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ALERT

Vol. 128, August 13, 2021

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Alan Barcelona  
CSLEA President

Hello CSLEA Members,

I realize that things have not slowed down for many of you. With an uptick in COVID-19 cases, decisions to be made about vaccines and testing, back to school for the kids, a recall election, and the 2021 fire season, many of our CSLEA members are under quite a bit of stress and feeling exhausted. As law enforcement, public safety and consumer protection professionals who work for the State of California, you are the unsung heroes among us. Day in and day out you continue to meet the challenges, keep Californians from harm and keep our state operating. Thank you for your commitment, dedication and service.

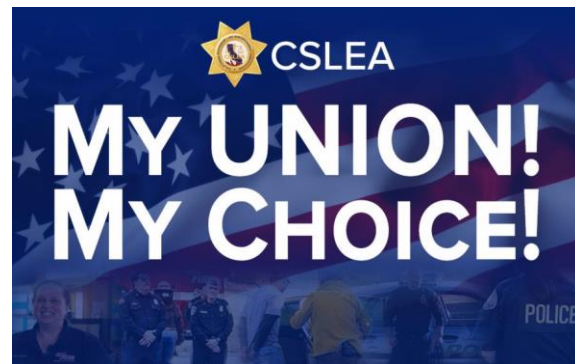


Your CSLEA Directors and staff recognize your contributions and hard work and continue to meet and confer with CalHR, the Governor's Office, labor relations officers and department leaders on your behalf. On August 3, 2021, CSLEA Directors met in person and over zoom to discuss the many issues that you are facing in the workplace, in your careers and in your retirement security. I want to extend my gratitude to Attorney General Rob Bonta for speaking to the Board via videoconference and PORAC President Brian Marvel for speaking to CSLEA Directors in the boardroom.



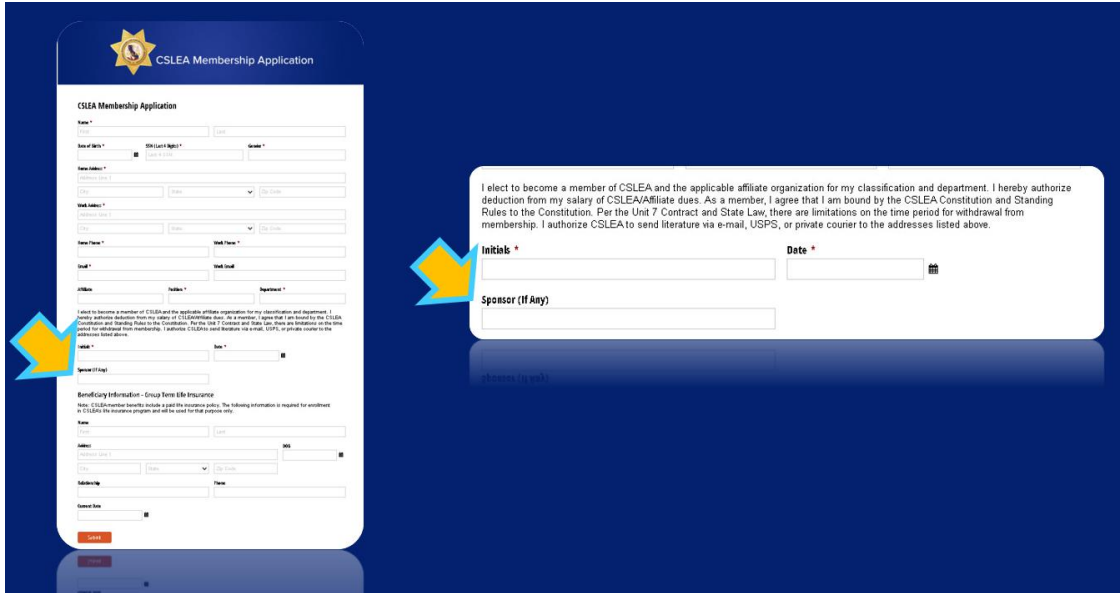
I invite you to take a moment to read ["CSLEA Directors Meet at Future Home of CSLEA Headquarters"](#) in the article below. There were many long and lively discussions and you can rest assured, you have a Board that is passionate about representing you and being the strong voice that all state workers assigned to Bargaining Unit 7 need. We continue to work our way through an unprecedented time and always welcome your questions, comments and concerns. In addition, on Friday, we emailed members ["CSLEA Continues to Engage in Meet and Confer Process on COVID-19 Protocols"](#). The information is in an article below if you missed this email.

Last month, I used this space in my monthly update to remind you that as members of CSLEA, you have access to the free [CSLEA Exclusive Member Discounts Program](#). Based on the response we received and the number of members who requested to enroll, I thought, this month, I would remind you of our CSLEA Sponsorship Program.



Some of your newer colleagues may not be members of CSLEA and may be unsure how to sign up. We are discovering that some of your newer colleagues are unaware that they must actively [sign up](#) to become a union member, it doesn't happen automatically. While CSLEA conducts new employee orientations at work sites, the truth is, as a CSLEA member who works side by side with employees assigned to our Bargaining Unit, you have a tremendous opportunity to present the value of union membership. When a colleague of yours signs up for membership and puts your name down as his/her sponsor, CSLEA will thank you with \$100.00 per sponsorship. Those who are aware of our sponsorship program and who are reaching out to

non-members are enjoying the extra cash. I would appreciate it if you would give it some thought. Together we are stronger and, I believe, we should all support the work that is done by unions to attain and retain better salaries, benefits, working conditions and to build a better future. Below is a screen shot of our online membership application and the location for your name as a member sponsor.



Please continue to take the necessary steps to stay safe and healthy, and as always, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please reach out to us.

CSLEA WORKING FOR YOU



### CSLEA Directors Meet at Future Home of CSLEA Headquarters

SACRAMENTO - On August 3, 2021, the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) Board of Directors met to discuss union business at 2600 River Plaza Drive in Sacramento, the future home of CSLEA headquarters.

“After much consideration, it’s expected that CSLEA headquarters will be moving during the last quarter of 2021 to a new location that better serves our Board, our staff, and the safety of our employees,” said CSLEA President Alan Barcelona. “Our August 3rd meeting gave directors the opportunity to see the suite of offices we will be in and allowed us to hold a directors’ meeting in a board room that has more spacing between individuals as we conducted business during an uptick in the number of COVID cases. This was our first face to face meeting in many, many months and it was wonderful to see everyone, despite the uncomfortableness of wearing masks indoors for the entire day.”

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### CSLEA Continues to Engage in Meet and Confer Process on COVID-19 Protocols CalHR Issues Updated FAQ on Verification and Testing

On August 20, 2021, CSLEA participated in a video conference with representatives of CalHR and Department of State Hospitals to continue to address impact issues as a result

of the mandatory testing and vaccination protocols issued by the State. CSLEA Chief Counsel Kasey Clark, Supervising Legal Counsel Dave De La Riva, Sr. Legal Counsel Ryan Navarre and Hospital Police Association of California President Luis Jimenez participated on behalf of CSLEA/HPAC. HPAC has the greatest number of Unit 7 employees impacted by the current mandatory vaccination directive.

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## CalHR Announces New COVID-19 Testing/Proof of Vaccination Requirements

July 26, 2021

In light of the increased cases and hospitalizations associated with the COVID-19 Delta Variant, today CalHR announced new COVID-19 Testing and proof of vaccination requirements.

All State agencies are mandated to establish periodic testing of non-vaccinated (or those who have not furnished proof of vaccination) employees. Additionally, self-attestation of vaccination will no longer be accepted as proof. Employees will be required to either go to the California Department of Public Health website and obtain a QR code that they have been vaccinated or provide a copy of their vaccination card.

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## CAFI and CSLEA Meet with Nor Cal CDI Special Investigators

By CSLEA Director and CAFI President Bruce Todd

SACRAMENTO - On July 21, 2021, California Association of Fraud Investigators (CAFI) President Bruce Todd and California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) Senior Legal Counsel Jim Vitko met virtually with



Northern California Department of Insurance (CDI) special investigators. Due to COVID restrictions, the meeting was held via video conference.

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### New CHP Dispatchers See Value in Union Membership

RIVERSIDE - On July 27, 2021, CHP-Public Safety Dispatchers Association (CHP-PSDA) Secretary-Treasurer Steve Fulton met with four public safety dispatchers training at the Ben Clark center in Riverside. Fulton conducted a New Employee Orientation (NEO) which allows the dispatchers to learn more about their union, the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association and CHP-PSDA.

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### CSLEA Welcomes New CHP Dispatchers Training in West Sacramento

WEST SACRAMENTO – On August 9, 2021, California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) Senior Counsel Andrea Perez and CHP-Public Safety Dispatchers Association (CHP-PSDA) Vice President Victor Tovar visited the CHP Academy in West Sacramento to meet with Isela Moreno and Emily Gonzales, both newly hired CHP public safety dispatchers.

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## CSLEA Scholarships

### CSLEA Scholarship Committee Currently Reviewing Scholarship Applications

SACRAMENTO – The California Statewide Law Enforcement Association’s Scholarship Committee is currently evaluating and scoring redacted applications in an effort to award eight \$1,000 scholarships this month.

“It is great that this program in which we are able to award eight \$1,000 scholarships is back,” said Committee Chairman Dr. Kenny Ehrman. “Our parents appreciate it. It was greatly missed last year. Our members have some very impressive and smart children applying for this award.

CSLEA will notify winners first and then announce the winners on its website and in an eblast to members.



**AFFILIATE NEWS**

Association of Special Agents  
Election

Self-Nomination Period Open

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CAFI BOARD ELECTION - Electronic  
Voting Period August 13 - September  
15, 2021

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CSLEA Spotlight



## CSLEA-ACWO Member Named Pogue-Elms Law Enforcement Officer of the Year

SACRAMENTO – On August 5, 2021, The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Law Enforcement Division announced that CDFW Warden Jonathan Garcia, a member of the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) and the Association of California Wildlife Officers (ACWO), earned the 2020 Pogue-Elms Law Enforcement Officer of the Year award. The award is presented by the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (WAFWA) and is considered one of the most prestigious awards bestowed upon a wildlife officer in North America.

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## Exposition Park Public Safety Officers Protect People and Property

Information provided by Sgt. Kenneth Williams, Exposition Park Department of Public Safety

LOS ANGELES- When California Exposition Park Department of Public Safety officers received a call on July 14, 2021, that someone had broken into an electrical panel room at Bank of California Stadium at 1:00 a.m., they encountered a man damaging valuable electrical equipment. The man did not comply with officers' commands and instead threw a 10-pound metal object at them.

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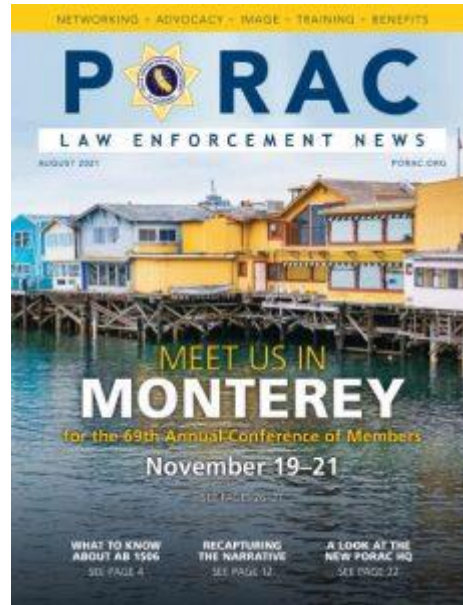
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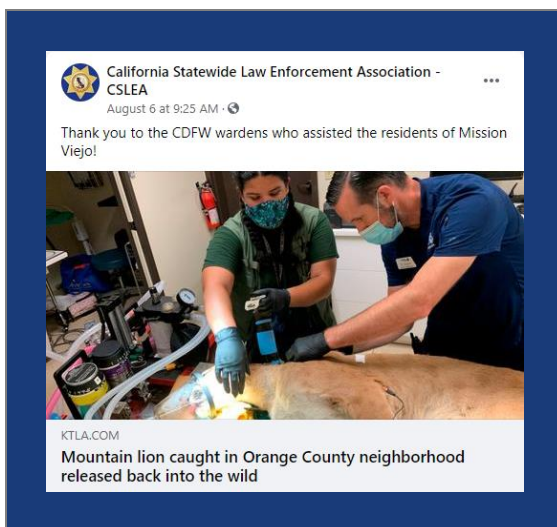
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California State  
Law Enforcement  
Officers Assist with  
Marijuana





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### Upcoming Commission meeting dates:

Date: Wednesday, September 1, 2021

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Place: The Westin Pasadena  
191 N Los Robles Ave.  
Pasadena, CA 91101

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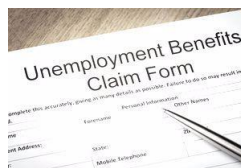
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## CSLEA Current Legislation

Read about legislation CSLEA is sponsoring, supporting, opposing, plus current status of bills [here](#).

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## CSLEA Officers & Directors

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## CSLEA LEGAL



### 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.

[To learn more about CSLEA's Legal Division](#)

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## PEACE OFFICER-FIREFIGHTERS FORMULAS

**Retirement Contributions**

- PO/FF MEMBERS HIRED PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 2013  
3% @ 55  
*Final Compensation* is average salary in 30 months prior to retirement
- ENHANCEMENTS RESULTING FROM SB 183 (Burt) 2013  
3% @ 55  
*Final Compensation* is average salary in 30 months prior to retirement
- POFF MEMBERS HIRED BETWEEN JANUARY 1, 2013 AND DECEMBER 31, 2013  
2.5% @ 55  
*Final Compensation* is average salary in 30 months prior to retirement
- POFF MEMBERS HIRED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2014  
2.5% @ 57  
*Final Compensation* is average salary in 30 months prior to retirement

\*Final Compensation is highest period of salary, which may not be the most recent salary prior to retirement.



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



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**Strength in Numbers  
Working Together**



# Earn \$100 per sponsorship

## The CSLEA Special Enhanced Sponsorship Program

CSLEA's Limited Time Offer - Special Enhanced Sponsorship Program could very well put a smile on your face and money in your pocket! For our members who understand the importance of union membership, in protecting pensions, bargaining power and career insurance - keep talking, keep sponsoring, because the benefit of signing up members has increased substantially. If you've never sponsored a new member but want to know how, keep reading!

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### **Membership Rates**

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**To Update Beneficiary Information:**

Contact: Catherine Ross  
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880-827-4695 ext. 610  
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1-888-439-1416



## FAMILY PLANNING?

### Pregnancy Disability Income Benefit through Allstate Benefits

CSLEA members have the opportunity to receive disability income up to \$1800 a month for pregnancy leave through Allstate Benefits. The accident policy provides on-or-off the job, 24 hour, accidental disability income and has a sickness disability income rider which includes pregnancy income.

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:

Jay McDonnell Ca.lic#0650517

800-586-2679 or [Jaymcdonnell@msn.com](mailto:Jaymcdonnell@msn.com)

## The CSLEA APP

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