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PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

By Alan Barcelona

CSLEA President

[Pandemic-Related Bonus Update](#)

Hello CSLEA members,

We have received numerous inquiries regarding the \$1,500 pandemic-related bonus that CSLEA negotiated for on your behalf. As I stated in last month's



newsletter, legislators passed, and on June 30, 2022, the Governor signed, [Senate Bill 130](#) which was necessary for your pandemic relief checks to be issued.

So why, to date, have you not received this well-deserved and well-earned bonus? Through numerous and repeated inquiries to CalHR, CSLEA has finally determined that CalHR is experiencing delays regarding the recognition payment Pay Letter in part, they say, because of staffing shortages within its Personnel Management Division and other bargaining related tasks. In no way is the delay on CSLEA's end. Late yesterday afternoon, CalHR stated to CSLEA that it will likely take until late September to early October to issue the *pay letter*, which is a step that is taken prior to checks being issued. I am incensed that this has taken longer than initially anticipated and will investigate further. This pandemic-relief bonus will be issued, but the timeline is in CalHR's hands. I am truly disheartened that when this side letter was reached with CalHR we were not provided with accurate information to disseminate to you, our valued member.

CSLEA will continue to push for this payment to be issued ASAP. To the best of our knowledge, this delay has impacted State Bargaining Units 5, 6, and 8 as well. We are still under the impression the relief payment will be separate from your pay warrant.

I acknowledge the frustration you may be experiencing and apologize for the inconvenience of waiting for this payment, it simply is not in CSLEA's control. I appreciate the work that you do for our state and I appreciate your union membership. Thank you.

**A MESSAGE FROM UNIT-A VICE PRESIDENT DR. KENNETH
EHRMAN**

(Sent to Peace Officer Members on August 8, 2022)

Dear CSLEA Peace Officer Members,

I wanted to share some positive and important news that could significantly help you and your family should you develop post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Although the legislation still needs President Joe Biden's signature, H.R. 6943, the Public Safety Officer Support Act, was passed by the Senate on August 1 by unanimous consent. The House passed this bill by a vote of 402-17 on May 18.



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A MESSAGE FROM:

Membership Coordinator

Debbie Lindenmuth



Union Membership is not Automatic, You Must Actively Sign Up for it

A Reoccurring Situation: People seeking union representation discover they never signed up for union membership

Hello all!

As you may be aware, I am new to CSLEA, and I am learning many things very quickly, including the message that not everyone has heard; in order to become a member of CSLEA and receive union benefits, one must sign up!

Prior to 2018, a level of union membership was automatic. But that is not the case anymore. In the last month I have answered more than a handful of calls and or emails from non-union members seeking representation, when in fact they never signed up for union membership. They thought union membership was automatic.

How do you know if you're a union member? [Contact me](#), or check your pay warrant for a union dues deduction - if it is not there, you are not a member of CSLEA and do not have the protections that your union-member colleagues do.

My message to non-union members: Signing up for membership is easy and can be done online [here](#). If you have questions about your union dues, please contact me.

My message to our valued CSLEA members: Ask your colleagues if they have the protection of union membership. If they don't, encourage them to sign up and put your name as their sponsor. You'll earn \$100 per sign up from CSLEA. You might be doing them a favor as they may not know they are not union members. Typically, the non-union members I speak with quickly sign up when they become aware they are not eligible for union benefits. That could be a lot of sponsorship money in your pocket.

Union membership is sometimes compared to car insurance, you can't get help for an incident with your vehicle if it happened prior to you purchasing your policy.

I sure enjoy my job assisting our CSLEA members. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you.

CSLEA WORKING FOR YOU



CSLEA Welcomes New Hospital Police Officers at DSH Academy

ATASCADERO – On August 1, 2022, the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) and its affiliate, Hospital Police Association of California (HPAC) welcomed approximately 20 new state hospital police officers who are training at the Department of State Hospital's (DSH) Academy at Atascadero State Hospital (ASH). Upon completion of their training, the officers will be assigned to one of five State Hospitals.

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CSLEA Scholarships

CSLEA Announces 2022 Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to eight deserving students

The California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) is proud to announce the recipients of this year's CSLEA Consumer Protection & Public Safety Foundation Scholarship Awards. This year, the foundation is awarding eight students with \$1,000 dollars each.

"Congratulations to these high-performing students and citizens who are setting and reaching for their goals and dreams! We wish them the best as they pursue their education and careers," said CSLEA President Alan Barcelona. "All of our members whose children submitted such outstanding applications, should be extremely proud of their children. We are pleased that we were able to provide the scholarship program this year. Thank you to committee chair Dr. Kenneth Ehrman and our CSLEA directors on the scholarship committee for volunteering their time and energy to score dozens of applications!"

"Well done, students! It is inspiring and rewarding to read about your accomplishments, challenges and the dreams you are pursuing," said CSLEA Scholarship Committee Chairman Dr. Ehrman. "Congratulations to our recipients and to all those who applied! Keep up the outstanding work!"

Congratulations to:



Chloe Capello
Parent: Rachel Capello
Affiliate: ASA-DOJ



Denali Cooke
Parent: Darren Cooke
Affiliate: SPPOAC



Francisco Hulings
Parent: Alberto Hulings
Affiliate: CACI



Julie Huynh
Parent: Minh Huynh
Affiliate: CAFDI



Samantha Johnson
Parent: Jason Johnson
Affiliate: AMCOS



Liliana Jones
Parent: B.J. Jones
Affiliate: FMESA



Anna Linch
Parent: Eric Linch
Affiliate: ASA-DOJ



Gianella Vasquez
Parent: Wilfredo Vasquez
Affiliate: CAFI

AFFILIATE NEWS

ASA-DOJ

ASA-DOJ Scholarships

ASA-DOJ is currently reviewing scholarship applications that were received.



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CABCA Elects New Board of Directors

Outgoing president thanks new directors for stepping up to represent members

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COLRE Wishes Two LREs a Happy Retirement

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CONGRATULATIONS to our newest CDFW officers.





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July 22 at 2:45 PM · 🌐



California State Parks Peace Officers and Huntington Beach Fire responded to this emergency.



DMV and CDI Investigators Receive International Recognition for Operation VIN City

CHICAGO – During the first week of August, at the 70th International Association of Auto Theft Investigators (IAATI) conference in Chicago, Illinois, Riverside Auto-Theft Interdiction Detail (RAID) Investigators received the Vehicle Identification Award (Team Award) for Operation VIN City which was a case in which 24 vehicles worth approximately \$1.5 million dollars were recovered. Congratulations to our CSLEA members Investigators James Potts and Scott Fong with the California Department of Insurance and the California Department of Motor Vehicles who are a part of the RAID Task Force.



Original story: [DMV and CDI Investigators Assist with Operation VIN City in Riverside County](#)



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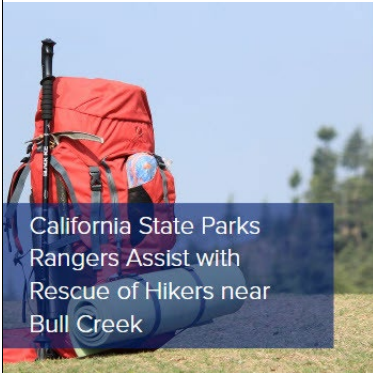
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NEWS FEED



California State Parks Rangers Assist with Rescue of Hikers near Bull Creek



Fairfield Man Arrested in Multiple Cold Case Homicides



California DOJ and CDFW Assists with OIS Investigation in Humboldt County



Undercover Sting In South Lake Tahoe Targets Unlicensed Contractors



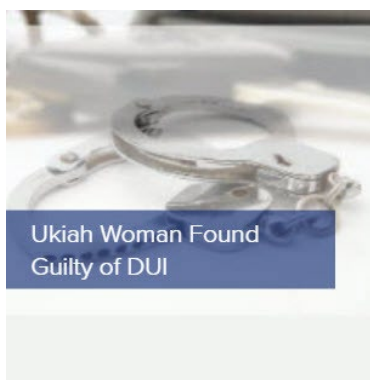
ABC Revokes Liquor License at Bottom's Up Tavern in Long Beach



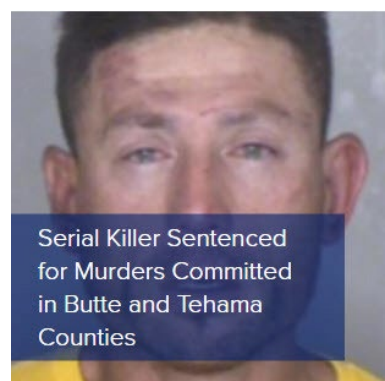
Former DVI Inmate Pleads Guilty to Role In \$1 Million Unemployment Insurance



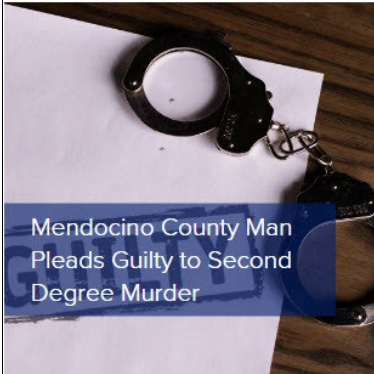
Task Force Seizes Marijuana Plants and Processed Cannabis at Industrial Hemp



Ukiah Woman Found Guilty of DUI



Serial Killer Sentenced for Murders Committed in Butte and Tehama Counties



Mendocino County Man Pleads Guilty to Second Degree Murder



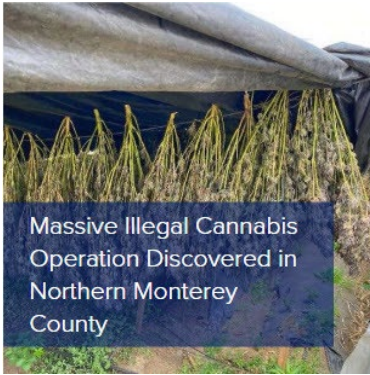
San Bernardino Mechanic Accused of Workers' Comp Fraud



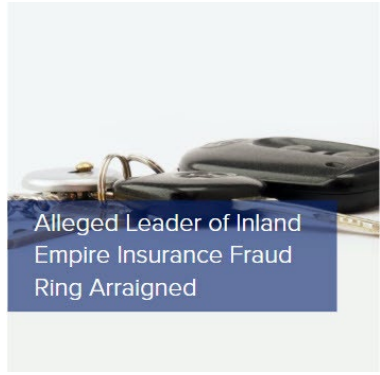
ABC Files Accusation Against Shameless O'Leary's Irish Pub in Redding



Settlement Reached in Illegal Disposal of Toxic Substances Near Ventura Harbor



Massive Illegal Cannabis Operation Discovered in Northern Monterey County



Alleged Leader of Inland Empire Insurance Fraud Ring Arraigned

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Andrea Perez
Senior Counsel



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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](#)

Know Your Rights Videos



Holiday Pay Featuring CSLEA Supervising Legal Counsel Dave De La Riva

CSLEA Sponsorship Program



**Earning \$100 is easy
when you sponsor new
members**

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! Earn \$100 for each new member you sponsor.

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ADDITIONAL CSLEA INFO



Insurance Coverage at CSLEA Membership Rates! Learn more.



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**As a member of CSLEA,
you have a \$15,000 Life Insurance Benefit.**

To Update Beneficiary Information:

Contact: Catherine Ross
Executive Assistant
Myers-Stevens & Toohey & Co., Inc.
880-827-4695 ext. 610
cross@myers-stevens.com



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:

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