andrea Perez

Have A Story Suggestion?

Email: [Teri Cox](mailto:Teri.Cox)



CSLEA Director of Communications  
& Public Affairs

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[Pair Accused of Helping Others To Cheat On State-Administered Exams](#)

[Statewide Decoy Shoulder Tap Operation Nets 544](#)

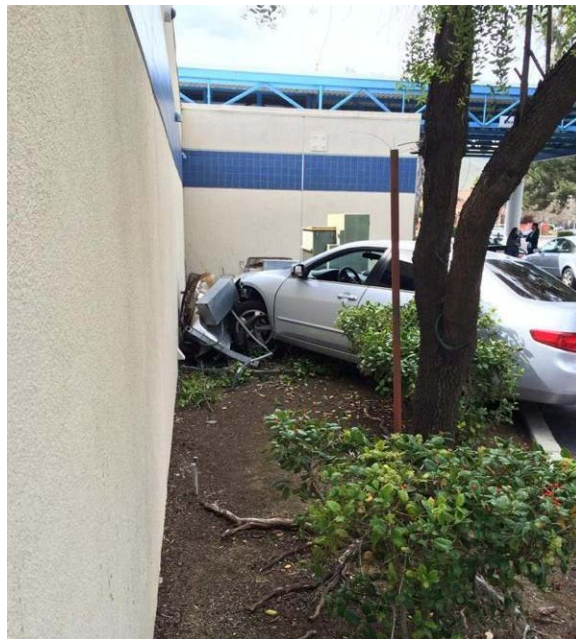
[Agents Seize 176 lbs. of Methamphetamine in Central Valley](#)

[Former Sacramento Area Man Sentenced To 30 Months In Mortgage Fraud Scheme](#)



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President's Message



## Test Taker Crashes At DMV Office, Hits Motorcycle, Gas Meter, and Building

Some people snicker when they read about cars crashing into California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) buildings where motorists take driving tests to obtain or renew a driver license, but DMV licensing registration examiners cringe.

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## DTSC Investigators At Work: Lowe's to Pay \$18.1 Million

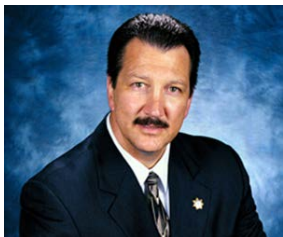
**Stores Throughout The State Illegally Disposed of Hazardous Waste**  
Lowe's Home Centers has agreed to pay \$18.1 million as part of a settlement following a joint investigation by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) and district and city attorneys throughout the state.

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## CSLB Hatches Spring Plot

**Simultaneous stings in nine counties net 121 Unlicensed Contractors**  
In an effort to protect consumers from harm, both financial and physical, investigators from the Contractors State License Board (CSLB) teamed up with



Alan Barcelona, CSLEA President



To our valued CSLEA members,

Each and every one of you have a vital role in protecting the citizens and/or the resources of California. The jobs you perform each day help to keep the public safe. This week hundreds of our dispatchers and communications operators are being recognized during National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, April 13-19, 2014.

Dispatchers and communications operators put the 'first' in first responder. They are the first to be alerted to an emergency, a non-emergency, a disaster, a need for help. I look at some of the major calls for help over the past year and know the professionalism that was displayed under extreme stress. There have been calls of an airliner down at San Francisco International, a limousine fire with people trapped on the San Mateo Bridge, a bus crash and fire in Glenn County, wildfires throughout the state. Some calls made headlines, others did not. Children calling, parents calling, officers calling, we turn to 911 call-takers to start the emergency response rolling. We thank you for your calm, clear questions and instructions that guide us through the times in which we cannot help ourselves. We thank you for the long hours and time spent away from your families in order to keep other families safe from harm.

Also spending time away from their families to help keep Californians safe are members on the CSLEA Consumer Protection and Public Safety Foundation. Over the past two months, Foundation members have made presentations at seminars put on by state lawmakers for their constituents. The seminars focus on the scams that target Californians, especially our senior citizens. They help to make citizens aware of the very scams our CSLEA members work to put a stop to. We are committed to protecting Californians where they live, work and play.

I thank you for your service.

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local law enforcement agencies in nine counties and went undercover as homeowners seeking bids for home improvement projects.

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## CHRB Investigators At Work: Santa Anita Derby Day

### Stepped-up Security

ARCADIA - Our California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) members who are California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) investigators will be out in force Saturday, April 5, 2014 for Santa Anita Derby Day. Their task will be to safeguard the health and welfare of horses and riders at this very important event.

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Alan Barcelona

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