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# The CSLEA Alert

## President's Message

By Alan Barcelona  
 CSLEA President  
 FOP Lodge 77 President



As we approach the holidays and the end of the year, I extend my warmest wishes for a happy holiday season to you and your family. This is a special time of year for many and I wish you much joy. Please be safe in your travels.

As we begin a new year, I would like to remind you to update your beneficiary on your \$15,000 life insurance benefit from CSLEA if you have had any recent changes in your life, for example a divorce. If you would like to inquire about your beneficiary or make a change, please contact Catherine Ross at Meyers-Stevens & Toohey at 800-827-4695 ext. 600 or [cross@myers-stevens.com](mailto:cross@myers-stevens.com). If you are a member of CSLEA, you have this benefit and were asked to designate a beneficiary when you first joined CSLEA, either online or by filling out a green membership card.

If you haven't read about Governor Brown's visit to CSLEA earlier this month, I invite you to check out the article below. It was an honor to have the Governor at our fourth quarter board meeting to speak to our directors and I thank him for taking time out of his busy schedule to meet with us.

Earlier this week I met with some of our investigator-members who work at the Department of Consumer Affairs. I am grateful they took the time to travel to CSLEA and learn what we are all about. It was a pleasure meeting them. I thank them, and you, our valued member, for your very important public safety and consumer protection service to the State of California.

Merry Christmas and New Year!

## Special Guest Governor Jerry Brown Speaks at CSLEA Quarterly Board Meeting



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A Message & Election Report  
 From CSLEA Political Consultant  
 Peter Mitchell

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SACRAMENTO - California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) officers and directors welcomed California Governor Jerry Brown to their fourth quarter board meeting held at CSLEA headquarters December 1, 2016.

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## CSLEA Welcomes DCA Investigators at CSLEA Headquarters



SACRAMENTO- When California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) members express an interest in learning more about CSLEA and what CSLEA does for them, CSLEA invites them in!

"We have representatives who will go out to worksites for orientations and outreaches, and if our members want to come to CLSEA headquarters to speak with us and learn more about us, we welcome them," said CSLEA President Alan Barcelona.

[Read more](#)

## Holidays? What Holidays? CSLEA on the Road Visiting Members

### A Video Message & Election Report from CSLEA Political Consultant Peter Mitchell



### Meet Your CSLEA Legal Division

CSLEA Legal employs a staff of six attorneys. Our mission is to zealously defend Unit 7 members in disciplinary proceedings and to enforce the collective bargaining agreement between California Statewide Law Enforcement Association and the State of California.

Each member of the CSLEA Legal staff has been designated as a principle point of contact for representation issues.

Click [here](#) to identify your individual point of contact.



### CSLEA's Membership Encouragement Program

CSLEA's Membership Encouragement Program continues to be a hit.



RIVERSIDE - Not stopping to take a breath, to holiday shop, or to bake, California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) Member Services Representative Shelley Bishop is on a non-stop roll in Southern California, dropping by worksites to visit with veteran members, or introducing herself, and CSLEA, to those new to our association.

[Read more](#)

Here's how it works:

If your Unit 7 colleagues are not full members of CSLEA and sign up using your name as a "sponsor" - CSLEA will thank you with \$50.00. Ask around.

CSLEA members receive enormous **benefits** over fair-share members. The difference between fair-share and full-dues is minimal, in most cases just \$5 to \$10 a month.

Full-dues paying members receive a \$15,000 basic life insurance policy and a top-notch, proven Legal Defense Fund, that, as a consumer protection or public safety employee, no one should be without.

Full-dues paying members also receive access to scholarships, the CSLEA Exclusive Member Discounts Program and the Fraternal Order of Police benefits program.

Your fair-share Unit 7 colleagues can upgrade membership status here. Don't forget to have them include your name as the sponsor.

## CSLEA Reaches Out to Members in Southern California



NORWALK - It is with great energy and enthusiasm that California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) Member Services Representative Shelley Bishop travels up and down the highways in Southern California to meet with new and veteran CSLEA members.

[Read more](#)

## CSLEA -COLRE Welcome New LRE Members

### Knott's Berry Farm Fire and Law Tribute Days January 9 - 31

Active, full-time fire and law enforcement personnel, including EMTs, may receive free admission for themselves and 1 guest (maximum of 2 complimentary admissions will be issued.) Show your specific fire or law enforcement photo I.D. card at a Knott's Berry Farm main gate to redeem this offer. [Click here for a complete listing of eligible professions.](#)

Additional admission tickets may be purchased by the valid I.D. holder at a discounted rate. Up to six discounted admission tickets may be purchased for \$32 each, when visiting from November 28 - December 16, or for \$27 each when visiting from January 9 - 31. Discounted admission tickets are available for purchase at the Knott's ticket booths.

[Knott's Berry Farm Promotions](#)



On November 28, 2016, the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) hosted a new employee orientation for four new Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Licensing Registration Examiners (LRE) in Fresno.

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### CSLEA Members Receive Basic Site Rep Lesson



SACRAMENTO - On November 17, 2016, 18 California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) members attended a basic site representation class held by CSLEA Senior Counsel Jim Vitko in the CSLEA Southern Office in Huntington Beach and by CSLEA Senior Counsel Andrea Perez at CSLEA Headquarters in Sacramento.

[Read more](#)

### 2016 Shop With A Cop - CSLEA Members Escort Kids On a Holiday Shopping Excursion



### CSLEA Exclusive Member Discounts Program

Be sure to check out the many discounts available to you as a CSLEA member.

[For more information about our CSLEA Exclusive Member Discounts Program](#)

We currently have 4,876 members registered to take advantage of the savings.

What will you save money on? Movie tickets, car rentals, flowers, dining or entertainment? How about lift tickets?



Sierra at Tahoe Resort

Profile

Save up to 30% off lift tickets

Be sure to check it out!



### The CSLEA Foundation

We invite you to check out our CSLEA Foundation [website](#). Read about the Foundation's mission and what Foundation leaders have been doing to keep members of your community free from harm.



ROSEVILLE - On December 10, 2016, law enforcement officers from nine agencies in Placer County spent the morning with 89 well deserving children chosen to participate in the annual Shop With a Cop program.

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## CSLEA Member Aaron Pendergraft Receives Medal of Valor



BODEGA - Congratulations to California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) Member Aaron Pendergraft, California State Lifeguard II, for receiving the United States Lifesaving Association Medal of Valor for a heroic rescue along the Sonoma Coast on February 26, 2016.

[Read more](#)

## CDFW Warden Nicole Kozicki Selected as Wildlife Officer of the Year

This is also where you will find the CSLEA Foundation Tip of the Week.

Have an idea of how you can help? [Contact us!](#) And don't forget to follow us on Twitter and like our CSLEA Foundation Facebook page.



## FOP Lodge #77 Membership Available to Retirees and Retired Annuitants

SACRAMENTO -Retired CSLEA members now have the opportunity to become members of the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) by joining CSLEA FOP Lodge #77. One of the benefits in doing so, allows them to enroll in HR 218 coverage under the FOP Legal Defense Plan as well as to access all other FOP benefits.

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SACRAMENTO - Congratulations to California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Warden Nicole Kozicki, a member of the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) and Resource Protection Peace Officers Association (RPPOA).

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## State Park Rangers Spot Abandoned, Marijuana-filled Vessel at Calafia State Park



SAN CLEMENTE - When California State Park rangers spotted a 25-foot Bayliner in the process of washing ashore at Calafia State Park near San Clemente, they quickly went to work patrolling the area and notifying U.S. Border Patrol agents.

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### The CSLEA APP

Download the CSLEA APP and you can:

- \* Have the LDF Hotline at your fingertips
- \* Contact CSLEA
- \* View Unit 7 contract
- \* View "Know Your Rights" videos
- \* Update your contact information
- \* Follow our news feed
- \* Catch up with us via social media
- \* See our CSLEA calendar
- \* E-mail us your photos
- \* View our photo gallery
- \* Meet our Board & staff
- \* Access GPS directions

### CSLEA Know Your Rights Videos



Disability Retirement Law Featuring CSLEA Chief Counsel Kasey Clark

You can view all of CSLEA Know Your Rights videos - [here](#)

## ABC Agents' Four-Month Investigation Uncovers Illegal Activity at Fresno Café



FRESNO - When California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) agents entered Café Dizzy on North Cedar Avenue in Fresno, they didn't find much food being served. They did, however, find a very large plateful of illegal activity taking place, including drug sales, illegal gambling, and lewd conduct such as lap dances.

[Read more](#)

## San Diego Restaurant Owner Sentenced to Jail for Wage Abuses

### Landmark criminal conviction based on DIR investigation

SAN DIEGO - On December 12, 2016, California Labor Commissioner announced that a San Diego restaurant wage theft investigation resulted in the owner's conviction and a sentence of two years' jail time for grand theft and labor violations. In addition, San Diego County Superior Court is requiring the restaurant owner to repay \$20,000 in stolen wages and tips to six of the restaurant workers.

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## Man Sentenced to 21 Years in Long Beach Human Trafficking Case

### Attorney General thanks DOJ Special Agents for their work

LOS ANGELES - On December 2, 2016, Attorney General Kamala Harris announced that Andrew Jordan, 37, was sentenced to 21 years, 4 months in prison in Los Angeles County Superior Court after being found guilty on felony charges, including human trafficking, pimping, pandering, domestic violence, and assault.



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## "Dino the Casino" Indicted for Illegal Gambling Business, Money Laundering, and Cocaine Distribution

### Slot Machines Placed in Shops from Bakersfield to Sacramento

SACRAMENTO - Following an investigation by the California Department of Justice - Bureau of Gambling Control and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, a federal grand jury returned a 12-count indictment November 17, 2016 against Nive Hagay, 31, of Los



### CalPERS Benefits Education Events

Date	Location
Jan 27 & 28, 2017	Sheraton Carlsbad 5480 Grand Pacific Drive Carlsbad, CA 92008 <a href="#">Get Directions</a>
Feb 3 & 4, 2017	Sacramento Convention Center 1400 J Street Sacramento, CA 95814

[For more information](#)



### To Update Beneficiary Information for \$15,000 Life Insurance Benefit

**Contact:**  
**Catherine Ross**  
**Executive Assistant**  
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Angeles, charging him with operating an illegal gambling business, money laundering, and cocaine distribution.

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## Deputy State Fire Marshals Ensure Safety at 2016 Jingle Ball at Cal Expo



### Everyone safe and calm despite power loss

By Chris Fowler, FMESA Vice President/Deputy State Fire Marshal III

SACRAMENTO - On Friday, December 2, 2016, I and three other CALFIRE deputy state fire marshals were assigned to standby duty for the 2016 Jingle Ball at the California State Fair and Exposition in Sacramento. It was hosted by 107.9 The End and headlined by such popular artists like the Chainsmokers and DJ Dillion Francis

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## Ten Year Sentence for Man Convicted in \$11 Million Ponzi Scheme

### A California Department of Insurance investigation

SANTA ANA - On December 5, 2016, an Orange County man was convicted and sentenced to 10 years in state prison for running an \$11 million Ponzi scheme and victimizing more 27 people with sale of unsecured securities based on fraudulent insurance policies.

[Read more](#)

## Two Fresno Residents Sentenced for Making & Selling Fake Identification Documents



### Job Openings

Office of the State Fire Marshal  
Arson & Bomb Investigator  
and  
Deputy State Fire Marshal

Arson & Bomb Investigator-  
Finale File Date: 12/31/2016

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Deputy State Fire Marshal-  
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### CSLEA Members in the News

Chad Alexander, CDFW Warden

[High water and trash: Warden tries to  
move along illegal campers from Butte  
Creek Canyon Ecological Reserve](#)

Chris Stoots, CDFW Lt. Specialist

[Sacramento Restaurant Owner Accused of  
Illegally Trafficking Abalone](#)





### A DMV, ICE & HSI Investigation

FRESNO- On November 28, 2016, Francisco Javier Hidalgo-Flores, 25, of Fresno, was sentenced to 15 months in prison for conspiracy to produce and sell false identification documents.

[Read more](#)

### CSLB Enforcement Files Accusation in Deadly Berkeley Balcony Collapse Case

**Accusation alleges contractor willfully disregarded plans and departed from accepted trade standards**

SACRAMENTO - On November 29, 2016, the California Contractors State License Board (CSLB) filed a formal accusation to suspend or revoke the license of Segue Construction, Inc. (#638854), the general contractor in the building of an apartment complex in Berkeley where a balcony collapsed on June 16, 2015. The collapse killed six people and seriously injured seven others.

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### Napa State Hospital Visitor Sentenced for Passing Meth to Patient

NAPA- A Napa man was sentenced to 30 days in jail and three years of probation after pleading no contest to transporting a controlled substance into Napa State Hospital and passing it to a patient in the visitor center.

Napa State Hospital Police arrested Richard Christopher Dahlgren, 63, on April 11, 2016 after he was seen on surveillance video passing something hidden between dollar bills to a patient.

[Read more](#)



### Hospital Police Investigation into Child Porn at CSH Leads to Two Arrests

COALINGA - On November 14, 2016, a Coalinga State Hospital (CSH) patient and a former employee were arrested following an investigation by Coalinga State Hospital police, the Fresno County Sheriff's Department and the Central California Internet Crimes Against Children Taskforce. The investigation focused on the possession of child pornography and cell phones.



### Have A Question About Your Membership?

Email:

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CSLEA Membership Coordinator



### Have A Story Suggestion For the ALERT?

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CSLEA Director of Communications & Public Affairs



Thank you for your interest in the December Alert

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## Stockton Man Sentenced to 21 Months in Prison for Staging Car Accidents

**\$210,000 in false insurance claims paid**

FRESNO - A Stockton man who conspired with others to stage car accidents to defraud insurance companies was sentenced to 21 months in prison. Cristopher Santiago Sanchez-Becerra, 32, was sentenced on November 28, 2016. He pleaded guilty in a federal court in Fresno on September 6, 2016, following a California Department of Insurance-assisted investigation.

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