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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Alan Barcelona CSLEA President FOP Lodge 77 President

The holidays are here but the busy pace of work continues for a lot of us. First, a very sincere thank you to those of you who are, once again, spending days and weeks away from your families as you are called upon to help with fires raging throughout Southern California. You barely got a rest from the October fires in Northern



California. December is a tough time to be away from home as preparations and/or travel plans are made for the holidays. Words won't melt away your stress or exhaustion, but you are a valued member of California's first response personnel, and I want to let you know that your work is valued and so very much appreciated. To our members who have been impacted by the fires because of evacuation or loss, please know our thoughts and prayers are with you.



To update you on some of my union activities since our last newsletter - last week I participated in a very productive labor management meeting with California Department of Justice Division of Law Enforcement Chief Kevin Gardner and his management team. The meeting (pictured above) was held at CSLEA headquarters in Sacramento.

I was also pleased to meet with and endorse Sacramento County District Attorney Anne Marie Schubert, met with Attorney General Xavier Becerra, State Controller Betty Yee, Senator Toni Atkins (who was recently designated the next Senate President Pro Tem) and Assemblymembers Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher and Todd Gloria.



Looking through our newsletter this month, I hope you have a chance to view two of our newest video productions –

- CSLEA Presents Shop with a Cop Featuring California ABC Agents,
- and Estate Planning Featuring CSLEA Legal Counsel Stacy Olsen.

We have additional "Know Your Rights" videos in production. Hoping to promote some holiday cheer, we have been producing a few CSLEA holiday graphics



for social media.

I wish you the very best this holiday season, please be safe in your work, your travels, and your holiday spirit! I am looking forward to serving you in 2018!



# CSLEA WORKING FOR YOU





# What Happens When Unions Diminish or Disappear?

By CSLEA President Alan Barcelona

There will be a lot of conversations throughout the end of the year and into 2018 as the country awaits the United States Supreme Court hearing and decision on Janus vs. AFSCME, a case that could make paying dues to unions voluntary for public employees.

# CSLEA Adds New Video to its "Know Your Rights" Video Library

SACRAMENTO – In an effort to assist its members, the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) Legal Division is adding additional informational videos to its "Know Your Rights" video library.

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# CSLEA Meets New Hospital Police Officers at MSH

NORWALK - On December 4, 2017, representatives from the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA), and its affiliate Hospital Police Association of California (HPAC), met with new hospital police officers at Metropolitan State Hospital.

# Yountville Firefighters Recognized for Assisting with North Bay Fires

YOUNTVILLE – Most firefighters, law enforcement officers and other first responders will tell you that no recognition is needed following their lengthy assignments and duties assisting with the deadly and devastating North Bay fires in October 2017.

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# CSLEA Welcomes New Members at ASH

CSLEA Meets with DMV Bay Area Occupational Licensing Inspectors ATASCADERO - On December 8, 2017, the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) conducted a New Employee Orientation (NEO) at Atascadero State Hospital for six newly hired police officers. State Hospital police officers have a full range of duties that include protecting patients, staff, visitors, hospital grounds and property and the surrounding community.

HAYWARD - On November 16, 2017, California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) held a membership outreach event with DMV Occupational Licensing Inspectors of the greater Bay Area.

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## **CSLEA Meets with DMV Investigators in Milpitas**

MILPITAS - On November 28, 2017, the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) conducted an outreach event for California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) investigators in Milpitas. *Read more* 

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### Kudos to our NSH Firefighters for Lighting Up the Neighborhood!

NAPA - For 68 consecutive years the firefighters at Napa State Hospital (NSH) have treated kids and adults to the spirit of Christmas with a beautiful sleigh ride with Santa and his reindeer.

"It started in 1949 and is a tradition we have kept going for our local neighborhood families on the 2nd Friday in December," said Erik Madison, California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) Member and NSH firefighter. "Neighbors have told us how much they enjoyed it when they were kids and now they are bringing their grandkids out to meet Santa and ask for what they want for Christmas and get a candy cane and take pictures. Even our retired Fire Chief Mike Conley

comes out to participate every year. Not only do the kids get their time with Santa, they also get to check out all of the fire department's engines and meet all of us. It takes around 4 hours to complete. It starts off with a stop at the preschool and daycare we have on grounds and then through the adjoining neighborhood with many stops along the way."

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# CSLEA LEGAL

## The 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.

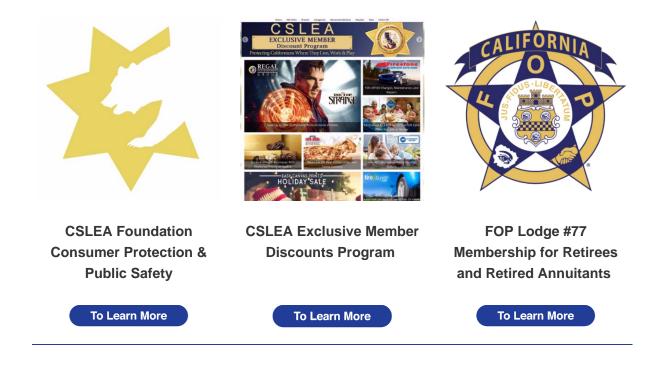
Each CSLEA attorney has been designated as a principle point of contact for representation issues.

To identify your individual point of contact

Imporant Information About Estate Planning Featuring CSLEA Legal Counsel Stacy Olsen

ADDITIONAL CSLEA INFO

CSLEA December 2017 Newsletter



## **CalPERS Benefits Education Events**



CalPERS Event Calendar



As a member of CSLEA, you have a \$15,000 Life Insurance Benefit. To Update Beneficiary Information:

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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 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 <u>scholarships</u>, the CSLEA Exclusive <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.

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