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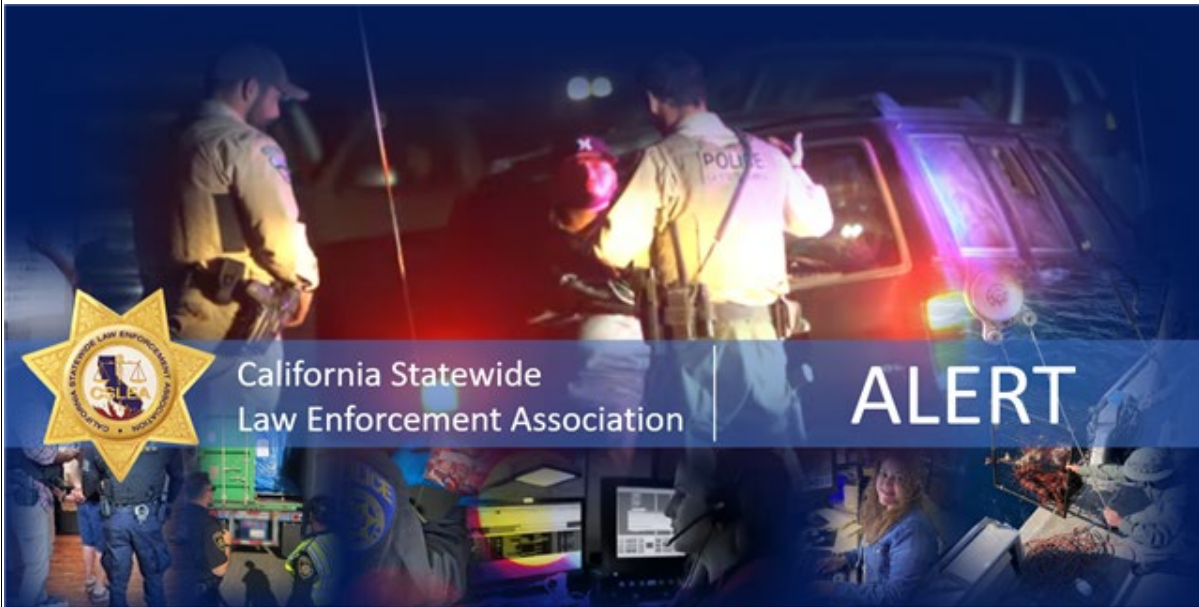
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PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

By Alan Barcelona
CSLEA President

Hello CSLEA members,

As you are likely aware, the California State Legislature is currently on summer recess. Before wrapping up, lawmakers passed, and on June 30, 2022, the Governor signed, [Senate Bill 130](#) which was necessary for your \$1,500 pandemic relief bonus negotiated by CSLEA on your behalf. While CSLEA pushed for a much greater amount, you will see that SB 130 appropriates the sum of \$79,403,000 for State Bargaining Units 5, 6, 7, and 8 *only*, and amounts to a large sum of money which is not coming from any federal pandemic-related assistance the state received. It is our hope that you will see your pandemic relief bonus sometime this month. We have been informed it will be separate from your pay warrant.



This is definitely the time to be in communication with your union, as we are a year away from a new MOU and less than a year away from the start of formal negotiations. That does not mean that work is not being done now. Just this week, CSLEA representatives met with DMV representatives to discuss important issues as they may relate to a new contract, and CSLEA Senior Counsel Andrea Perez and I spoke with CHP Commissioner Amanda Ray about important issues impacting our motor carrier specialists, school pupil transportation safety coordinators, and public safety dispatchers and operators. Be sure to be in communication with the CSLEA affiliate that represents your job classification and with us. If you have questions about who your best contact is, please email us at contactus@cslea.com.

I invite you to take a minute to read the article below about our [June 29th Board of Directors meeting](#), if you haven't already, as well as the article "[CSLEA Wins Geographic Transfer of DSS Investigator](#)" - both demonstrate the work that is done continuously on behalf of our members.

Enjoy the summer months, please be safe in any of your vacation travels, and thank you for your law enforcement, public safety and consumer protection service to our state.

A MESSAGE FROM:

Membership Coordinator

Debbie Lindenmuth



Thank you for the warm welcome to CSLEA

Hello CSLEA members! My name is Debbie Lindenmuth and I am your new CSLEA membership coordinator and receptionist. I joined CSLEA in this position just one month ago and there is a tremendous amount of information to absorb. Thank you for your patience as I learn the ropes.

I had the opportunity to meet many of the CSLEA directors on June 29th as they came to CSLEA headquarters for a Board of Directors meeting. You certainly have a lot of driven and passionate individuals leading the way for you here at CSLEA.

I consider myself very much a people person and I am committed to assisting you with your membership needs. I can be reached by email at dlindenmuth@cslea.com.

Thank you, I look forward to serving our CSLEA membership.

CSLEA WORKING FOR YOU

CSLEA President and CHP Commissioner Meet to Discuss Improvements to Salary, Recruitment and Working Conditions

“Thank you to CHP Commissioner Amanda Ray for taking not only the time, but such a personal and special interest in our CSLEA members who work at CHP to keep Californians and visitors to our state safe. Clearly, CSLEA and the Commissioner have many of the same goals in mind and work is already in progress to address salary, recruitment and working conditions. We look forward to our continued and combined efforts to improvements.” – CSLEA President Alan Barcelona

SACRAMENTO - On July 13, 2022, California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) President Alan Barcelona met with CHP Commissioner Amanda Ray via Zoom to communicate CSLEA's commitment to working with CHP to improve the salary, recruitment, and working conditions of the CHP professionals that CSLEA represents including motor carrier specialists, and public safety dispatchers and operators. Also in attendance was CSLEA Senior Counsel Andrea Perez.

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CSLEA Directors Meet for 2022 Second Quarter Board Meeting

Discussed and voted on side letter regarding pandemic-related bonus as well as CSLEA constitution dues adjustment

SACRAMENTO - On June 29, 2022, the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) Board of Directors met at CSLEA headquarters to discuss union business at its second quarter meeting. Business topics included: (in order of presentation)

- Communications Report
- Political and Legislative and Reports
- CFO Financial Report

- 1. CSLEA Dues Adjustment
 2. Membership Report
- Legal Defense Fund (LDF) and Legal Representation Committee (LRC) Reports
- Pandemic Related Bonus
- Scholarship Committee Report

“This was an opportunity for us to discuss at length with CSLEA directors, the process of negotiating for the \$1,500 pandemic-related bonus that eligible state employees in Bargaining Unit 7 will receive - and to explain that the *federal* pandemic-related money that California got,

money that many essential workers expected and/or hoped to see in their paychecks had already been spent,” said CSLEA President Alan Barcelona. “Despite that, we pressed for negotiations, a side letter, and for what we could for our CSLEA members.”

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CSLEA Wins Geographic Transfer of DSS Investigator

Grievance alleged retaliation of union activities

“I could not be more pleased with my experience working with CSLEA and Kasey Clark. Kasey was extremely timely and straight forward with not only myself but my department. I felt as though CSLEA and Kasey had my best interest in mind the entire time through my grievance. My experience has shown me just how important it is to be a full CSLEA member.” – CSLEA Member Robert Kujawa

SACRAMENTO - Robert Kujawa has been employed as an Investigator for the Department of Social Services (DSS) since 2013 and serves as a director on the CSLEA affiliate California Association of Fraud Investigators (CAFI) board. Kujawa's union-related capacity is well-known amongst his supervisors and managers and he has from time to time brought issues concerning CSLEA bargaining unit employees to the attention of management for redress.

On October 19, 2021, Kujawa put in a request for a voluntary geographic transfer from the DSS office in Orange County to its office in Riverside. It was his intention to move his family to the Riverside area and he has been actively seeking and putting offers in on available homes in Riverside. A few days after submitting his request, he was notified that he would be required to submit an application for transfer, which he did.

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CSLEA Speaks to Licensing Registration Examiners Training at DMV

*Reminds LRE union members about \$100 sponsorship
opportunity*



SACRAMENTO – On July 11, 2022, California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) Senior Counsel Ryan Navarre spoke with new Department of Motor Vehicles licensing registration examiners (LREs) to introduce them to CSLEA and the California Organization of Licensing Registration Examiners (COLRE).

Navarre conducted a new employee orientation which gave him the opportunity to discuss union membership, and the benefits and services the union provides.

“We have not yet returned to in-person orientations at DMV, so in addition to speaking via Webex to LREs currently in training, I would also like to remind our current union members at DMV that they can earn \$100 for each new LRE who signs up for union membership and names the union member as a sponsor. Signing up for union membership can be done online and doesn’t take but a couple of minutes.”

“Joining CSLEA and COLRE means you support the work that is being done on your behalf to improve salaries, benefits and working conditions,” said CSLEA President Alan Barcelona. “Our union members have access to CSLEA’s proven legal defense fund and legal representation. In addition, union members receive a basic \$15,000 life insurance benefit, access to group insurance rates, an exclusive member discounts program, scholarship opportunities and a vote on contract ratification.”

CSLEA welcomed eight LREs to the Bargaining Unit 7 and encouraged union membership. Joining the union is easy with [online membership applications](#). Anyone with questions regarding union membership should [contact CSLEA](#).

Dispatchers Training at CHP West Sacramento Academy Sign Up for Union Membership

WEST SACRAMENTO – On June 20, 2022 four California Highway Patrol (CHP) Public Safety Dispatchers training at Academy in West Sacramento signed up for union membership to the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) and its affiliate, the CHP Public Safety Dispatchers Association (CHP-PSDA) following a visit from union representatives.



CSLEA Senior Counsel Andrea Perez and CHP-PSDA Vice President Victor Tovar presented a new employee orientation to introduce themselves and the union to the new dispatchers. This is a time for the dispatchers to learn about union benefits and representation and to ask questions.

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CSLEA Attorneys Attend Retirement Ceremony for Former HPAC President Lorenzo Indick

On July 7, 2022, California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) Supervising Legal Counsel David De La Riva and Senior Legal Counsel Jim Vitko attended a retirement ceremony celebrating the career of former Hospital Police Association of California (HPAC) President Lorenzo Indick. Indick retired as a Sergeant from Patton State Hospital in May 2022. Sgt. Indick served as HPAC President for five years and was



succeeded by current President Luis Jimenez in 2012.

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CACI Representative Attends Vigil for the Fallen El Monte Police Officers

EL MONTE- On Saturday, June 18, 2022, California Association of Criminal Investigators (CACI) Representative James Potts attended a 7:00 p.m. candlelight vigil at the El Monte Civic Center honoring the lives of slain El Monte Police Corporal Michael Paredes, 42, and Officer Joseph Santana, 31. On June 14, 2022, both officers responded to a report of an assault in progress at a motel and were shot by the suspect as they confronted him.

“It is with deep sadness that I attended this vigil to pay my respects and to honor the lives of these two law enforcement officers who were



Respect and Honor for El Monte Police Officers Killed in the Line of Duty

May our respect for these heroes and the memory of their sacrifice live on

By CSLEA Member and CARII Director Mario Salas

EL MONTE – As a state program representative working out of the South El Monte Field Office, I am often in the City of El Monte in a work capacity or simply to enjoy the city's many restaurants. Sometimes I simply drive through on my way from place to place. I did not know Sergeant Michael Paredes or Officer Joseph Santana, the two city police officers killed while responding to a woman's emergency call for help. My interactions with

protecting their community and responding to an emergency call for help,” said Potts. “Our law enforcement officers give a lot of themselves each and every day, and in this tragic case, these two officers gave their lives. I ask you to keep their families and their law enforcement family in your thoughts.”

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the El Monte Police Department have been limited to contact with patrol officers who assisted in the service of search warrants or those who controlled traffic during an operation. As a result of these interactions in El Monte, I am familiar with the difficult situations that have sometimes plagued the city, but El Monte also has a fierce streak of independence and a culture all its own.

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CSLEA Scholarships

CSLEA Foundation Scholarship Committee Reviews Qualified Scholarship Applications

CSLEA to award eight \$1,000 scholarships

Some of the final steps in awarding eight \$1,000 CSLEA Consumer Protection & Public Safety (CPPS) Foundation scholarships are underway. Twenty-six qualified applications have been redacted to remove identifying information and sent to scholarship committee members for scoring.

"This is can be time-consuming for our committee members who volunteer their personal time to do this, but it is so rewarding to learn about the bright, young minds our CSLEA members have raised and nourished," said CSLEA CPPS Foundation Chair Dr. Kenneth Ehrman. "We look forward to notifying our winners and awarding them each \$1,000 by about August 19th. Thank you to all who took time to apply."

AFFILIATE NEWS

ASA-DOJ

ASA-DOJ Scholarships

ASA-DOJ is currently reviewing scholarship applications that were received by postmark deadline June 30, 2022.



CABCA

CABCA Board of Directors Election

The CABCA Board of Directors election is currently underway. Election closes at the end of business July 19, 2022.

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CACI

CACI Scholarships

CACI is currently reviewing second round of scholarship applications.



CAFDI

CAFDI Elections

CAFDI Election closed June 30, 2022.

[CAFDI Board of Directors](#)



CARII

Self-Nomination Period Now Open for CARII Board of Directors

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CARII Announces 2022 Scholarship and "CARII Cares" Benefit

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Bronze Medal Win for CSLEA-CACI Member at United States Police and Fire Championships

“CACI congratulates Detective Dominguez on his accomplishments and is proud to have assisted with his entrance fees as he entered this competition. We are proud of all of our members who competed in the United States Police and Fire Championships.”– CACI President George Tiongson

SAN DIEGO - Congratulations to California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) and California Association of Criminal Investigators (CACI) Member Gerardo Dominguez on his bronze medal win in the “Push-Pull” competition on June 15, 2022 at the United States Police and Fire Championships in San Diego. The “Push-Pull” competition consists of two lifts; the bench press and the deadlift.

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CSLEA Member Storm Huie Brings Home Gold Medal

2022 United States Police and Fire Championships

“CACI is proud to have assisted Storm Huie with his entrance fees as he is a fierce competitor and demonstrates a healthy approach to his life and career. We are proud



*of his accomplishments.” – CACI President
George Tiongson*

SAN DIEGO – Congratulations to California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) and California Association of Criminal Investigators (CACI) Member Storm Huie on his gold medal win in the Brazilian Jiu Jitsu competition this past weekend at the United States Police and Fire Championships in San Diego. Huie took 1st place in the brown/black belt Masters (35+) middleweight division.

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CDPH Investigators Assist with National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

SACRAMENTO – Collecting unused and/or expired prescription drugs at safe drop off locations from individuals who no longer need them is one way to help prevent drug abuse in our country. That’s why peace officers from the California Department of Public Health Food and Drug Branch assisted at drop off locations throughout the state on the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration’s 22nd National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on April 30, 2022.



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Thank you Firefighter/Security Officer Tomas Becerra for keeping watch at the Veterans Home in Yountville!

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NEWS FEED



San Joaquin County
Doctor Convicted In
Connection with Four-
Year Medi-Cal Fraud



Covelo Man Convicted of
Two Counts of Murder



Sacramento Loss
Prevention Operator
Sentenced in Tax
Evasion Scheme



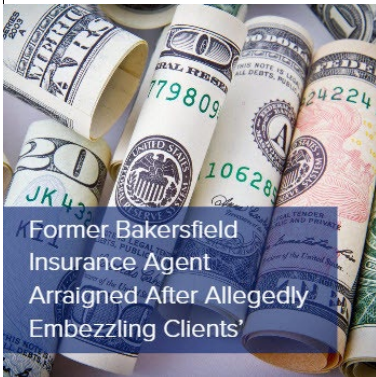
Three Servers Cited in joint ABC-Riverside County Sheriff's Dept. Decoy Operation



ABC Suspends the Liquor License of a Sacramento Restaurant



CSLB Conducts Stings and Sweeps Targeting Unlicensed Contractors in California



Former Bakersfield Insurance Agent Arraigned After Allegedly Embezzling Clients



Kings County Gang Member Sentenced to 15 Years in Prison for Methamphetamine



Six Arrested for Allegedly Fraudulently Obtaining \$2 Million in COVID-19 Jobless



Rapper Who Bragged About COVID-Related Jobless Benefits Scam Agrees to Guilty



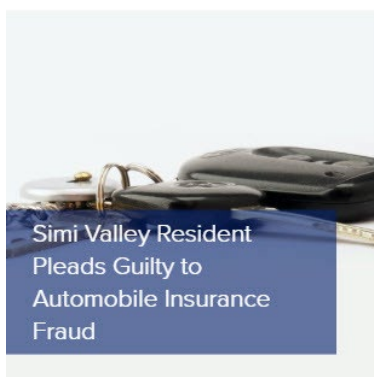
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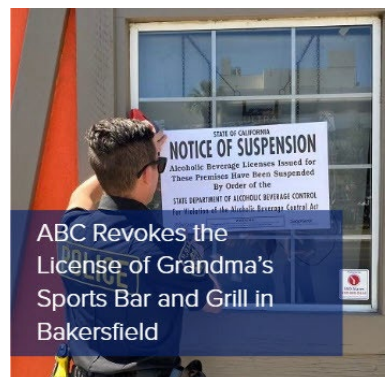
Mountain View Detectives Solve 30-year-old Homicide Case



"Yellowstone" Actress Charged with Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud



Simi Valley Resident Pleads Guilty to Automobile Insurance Fraud



ABC Revokes the License of Grandma's Sports Bar and Grill in Bakersfield

The CSLEA Electronic Membership Guide



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Kasey Clark
Chief Counsel



Dave De La Riva
Supervising Counsel



Ryan Navarre
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Andrea Perez
Senior Counsel



Jim Vitko
Senior Counsel

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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Dave De la Riva, Senior Legal Counsel
California Statewide Law Enforcement Association

Sick Leave Entitlement Featuring CSLEA Senior Counsel Dave De La Riva

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The CSLEA Special Enhanced Sponsorship Program

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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



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[California Casualty](#), in partnership with CSLEA, offers first responders Auto & Home/Renters Insurance designed with your needs in mind.

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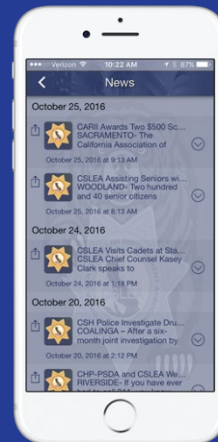
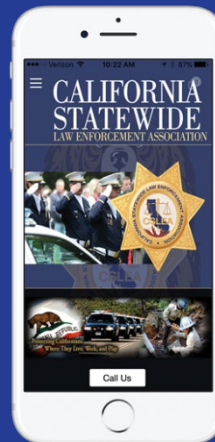
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