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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Alan Barcelona
CSLEA President
FOP Lodge 77 President

This is the time of year in which parents of high school seniors and college students are searching for scholarship opportunities to help with the cost of higher education. Last week, we proudly announced that CSLEA is accepting scholarship applications for 2017/2018. Our goal is to award eight \$1,000 scholarships to the most deserving of



those who apply. To find out more about qualifications, the deadline, and to apply, please click here.

On our CSLEA website, you will begin to see more information and clickable graphics about the importance of labor associations and the work CSLEA and the Fraternal Order of Police are doing to represent the working class, now and in the future. As you may be aware, H.R. 785, the so-called "Right-to-Work Act" was recently introduced in Congress, seeking to obliterate the collective bargaining rights of all union workers in the United States. I believe, as I stated in my letter to California Representatives and Senators, if the Act were to pass, it would have devastating negative impacts for employees whose wages, benefits and other terms and conditions of employment are protected by collective bargaining agreements negotiated with their employer. I will never stop in my efforts to protect the working class.

I hope you take a moment to look at the News Feed section of our newsletter. It highlights the work our valued members have done this past month to keep Californians safe and rid our state of criminal activity.

Also, I'd like to recognize four of our members, devoted investigators at Metropolitan State Hospital, who ran the Run to Remember last week in Los Angeles, a tribute to fallen law enforcement officers and first responders. You can read about them here. They participated in the spirit of our brethren.

May you be safe and protected in your work.











### **CSLEA WORKING FOR YOU**



### **CSLEA Attends Reception Honoring California Legislators**

SACRAMENTO – On February 7, 2017,
California Statewide Law Enforcement
Association (CSLEA) President Alan
Barcelona and CSLEA Directors attended a
reception honoring members of the California
Legislature. The reception was sponsored by
Professional Engineers in California
Government and California Association of
Professional Scientists.

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### CSLEA and RPPOA Seek Legislative Oversight of State Parks Transformation

SACRAMENTO- On January 26, 2017, The California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) and the Resource Protection Peace Officers Association (RPPOA) initiated the process for seeking legislative review of the Parks Transformation process as it relates to law enforcement and public safety.

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## CSLEA FOP LODGE 77 Sends Letter to California's Congressional Representatives

SACRAMENTO- On February 6, 2017,
California Statewide Law Enforcement
Association Fraternal Order of Police Lodge
77 President Alan Barcelona began sending
the following letter to California's elected
representatives and senators in Washington.
CSLEA FOP Lodge 77 stands with the
National Fraternal Order of Police in its
opposition to H.R. 785, the "Right-to-Work
Act."

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# CSLEA Welcomes ASH Investigators, Police Officers and Communication Operator to Membership

By Jim Laughlin, CSLEA Representative

ATASCADERO – On the February 10, 2017, California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) Member Services Representative Chris Scrimiger and I met with newly hired police officers, investigators and Communications Operators at Atascadero State Hospital.

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### **CSLEA and FMESA Welcome New CALFIRE Communications Operators**

IONE – The California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) and Fire



#### **CSLEA Welcomes New AMCOS Members**

FRESNO – There is a lot to learn and a lot to process as a new motor carrier specialist with the California Highway Patrol. Add to that the,

Marshal and Emergency Services Association (FMESA) would like to extend a warm welcome to two of their newest members, CALFIRE Communications Operators Anne Luker and Darin Kram.

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sometimes, maze that encompasses State employment and that's where California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) member services representatives step in.

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## Recent California Cases May Signal Erosion in Vested Pension Benefits

Kasey Christopher Clark, Chief Counsel CSLEA FOP Lodge #77

Two recent decisions of
California Appellate Courts
(Marin Assn. of Public
Employees v. Marin County
Employees' Retirement Assn.
and Cal Fire Local 2881 et al.,
v. California Public
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System) have called into
question what was believed to
be longstanding pension
protections for existing
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**CSLEA LEGAL** 

Meet Your CSLEA Legal Division

CSLEA Legal employs a staff



of six attorneys. Our mission is to zealously defend Unit 7 members in disciplinary proceedings and to enforce the collective bargaining agreement between CSLEA and the State of California.

Each CSLEA attorney has been designated as a principle point of contact for representation issues.

To identify your individual point of contact

### **CSLEA Know Your Rights Videos**

BU-7 Member Pension Information Featuring CSLEA Legal Counsel Ryan Navarre

### ADDITIONAL CSLEA INFO





For CLEA Plan Participants: CLEA is again very pleased to announce a special Children's Scholarship Program, to find out more, click here.



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### To Update Beneficiary Information for \$15,000 Life Insurance Benefit

Contact: Catherine Ross

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**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 <u>benefits</u> 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 <u>Legal Defense Fund</u>, that, as a consumer protection or public safety employee, no one should be without.

Full-dues paying members also receive access to <u>scholarships</u>, the <u>CSLEA Exclusive</u> <u>Member Discounts Program</u> and the <u>Fraternal Order of Police</u> benefits program.

Your fair-share Unit 7 colleagues can <u>upgrade membership status here.</u> Don't forget to have them include your name as the sponsor.

### The CSLEA APP

Download the CSLEA APP on the Apple App Store or Google Play Store

- LDF Hotline at your fingertips
- Meet our board and staff
- Contact CSLEA
- View Unit 7 contract
- View "Know Your Rights" Videos
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