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California Statewide Law Enforcement Association **ALERT**

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Alan Barcelona **CSLEA President**







To our valued CSLEA members,

As the November election approaches, I would like to invite you to take a look at the CSLEA Voter Guide which appears in this newsletter and can also be found at CSLEA.com. At CSLEA, we certainly respect that, who and what you vote for is



CSLEA November 4, 2014 Voter Guide

Heading to your polling place November 4, 2014? Or maybe you're voting early with an absentee ballot? Be sure to reference the CSLEA November Voter Guide for a list of CSLEA PAC-endorsed Constitutional, Senate and Assembly candidates. The CSLEA Board of Directors has also taken a position on three propositions.

a personal choice. It is only after interviewing candidates, researching propositions and consulting with our top political and legislative consultants, that we issue our Voter Guide. The CSLEA Political Action Committee endorses candidates who are committed to improving issues facing law enforcement, public safety and consumer protection professionals such as yourselves.

I want to thank Sacramento County District Attorney-elect Anne Marie Schubert for addressing the CSLEA Board of Directors. Of greatest importance was her discussion regarding Proposition 47 and why a NO vote is imperative to public Proposition 47 reduces sentencing for handgun theft, date rape drugs and identity theft. It mandates misdemeanors instead of felonies for nonserious, nonviolent crimes, unless the defendant has prior convictions for murder, rape, certain sex offenses or certain gun crimes. It also allows resentencing for anyone currently serving a prison sentence for any of the crimes that the initiative reduces to misdemeanors. It is estimated that about 10,000 inmates would be eligible for resentencing if Proposition 47 passes.

I want to thank our CSLEA members who attended <u>lunch with us at Patton State</u> <u>Hospital</u> on September 30th. It is important that our members learn more about who we are and the services we provide, likewise it is important for us to know and resolve their issues.

A huge thank you to those people and groups who very generously sponsored and/or contributed to our 4th annual CSLEA Consumer Protection and Public Safety Foundation Golf Tournament which raises money for scholarships. We have some very appreciative young people who are starting their higher education with a little bit of assistance thanks to generous donations. There is a committed group of CSLEA board members, including Senior Vice President Tina Brazil and CARII Affiliate President Tom Ineichen, who work to make this succeed and as a result,



CSLEA and Its LDF Challenges DOJ'S Ongoing Pattern Of POBRA Violations

By: Kasey Christopher Clark, Chief Counsel and LDF Legal Administrator

Despite being one of the most sophisticated law enforcement agencies in the State, the Department of Justice has demonstrated a callous disregard of the rights afforded its peace officer employees by the Public Safety Officers Procedural Bill of Rights Act ("POBRA").

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CSLEA Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting

Sacramento District Attorney-Elect Anne Marie Schubert Thanks CLSEA Board of Directors For Support

On Tuesday, September 30, 2014, the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) board members and officers met at CSLEA Headquarters in Sacramento to discuss and receive updates on issues impacting CSLEA, CSLEA affiliates and CSLEA membership.

we awarded <u>eight \$1,000 scholarships</u> this year. I thank them for their commitment.

In addition, I must thank CSLEA CFO Ricardo Sanchez and Unit-A Vice President Kenny Ehrman for their dedication to educating senior citizens, veterans and immigrants in California on the latest Schemes, Scams & Rip-offs. This past month they have teamed up with other public safety and consumer protection experts to serve on panels at seminars hosted by state lawmakers in their various districts. It is a public service we are proud to offer and we are able to do so through our non-profit foundation.

We encourage member participation at CSLEA and look forward to hearing any suggestions, ideas or questions. Our email address is contactus@cslea.com.

Have a safe October and happy Halloween.

Fraternally,

Alan Barcelona



CSLEA Member Sponsorship Program

Some CSLEA members have already discovered the benefits of spreading the word about CSLEA membership and have received \$50 for each Unit 7 employee who has signed up for membership under their sponsorship.

If your Bargaining Unit 7 colleagues are not full-dues 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



CSLEA Attends Los Angeles Event With Kamala Harris

On October 6, 2014, California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) Unit-A Vice President Kenny Ehrman attended an event in Los Angeles for Attorney General Kamala Harris. Harris spoke to a group of law enforcement and fire labor associations.



New California DOJ Anti-Methamphetamine Team

which is evident in this <u>MEMBER vs.</u> NON-MEMBER COMPARISON CHART.

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 the CSLEA Exclusive 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.

Scholarship Recipients Thank CSLEA Consumer Protection & Public Safety Foundation



Thank you so very much for choosing me as one of your recipients. This is truly a blessing for me as it will help me continue to pursue my educational goals. Thank you so much, once again.

Yours truly, Kenia Maldonado

Dear CSLEA Foundation, Your gracious gift of a scholarship has been a blessing to receive and for that I cannot thank you enough.... Team of six special agents

SACRAMENTO- The California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) applauds Attorney General Kamala Harris and the California Department of Justice (DOJ) for recognizing the dire need for a new anti-methamphetamine team of DOJ special agents based in Los Angeles.

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CSLEA President Meets With Legislative Candidates

Discusses Issues Important To CSLEA Membership

SACRAMENTO- On October 6, 2014, California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) President Alan Barcelona met with four legislative candidates who, if elected in November, will become California Assemblymembers.

Thank you, Ethan Barber

To read about scholarship recipients

CSLEA Foundation 4th Annual Golf Tournament A Success



CSLEA would like to thank the many, generous sponsors who made the 4th Annual CSLEA Consumer Protection & Public Safety Foundation such a success and for supporting our efforts to provide scholarships to CSLEA members and their immediate family members.

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DOJ Job Bulletins





CSLEA Partners With Assemblymember Ian Calderon To Help Seniors Fight Fraud

When state legislators host a fraud prevention seminar for their constituents, they call on the very best in law enforcement, public safety and consumer protection. The California Statewide Law Enforcement Association's (CSLEA) Consumer Protection & Public Safety Foundation is proud to be a part of the panel of experts presenting the Schemes, Scams & Rip-off seminars throughout California.

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CSLEA & Assemblymember Roger Dickinson

Representatives from the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) Consumer Protection & Public Safety Foundation will join Assemblymember Roger Dickinson for a public protection town hall October 25, 2014.

To view flyer

Special Agent Bulletin

Special Agent Trainee Bulletin



Additional Stories at CSLEA.com

CSLEA Endorses Four Candidates For State Assembly... to read

Fighting Fraud: CSLEA Teams With Assemblymember Buchanan... to read

Oakland Residents At Safety Seminar Appreciate CSLEA and Assemblymember Rob Bonta...to read

CSLEA Endorsed Candidate Theresa Taylor A Preliminary Winner of CalPERS Board Election... to read

ABC Agents - The Unusual Busts of September... to read

The Stockton Bankruptcy Ruling and How It Might Affect Your Pension...to read





CSLEA Affiliate - CALEE Sponsors Lifeguards in Bodysurfing Championships

When five seasonal lifeguards with the California Department of Parks and Recreation competed in the 30th Annual California Bodysurfing Championships in Santa Cruz October 11, they had the support of their CSLEA affiliate, the California Association of Law Enforcement Employees (CALEE).

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Membership Event At Patton

The California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) held a membership event at Patton State Hospital on September 30, 2014 in which hospital police officers, communications operators, and investigators came together during their lunch breaks to converse with HPAC board members, CSLEA Site Reps and CSLEA Supervising Legal Counsel Dave De La Riva.



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



Access over 125,000 local and national discounts at work, at home, or on the go! Save on thousands of hotels, restaurants, movie tickets, retailers, florists, car dealers theme parks, national attractions, concerts, and events.

<u>CSLEA Exclusive Member Discounts</u> <u>Program</u>

As a CSLEA member, are you taking advantage of the many discounts we have to offer? Here's how CSLEA members are saving money:

1800FLOWERS.COM - 20% off

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



Governor Signs Legislation To Improve Safety in California State Hospitals

"This much needed legislation is long overdue," said California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) President Alan Barcelona. "These changes are a start to improving safety for our CSLEA members who are State Hospital police officers."

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Detectives & CSLB Investigators Protect Wildfire Victims

Following the devastating wildfires that ripped through the California communities of Oakhurst and Weed, detectives and investigators from the Department of Insurance and the Contractors State License Board went in to the burn areas working to protect residents from scam artists and unscrupulous businesses that target disaster victims.

Aquarium of the Bay - 20% off Adult, Child, and Senior eTickets to Aquarium of the Bay

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

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

Firestone Complete Auto Care - 15% off oil changes, maintenance, and repairs

Direct Sat TV - Take an additional \$120 off DIRECTV's best offer. Plus 3 Free months HBO, SHOWTIME & Cinemax when you set up your New Service through DirecTV Authorized Retailer Direct Sat TV



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.







CSLEA Know Your Rights Videos

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EDD Employee Sentenced To Prison For Disability Fraud

A California Employment Development Department employee was recently sentenced to two years and six months in prison for using her position as an EDD disability insurance program representative to improperly process and manipulate the claims of people in exchange for money. The scheme defrauded the State of California of more than \$360,000.

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ABC Suspends the License of Bombays in Redding

Alcohol Served to Minors Prior to Stabbing

The suspension is the result of an ABC "Target Responsibility for Alcohol-Connected Emergencies" (TRACE) investigation in which ABC agents established that on May 28, 2014, a Bombays' employee served alcohol to two of three minors who were allowed into the bar One of those minors later stabbed someone after leaving the bar.

Conflict Of Interest Featuring CSLEA
Chief Counsel Kasey Christopher Clark

Have A Story Suggestion? Email: Teri Cox



CSLEA Director of Communications & Public Affairs



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Why National Teen Driver Safety Week Is So Important

October 19-25, 2014 - Talk to your teen

"We see the dangers of inexperienced driving every day, add to that distraction and a teen's feeling of being invincible, and you have a very dangerous, and as we know, deadly combination." - COLRE President Francine Toth

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DMV Investigators on the Forefront of Electronic Odometer Tampering Investigations

Two Southern California Men Charged in Large-Scale Odometer-Rollback Scheme

When California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) investigators received information of a possible odometer rollback scheme involving a car salesman at a dealership in Los Angeles, they teamed up with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Office of Odometer Fraud Investigation (NHTSA) to find out exactly what was taking place. As a result of their investigation, on September 12, 2014, the U.S. Justice Department charged Jeffrey Levy, 62, and Shamai Salpeter, 65, both of Woodland Hills, with odometer tampering.

CalPERS Benefits Education Events in Eureka November 7-8, 2014

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Thank you for your interest in the October ALERT!