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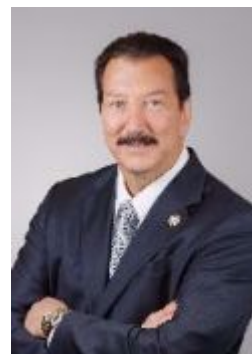
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Alan Barcelona
CSLEA President

Hello CSLEA Members,

While some relief from the pandemic is making its way in the form of vaccines, we continue to receive sad news involving the passing of some of our members due to Covid-19 complications. My heart sinks every day that I

look at California's, the nation's and the world's COVID-19 death toll. It is never just a number to me, it is lives, young and old, lost. It is families hurting. We have been through a tough 12 months. Next month will mark a year since shutdowns and stay-at-home directives. We continue to look toward a brighter future and hold hope that you are continuing to practice safe health measures. To the families of our CSLEA members who have died as a result of COVID-19, we are deeply saddened and sorry for your loss. California public safety benefited from the career path your loved ones chose, and we are grateful for their service.



In this month's newsletter you will see that your CSLEA Legal Team was, once again, successful in Arbitration with the State. I hope you will take the time to read, "CSLEA Wins Out-of-Class Compensation for HPO Detectives". This case demonstrates CSLEA's, and its Legal Team's commitment to fight for what is right, no matter how long the road. Because of the knowledge and perseverance of CSLEA attorneys, \$210,000 will be distributed among 38 current and former Hospital Police Officers.



Late last month I had the honor and privilege of attending, via video conference, the Governor's Medal of Valor Ceremony honoring law enforcement officers who responded, at the risk of their own lives, to very dangerous situations to save others. We are so fortunate to have brave individuals among us who go above and beyond the call of duty to protect us. It is an honor to serve on the Medal of Valor Review Board and learn in detail of these heroic acts. You can read about the recipients and the courageous actions they took to save lives, in the newsletter below.

And finally, I wish a safe and enjoyable President's Day weekend to all of you, as well as a Happy Valentine's Day. Thank you to those of you who will be working to keep Californians safe. We appreciate your service and your call as first responders! Be safe, stay healthy.



CSLEA WORKING FOR YOU



CSLEA Wins Out-of-Class Compensation for HPO Detectives

- \$210,000 to be distributed among 38 current and former HPOs who will be required to sign “Individual Release of Any and All Disputed Claims” form in order to receive compensation
- Within the next 60 to 120 days, DSH will endeavor to convert, advertise, and recruit for additional Detective Unit positions to be converted to Investigator

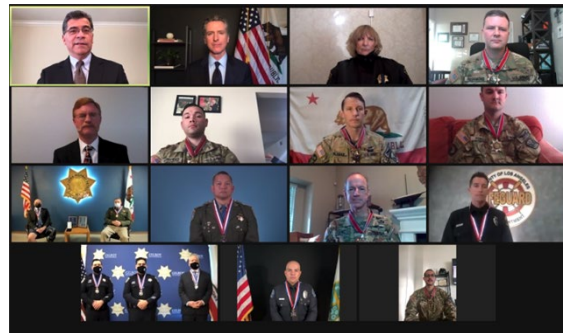
“This case showcases the tenacity, dedication and passion CSLEA attorneys have for our members. Getting this decision took much longer than any of us would have liked, but the CSLEA Legal Team kept pressing for the rights of, and the just compensation our members in this case deserved.” - CSLEA President Alan Barcelona

SACRAMENTO - The California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) is pleased to announce that on February 10, 2021, a long-fought-for agreement was reached with CalHR and the Department of State Hospitals (DSH) to obtain out-of-class compensation for all Hospital Police Officer (HPO) Detectives who were performing Investigator work in 2017.

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CSLEA President Attends Video Conference Honoring Governor’s Medal of Valor Recipients

“It is an honor to serve on the Governor’s Medal of Valor Review Board and to, each year, select the public safety heroes in our state who deserve the highest recognition for their selfless acts to save lives. They are among California’s brave who are willing to run toward danger to protect others from very deadly situations.” – CSLEA President Alan Barcelona



SACRAMENTO – On January 25, 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom and Attorney General Xavier Becerra presented **the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor** to eight public safety professionals from the:

- California Highway Patrol (CHP),
- Hawthorne Police Department,

- Gilroy Police Department,
- and the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

The Governor also awarded the **California Military Department Medal of Valor** to seven members of the California National Guard.

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Exposition Park DPS Family Mourning the Loss of Museum Security Officer Jesus Castillo

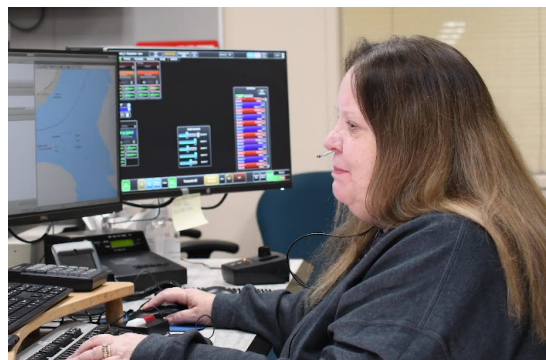
LOS ANGELES –On January 17, 2021, Exposition Park Department of Public Safety (DPS) Museum Security Officer Jesus Castillo, a member of the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) and a Gulf War Veteran, passed away from complications associated with COVID 19. Officer Castillo served the DPS honorably for more than 20 years and dedicated his professional life to making Exposition Park a safe place for visitors, students, and employees.



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CHP Family Mourns the Loss of Newly Retired Public Safety Dispatcher Colleen McKusker

MERCED–On January 13, 2021, newly retired CHP Public Safety Dispatcher Colleen McKusker, a member of the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) passed away from complications associated with COVID 19.



"Public Safety Dispatcher McKusker dedicated decades to helping the public, law enforcement officers and fellow first responders," said CSLEA President Alan Barcelona. "We are deeply saddened for those who loved her and worked with her and are so very grateful for her public safety and first responder service."

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CHP-PSDA's Steve Fulton Conducts Dispatcher NEO at Clark Academy

RIVERSIDE – On February 2, 2021, Steve Fulton, Secretary-Treasurer of the CHP Public Safety Dispatchers Association (CHP-PSDA) conducted a new employee orientation for dispatchers training at the Ben Clark Training Center in Riverside."

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CSLEA and CHP-PSDA Meet Via Teleconference with New CHP Dispatchers

SACRAMENTO – On January 27, 2021, California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) Senior Counsel Andre Perez and CHP-Public Safety Dispatchers Association Vice President Victor Tovar met, via teleconference, with four dispatchers training at the California Highway Patrol.

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CSLEA Welcomes Cal OES Public Safety Professionals to Union Membership

SACRAMENTO- On February 9, 2021, California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) Senior Counsel Andrea Perez had the pleasure of conducting a new employee orientation for two of CSLEA's newest members now working at Cal OES.



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United States Supreme Court Declines to Hear Janus Retroactivity Appeals (Janus II)

Appellate Court Decisions in Favor of Unions Permitted to Stand

WASHINGTON D.C. – On January 25, 2021, the United States Supreme Court (SCOTUS) refused to hear a number of cases filed throughout the country by conservative anti-union organizations that were looking to further build on the 2018 SCOTUS Janus decision by seeking reimbursement of “fair share” fees for those who paid them, for up to three years prior to June 2018.



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SPPOAC 2021 Survey for State Parks Rangers and Peace Officer-Lifeguards



CSLEA Spotlight



State Parks Peace Officer-Lifeguard Philip Hauck Helps Rescue Driver Stranded Between Two Flooding Creek Crossings

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY - Shortly after noon on a stormy January 28, 2021, a driver found herself trapped on a road in which a swollen creek was flooding both in front and behind her vehicle. It happened on Refugio Road along the Gaviota Coast in Santa Barbara County.

“The driver did the right thing and rather than attempting to drive through floodwater, called for assistance,” said California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) President Alan Barcelona. “A trained water rescue team which included CSLEA member and State Parks Peace Officer-Lifeguard Philip Hauck and Santa Barbara County firefighters rescued the driver and brought her to a safe area away from the floodwater.”

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CDFW Warden Kristy Emershy Investigates Unlawful Placement of Soil & Fertilizer Near Quail Creek

Monterey County company to pay \$40,000

MONTEREY COUNTY - On February 2, 2021, the Monterey County District Attorney’s Office announced that its Environmental Protection Unit entered into

a stipulated judgment with Growers Transplanting, Inc. to settle a civil action brought under Business and Professions Code section 17200, et seq. The judgment requires that Growers Transplanting, Inc. pay

- \$25,000 in civil penalties,
- in addition to \$12,679 in costs to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW),
- and \$2,320 in costs to the Monterey County District Attorney’s Office.

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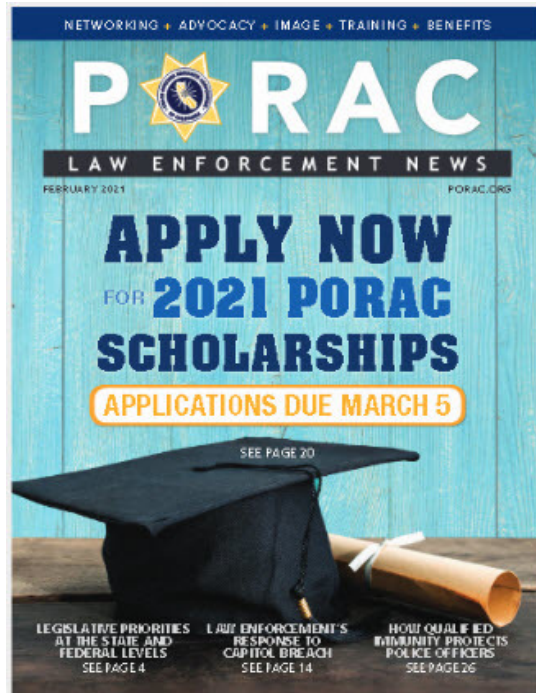
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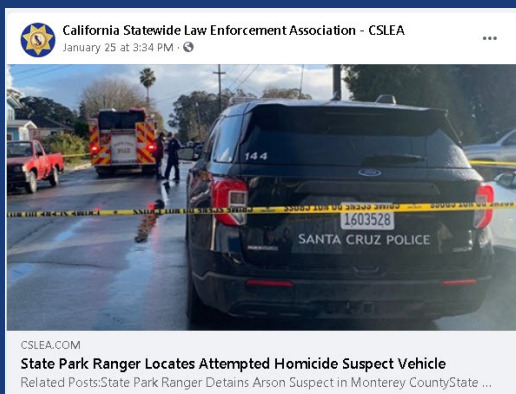
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CDFW Wildlife Officer Assists in Catching Suspected Abalone Poachers in the Act
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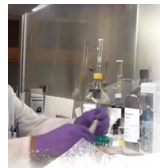
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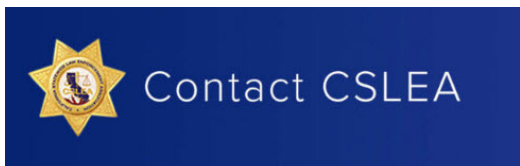
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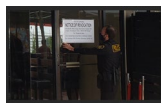
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Thursday, February 25, 2021

Time: Session 1: 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Session 2: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

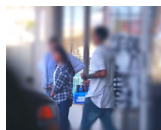
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ABC Agents and Oroville Police Target Alcohol Related Violations January 30-31, 2021
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ABC Suspends the Alcoholic Beverage License of a Safeway Store in Berkeley
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CLEA Scholarships

CLEA, (not to be confused with CSLEA) is currently offering scholarship opportunities to the children of **CLEA Plan Participants**. Scholarship distribution consists of \$2,000 – four awards of \$500 each. Postmark Deadline: April 30, 2021

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California DOJ Criminalists Assist with Processing Homicide Scene in Ukiah

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Former LA Insurance Agent Arraigned in Funeral Insurance Scam

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CDFW and CDFA Assist Riverside County Sheriff's Department with Illegal Cannabis Investigation

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Applications must be received by March 5, 2021

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ABC Agents Post Notice of Suspension at Folsom Restaurant

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The CSLEA Legal Division

CSLEA Legal employs a staff of five 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.

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The illness rider coverage has to be purchased as part of the accident policy. In addition to income for time off due to illness or surgery, the rider will cover maternity as any other illness, provided the policy has been in effect 10 months at time of birth. This means that coverage is not available if you are currently pregnant.

For more information on Allstate Benefits contact:

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 State Hospitals **Police Officer** – Patient & Staff Safety
 California Highway Patrol **Motor Carrier Specialist**

CDPH **Investigator**
 DSS **Police Officer**
 CDFA **Sp. Investigator**
 DMV **Inspector**-DMV
 CDI **Detective**-Fraud
 EDD **Investigator**
 DSS **Investigator**
 CalPERS **Investigator**
 Lottery **Investigator**
 Secretary of State
Investigator -Vote
 State Park **Lifeguard**
 State Hospital **Comm. Operator**-Public Safety

DRE **Deputy Commissioner**
 California State **Park Ranger**
 CHP **Public Safety Operator**
 DCA **Program Representative**
 Museum **Security Officer**
 State Parks **Comm. Operator**

CHP **Dispatcher** – 911 Calls
 DMV **Investigator** – Fraud
 California ABC **Agent** – 21
 Calif. ABC **Licensing Reps**
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 DHCS **Investigator**
 DOI **Security Officer**

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