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The CSLEA Alert

President's Message

By Alan Barcelona
 CSLEA President
 FOP Lodge 77 President



As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, much of our focus turns to what matters most, our families and the things that we are so very thankful for.

I have to imagine that many are grateful the 2016 General Election is over. Below you will find an article with information on [how CSLEA-endorsed candidates did](#). We are pleased that all, but two, were elected. As I have stated before, it's important to us that our elected representatives share the same views and goals regarding labor, the middle class, law enforcement, and public safety.

On the consumer protection front, I invite you to take a look at the work CSLEA FOP Lodge 77 Vice President Kenny Ehrman does as he assists at fraud prevention seminars. As a DMV investigator, his focus is identity theft. You can view a video of his presentation [here](#). I thank Kenny for his passion and presentations to help those who scammers find the most vulnerable, namely, senior citizens, veterans and immigrants.

Our membership services representatives work year-round to contact our members at work sites for any issues or concerns that may arise in the workplace. You'll read about some of their new employee orientations and outreach visits in articles below. They are committed to knowing our members and contributing to the strength and unity of CSLEA. I thank them for the work that they do.

And finally, please join me in praying for the families and law enforcement departments that are deeply hurting following the deaths of officers killed in the line of duty. Since October 5th, California has lost seven law enforcement officers, five as a result of intentional gunfire, murder. We must always be at the ready for families and departments that are suffering.

Please be safe, give thanks for your well-being and enjoy Thanksgiving Day.



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CSLEA President Alan Barcelona Meets with Elected Officials



A CSLEA Look at 2016 General Election Results

SACRAMENTO - As a service to California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) members, CSLEA has provided some of the results of the 2016 General Election. The results reflect the candidate races in which CSLEA provided an endorsement. All results, and percentages of votes, can be found [here](#) on the California Secretary of State's website. (See Observations by CSLEA Legislative Advocate Shane LaVigne)



[Read more](#)

CSLEA Visits Cadets at State Parks Law Enforcement Academy



OROVILLE - On October 20, 2016, representatives from the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) and its affiliate, Resources Protection Peace Officers Association (RPPOA), visited 33 California State Park Ranger and Peace Officer-Lifeguard cadets at the State Parks Law Enforcement Academy at Butte College in Oroville.

[Read more](#)

CSLEA Membership Visits Rangers at Silverwood State Park

California Secretary of State
Alex Padilla
November 10, 2016



Assemblymember Rob Bonta
November 2, 2016



Assemblymember Eduardo Garacia
October 24, 2016



Summary of Annual Report For CSLEA Legal Defense Fund

For those interested, a summary of the annual report for the CSLEA LDF for the year ending December 31, 2015, is available.

[To view summary](#)



HERSPERIA- On November 10, 2016, California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) Membership Services Representative Shelley Bishop stopped in at Silverwood State Park to visit with members regarding any issues or concerns they might have.

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CSLEA Hosts Membership Outreach Lunch at ASH



ATASCADERO - On Wednesday, October 26, 2016, the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) hosted a Membership Outreach BBQ at Atascadero State Hospital (ASH). It's CSLEA's way of saying thank you to the hardworking members at ASH who help keep staff, patients, and the public safe.

[Read more](#)

CARII Awards Two \$500 Scholarships

SACRAMENTO- The California Association of Regulatory Investigators and Inspectors (CARII) would like to congratulate its two 2016 scholarship recipients. Each was awarded \$500.00.

Congratulations to:

Mary Oseguera
Mary plans to double major in English and Environmental Science and minor in music.
Member-Parent: Raul Oseguera, CSLB



Chandler Little
Chandler is majoring in Business Administration.
Member-Parent: Albert Hahn, BAR



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.

CSLEA Welcomes New CAL FIRE Com Ops & CHP Dispatchers



SACRAMENTO - The California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) would like to welcome some of its newest members, CAL FIRE communications operators and CHP dispatchers.

[Read more](#)

CHP-PSDA and CSLEA Welcome New Dispatchers

RIVERSIDE- If you have ever had to call 911, you know that relieved feeling of getting a calm, controlled voice at the other end of the line. A voice that can assist and send help immediately. At the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) and CHP Public Safety Dispatchers Association (CHP-PSDA), we admire our public safety dispatchers for their ability to retrieve and relay pertinent information during tense times of emergency. The duties they are tasked with require steadfast, nerves of steel.



[Read more](#)

Federal Government Awards Eight CSLEA Members for Outstanding Work on "Operation Fright Night"



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.

Knott's Berry Farm Fire and Law Tribute Days November 28 - December 16 and January 9 - 31

Active, full-time fire and law enforcement personnel, including EMTs, may receive free admission for themselves and 1 guest (maximum of 2 complimentary admissions will be issued.) Show your specific fire or law enforcement photo I.D. card at a Knott's Berry Farm main gate to redeem this offer. [Click here for a complete listing of eligible professions](#).

Additional admission tickets may be purchased by the valid I.D. holder at a discounted rate. Up to six discounted admission tickets may be purchased for \$32 each, when visiting from November 28 - December 16, or for \$27 each when visiting from January 9 - 31. Discounted admission tickets are available for purchase at the Knott's ticket booths.

[Knott's Berry Farm Promotions](#)

LOS ANGELES - On October 21, 2016, eight California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) members received a 2016 U.S. Attorney's Office Law Enforcement Award for their outstanding work on "Operation Fright Night," an October 2015 criminal case in which 10 Southern California businesses were charged with illegally selling cosmetic contact lenses without prescriptions.

[Read more](#)

CSLEA Assisting Seniors with Fraud Prevention



Video Featuring CSLEA FOP Lodge 77 Vice President Kenny Ehrman

WOODLAND- Two hundred and 40 senior citizens attended Yolo County's 9 th Annual Senior Resource and Crime Prevention Fair held in Woodland on October 13, 2016. The event helps seniors with fraud prevention advice, document shredding, information regarding insurance, hiring a contractor, and public safety. Seniors were also able to receive flu shots at the event.

[Read more](#)

DOJ Special Agents Assist Operation Targeting Fresno Gangs

28 Arrested for Drug Trafficking and Firearm Offenses

FRESNO- On November 3, 2016, following a year-long investigation, 28 suspects were arrested in Fresno for various charges including conspiracy to traffic illegally in firearms, illegal possession and sales of firearms, drug trafficking, and promoting prostitution. The suspects ranged in age from 21 to 60 years old.



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Rehab Facility Owners Arrested in \$176 Million Fraud



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.



The CSLEA Foundation

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.

This is also where you will find the CSLEA Foundation Tip of the Week.

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.



Scheme

LOS ANGELES- California Department of Insurance detectives, assisted by multiple law enforcement agencies, arrested Chris Bathum and Kirsten Wallace, the CEO and CFO of sober living facilities, on multiple felony counts of grand theft, and identity theft, for allegedly conspiring to defraud patients and insurers out of more than \$176 million through an elaborate conspiracy. Detectives executed search warrants at 15 locations throughout Los Angeles and Orange County.

[Read more](#)



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.

[Read more](#)

CDPH Investigators Go Undercover at Ventura Swap Meet



Prescription meds seized, four cited

VENTURA - When California Department of Public Health (CDPH) investigators went undercover at the Ventura College Foundation Marketplace Swap Meet November 5, 2016, they discovered and purchased prescription medication being sold without a proper license.

[Read more](#)

ABC Agents Assist Chico Police with Enforcement During Halloween Weekend

CHICO - Halloween may have been on a Monday, but the celebrations in Chico began on Friday and to maintain public safety, Chico police welcomed additional enforcement help from California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) agents and CHP officers. During the "Halloween Operational Period," from October 28-31, 2016, officers arrested 53 people and issued 59 citations.



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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

CSH Police Investigate Drug Smuggling by Patients, Staff & Visitors

Eight arrested, investigation continues

COALINGA - After a six-month joint investigation by Coalinga State Hospital (CSH) Police and the Coalinga Police Department, investigators arrested two former hospital employees, two hospital visitors and four patients in connection with a suspected methamphetamine smuggling operation.



[Read more](#)

CSLB Sting Nets Ex-Con, Repeat Offenders & Loaded Firearm



Nearly three dozen caught in undercover operation in Folsom

FOLSOM - To help protect home and business owners, on October 19-20, 2016, investigators with the Contractors State License Board's (CSLB) Statewide Investigative Fraud Team (SWIFT) worked with the Folsom Police Department and Folsom Code Enforcement to conduct an undercover sting designed to catch suspected unlicensed contractors.

[Read more](#)

CSLB Investigators conduct stings in Madera & Orange County

SACRAMENTO - On November 2-3, 2016, Contractors State License Board (CSLB) investigators conducted two undercover stings targeting unlicensed contractors, one in Madera and one in Orange County.



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CSLEA Know Your Rights Videos



**BU-7 Member Pension Information
Featuring CSLEA Senior Counsel
Ryan Navarre**

You can view all of CSLEA Know Your Rights videos - [here](#)



CalPERS Benefits Education Events

Date	Location
Jan 27 & 28, 2017	Sheraton Carlsbad 5480 Grand Pacific Drive Carlsbad, CA 92008 Get Directions
Feb 3 & 4, 2017	Sacramento Convention Center 1400 J Street Sacramento, CA 95814

[For more information](#)



California Fraternal Order of Police



Thank you for your interest in the November Alert



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