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# The California Statewide Law Enforcement Association

Eighteen law enforcement, public safety and consumer protection affiliates.

Nearly 7,000 members who protect Californians where they live, work & play.



#### Happy Holidays!

As we approach the December holidays, your California Statewide Law Enforcement Association Board of Directors and Staff would like to wish you the very best. Be safe in your travels, enjoy your family and friends, and here's to a happy and successful 2015!

**President's Message** 



Alan Barcelona CSLEA President



To our valued CSLEA members,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a very happy and safe December. I hope that your holidays are filled with fun, family and laughter. As law enforcement, public safety and consumer protection professionals, we dedicate a lot of time to our jobs during the year. I hope that as the holidays approach, you are able to spend some quality time with the people you love. It's the perfect time of year to savor what is most important to us.

As president of the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA), what is of utmost importance to me is working to improve and protect what matters to you, our members, including fair and decent compensation, pension, health care and working conditions. I want to thank the CSLEA Board of Directors for giving me the opportunity to spend another term working on your behalf. It weighs heavy on my mind that so many in the working class continue to struggle to make ends meet. CSLEA is devoting its efforts, on all levels, to change that and is calling on the State to compensate its public safety and consumer protection professionals with salaries comparable to what other public employers are paying.

Recently, I had the opportunity to tour the



### CSLEA Board of Directors Holds Final 2014 Quarterly Meeting

On Wednesday, December 10, 2014, the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) board members and officers met at CSLEA Headquarters in Sacramento to conduct elections, discuss and receive updates on issues impacting CSLEA, CSLEA affiliates and CSLEA membership, and to discuss member concerns with California Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez.

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#### A CSLEA Presentation Featuring The Criminalists At The DOJ Crime Lab In Ripon

"It's where the rubber meets the road in science. It can be a very intense job,"- John Miller, CSLEA Board Member, AC-DOJ President & DOJ Senior Criminalist

At the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA), we know the professionals we represent have

California Department of Justice Crime Lab in Ripon to meet our CSLEA members who are criminalists. I hope you take a few moments to view our video presentation of this tour. I am so very proud of all our criminalists and the very important work they do and look forward to visiting other labs. The criminalists in all of DOJ's crime labs play a vital role in criminal justice in this state and I thank them for their service. To say I was impressed, is an understatement.

Please be safe during the holidays, on and off the job, and be sure to contact us with your questions, concerns or comments. Merry Christmas and the very best to you in the new year.

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Alan Barcelona



## DFW Office of Spill Prevention and Response Positions Available

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#### DTSC Office of Criminal Investigations Positions Available

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some pretty amazing jobs and at the Department of Justice, Bureau of Forensics Crime Labs, those professionals play a vital role in criminal justice.

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#### CSLEA Meets with Department and Agency Law Enforcement Officials

On December 1, 2014, CSLEA Senior Legal Counsel Ryan Navarre met with Department of State Hospitals Chief of Law Enforcement Kevin Hart and Health and Human Services Agency Special Law Enforcement Consultant Frank Parrish. Many topics were discussed during the meeting, including the following:

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### CSLEA Demands That DSH Cease And Desist From Contracting With Private Security Guards

CSLEA recently confirmed that Napa State Hospital (NSH) is actively considering hiring private security guards to replace Hospital Police Officers when transporting NSH patients into the community for doctor appointments and court proceedings.





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

The difference between fair-share and fulldues 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. Fulldues paying members also receive access to the <u>CSLEA Exclusive Member Discounts</u> <u>Program.</u>

For more information about sponsoring your Bargaining Unit 7 fair-share colleagues email contactus@cslea.com.

Questions about your membership status? Contact: <u>JSavedra@cslea.com.</u>

## CSLEA Member Services Visits Members in Rocklin and Grass Valley

California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) Member Services representatives routinely visit CSLEA members throughout California, making stops in the workplace to assist members who may have questions or concerns.

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### RPPOA ANNOUNCES THE FORMATION OF AFFILIATE SUB-COMMITTEES

The Resource Protection Peace Officers Association (RPPOA) Board of Directors is pleased to report an increased interest in RPPOA membership and participation. As a result the Board has been discussing the development and implementation of sub-committees within our association.

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## RPPOA Members From State Parks Dive Team Explore Protected Underwater Parks

SANTA BARBARA - On November 24, 2014, California State Park Peace Officers Geno Lucich and James Bray



#### **CSLEA Merchandise**



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.

#### CSLEA Exclusive Member Discounts Program

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

Some of those discounts include:



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



Sierra-at-Tahoe Resort Special Lift Ticket Rate for CSLEA Members - Save up to 24% off lift tickets

**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\* participated in an underwater event designed to draw attention to protected underwater parks along the coast of California, particularly those in the area of Santa Barbara.

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#### CHP Dispatchers Earn CALEA Accreditation

"A CALEA accreditation for our communications operations shines a huge spotlight on the CHP as one of the most recognized and respected law enforcement agencies and confirms what we have recognized all along, we have some of the best dispatchers in the world who perform their duties with a standard of excellence." -CSLEA Sr. Vice President, CHP-PSDA President Tina Brazil

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#### POST Approved Course -"Managing Cumulative & Critical Incident Stress"

The CHP Public Safety Dispatchers Associations (CHP-PSDA) is hosting a POST approved 8-hour course for sworn and non-sworn public safety personnel, including public safety dispatchers, police officers, firefighters, emergency medical personnel, search and rescue, chaplains, field supervisors, mental health professionals, military personnel, correctional officers and probation/parole officers.

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

For more information about our CSLEA Exclusive Member Discounts Program

## Knott's Berry Farm Theme Park Fire and Police Recognition Days.



Starting Saturday, November 22, 2014 through Saturday, January 31, 2015 For more information



**CSLEA Media Mentions** 



CCC Conservationist Matt McKerras





### Atascadero State Hospital Police Officer Injured in Attack by Patient

An Atascadero State Hospital police officer is recovering this week after a patient, involved in a patient-on-patient attack, assaulted him.

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### Four Suspects Arrested In Emeryville Sex Trafficking Ring

Police officer posing as corrupt officer paid to ignore illegal operation

California Department of Justice Special Agents teamed up with local and federal law enforcement officers to put a stop to a sex trafficking ring allegedly being operated at a massage parlor in Emeryville.



#### 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



### California State Lottery Investigation: Liquor Store Clerk Arrested For Scratcher Ticket Fraud

When California State Lottery agents suspected luck was not behind the unusually high scratcher lottery ticket redemption activity at a liquor store in Santa Ana, they went to work to determine what was really taking place. As a result of their investigation, a store clerk was arrested and now faces up to 18 years in prison if convicted.

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#### 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.



#### 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.



### ABC Agents Post Notice of Suspension At Oceanside Restaurant

On December 8, 2014, California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Agents posted a 20-day Notice of Suspension at Davina's Cabo Grill and Cantina in Oceanside. The suspension is the result of an investigation in which, according to ABC, an employee sold methamphetamine and bath salts to an undercover agent.

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What you may have missed on our Facebook page:



Our thanks to our CSLEA members on the job today helping those impacted by the storm...our CHP Public Safety Dispatchers, CALFIRE Communications Operators, CCC Conservationists, State Park Rangers to name a few! Be safe everyone.

December 11, 2014

#### CSLEA Know Your Rights Videos

Your Rights Concerning Personnel Files & Adverse Comments Featuring CSLEA Legal Counsel Andrea Perez

Other CSLEA "Know Your Rights" Videos can be found <u>here.</u>

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



#### CSLB Investigation Leads To Long Prison Sentence For Scammer

Our California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) members with the Contractors State License Board (CSLB) do not take kindly to unscrupulous workers who take advantage of unsuspecting consumers in need of home repairs. Want proof? CSLB Investigators and staff spent six years and thousands of hours to see that one man, who spent years scamming homeowners, was sent to prison.





CSLEA Director of Communications & Public Affairs



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Thank you for your interest in the December ALERT!

### Former Bridezilla Arrested For Felony Insurance Fraud

Viewers of the reality series "Bridezillas" know 55-year-old Anita Maxwell as the jilted bride left standing at the altar, the only "Bridezilla" to leave the show single instead of married. Now the spotlight is on Maxwell, once again, as a suspect in a workers' compensation insurance fraud investigation conducted by California Department of Insurance (CDI) investigators.

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### CDPH & DCA Investigators Assist With Operation 'Cat Eyes'

Twelve people & businesses charged with selling illegal cosmetic contact lenses

When investigators from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) teamed up with federal law enforcement partners to uncover the sale of cosmetic contact lenses without a prescription, they found plenty of illegal activity.

