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The CSLEA Alert

President's Message

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



Yesterday, we emailed our valued members with an update regarding how and when to expect salary increases and adjustments. In the event, you missed that announcement, CSLEA was informed by CalHR Deputy Director Pam Manwiller that Bargaining Unit 7 pay increases will be in the pay issued November 1, 2016 and the retroactive pay dating back to July 1, 2016 will be issued as a separate payment (check) sometime prior to November 1, 2016.

CSLEA membership ratified the Tentative Agreement with the State on June 24, 2016. There is no question the process of our contract making its way through the legislature, to the Governor's desk, and awaiting his signature has been an extremely lengthy one.

That process and CalHR's timeline has tested the patience of some of our members, and we certainly understand this. I like to remind members that our CSLEA Board of Directors experience the exact same thing, as they continue to perform their jobs for the State and await their salary increases and adjustments. I heard their frustrations at yesterday's third quarter BOD meeting. Our legislative and political advisers put some of this into perspective for us, informing us that thousands of bills went through the legislature this session and 800 of them moved forward to the Governor's desk for his signature or veto. Regardless, I thank all of you for your patience and understanding that CSLEA pushed things through on our end in an effort to get your increases and adjustments to you as quickly as possible. We regret the delay, and like you, wished the part of the process that was not in our control, moved along at a quicker pace.

I hope that you will take a moment or two to read about our third quarter CSLEA Board meeting held yesterday, about the brave public safety officers who received medals of valor earlier this week, about our legal division's accomplishments and to see what your fellow CSLEA members have been doing on the job to keep Californian's safe.

Again, thank you for your valued membership, your understanding and for your service to the State of California. We can be very proud of our Association, our Board of Directors and our members!



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CSLEA Member

CSLEA Board Members Meet for Third Quarter Report



Special guest California Treasurer John Chiang

SACRAMENTO - California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) directors met at CSLEA headquarters on September 14, 2016 for their third quarter meeting. Each CSLEA director is the president of one of CSLEA's 18 affiliates and all were present with the exception of one who was called upon to help battle a fire in our state.

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CSLEA Legal Division Defends DCA Investigator's Rejection on Probation

SPB Orders Reinstatement

SACRAMENTO - A California Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) investigator who sought California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) legal representation after DCA, twice, tried to reject her during probation, will be reinstated and receive approximately one year in back-pay.



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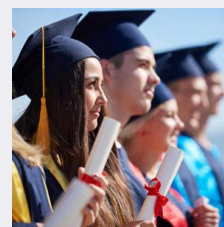
CSLEA President Joins Governor in Honoring 2016 Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Recipients

Appreciation Fiesta

Plus classes on your retirement, benefits & social security, POBAR and advanced site rep

**Arcadia
Saturday, September 17, 2016**

Thank you to all of you who have RSVP'd, we look forward to seeing you there.



2016/2017 CSLEA Foundation Scholarship Recipients

SACRAMENTO -The California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) is proud to announce the recipients of this year's CSLEA Consumer Protection & Public Safety Foundation Scholarship Awards. This year, the foundation awarded eight applicants with \$1,000 dollars each.

"A lot of effort goes into our non-profit CSLEA Foundation so that we have the opportunity to help our members, or their family members, with the expense of higher education," said CSLEA President Alan Barcelona. "Our directors on the scholarship committee volunteer a lot of time and energy to our scholarship program and I thank them for their commitment to our members. I would also like to congratulate the eight individuals who are being awarded with these scholarships, and wish them the very best as they pursue their dreams and career goals."

"Our members should be extremely proud of their children," said CSLEA Foundation Scholarship Committee Chairman Al Cardwood. "We received 38 qualified applications from a lot of very impressive young minds. They wow'd us and we wish all of them the



Six of eight recipients had responded to the San Bernardino shooting massacre

SACRAMENTO - On September 12, 2016, California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) President Alan Barcelona, joined Governor Jerry Brown and Attorney General Kamala Harris, in honoring eight public safety officers who were awarded the Governor's 2016 Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor, the State's highest award for valor and courage presented to public safety officers by the State of California.

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California FOP 20th Biennial State Conference 1977-2016



SAN DIEGO - The California Fraternal Order of Police concluded its 2016 Biennial State Conference on Tuesday, August 30th. The conference was hosted by Los Angeles County Lodge 1 and included board meetings, state lodge business, updates, elections, classes, awards, and a very special visit from California FOP Member - San Diego Police Officer Wade Irwin who was shot in the neck in July when a man opened fire on him and his partner. His partner was killed in the attack.

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brightest of futures."

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CSLEA Foundation Social Media:



California Association of Fraud Investigators Announces Scholarship Recipients

The California Association of Fraud Investigators (CAFI) is pleased to announce the recipients of its annual scholarship program. Each recipient will receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

Congratulations!

Alyssa Francis

Alyssa is a goal-oriented individual who likes to succeed at what she is doing.

She is pursuing a career in nursing with the plan to become a physician's assistant.

"Ever since the fourth grade, I have been interested in nursing. I have

CSLEA Director & SEFFA President Steve Bradley Retires From State Service



"Our SEFFA members had a champion in Steve." - CSLEA President Alan Barcelona

SACRAMENTO- California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) Board of Directors honored Steve Bradley at their third quarter board meeting, September 14, 2016. Bradley has retired from State service and his role as CSLEA director and president of the CSLEA affiliate State Employed Fire Fighters Association (SEFFA)

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Meeting Our CSLEA/SEFFA Members at Camp Roberts



CAMP ROBERTS - On August 27, 2016, CSLEA conducted a membership outreach and new employee orientation event with the State Employed Firefighter Association

always been caring of others so nursing is a perfect suit for me."

Parent: CAFI/CSLEA Member Heather Salvo

Alexis Sandry

Alexis is highly motivated in her quest to become a teacher. She participates in many extra curricular activities such as volunteering at the Salvation Army and playing sports.

"I am hoping to become a teacher so I can help change my students' lives, just like my fourth grade teacher did for me, because without her and my parents, there is no way I would be where I am today."

Parent: CAFI/CSLEA Member Chad Sandry



Not sure what the CSLEA Foundation is all about?

We invite you to check out our 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.

Have 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.



(SEFFA) at Camp Roberts. Camp Roberts is one of the largest military bases in California encompassing nearly 43,000 acres, most of it wildland.

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CSLEA Meets with CDI Investigators in Benicia

BENICIA - In an effort to keep California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) members updated and to meet their needs, CSLEA membership representatives routinely travel to worksites to hold discussions and answer questions.

"We can email, we can talk on the phone - but there is no replacing sitting down in the same room and talking to our members at a time that is convenient to them," said CSLEA Member Services Representative George Pina.



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CSLEA Welcomes New Dispatchers and Communications Operator



SACRAMENTO - The California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) extends a warm welcome to some of its newest members at CHP and the Department of State Hospitals.

On September 1, 2016, CSLEA Member Services Representative Shelley Bishop introduced CSLEA and the CSLEA affiliate California Association of Law Enforcement Employees (CALEE) to Metro State Hospital Communications Operator Tu Ung. Ung is new to state employment and Bishop assisted with his new employee orientation.

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Congratulations to CDFW's 14 New Officers



CSLEA's Membership Encouragement Program

CSLEA's Membership Encouragement Program continues to be a hit.

Here's how it works:
If your Unit 7 colleagues are not full members of CSLEA and sign up using your name as a "sponsor" - CSLEA will thank you with \$50.00. 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.



FOP Lodge #77 Membership



PARADISE - Congratulations to all 23 new law enforcement cadets who graduated from the California Wildlife Officer Academy on Aug. 12, 2016, including 14 who have joined the ranks of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW).

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State Parks Lifeguards Make Heroic Attempts to Save Two Children



Family pickup crashed into the Russian River near Jenner

JENNER - Two California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) members were among the emergency responders who valiantly tried to save two young sisters, four and six years old, after the truck they were travelling in left Highway 1 and plunged into the Russian River at around 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, August 23, 2016.

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State Parks Peace Officer-Lifeguard Discovers and

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.

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CSLEA Exclusive Member Discounts Program

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

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

We currently have 4,816 members registered to take advantage of the savings.

What will you save money on? Movie tickets, car rentals, flowers, dining or entertainment? Be sure to check it out.

Assists with Arrest of Jail Escapee

GOLETA- On the morning of August 16, 2016, a California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) member and State Parks Peace Officer-Lifeguard conducted a welfare check after witnessing a man sleeping on the bridge at Vista Point near Gaviota State Park. He made contact with Fitim Burgazi, 38, of Santa Barbara. Burgazi told the officer that he had a weapon and intended to harm himself. Burgazi refused to follow the officer's commands and fled on foot along the railroad tracks.



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Father Arrested in Mexico in Child Abduction Case

Arrest was the result of work by California DOJ special agents, Baja California (Mexico) State Preventive Police & the El Dorado County District Attorney's Office

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE - Two South Lake Tahoe children are back with their mother following a visit-turned-abduction in which their father took them to Mexico and refused to return them in accordance with court orders.



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Former Operator of Gardena Casino Pays \$1 Million Fine

Forfeits nearly \$1.4 Million for violating federal anti-money laundering laws

LOS ANGELES - An investigation of the Normandie Club in Gardena, conducted by the Internal Revenue Service and the California Department of Justice's Bureau of Gambling Control, has resulted in a million dollar fine and million dollar forfeiture. On August 30, 2016, the former operator of the Normandie Club was ordered to pay a \$1 million criminal fine and to forfeit nearly \$1.4 million after pleading guilty to violating the Bank Secrecy Act by failing to report large cash transactions to federal authorities.

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Murder Suspect Arrested in 1988 Santa Barbara County Homicide Case



The CSLEA APP

Download the CSLEA APP and you can:

- * Have the LDF Hotline at your fingertips
- * Contact CSLEA
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- * Follow our news feed
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- * E-mail us your photos
- * View our photo gallery
- * Meet our Board & staff
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CSLEA Know Your Rights Videos

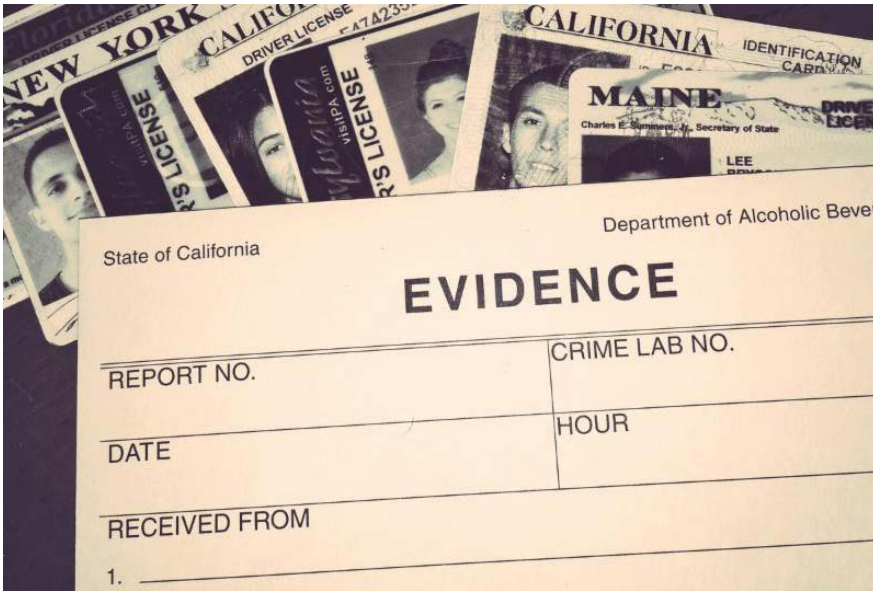


Sheriff thanks California DOJ criminalists for "their expertise and training, which continues to help close cases that would otherwise never be solved."

SANTA BARBARA - On September 1, 2016, the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office announced that an arrest had been made in a 28-year-old homicide case that involved the murder of 46-year-old Vernon Hart Kendrick of Montecito. Arrested was Larry Lon Lee, 52, an inmate at the Sarasota County Jail in Sarasota, Florida. The arrest followed a cold case investigation coupled with DNA evidence that linked Lee to the murder.

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ABC Agents Work 3-Day Nocturnal Wonderland Rave Concert



428 arrested during Labor Day weekend event

SAN BERNARDINO - There was no shortage of law enforcement officers, in uniform or under cover, at this year's Nocturnal Wonderland three-day Labor Day weekend electronic music fest in San Bernardino, and that included agents from the California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC).

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Targeting Under-Age Drinking as College Students Return to Campus



Progressive Discipline Featuring CSLEA Legal Counsel Jim Vitko

For additional Know Your Rights Videos, click [here](#).

Have You Checked Out Our Videos in Support of Candidates CSLEA has endorsed. You can find them [here](#).

Here's a sample:



The California Statewide Law Enforcement Association - Tom Lackey for Re-election, California State Assembly District 36



CSLEA Unit A Vice President Kenny Ehrman joins Assemblymember Bill Dodd at Sonoma Valley Fraud Prevention Town Hall

SACRAMENTO- California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) agents work year round enforcing laws that help to keep Californian's safe, but this time of year in particular, they ramp up their focus on under-age drinking in conjunction with the new school year.



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Wednesday, September 21, 2016
10:00 a.m. to Noon

Sonoma Community Center
276 E. Napa Street
Sonoma, CA 95476

Kenny Ehrman's presentation:
Identity Theft: How Thieves Target You.

Hearst Castle Firefighters Are Prominent in Chimney Fire Fight

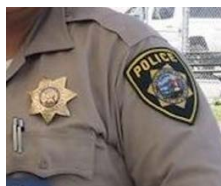


SAN SIMEON - As the Chimney fire bullies its way through its 14th day and continues to threaten the extraordinary Hearst Castle, California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) members who work year-round as Firefighter/Security Officers at William Randolph Hearst's famous estate are being called upon for their expertise in how to best protect the State historical monument and all its glory.

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Unarmed Police Officers Investigate Burglary in Progress

NORWALK - When police officers investigate burglaries -in-progress, it's clear that danger and unknown threats can lurk around each corner they turn, down every dark hallway they tread, and inside rooms they enter. It is not uncommon for officers investigating burglaries-in-progress to have their service revolvers un-holstered and at the ready should the officers come face to face with an armed subject.



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CaIPERS Benefits Education Events

September 16-17
City of Industry

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Have A Question About Your Membership?

Email:

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CSLEA Membership Coordinator

New Charges in \$50 Million Health Care Fraud Scheme

"I congratulate Department of Insurance detectives who worked this case since it began and partnered with the FBI and insurers to uncover Doctor Morrow's multi-million dollar crimes and his wife Linda's alleged role." - Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones.

SANTA ANA - A Rancho Mirage woman who was the executive director of a cosmetic surgery center has been named in a superseding indictment that adds new fraud and identity theft charges to a case in which she is accused of participating in a scheme that billed insurance companies \$50 million for cosmetic surgeries that were falsely claimed to be "medically necessary."

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Stockton Man Pleads Guilty to Staging Car Accidents

FRESNO- Following a California Department of Insurance-assisted investigation, on September 6, 2016, Cristopher Santiago Sanchez-Becerra, 32, of Stockton, pleaded guilty in a federal court in Fresno, to conspiracy to commit mail fraud, admitting that he staged car accidents to defraud insurance companies.

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Bakersfield Insurance Agent Busted For Insurance Fraud

Alleged scheme involved more than 100 policies

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. - Following an investigation by the California Department of Insurance (CDI) Investigation Division, the Kern County Sheriff's Department, August, arrested licensed insurance agent Vicki Lee McGinley, 58, on seven counts of identity theft and seven counts of insurance fraud. McGinley allegedly misrepresented policy and premium information to clients resulting in losses to her employers and increased premiums for her clients.



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Two Doctors Arrested For Allegedly Selling Prescriptions to Gangs

California Medical Board assists in investigation

LOS ANGELES - Two doctors who each operated medical offices in Lynwood have been arrested on federal drug charges that allege they issued prescriptions for narcotics and sedatives without a medical purpose, selling the prescriptions for cash to those involved in gang activity.

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Unlicensed Contractors Place Bids with Undercover Investigators

SACRAMENTO - If you've ever hired someone to paint your home, install a deck or patio, or help out with any other type of home repair, you know you're inviting someone



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