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The CSLEA Alert



The California Statewide Law Enforcement Association wishes you a very happy 2015!

CSLEA values you membership and welcomes your questions, comments and feedback. Contact us at contactus@cslea.com



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The Three R's Of Every Law Enforcement Officer

And the "R" they are worthy of in return

By Alan Barcelona, President, California Statewide Law Enforcement Association

A Message To Our Members, Sworn & Non-Sworn:



Every law enforcement officer who wears a badge has taken an oath to protect and to serve, even at his or her own peril. On a daily basis, these fine, brave men and women **RESPOND** to calls for help and to very dangerous situations. They **RESCUE** citizens from harmful individuals and accidents and in doing so, **RISK** their own safety

and their lives. They are in the face of danger and often have to make split-second decisions to save others and to save themselves. Not every human is cut out for this stressful but proud profession and not every human is willing to make that kind of sacrifice for the safety of another, most often, a complete stranger.

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CSLEA Sponsors Attorney General's Inauguration



SACRAMENTO - On Monday, January 5, 2015, the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) sponsored, and CSLEA Board of Directors attended, the inauguration of Attorney General Kamala D. Harris at the Crocker Art Museum in Sacramento.

"During Attorney General Harris' address, she highlighted and praised the work of our Department of Justice (DOJ) special agents and criminalists," said CSLEA President Alan Barcelona. "She understands the danger our special agents face as they serve on the front lines for the safety of all Californians and the groundbreaking work our criminalists have accomplished so that justice is served."

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CSLEA Attends Capitol Reception For Lt. Governor Gavin Newsom



\$50.00 CSLEA Member Sponsorship Program

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.

Unit 7 employees can update their status and list you as a sponsor [here](#).

Full-dues paying members receive an enormous benefit over fair-share members.

MEMBER vs. 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](#).



SACRAMENTO - On January 5, 2015, California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) Board of Directors attended a reception at the State Capitol for the swearing in of Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom.

"It was an honor for us to share in this event, along with Lt. Governor Newsom's family, friends, legislators, and other supporters," said CSLEA President Alan Barcelona. "I have had the opportunity to meet with Lt. Governor Newsom in the past to discuss issues that are important to our CSLEA members. We have shared open and honest conversations about the working class, public safety and pensions. I wish him the very best in his new term as Lt. Governor."

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CSLEA Greets Lawmakers At Annual Legislative Reception



SACRAMENTO - California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) Board Members attended The California Coalition of Law Enforcement Associations' (CCLEA) 2015 Legislative Reception held at the Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel Tuesday, January 13th.



RPPOA January 2015 Survey for State Park Peace Officers and DFW Wardens

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



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CSLEA At Swearing In Ceremony for Sacramento County D-A Anne Marie Schubert



SACRAMENTO - On January 8, 2015, Sacramento County District Attorney Anne Marie Schubert was sworn in for her first term as DA. The ceremony was held at the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors Chambers. Schubert spoke to a standing-room-only audience and talked of her passion for law enforcement and criminal justice.

"We're going to be hard core prosecutors when we need to be," said Schubert. She also stated that police and prosecutors are critical to the safety of our communities.

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CSLEA Attends Fraternal Order of Police Labor Coalition



Open Exam For CALFIRE Communications Operator

The CALFIRE Communications Operator exam is currently open for applications. The final filing date for the exam is January 30, 2015.

For more information [click here](#).



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 - 20-25% off retail pricing on Kelly-Moore manufactured products

Sierra-at-Tahoe Resort - up to 24% off lift tickets

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



"It's important for us to attend these meetings in order to keep our fingers on the pulse of peace officer pay, benefits, protection and education." - CSLEA President Alan Barcelona

California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) Chief Financial Officer Ricardo Sanchez and Unit A Vice President Kenny Ehrman attended the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Labor Coalition Inaugural Winter Meeting in St. Pete Beach, Florida.

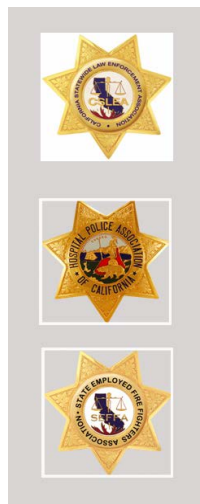
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CSLEA, HPAC & SEFFA To Meet With New Directors At DSH

On December 31, 2014, Governor Jerry Brown appointed Pamela Ahlin as the new Director at Department of State Hospitals. Governor Brown also appointed Stephanie Clendenin as the new Chief Deputy Director.

Representatives from the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) and the affiliates Hospital Police Association of California (HPAC) and State Employed Fire Fighters Association (SEFFA) have scheduled a meeting with Director Ahlin and Chief Deputy Director Clendenin for February 2, 2015

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January 9, 2015 - National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

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

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



[CSLEA Merchandise](#)



[Knott's Berry Farm Theme Park Fire and Police Recognition Days](#)



The California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) invited citizens to join Concerns of Police Survivors, Inc. (C.O.P.S.) and partnering organizations to unite in support of law enforcement officers nationwide to promote a National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day (L.E.A.D.) January 9, 2015.

In light of the recent anti-police rhetoric, this day was designed to demonstrate to law enforcement officers that they have the support of the American public and that the majority of law-abiding citizens are grateful for their protection, sacrifice and service to us all.

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CHP Commissioner Joe Farrow Attends CHP-PSDA Board Meeting



On Monday, December 15, 2014, California Highway Patrol (CHP) Commissioner Joe Farrow attended the CHP-Public Safety Dispatchers Association's (CHP-PSDA) Board of Directors meeting in Sacramento to express his pride in CHP public safety dispatchers and public safety operators for their role in earning accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc (CALEA).



CHP-PSDA, a CSLEA affiliate

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CalPERS Schedule of Benefits Education Events in 2015



The CSLEA APP

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- * View Unit 7 contract
- * View "Know Your Rights" videos
- * Update your contact information
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- * Catch up with us via social media
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- * Meet our Board & staff
- * Access GPS directions

CSLEA Site Rep Sonya Botero

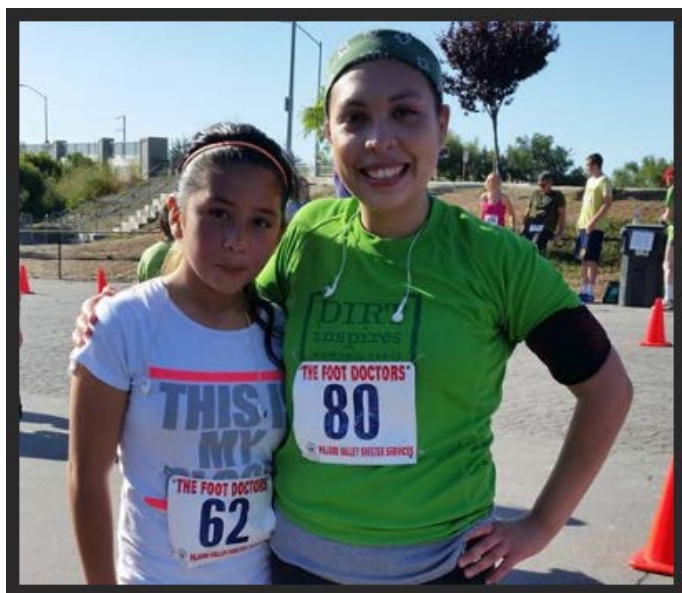


The Go-To Criminalist at the Bureau of Forensic Services Lab in Riverside

Department of Justice Senior Criminalist Sonya Botero has worked for the State of California for nearly 10 years, but she remembers all too well what it felt like to be a "newbie" and wade through the confusing waters of government employment.

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Meet CSLEA Member & CALFIRE Communications Operator Connie Guerrero



Non-Industrial Disability
Leave Benefits Featuring
CSLEA Legal Counsel
Ryan Navarre

Other CSLEA "Know Your
Rights" Videos can be found
[here](#)



Inspiring Us Today is
CSLEA Legal Secretary
Sheri Elrod

You could say California
Statewide Law
Enforcement Association
(CSLEA) Legal Secretary
Sherri Elrod has her feet
firmly planted, after all, she
is closing in on her 27th
anniversary assisting
CSLEA attorneys with
complicated legal
correspondence, unfair
labor practice claims,

Whenever California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) member and CALFIRE Communications Operator Connie Guerrero speaks, you will find people running in response. That's the reaction you expect as she dispatches calls for emergency help at the Felton Emergency Command Center in Santa Cruz County. So why should her personal life be any different?

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CALFIRE Communications Operator Cindy Marler Walks the Talk



As a CALFIRE communications operator, California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) member Cindy Marler knows how reassuring it is to hear the words "help is on the way." She plays a vital role in responding to people in need, both on and off the job. In both cases, she rarely sees the people who are on the receiving end of her helpful, giving nature.

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DMV - Department of Motor Vehicles or Do More Volunteering?

pleadings, grievances and arbitration. But truth be told, Sherri Elrod is always on the run. Not just at CSLEA headquarters in Sacramento, but from coast to coast, crossing the finish line of marathons, half-marathons, 15, 12, 10 and 5K runs.

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When California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) Member and Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Investigator Sandy Fiore's daughter announced to her that she wanted to hand out lunches and care packages to those in need, the acronym DMV suddenly took on a whole new meaning, "Do More Volunteering."

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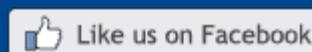
Drug Dealers Sentenced To Prison Following ABC Agents' Undercover Investigation



California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) agents were



What you may have missed on our California Statewide Law Enforcement Association Facebook page.



CSLEA 2014 Year in Review

A CSLEA Video Presentation

From political activity and community involvement to advocating for our membership, we invite you to take a few minutes to view our CSLEA 2014 Year in Review. The California Statewide Law Enforcement Association - you make it happen!



When ABENITY sent many of our valued members a birthday

instrumental in putting a stop to a San Rafael store owner, a clerk and their drug supplier after a year-long undercover investigation into drugs being sold inside the Azteca market.

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Five Arrested In Los Angeles Med Clinic "Pill Mill" Case

\$500 for prescriptions, drugs shipped to Texas

The California Department of Justice was one of five law enforcement agencies investigating a Los Angeles "Pill Mill" medical clinic that led to the arrest of five suspects January 13, 2015.



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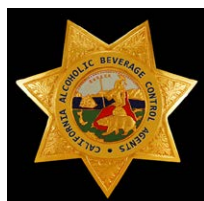
Authorities arrested the five in California and Texas after a federal grand jury issued a 33-count indictment.

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, this was a narcotics trafficking ring in which illegal prescriptions were sold for a flat rate of \$500 at the now-closed Southfork Medical Clinic in Los Angeles and the drugs obtained with those prescriptions were shipped to Texas for sale on the black market.

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January 2015 - ABC Agents Off To A Running Start

Sadly, just hours into the new year, a young woman was killed in a solo-vehicle crash driven by a suspected drunk driver in Oakland. Immediately, California Alcoholic Beverage Control agents were called in to open a "Target Responsibility for Alcohol-Connected Emergencies" (TRACE) investigation. Agents will work to determine where the under-21-year-old driver obtained alcohol.



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Santa Barbara Doctor AKA "Candy Man" Pleads Guilty To Illegally Prescribing Huge Quantities Of Dangerous Drugs

SANTA ANA - The California Medical Board assisted with an investigation that has led to a guilty plea by a Santa Barbara

greeting in error January 12th - the feedback was all in fun!

"Not a problem... it was the 12 year anniversary of my start date with this department... so that was kind of close..."

- Nathan A.

"It was very cheery!!!"

- Shelley H.

"It's okay it put a smile on my face. I will pretend today is my birthday so I can have cake."

-Stacy W.

"No worries - It was a good reason for me to wish you a Happy New Year!"

-Vivian G.

"No worries. No inconvenience at all. It was very thoughtful. Thanks again."

- Devon Y.

"No problem! That is cool the union is doing that! And yes the day was great! I am really happy with our union CSLEA."

- Nick C.

THANKS EVERYONE!



Thank you for your interest in the January ALERT!

physician who is linked to the overdose deaths of numerous patients.

On January 9, 2015, Julio Gabriel Diaz, 65, known to some of his patients as the candy man, was remanded into custody after he pleaded guilty to 11 federal drug trafficking charges for writing prescriptions for powerful painkillers for "patients" who were drug addicts.

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