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# The CSLEA Alert

## President's Message



By Alan Barcelona  
CSLEA President  
FOP Lodge 77 President and State Trustee



On Saturday, October 3rd, the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) wrapped up its 2015 Membership Appreciation events. I would like to thank each of our members who attended for taking the time to visit with us at our fiesta lunches and for taking the opportunity to

learn about our contract and negotiations, about becoming site representatives, and learning more about POBAR.

For our valued members who were not in attendance, I would very much like to summarize two subjects in my membership update:

### The Negotiation Process

The CSLEA negotiation team consists of CSLEA's three vice presidents, Chief Counsel Kasey Clark and myself. CSLEA affiliate presidents submit items their members would like to see passed across the table. CSLEA members should talk to their affiliate presidents about issues they feel need to be negotiated and why. During negotiations, affiliate presidents will be called to the table, or will bring members to present at the table, or both. It is the person doing the job who can best explain to negotiators why things need to be fixed or why certain compensation needs to be implemented. It is important for us to include members in this process. Negotiations begin in Spring 2016. Don't wait to let your voice be heard.



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### The Pension Reform Initiative

Former San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed and former San Diego City Councilmember Carl DeMaio are pushing one, if not more, initiatives attacking our retirement. We all saw how well Reed's Measure B effort in San Jose worked, with the police department losing more than a third of its force and now four years later, his Measure B has basically been overturned. Now he wants to do the same thing statewide. Let your colleagues, family and friends know why a NO vote is necessary. CSLEA has joined with other labor coalitions to educate voters about this and to stop it.

For more information please read [Pension Reform Advocates Hope Third Time's A Charm](#) by CSLEA Chief Counsel Kasey Clark and [Tentative Settlement of San Jose Pension Litigation - Chuck Reed's Measure B to be Abandoned by the City of San Jose](#) by Gregg Adam and the Law Firm of Messing, Adam & Jasmine.

Enjoy the rest of October and be safe!

### Senator and District Attorneys Speak At CSLEA Third Quarter Board Meeting



SACRAMENTO - California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) officers and directors held their third quarter board meeting at CSLEA headquarters on September 30, 2015 .

In addition to presentations by CSLEA staff and legislative and political consultants, state Senator Cathleen Galgiani stopped by to speak to the board, and a group of district attorneys who are pursuing the Death Penalty Reform and Savings initiative made a presentation and requested CSLEA support.

[Read more](#)

### CSLEA Joins Assemblymember Jim Cooper



### Not sure what your CSLEA Foundation is all about?

We invite you to check out our new CSLEA Foundation [website](#). Read about the Foundation's mission and what Foundation leaders have been doing to keep members of your community free from harm. Got an idea of how you can help? [Contact us!](#) And don't forget to follow us on Twitter and like our CSLEA Foundation Facebook page.



### CSLEA Foundation Teaches Yolo County Seniors How To Fight Fraud

WOODLAND - The word is getting out - when it comes to consumer

## for BBQ Under The Stars



ELK GROVE -When California Assemblymember Jim Cooper announced his first Barbecue Under The Stars fundraising event, there was no shortage of people lined up to attend.

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## CSLEA Attends Luncheon for Assembly Member Ken Cooley



SACRAMENTO - On September 16, 2015, California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) President Alan Barcelona attended a luncheon for California Assemblymember Ken Cooley in Sacramento.

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## State Assembly Candidate Cristi Nelson

protection and public safety seminar presentations, there's one very dynamic and knowledgeable person you want at the microphone and that's CSLEA Foundation Chairman and CSLEA Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Lodge 77 Vice President Kenny Ehrman.

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## CSLEA Celebrates its Members In Sacramento

SACRAMENTO - On October 2-3, 2015, the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) held a membership education and appreciation event in Sacramento. Those members interested in learning more about site representation, contract negotiation, and the Police Officers' Bill of Rights (POBAR) attended classes on Friday, October 2nd & 3rd. Every member in attendance at the Membership Appreciation Fiesta Lunch on Saturday, October 3rd, received an update from CSLEA President Alan Barcelona.

See President's Message (top left)

## CSLEA In The News

## Meets With CSLEA



SACRAMENTO - On October 14, 2015, Republican Candidate for Assembly District 6 Cristi Nelson visited California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) headquarters to meet with CSLEA President Alan Barcelona and Legislative Advocate Shane LaVigne.

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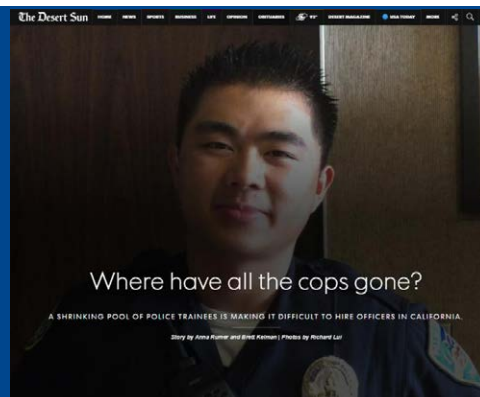
## State Senate Candidate Sukhee Kang Visits CSLEA



SACRAMENTO- On September 15, 2015, Democratic Candidate for State Senator District 29 Sukhee Kang met with California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) President Alan Barcelona along with CSLEA Legislative Advocate Shane LaVigne.

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## San Bernardino County D-A Michael Ramos



The Desert Sun asks CSLEA President Alan Barcelona, "Where have all the cops gone?"

"You cannot expect people to do a dangerous, life-threatening job for the same benefits as those who do not face danger or death while working." - CSLEA President Alan Barcelona

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## San Bernardino Officer Marcus Pesquera awarded state Medal of Valor



San Bernardino police Officer Marcus Pesquera stands at attention next to his wife, Abigail, left, after receiving the Medal of Valor from state Attorney General Kamala Harris, third from left, and Gov. Jerry Brown, right, at the Capitol in Sacramento on Monday. (Rich Pedroncelli — The Associated Press)

The San Bernardino Sun's Medal of Valor Article

Alan Barcelona, president of the California State Law Enforcement Association and a member of the Medal of Valor Review Board, also extended his praise.

"Officer Pesquera demonstrated an extreme amount of valor and courage," Barcelona said in a written

## Visits CSLEA Leadership



SACRAMENTO- On September 22, 2015, San Bernardino County District Attorney and 2018 California Attorney General-hopeful Michael Ramos visited California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) headquarters to meet with CSLEA President Alan Barcelona, Chief Financial Officer Ricardo Sanchez, Chief Counsel Kasey Clark and Legislative Advocate Shane LaVigne.

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## CSLEA Meets with Investigators in Rancho Cucamonga



RANCHO CUCAMONGA - On September 29, 2015, California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) attorneys and member services representatives met with CSLEA members in the CACI and CAFI affiliates at the Department of Insurance in Rancho Cucamonga.

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## CSLEA Meets with BAR Program Representatives In Rancho Cordova

statement. "What he experienced August 22, 2014, as a recent academy graduate and new to the job at SBPD, would shake up the most veteran of officers."

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## California Association of Criminal Investigators Plans Annual Conference

The California Association of Criminal Investigators (CACI), an affiliate of the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA), is planning its annual conference in Las Vegas. CACI directors will be notifying CACI members shortly about the conference which is scheduled for November 6, 2015.

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## CHP Dispatcher Recruitment Seminar



**RANCHO CORDOVA** - On September 29, 2015, California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) member services representatives, along with California Association of Regulatory Investigators and Inspectors (CARII) President Tom Ineichen, met with CSLEA members at the Bureau of Automotive Repair headquarters in Rancho Cordova.

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## CSLEA Affiliate Meetings, Membership Classes, Appreciation Lunch



**SACRAMENTO**- The California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) wrapped up a very busy week that included a CSLEA board of directors meeting, affiliate board meetings, four membership classes and a membership appreciation lunch in Sacramento.

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## CHP Public Safety Dispatcher New Employee Orientation

**October 24, 2015**

Considering a career as a CHP Public Safety Dispatcher? The California Highway Patrol is holding a recruitment seminar Saturday, October 24, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon or 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the CHP Los Angeles Communications Center at 2901 W. Broadway, Los Angeles.

The presentation will include minimum qualifications, the hiring process, training program, testing process, salary and benefits plus an open forum.

RSVP by calling 323-259-2042. Please specify which seminar you will be attending.



## CSLEA & CHP-PSDA Lend Support to Elk Grove End of Watch Fund

**ELK GROVE** -When CSLEA Senior Vice President and CHP-PSDA President Tina Brazil learned of the of Elk Grove End of Watch Fund, its fundraiser and its mission, she said, "Of course we can find a way to help."

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WEST SACRAMENTO- There is a lot of information to process when someone is training to become a CHP Public Safety Dispatcher. In addition to learning the job, there is also a new state employee learning curve to negotiate. That's why California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) Member Services Representatives George Pina and Marco Castro joined CHP-Public Safety Dispatchers Association (CHP-PSDA) Vice President Victor Tovar at the CHP Academy in West Sacramento on September 21, 2015 to introduce themselves to new CHP Public Safety Dispatchers.

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## CSLEA Affiliate Announces 2015-16 Scholarship Recipients

### California Alcoholic Beverage Control Agents Award Four Students \$500

SACRAMENTO - The association, California Alcoholic Beverage Control Agents (CABCA) is proud to announce the award of four \$500.00 scholarships to the children of CABCA members.

"Each year, we set aside money to help our members, their spouses or their children with the cost of higher education," said CABCA Secretary Amanda Martinez. "We wish all of our applicants the very best in the pursuit of their college degrees and congratulate the recipients."



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## CABCA Assists Students Displaced by Valley Fire



In case you missed our announcement last month:

### CSLEA Welcomes Multimedia Specialist Chris M. Shephard

SACRAMENTO- Photography, video, editing, web and graphic design, it's all a part of Chris M. Shepard's portfolio and he is now joining the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association's (CSLEA) Media Division as a multimedia specialist.

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### CSLEA Membership Encouragement Program

A \$50.00 thank you!

If your Unit 7 colleague is not a CSLEA member and signs up with your name as a "sponsor" - CSLEA will thank you with \$50.00

Members of CSLEA appreciate a great benefit when they have one, so who better to reward for spreading the word?

If your Bargaining Unit 7 colleagues are not full members of CSLEA and upgrade their



**"60 of our 162 students lost their homes," Principal David Leonard, Cobb Mountain Elementary**

MIDDLETOWN- When the Valley Fire ignited September 12, 2015 at 1:24 in the afternoon, no one could even begin to fathom its instant rage and fiery path of destruction. Tall, vicious flames raced across dry land and timber, scorching more than 76,000 acres with no concern for people, places or personal property.

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## Deputy State Fire Marshals Assess Damage in Fire Ravaged Communities



status because of your encouragement, CSLEA will send you a \$50.00 reward for each upgrade. Ask around.

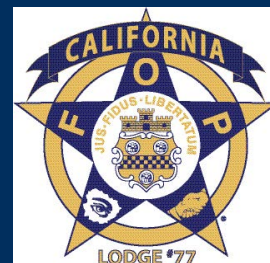
CSLEA members receive enormous benefits over fair-share members. The difference between fair-share and full-dues is minimal, in most cases just \$5 to \$10 a month.

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 scholarships, the CSLEA Exclusive Member Discounts Program and the Fraternal Order of Police benefits program.

Your fair-share Unit 7 colleagues can upgrade membership status here. Don't forget to have them include your name as the *sponsor*. Questions about membership status? Contact [JSaveddra@cslea.com](mailto:JSaveddra@cslea.com).

## FOP Lodge #77 Membership Available to Retirees and Retired Annuitants



SACRAMENTO -Retired CSLEA members now have the opportunity to become members of the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) by joining CSLEA FOP Lodge #77. One of the benefits in doing so, allows them to enroll in HR 218 coverage under the FOP Legal Defense Plan as well as to access all other FOP benefits.



AMADOR COUNTY - Dozens of CALFIRE Deputy State Fire Marshals (DSFM) are assigned on emergency incidents in Amador, Calaveras, Napa and Lake County. The DFSMs are currently assessing the damage where raging fires have destroyed homes, outbuildings and businesses..

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## CSLEA / CAFDI Members Assist with in Collecting Unused & Unwanted Prescription Drugs



### 10th National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

SACRAMENTO- On Saturday, September 26, 2015, California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) Director and California Association of Food & Drug Investigators (CAFDI) President George Tiongson joined five CSLEA/CAFDI members who volunteered their time to staff collection sites for the 10th annual National Prescription Drug Take-Back event.

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## CSLEA Assists Citizens in Calexico With Fraud Prevention

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### CSLEA Exclusive Member Discounts Program

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

Some of the savings CSLEA members are taking advantage of:

Disneyland - Save up to 10% on multi-day and park hopper admission tickets

Universal Studios Hollywood - Save \$11 and Get Two Days Free (3 Days for \$84)

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

Radisson Hotels - Book Early and Save Up to 20% at Participating Radisson Locations

Avis Car Rental - Save up to 25% on car rentals

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



CALEXICO - On October 3, 2015, California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) FOP Lodge #77 Vice President Kenny Ehrman and Association of Motor Vehicle Investigators of California (AMVIC) Board Member Chris Ehrman participated in a fraud protection seminar in Calexico with Senator Ben Hueso and State Controller Betty Yee.

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## Four CSLEA Members Testify To Evidence in Murder Trial of 15-Year-Old Calaveras County Boy

***"We testify without letting emotions enter into it, but it's not easy to deal with people of any age being killed by crimes of violence, and it's just that much tougher when it's a child. You don't forget these kinds of things."*** - AC-DOJ President, CSLEA Director John Miller

SAN ANDREAS- Week two in the trial of a now 15-year-old Calaveras County boy accused of killing his eight-year-old sister in April 2013 contained testimony by four California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) members.

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## DOJ Special Agents Team With San



### 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

## Leandro Police

SAN LEANDRO - Striving to put an end to a neighborhood nuisance that, San Leandro police say, may be the reason for more than 120 calls for service, on October 6, 2015, California Department of Justice special agents and San Leandro Police Department detectives executed a search warrant at Diamond Internet Services in San Leandro. Police suspect the business is an illegal gambling operation. In addition to the search warrant in San Leandro, officers and agents also executed a search warrant at the business owner's home in San Ramon.



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## 76 Arrested, 68 Firearms Seized in Stockton's "Operation Cease Fire"



### ***DOJ Special Operations Unit Pays Off***

STOCKTON - When California Department of Justice special agents teamed up with local, state and federal law enforcement officers in Stockton for a 90-day operation targeting two dangerous criminal street gangs, the most notorious of gangbangers took notice.

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## Orange County Business Owner Convicted of \$120,000 Tax Fraud

***Failed to pay employees prevailing wage***

## CSLEA Know Your Rights Videos



Conflict Of Interest Featuring  
CSLEA Chief Counsel  
Kasey Christopher Clark

## CalPERS Benefits Education Events



CalPERS has scheduled nine benefits education events for FY 2015-16

The statewide events support retirement planning for all career phases

[To Learn More](#)

SANTA ANA, Calif. - On October 7, 2015, a jury convicted an Orange County business owner of committing more than \$120,000 in tax fraud and failing to pay employees prevailing wage for work performed on two public works contracts.

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## EDD Investigation: Prison Sentence For Lancaster Man Guilty in Unemployment Insurance Scam

LOS ANGELES - On September 28, 2015, a U.S. district judge sentenced Carl Artis, 55, of Lancaster, to more than six-and-a-half years in federal prison for defrauding California's unemployment insurance program and for a related scam to obtain federal tax refunds. Artis, who plead guilty in February, was also ordered to pay \$598,000 in restitution.

[Read more](#)

## Three People Sentenced in \$14 Million Unemployment Fraud Scheme

SACRAMENTO- Investigators from the California Employment Development Department assisted in a lengthy unemployment fraud scheme investigation that has led to prison sentences for three Sutter County residents.

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## Staged Car Accident Suspects Arrested in \$1.2 Million Insurance Fraud Scheme

### ***California Department of Insurance Assists in Investigation***

CENTRAL VALLEY- On September 15, 2015, four of seven defendants were arrested on federal charges for their alleged involvement in a \$1.2 million insurance fraud scheme involving staged car crashes.

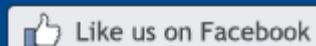
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CSLEA Director of Communications &  
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[Update from CSLEA Member and  
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Courtney Duncan's family. Courtney  
and her family lost their home in the  
Valley Fire.](#)

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## Sacramento Pair Sentenced for Workers' compensation Fraud



SACRAMENTO- On September 10, 2015, a Sacramento man, Michael George Mello Jr., 37, and his sister, Mary Catherine Rodriguez, 38, pleaded no contest and were sentenced for workers' compensation insurance fraud and tax evasion.

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Thank you for your interest in the October  
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