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CSLEA & ASA-DOJ Meet With Attorney General



On November 6, 2012 California Statewide Law Enforcement Association President Alan Barcelona and Association of Special Agents-DOJ President Al Cardwood met with Attorney General Kamala Harris and DOJ Division of Law Enforcement Director Larry Wallace to discuss law enforcement and labor....[Read](#)

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CSLEA President Meets With Lt. Governor



On October 17, 2013, CSLEA President Alan Barcelona and CSLEA Chief Financial Officer Ricardo Sanchez met with California Lt. Governor Gavin Newsom to discuss the many issues in California that concern CSLEA members, including the current...[read more.](#)

CSLEA Attends Event For Sebastian Ridley-Thomas



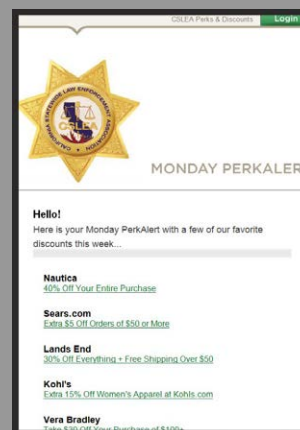
California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) Vice President Kenny Ehrman, along with several CSLEA staff members, joined Attorney General Kamala Harris at a fundraising event November 4, in support of California Assembly District 54 Candidate Sebastian Ridley-Thomas.

"Attorney General Harris introduced Ridley-Thomas and spoke briefly about him and his commitment to improve jobs.... [Read more.](#)

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Discounts For CSLEA Members



Last Monday's "PerkAlert" included:

- Nautica - 40% off entire purchase
- Lands End - 30% off everything
- Vera Bradley - \$30 off

CSLEA Responds To Attack On Retirement Security



"This is a threat to our members, to the working class, to our future years, to a secure retirement and it's a threat to the economy." - Alan Barcelona, CSLEA President

On October 15, San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed filed paperwork for a proposed statewide ballot initiative that would change California's constitution to allow public employees' pensions to be changed... [read more.](#)

Special Agent Helping Combat Vets



As Veterans Day 2013 approached, California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) member Michelle Gregory was in full swing working to help combat veterans live a rich and fulfilling life after experiences that have left them injured, stressed, isolated or unable to cope. [Read more.](#)

Coffee Shop Rapist Sentenced To 65 Years



Familial DNA Technology Credited For Arrest

SANTA CRUZ- By all accounts it was a horrific attack against a young barista opening up a coffee shop early one morning in 2008. The man who held a knife to her throat, raped, robbed and locked her inside a storage refrigerator, went about his life for three years before he was... [read more.](#)

ASH Police Arrest Suspected Gunman



"This is yet another incident that illustrates the dangers that unarmed hospital police officers encounter on the job at Atascadero and four other state mental hospitals," said CSLEA President Alan Barcelona. "This is not the first time our hospital police officers have encountered a subject with a gun and yet they have no guns of their own. We implore the State and the Department of State Hospitals to make significant changes in order to protect the officers, patients, staff and the community."

[About the arrest.](#)

Remembering State Worker Killed by NSH Patient

purchase of \$100+

[Are you a member of CSLEA's Exclusive Member Discounts Program?](#)

Just Added to our Discounts



Save up to \$20.00 off lift tickets

Update Your Contact Information



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.

Are You A Full-Dues Paying Member?



Only full-dues paying members receive all the benefits CSLEA has to offer, including a \$15,000 basic life insurance benefit.

In most cases the difference is



Safety Concerns Still Being Addressed

On Wednesday, October 23, family and friends of murdered Napa State Hospital employee Donna Gross will stand beside state workers, state lawmakers and labor association representatives to remember the psychiatric technician who was killed three years ago and to push for further safety measures at state mental hospitals. [Read more.](#)

DMV: Fraudulent Disabled Placard Use



Statewide Sting Nets 241

Anyone with the need for disabled parking knows the frustration, finding a reserved parking space open and available is difficult at best. With more than 2.5 million disabled parking permits issued in California, it is a case of too many placard holders and... [read more.](#)

Liquor License Suspended at Likely Saloon



The Likely Saloon, a restaurant and bar along Highway 395 in Modoc County, is not allowed to sell alcohol for 35 days following an investigation by California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Agents.

ABC agents investigating a September 2011, solo-vehicle crash that...[read more.](#)

Protecting Californians from Illegal Contractors



A man, convicted of grand theft, property theft and driving under the influence was snared by Contractors State License Board (CSLB) investigators October 23, in an undercover sting designed to catch illegal contractors.

Suspect Sean Carpini showed up to bid for drywall work at a Yucaipa mobile home [Read more.](#)

DOJ Special Agents: Former Pastor Sentenced

Our California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) members who are special agents in the California Department of Justice (DOJ) Bureau of Medi-Cal Fraud and Elder Abuse helped crack a \$11 million Medicare Fraud case that resulted in the arrests of seven people, one of whom was sentenced on October 17, 2013.

\$5.00 a month.

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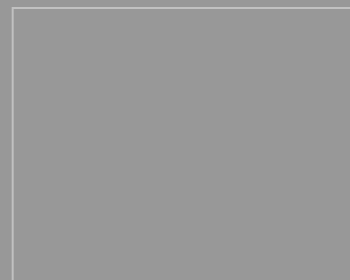
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CSLEA Director of Communications & Public Affairs

CSLEA Know Your Rights Videos



The CSLEA Legal Defense Fund Featuring



"This is a case in which DOJ special agents worked with federal ... [read more](#).

Workers' Comp Fraud: Family Members Sentenced



The owner of Costa Bella Builders, a construction company in the Santa Cruz area, and two of his family members were convicted of committing worker's compensation insurance premium fraud.

Jeffrey Thranow, 59, failed to report employees to his insurance carrier or to the...[read more](#).

Undercover Investigation Leads To Doctor's Arrest



TEMECULA- Investigators with the Medical Board of California's (MBC) Prescription Drug Task Force arrested a physician at his office in Temecula November 13, 2013 for allegedly illegally prescribing drugs and sexual battery. Investigators went undercover after a patient complained about Dr. David Kapelusznik. Kapelusznik was arrested after...[read more](#).

A Letter From CSLEA President Alan Barcelona



To Our California Statewide Law Enforcement Association Members:

We are two weeks away from the Thanksgiving holiday and I am feeling especially appreciative of what truly matters in life and that is the health, safety and wellbeing of our families.

You, our CSLEA members, play a huge role in the safety and protection of families throughout California, with very little "thank you" sometimes.

I have the highest respect and the upmost appreciation for the work that you perform day in and day out protecting Californians where they live, work and play. Whether you wear a uniform, have a badge, carry a gun, or not - you are a public safety/consumer protection professional who contributes to the greatness of this Golden State.

As a civil servant, you have seen good times and you have seen hard times but you have never failed to do what is expected of you. Your role is vital to California.

CSLEA Chief Counsel
Kasey Christopher Clark

Sick Leave Entitlement
Featuring
CSLEA Senior Counsel
Dave De La Riva

When To Ask For Representation
Featuring
CSLEA Legal Counsel Erin
Eckelman

DOJ Seeking Candidates for
Special Agent Positions
Deadline extended
12/2/13



In the world of law enforcement, public safety and consumer protection, not all of you will have the luxury of time off during the Thanksgiving holiday. Some of you will answer 911 calls from folks out on the road travelling to be with their families. Some of you will stand watch over visitors to our great state parks. Some of you will enforce drug and alcoholic beverage laws, put out fires, investigate devastating vehicle accidents, respond to emergencies or protect patients, guests and staff at state hospitals. However, it is my hope that you will be able to enjoy your own family over the Thanksgiving Day weekend. It is my hope that you will be able to enjoy what truly matters in life and what truly matters to you.

I thank you for your civil service, for your continued commitment to the citizens of California and for your trust in CSLEA to be a strong and vital partner in your career. At CSLEA we strive, daily, to protect your livelihood and your retirement security. We will never aim for less.

May you and yours have a very happy Thanksgiving.

Fraternally,

Alan Barcelona
CSLEA President



The California Statewide Law Enforcement Association



**Protecting Californians
Where They Live, Work & Play**

CSLEA Members Mentioned in the Media



[Fish and Wildlife Warden
Tiffany Stinson](#)

[DOJ Special Agent
Michelle Gregory](#)

[Cal OES Fire and Rescue Chief
Kim Zagaris](#)

[CALFIRE Communications
Operator
Connie Guerrero](#)

[Bureau of Automotive Repair
Daniel Loreda](#)

[State Parks Ranger
Bryan Taylor](#)

