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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**By Alan Barcelona**  
**CSLEA President**  
**FOP Lodge 77 President**



Last week the spotlight was on public safety dispatchers and communications operators during National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. I admire the stamina, professionalism and quick thinking of our members who answer 911 calls, dispatch officers and firefighters, and help to protect first responders in the field. Within the past year CSLEA produced two videos featuring the work of our CHP dispatchers and our CALFIRE communications operators. If you haven't seen those videos, they give a real feel for what these professionals deal with, day in and night out. Thank you to all our dispatchers and communications operators for being there for all of us!



I continue to advocate for our members by



meeting regularly with legislators and leaders who can greatly assist us with our career and public safety issues. In the past month, I have spent some time with Governor Jerry Brown and California's first lady, Senators Richard Roth, Scott Wilk, and Josh Newman, and Assemblymembers Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, Dante Acosta, Tom Lackey, and Reggie Jones-Sawyer.

Your union has a very strong voice within the halls of the State Capitol and I am proud to represent you and put forth your issues and concerns, including protecting pensions.



Some of the pressing issues CSLEA is heavily focused on are the safety issues concerning unarmed public safety and police officers at state facilities. You'll find two articles in this newsletter providing updates on our work in this area.

We have also worked to highlight an officer and public safety issue at our state parks. You'll find two videos regarding this issue in the newsletter below. The process of change does not always move as quickly as we, as union leaders, would like, but we will continue to press for changes that will increase officer and public safety.



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## CSLEA: First Responder-Officers Must Have Firearms

SACRAMENTO- In its unwavering commitment to public safety, and the public safety officers it represents, the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) is pushing to plug a dangerous gap in emergency response at some of California's state facilities.

"We currently have public safety officers at the Yountville Veterans Home who are unarmed, as well as police officers at Department of State Hospital (DSH) and the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) facilities," said CSLEA President Alan Barcelona.

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## CSLEA Presses State Agency Leaders to Address Unarmed Officers Safety Issue

SACRAMENTO – On March 21, 2018, California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) President Alan Barcelona called upon California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet) Secretary Vito Imbasciani and California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHSA) Undersecretary Michael Wilkening to meet with CSLEA leadership to move forward with the very important public safety steps of arming state-employed first responder public safety officers (such as those at the Yountville Veterans Home) as well as the sworn peace officers at the California Department of State Hospitals (DSH) and the Department of Developmental Services (DDS).

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## California State Park Rangers Fear for Your Safety and Their Own - Part I

SACRAMENTO – California State Parks rangers with the Resource Protection Peace Officers Association (RPPOA) have major public safety concerns for park visitors and rangers, and the perceived lack of concern by State Parks management.

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## Rangers Call State Parks a “Department in Crisis” – Part II

SACRAMENTO – California State Parks rangers with the Resource Protection Peace Officers Association (RPPOA) continue to make public their major safety concerns for park visitors and rangers, and the perceived lack of concern by State Parks management.

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## Thank You to Our Public Safety Dispatchers and Communications Operators

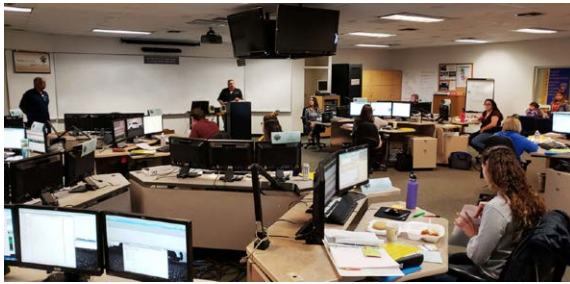
SACRAMENTO- April 8-14, 2018 is National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, a time to recognize our California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) members who are CHP Public Safety Dispatchers, and CAL FIRE, State Parks and State Hospital Communications Operators.

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## CHP Dispatchers Kimberly Brown & Mellisa Mitrea Receive Heroes Award

SACRAMENTO – On March 29, 2018, California Highway Patrol (CHP) Dispatchers Kimberly Brown and Mellisa Mitrea, both members of the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) and the CHP Public Safety Dispatchers Association (CHP-PSDA), received 9-1-1 Heroes Awards for their lifesaving roles in helping to rescue two senior citizens trapped in the Tubbs Fire that raged in Santa Rosa beginning October 8, 2017.

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### **CSLEA & CHP-PSDA Visit Dispatchers at CHP Academy in West Sacramento**

WEST SACRAMENTO – Dispatchers training at the CHP Academy in West Sacramento received a new employee orientation introducing them to the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) and the CHP Public Safety Dispatchers Association (CHP-PSDA) on March 26, 2018.

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### **CSLEA Meets with Insurance Investigators & Detectives in Benicia**

BENICIA - On March 21, 2018, the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) conducted a membership outreach event with CSLEA members at the Department of Insurance in Benicia.

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### **CSLEA Welcomes New Members at Orientation in Oakland**

OAKLAND - On March 21, 2018, the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) hosted a new employee orientation for five new Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) licensing registration



### **CSLEA Meets with Members at Porterville Developmental Center**

PORTERVILLE - On Wednesday, March 14, 2018, the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) hosted a membership outreach BBQ at Porterville

examiners (LREs) in Oakland. The new hires were given a presentation about the benefits and services available to members of CSLEA.

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Developmental Center.

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## CSLEA Scholarships

The CSLEA Consumer Protection & Public Safety (CPPS) Foundation Scholarship Application Review Committee is proud to announce it is now accepting applications for scholarships which are available to CSLEA members, their spouses, and children.

Last fall, the CSLEA foundation awarded eight \$1,000 scholarships to assist CSLEA members with the cost of higher education, and this year, the plan is to do the same.

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## AFFILIATE NEWS

### ASA-DOJ

#### ASA-DOJ is Accepting Applications For Scholarships

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#### CAFI to Award Two \$1,000 Scholarships

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### CARII Scholarship Applications Now Available

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CDFW Wildlife Officers Arrest Three for Poaching Succulents in Humboldt County

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California DOJ Special Agents Conduct Illegal Gun Possession



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April 5 at 8:05am · 🌐

Nice work by CSLEA - RPPOA Member, CDFW Warden Magleby!



### Beach Day with a Bear

Game Wardens Safely Tranquilized The Pregnant Black Bear Behind Homes Along Miramar Beach

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Man Found Guilty of Selling Elephant Ivory

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Two Arrested in \$2 Million Medi-Cal Fraudulent Billing Scheme

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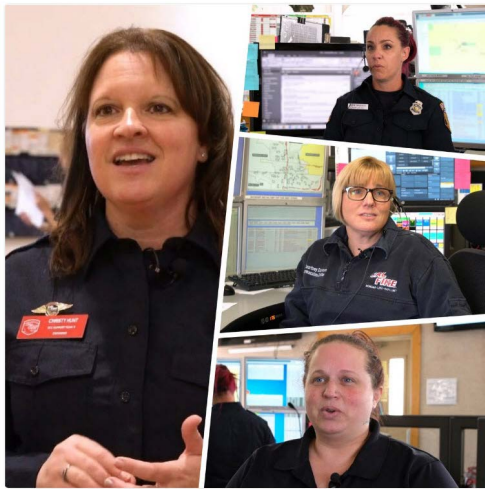


Gang Leader Arraigned on Grand Jury Indictment including Multiple Counts of Murder





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A shout out to our amazing CALFIRE Communications Operators during National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week! Always there, Always care!



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DOJ Special Agents  
Arrest 10 in Seven APPS  
Operations

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## CSLEA In The News



Yountville Mayor John Dunbar speaks to the media Saturday afternoon about the victims and suspect in the fatal Yountville shootings. CHP Golden Gate Division - Emily Zentner

### The State Worker

Chronicle civil-service life for California state workers

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## CHP report showed security gaps at Yountville Veterans Home before killings

BY ADAM ASHTON  
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April 09, 2018 12:01 AM  
Updated 3 hours 10 minutes ago

The state-run veterans home where a former soldier murdered three women last month had security shortcomings that the California Highway Patrol identified in 2010, according to a report obtained by The Sacramento Bee.

It's unclear whether any of the recommendations in the 22-page report could have prevented Albert Wong from attacking the therapy program he once attended at the Yountville Veterans Home. The California Department of Veterans Affairs (Cal Vet) also won't say which recommendations it adopted.



DMV Investigators Target  
Unlicensed Vehicle  
Dismantlers in  
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DMV Investigators Cite  
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Public Adjuster  
Sentenced to 10 Years for  
Embezzling from Fire  
Victims

## CSLEA Recent Videos



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DCA Investigators Arrest Carmichael Woman for Grand Theft & Embezzlement

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State Investigators Assist in Large-Scale Animal Cruelty Investigation

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State Parks Lifeguard Rescues Man Swept to Sea at Salt Point State Park

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## CSLEA Endorsement Videos



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Suspected "Pill Mill" Doctor & Seven Others Arrested in San Diego

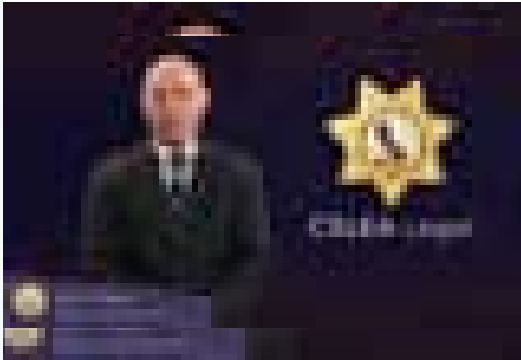
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Mexican National Sentenced to Prison for

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## CSLEA Know Your Rights Videos

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Conspiring to Sell Fake IDs

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Three Indicted in Fresno Heroin and Meth Bust

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Drug Treatment Center Co-Owner Sentenced to 11 Years in Fraudulent Billing Scheme

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Orange County Insurance Agent Arrested in \$1.6 million Fraud Scheme Targeting Elderly

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ABC Agents Arrest Three in Bell Gardens Restaurant Investigation

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**Absence Without Leave Featuring  
CSLEA Senior Legal Counsel Jim  
Vitko**

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**Flexing to Avoid Overtime Featuring**

**CSLEA Senior Legal Counsel Andrea  
Perez**

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## CSLEA LEGAL

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### **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*

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## A Video Presentation: CSLEA Shares the Successful Legal Defense of a Sworn Peace Officer

*Fired ABC Agent, prosecuted for assault with a deadly weapon, is acquitted & back on the job*

SACRAMENTO - What California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) Member Sal Martinez experienced after he was the victim in an off-duty, possible hit-and-run vehicle accident was more than anyone could have imagined. Even though he was the victim in this accident, and acted as most peace officers would have, Sutter County District Attorney Amanda Hopper chose to prosecute Martinez for assault with a deadly weapon and brandishing. He was also fired from his job as a California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) agent. In the period of 18 months, the CSLEA Legal Defense Fund (LDF) and team of attorneys fought for his innocence and his career.

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## ADDITIONAL CSLEA INFO

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## CalPERS Benefits Education Events

*CalPERS Event Calendar*

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**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 [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.

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### The CSLEA APP

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- Meet our board and staff
- Contact CSLEA
- View Unit 7 contract
- View "Know Your Rights" Videos
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- Send us your photos
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