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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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



It's mid-August and some of our CSLEA members have not had a chance to enjoy a summer break, let alone a few consecutive days off. Those are our members who are involved in the exhausting fire-fighting efforts currently underway in California, and there are many. To our firefighters, State Parks rangers and Fish and Wildlife wardens, CHP and CALFIRE dispatchers, CCC conservationists, OES emergency service coordinators, and deputy state fire marshals - our thoughts are with all of you, and your families who miss you, while you're away from home and putting in long hours, long days, and long weeks. We know you are missing out on your personal life because duty calls.

Likewise our thoughts are with all those impacted by the fires and those who have [lost their homes, including our own CSLEA-CABCA member, ABC Agent Luke Blehm](#). CSLEA reached out to the national FOP Foundation which helps officers who have been displaced by a disaster and FOP responded to the call.

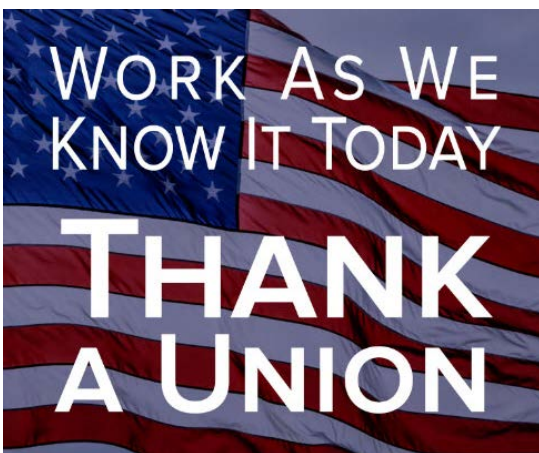


Not much can ease the burden of losing everything and having to rebuild, [but every little bit helps in times of disaster, especially the emotional support.](#)

Our prayers are with CHP Officer Kirk Griess's family, friends and CHP brethren. Officer Griess was struck by a vehicle and killed Friday morning, August 10, 2018 as he conducted a vehicle stop on Interstate 80 in Solano County. The CHP family includes our CHP dispatchers who are guardians of the officers who are out in the field. We know this is a time of great sadness for everyone at CHP.



As we approach Labor Day 2018, I'd like to share an article, an opinion piece and my blog with you. Labor day is a great day to reflect on the history of American workers and the many positive changes that have taken place as a result of union representation. We are stronger together and I'm so proud of Missouri voters for recognizing that and letting their voices be heard!



[Missouri voters just blocked the right-to-work law Republicans passed to weaken labor unions](#)

[EDITORIAL: Missouri vote is a boost for workers everywhere](#)

[Interesting Conversations with Non-Union Employees](#)

In closing, I would like to thank former CSLEA Director Paul San Gregorio for his service to CSLEA and the California Association of Fraud Investigators (CAFI). His commitment to public safety, public service and to our unions has been first-rate! You can read about his new adventure [here](#). Thank you, Paul, for your many contributions to our labor union.



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## CSLEA WORKING FOR YOU

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### **CSLEA Thanks Director Paul San Gregorio for His Service**

SACRAMENTO – On July 12, 2018 California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) Director and California Association of Fraud Investigators (CAFI) President Paul San Gregorio announced his resignation from the CSLEA Board and as CAFI President upon accepting a promotion to supervising special investigator with the CalCannabis Division.

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### **Assistance for ABC Agent Whose Home Was Destroyed in Redding's Deadly Carr Fire**

SACRAMENTO – On Thursday, July 26, 2018 the raging Carr fire racing across tens of thousands of acres in Shasta County destroyed the home of California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Supervising Agent Luke Blehm. Blehm is a member of the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) and the association California Alcoholic Beverage Control Agents.

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### First Responder-Fire Victims in Redding Overwhelmed by Law Enforcement Community's Help

REDDING – Thirteen first responder-families who lost their homes in Redding less than two weeks ago are learning firsthand just how close-knit their brothers and sisters in law enforcement really are.

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### CSLEA Produces New “Know Your Rights” Video

SACRAMENTO - In an effort to assist California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) members with their questions regarding holiday pay, CSLEA Supervising Counsel Dave De La Riva explains how it holiday compensation as it applies to state workers in Bargaining Unit 7.

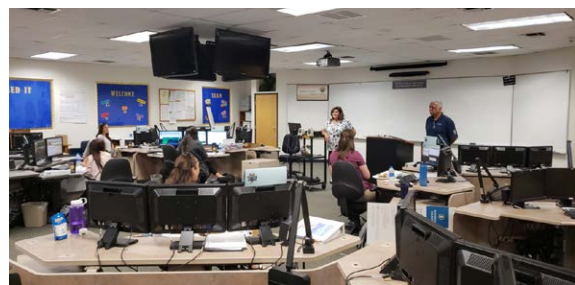
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### CSLEA Welcomes New Members in Oakland

OAKLAND - On August 6, 2018, the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) and the California Organization of Licensing Registration Examiners (COLRE) hosted a new employee



### CHP-PSDA President Tina Brazil Meets with New CHP Dispatchers in West Sacramento

WEST SACRAMENTO - Five California Highway Patrol (CHP) Dispatchers training at the CHP Academy in West Sacramento met with CHP-Public Safety Dispatchers

orientation for five new Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) licensing registration examiners (LREs) in Oakland.

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Association (CHP-PSDA) President Tina Brazil on July 16, 2018.

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## AFFILIATE NEWS

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### CACI

**Insurance Detective Randall Walters Awarded Investigator of the Year**

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### CACI

**Congratulations to CSLEA-CACI Member Tom Perez on Retirement**

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### CACI

**Congratulations to CSLEA-CACI Member Marvin**

## Vistro on Retirement

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## CAFI

**CAFI BOARD ELECTION - Electronic Voting  
Period August 15 - September 15, 2018**

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## CARII

**CDFW Oil Spill Prevention Specialist Jack  
Prescott Set to Retire After 27 Years of State  
Service.**

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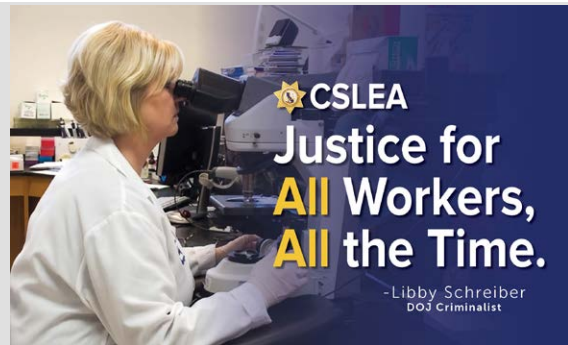
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## The CSLEA Enhanced Member Sponsorship Program!

CSLEA's Member Sponsorship Program just got better! For our members who understand the importance of union membership, in protecting your pension, and

providing career insurance - keep talking, keep sponsoring, because the benefit of signing up members has just increased. If you've never sponsored a new member but want to know how, keep reading!

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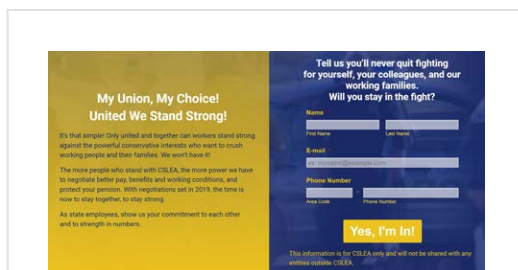
## CSLEA Scholarships

### CSLEA Scholarship Recipients to be Announced this Month

SACRAMENTO – Directors on the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) Scholarship Committee are beyond impressed with the 48 individuals who applied for a CSLEA scholarship. Each applicant is being scored and soon CSLEA will announce the eight recipients who will each receive a \$1,000 award. The goal is to notify recipients by August 24, 2018.

## SOCIAL

## NEWS FEED



State Park Rangers Locate Wanted Subject at MacKerricher State Park

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## Yes, I'm In!

Thank you for telling us you'll never quit fighting for yourself, your colleagues, and our working families.



## I Stand with ALL Workers

Show Us Your Photos!

Show us, your fellow state workers, and all of America that "together is better"! Post a photo of you and your colleagues standing together in support of CSLEA, organized labor, and unions.

Email your photo to [contactus@cslea.com](mailto:contactus@cslea.com) and/or post on social media with [@CSLEA](#) [#CSLEA](#) [#UNION](#).

Let's have some fun together showing our strength in numbers and our support for working families!



State Parks K9 Assists SLO Sheriff's Deputies with Traffic Stop

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First Weekend in August Busy for State Parks First Responders

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State Park Rangers Bust BASE Jumpers Below Foresthill Bridge

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Two Former Insurance Agents Headed to Prison for Life Insurance Scam

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Kings County Law Enforcement Bust Butane Honey Oil Lab

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ABC Agents Assist Gilroy PD at 40th Annual Garlic Festival

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ABC Agents Post Notice of Suspension at Hanford Mini-Mart

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Why Membership Counts!

Comparison of  
Representation Entitlement  
for Members vs. Non-Members



### What You May Have Missed on Facebook

Our CSLEA Members - CDFW  
Lt. Peter Blake and Warden  
Monty Cervelli assisted in the  
rescue of this lil fire victim.



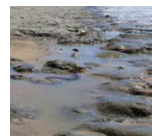
ABC Agents Target  
Underage Drinking in  
Riverside and Kings  
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No More Alcohol at "Café  
Durant" in Berkeley

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DOJ Criminalists Work to  
Identify Human Remains  
Found in Santa Barbara  
County

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Serial Lobster Poacher  
Sentenced to Jail

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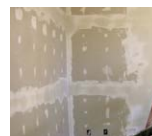
Former Auto Dealer  
Charged with Bank Fraud  
and Aggravated Identity  
Theft

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Contra Costa County  
Restaurants Cited for  
Failing to Provide  
Workers' Compensation  
Insurance

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Drywall Contractor Cited  
for Overtime and Rest  
Period Wage Theft

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### What You May Have Missed on Twitter

United We Stand!



### What You May Have Missed on Instagram

CSLEA President Alan Barcelona and Assemblymember Jim Cooper



BAR Serves Search Warrant at LA Smog Station

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Former DMV Employee Sentenced for Bank Fraud and Identity Theft Scheme

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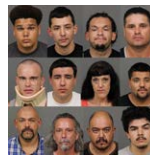
Former Inyo County Court Exec Arrested for Attempting to Frame a Judge for Committing Judicial Misconduct

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Convicted Murderer Sentenced to Life in Prison

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Atascadero State Hospital Police Assist with Multi-agency Probation Check

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ABC Agents Post Notice of Suspension at Fresno Taqueria and Sports Bar

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Merced Woman Pleads Guilty to Health Care Fraud



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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**



## ADDITIONAL CSLEA INFO

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**CSLEA Foundation  
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### Discount on Disneyland Tickets is Back

CSLEA Members! We have exciting news! As you may be aware, for a period of time discounted tickets to Disneyland were no where to be found! But through Abenity, CSLEA's Exclusive Member Discount Program - discounts on tickets have returned! Log in to your Exclusive Member Discount Program to learn more!  
(Forgot login information? Contact us at [contactus@cslea.com](mailto:contactus@cslea.com))

## 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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Myers-Stevens & Toohey & Co., Inc.

880-827-4695 ext. 610

[cross@myers-stevens.com](mailto:cross@myers-stevens.com)



## The CSLEA APP

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- Keep up to date with CSLEA news
- Send us your photos
- Update your member contact info

