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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.

Members of CSLEA know a great career partner when they experience one, so who better to reward for spreading the word?

If your Bargaining Unit 7 colleagues are not fulldues paying members of CSLEA and upgrade their status under your sponsorship, CSLEA will send you a \$50.00 reward for each upgrade.

Full-dues paying members receive an enormous benefit over fair-share members which is evident



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#### **Celebrates Its Members**

Up Next, San Diego - August 9, 2014

On Saturday, June 7, 2014, the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) hosted a Membership Appreciation BBQ in Arcadia. It is just one of the ways in which CSLEA thanks its members for their participation and for providing important public safety and consumer protection service for the State of California.

#### in this <u>MEMBER vs. NON-MEMBER</u> <u>COMPARISON CHART.</u>

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 <u>Legal Defense Fund</u>, that, as a consumer protection or public safety employee, no one should be without. Full-dues paying members also receive access to the <u>CSLEA Exclusive</u> Member Discounts Program.

For more information about sponsoring your Bargaining Unit 7 fair-share colleagues email contactus@cslea.com. Questions about your membership status? Contact JSavedra@cslea.com.



#### **CSLEA Scholarship Update**

The CSLEA Consumer Protection and Public Safety Foundation Scholarship committee received 41 eligible applications for scholarships.

Winning scholarship recipients are notified and awarded at the beginning of the school year.

"We have a lot of deserving and hard-working students who have applied for these scholarships," said CSLEA President Alan Barcelona. "The scholarship committee takes great care in reviewing each application."



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### **Gains Legislative Support**

**Budget Conference Committee Approves Major Augmentation for Department of Justice's Division of Law** 

On Thursday June 5, 2014, the Budget Conference Committee which is charged with developing the Legislature's final budget to send to the Governor for signature, provided \$9.4 million more than the Governor requested to maintain the Division of Law Enforcement's Multi-Jurisdictional Task Forces (MTF) and to expand the Special Operations Units (SOU).

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### **CSLEA Endorses Candidates**

The CSLEA Political Action Committee spent the past several weeks interviewing candidates for office prior to the June 3, 2014 election. For a list of CSLEA endorsed candidates...



# **CARII Extends Scholarship Application Deadline**

The deadline to apply for a CARII scholarship has been extended. Applications must be postmarked by June 30, 2014.

CARII Scholarship Application



# **2014 CSLEA Membership Appreciation BBQ Dates**

#### **AUGUST 9, 2014**

Mission Bay Park (De Anza Cove) 2688 E Mission Bay Dr., San Diego, CA 12:30 p.m. -3:30 p.m.

#### **SEPTEMBER 6, 2014**

Elk Grove Regional Park (Rotary Grove) 9950 Elk Grove-Florin Rd., Elk Grove, CA 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

With attendance growing each year, CSLEA asks that you RSVP with information that will allow organizers to throw the best BBQ ever.

Email your name, your affiliate name, how many in your family and which BBQ you will be attending to <a href="mailto:rmc08@verizon.net">rmc08@verizon.net</a>. Please note how many adults and how many children under 12 will be attending.

We look forward to seeing you!

Arcadia BBQ Photo Gallery



# CSLEA Taking Consumer Protection to Californians Where They Live, Work & Play

SACRAMENTO- On June 11, 2014, the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) Consumer Protection & Public Safety Foundation partnered with the State Bar of California and the California Bureau of Real Estate for a presentation to district directors for state lawmakers.

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### CSLEA Attorney Dave De La Riva: Suspension of Two Hospital Police Officers Revoked After Hearing With Executive Director

On May 22, 2014, the Department of State Hospitals - Metropolitan State Hospital confirmed that it revoked two Notices of Adverse Action which



#### **CSLEA Merchandise**



# The CSLEA Exclusive Member Discounts Program

The CSLEA Exclusive Member Discounts
Program has a new look. Don't forget to check
CSLEA in the Category tab for additional
discounts.

Some items you will find in the CSLEA Exclusives Category tab:

#### **California Family Fitness**

Membership discount: \$44 Per Individual; \$74 Per Couple; \$99 Per Family\*

#### **CALSTAR**

Regional Air Ambulance Service

#### **Kelly-Moore Paints**

Present coupon to receive 20-25% discount off of retail pricing on all Kelly-Moore manufactured products

#### LegoLand California Resort

Save 20-30% and receive a Second Day Free

#### **Monterey Bay Aquarium**

10% off all tickets to Monterey Bay Aquarium

Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk

were previously served on two of its Hospital Police Officers.

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# CSLEA and HPAC Welcome New DSH Police Chief Kevin Hart

It is with great encouragement that the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) and its affiliate, the Hospital Police Association of California (HPAC) welcome new Department of State Hospitals Office of Protective Services Chief of Police Kevin Hart.

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# The Golden State's Master of Maritime, A Hidden Treasure

Captain Jeff Cowan Now Providing Expertise To Department of Homeland Security

Few people give much thought to marine shipping along the California coastline unless disaster strikes in the form of an oil spill. If there are no oil spills then California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) Member Jeff Cowan, one of California's most valuable assets, remains out of the spotlight and a hidden treasure. "If I am doing my job, there won't be any spills." said Cowan. "So I remain off the radar."

Save \$8 off Rides & Attractions Combo tickets

Not signed up? See how here.



4th Annual CSLEA CPPS Foundation Golf Tournament

September 22, 2014 Cache Creek Casino Resort Yocha Dehe Golf Club

Registration 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.

#### What's New!

We will soon be announcing the launch of our new APP. When CSLEA members told us they were experiencing difficulties with our current APP, we changed things up. Look for details to follow, soon.



## CSLEA Member-State Park Ranger Bob Peek Receives Special Act Award For Off-Duty Life-Saving Rescue

#### Distinguished California State Parks Employee

We fist told you about State Park Ranger and California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) member Robert Peek in April of last year when he and his wife were awoken by a loud pop in their Idyllwild home at 2:30 a.m. Easter Sunday. He thought it was gunfire. "It sounded just like a gunshot, like the gun I use for work," said Peek. But suddenly he noticed a huge glow in his bedroom. A look outside and he saw flames, 20 feet high, shooting up from his neighbor's home across the street."

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### **DOJ Agents Wipe Out Mega Meth Lab**

Seize Drugs - Street Value \$7.2 Million

When California Department of Justice (DOJ) agents moved in on a suspect drug lab in the city of Hinkley in San Bernardino County, they hit a methamphetamine gold mine, finding 206 pounds of crystal meth and 250 gallons of liquid methamphetamine capable of producing 1,250 pounds of crystal meth. The street value is an estimated \$7.2 million dollars. The bust did not stop there. Inside the home were two suspected drug dealers, Jorge Valdez, 34, and Miguel Angel Sanchez, 24, both of Hinkley.











#### **CSLEA Know Your Rights Videos**

When To Ask For Representation Featuring CSLEA Legal Counsel Erin Eckelman

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How

# Do Cheaters Scam Workers' Compensation?

Let Our Department of Insurance Investigators Count The Ways

Intensified efforts to fight workers' compensation fraud in Southern California

Californians receiving Workers' Compensation through fraudulent means should take note, California Department of Insurance (CDI) investigators have focused their well-trained eyes on these suspected felons and their investigations are resulting in arrests, prosecutions, prison-time and retribution.

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The CSLEA Legal Defense Fund Featuring CSLEA Chief Counsel Kasey Christopher Clark

Have A Story Suggestion? Email: <u>Teri Cox</u>



CSLEA Director of Communications & Public Affairs

#### Other CSLEA Stories at CSLEA.com



CDI Detective Tackle Workers' Comp Fraud

Providing Emergency Services and Expertise to the Southern California Firefights

<u>Busted: Million Dollar Fraud Ring Targeting Auto</u> Dealers And Insurers

Operation Nail Polish

#### **CSLEA Member Media Mentions**

Bureau of Automotive Repair's Kelly Renihan

**DFW Warden Cody Gamble** 

### Hour CSLB Sting in San Mateo County Nets 12 Suspects

When investigators with the Contractors State License Board's (CSLB) Statewide Investigative Fraud Team (SWIFT) set up at shop in Belmont May 22, 2014, they posed as commercial property owners taking bids for paint, drywall and floor work. By the end of their nine-hour sting, they arrested 12 people suspected on contracting without a license.

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# Responding to Emergencies Near Camp Roberts

When an emergency arises outside Camp Roberts in San Luis Obispo County, our California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) members who are Firefighter-Security Officers with Camp Roberts Emergency Services, are called to respond.

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## Seven Plead Guilty to Using Fake Transcripts to Become Nurses

"This was a dangerous scheme, no one wants an unqualified health care worker involved in their treatment and care." - CSLEA President Alan Barcelona

Seven people each face up to three years in prison after using fake transcripts to become licensed registered nurses and recently pleading guilty to charges of forgery. They were arrested a year ago as a result of a multi-agency investigation including the California Department of Consumer Affairs' (DCA) Division of Investigation and are scheduled for sentencing June 27, 2014.



Alan Barcelona, CSLEA President











As the Father's Day weekend is here, I would like to wish our members who are fathers, a very special Sunday. I hope that you are able to celebrate with your children, or perhaps your own father. I know, given the nature of public safety, some of you will be working on Sunday. I thank you for your dedication to protecting the public and wish you a very safe day.

Here at the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association, our attorneys are successfully defending and protecting your rights in the workplace. I hope that you will take a moment to read the above article: Suspension of Two Hospital Police Officers Revoked After Hearing With Executive Director.

I continue to meet with Legislators regarding issues that are pertinent to your jobs, your workplaces and your future retirement. Most recently, my meetings with Assembly Speaker Toni Atkins, Assembly Republican Leader Connie Conway and Senate Minority Leader Bob Huff and other members of the Legislature regarding augmentation for Department of Justice's Division of Law were very successful. Please see the above article: CSLEA Gains Legislative Support.

Our CSLEA membership appreciation BBQ season has begun. We are hosting three BBQs this year. The first was last weekend in Arcadia. CSLEA leadership, legal and membership staff had a wonderful afternoon visiting with members and their families. This BBQ is always well attended and this year topped years past. Thank you for sharing your Saturday afternoon with us, we look forward to seeing our members in San Diego on August 9, 2014. Information about this event can be found in this newsletter as well as here. We have also posted a photo gallery from the Arcadia BBQ.

Our next CSLEA Board of Directors meeting is June 24, 2014 at CSLEA headquarters. I look forward to meeting with the Directors. Be sure to check CSLEA.com for a report on our activity.







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# Pedro Family of Three Arrested for Auto Insurance Fraud

LOS ANGELES - A San Pedro family's alleged plot to obtain auto insurance after a collision occurred and then file a claim falsifying the collision date has resulted in their arrests. On May 8, 2014, California Department of Insurance (CDI) detectives arrested Alejandro Monita, 54, his wife Natalia Sofia Monita, 53, and their son Carlos Guzman Monita, 27, for conspiring to commit auto collision fraud.

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# Van Nuys Mini-Mart Clerk and Fiance Arrested in California Lottery Scam

When a California State Lottery agent went undercover April 9, 2014 and handed a Van Nuys mini-mart clerk a decoy winning lottery ticket for \$20,000, the clerk allegedly told the undercover agent the ticket was not a winner. The very next day, that same clerk and her fiance are accused of trying to redeem the ticket, claiming it was theirs.

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### **Tracing The Source**

Who Provided Alcohol To Underage Drinker Involved in Fatal Crash?

When a young person under 21-years-old is intoxicated and involved in an incident in which someone is seriously hurt or killed, Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) agents often launch a TRACE investigation. TRACE stands for Target Responsibility for Alcohol-Connected Emergencies. Such was the case when Annelise French McKay of Brentwood, then 20, drove the wrong way on Highway 24 in Lafayette May 3, 2013, and plowed into a vehicle, killing a 51-year-old Pittsburg man.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions, comments or concerns. We look forward to communicating with our very valued CSLEA members. I thank you for your service.

Fraternally,

Alan Barcelona



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Thank you for your interest in the May ALERT!

