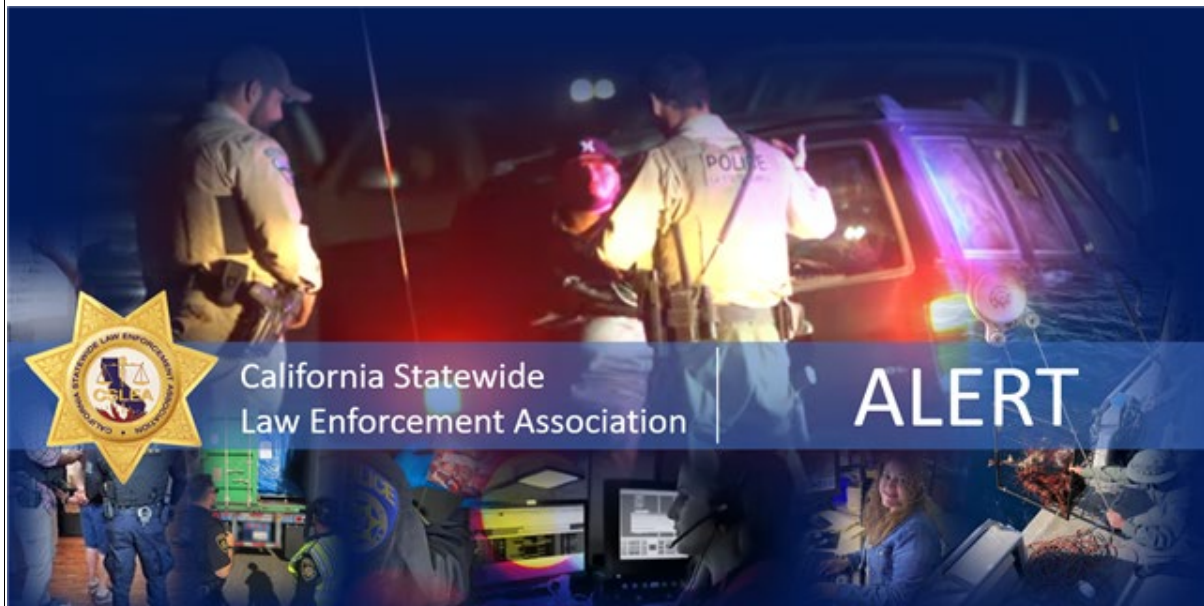


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PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

By Alan Barcelona
CSLEA President



Hello CSLEA Members,

As you are likely aware CSLEA's current contract with the State expires on July 1, 2023. We are currently in the process of setting up negotiations dates with the State. The CSLEA negotiations team is now reviewing the many proposals that have been submitted by members, including site representatives, and affiliate and CSLEA directors, for possible negotiations. This is a process that demands constant attention, knowledge of our current contract, and research. I thank our team of CSLEA attorneys and officers who are working on this and all of our members who worked to submit thoughtful proposals. We will discuss negotiations, along with other CSLEA business items at our next Board of Directors meeting scheduled for March 28th. We are looking forward to a successful bargaining session with the State.

I am continuing my outreach on your behalf, meeting with state legislators and those in offices that impact the work that you do and how you do it. These are valuable rapport that allow us the opportunity to call upon individuals for assistance when needed. CSLEA has worked hard over the years to be a voice at the Capitol and I am proud of our strength and determination as an organization.

I am enthused by the early response to our CSLEA scholarship application announcement. The CSLEA Foundation is currently accepting applications. While the application deadline isn't until May, we are already receiving applications from your students! You'll find the scholarship application information below.

I want to thank the dozens of CSLEA members who participated in our site representation classes held over Zoom March 3rd, 7th and 9th. This was an opportunity to learn more about CSLEA, its functions, the grievance process, who to contact when, and how workplace issues are addressed and resolved.

Be sure to contact us with any questions, comments or concerns you may have and please enjoy a safe St. Patrick's Day weekend!



CSLEA Legislative Update - By Shane LaVigne, Capitol Advocacy

2023 Legislature

The 2023-24 California legislative session gaveled in on December 5, comprised of the largest freshman class the Capitol has seen since term limits were enacted over a decade ago. Of the 120 total lawmakers, over a quarter are new faces (34 to be precise). Ten of these new members are in the Senate and 24 are in the Assembly. The significant turnover this election cycle was due in large part to the legislative redistricting that was finalized in late 2021, which drew several incumbents into the same districts and significantly changed the constituent demographics for many others. 2022 has often been referred to as “The Great Resignation” because of the almost weekly announcements that lawmakers were either resigning and leaving their seats early, or not running for reelection.



2023 Budget

With rising inflation and the significant reduction in the capital markets towards the end of 2022, the upcoming California state budget will have to account for a projected \$24 billion deficit. This significant budget shortfall will result in the Administration and the Legislature making difficult decisions as to what policies will be prioritized and which will be left out. The reason for this revenue gap is due in large part to the heavy dependence on capital gains revenue as a state (Approx. 70% of the budget revenue) and as interest rates and fears of recession have spiked this has led to depressed state revenue numbers - gone are the last decade of record budget surpluses. For the first time since the great financial crisis of 2008 and the subsequent few budget years, lawmakers are now dealt the unfamiliar hand of having to plug a budget hole.

2023 Public Safety Bills

A record 2632 bills have been introduced this legislative session. Of those introduced CSLEA is tracking over 60 public safety bills. A number of these bills will be priority bills CSLEA will either support or oppose. This year, CSLEA is sponsoring two presumption bills, SB 391 and SB 623. SB 391 (Blakespear) will provide a skin cancer presumption for game wardens and park rangers. SB 623 (Laird) will provide a PTSI presumption for fire fighters, peace officers, and dispatch. We look forward to keeping you informed of the progress of these bills and our progress as a whole on the bills that are a high priority.

CSLEA Co-Sponsors SB 391 - Access to Benefits for State Wildlife Officer and Park Ranger Victims of Skin Cancer

SACRAMENTO - The California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) and the California Fish and Game Wardens Supervisors and Managers Association (CFGWSMA) are co-sponsoring Senate Bill 391 - Workers' compensation: skin cancer, introduced in February by Senator Catherine Blakespear (D-Encinitas). Senate Bill 391, would enable the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) officers and California State Parks rangers to more easily access workers' compensation benefits for skin cancer diagnoses and treatment.



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CSLEA trains 75 Potential Site Reps over Three Days

Members express renewed excitement as contract negotiations approach

SACRAMENTO – The California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) recently held site representation classes for CSLEA members interested in learning more about the union, its role in resolving issues that arise in the workplace, the contract, and how and when to file grievances. The 2-hour site representation class was conducted via Zoom on three different days to reach as many interested members as possible.

“CSLEA Senior Counsel Andrea Perez and I provided training for 75 potential site reps on March 3, 7, and 9. We are encouraged by the number of members who were interested in taking the class and had members from many different job classifications that the union represents,” said CSLEA Senior Counsel Jim Vitko.

“It was nice having so much interest. We had some good questions in the chat. Our members seem really interested in knowing more about how and when to assist their coworkers and that’s what being a site representative is all about,” said Perez.

Members who attended work at ABC, CSLB, DSS, Cal OES, CHP, DCA, DMV, CDFW, MBC, DOJ, State Parks, CALFIRE, CDI, CCC, Cal Vet and CDPH.

“Knowledge is power,” said CSLEA Member and Site Representative Bob Twomey who attended one of the classes. “Understanding how the site rep process works has helped me to better prepare for guiding co-workers through difficult situations or sometimes just being a supportive listener.”

“The Site Rep class is an excellent way to get informed about representing and defending the interests of fellow CSLEA members,” said ASA-DOJ President and CSLEA director Benjamin Greenhagen.

“I want to thank the legal team at CSLEA for taking the time to reach out. Their information, experience, and guidance, was on point and will help me be a better member of CSLEA and a better employee at California Governor's Office of Emergency Services,” said CSLEA Member Benjamin Greer.

CSLEA would like to thank its members who attended the class on their own time, for their interest in learning more about CSLEA and how to successfully resolve issues that arise in the workplace.



CSLEA Membership Representative and CALEE President Visit DOJ Security Officers in Sacramento

SACRAMENTO – On February 23 and 24, 2023, representatives from the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) and California Association of Law Enforcement Employees (CALEE) visited California Department of Justice (DOJ) security officers at DOJ offices in Sacramento.

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CSLEA and CACI Representatives Meet with New Investigators at DCA in San Dimas

SAN DIMAS - On February 23, 2023, California Association of Criminal Investigators (CACI) President George Tiongson, CACI Director Doug Becker and California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) Supervising Counsel Dave De La Riva met with a group of new and more recently hired Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) Health Quality Investigation Unit (HQIU) investigators at the DCA HQIU office in San Dimas.

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CSLEA is Now Accepting Applications for Scholarships

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FMESA Directors Hold Two-Day White Paper Meeting in Preparation for 2023 Contract Negotiations

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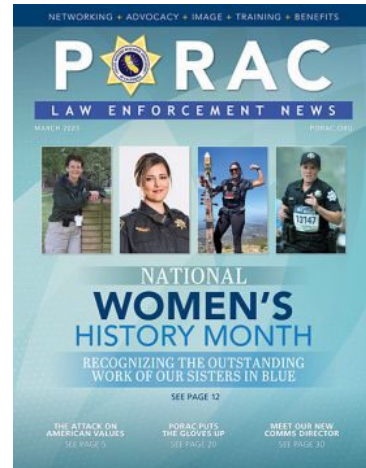


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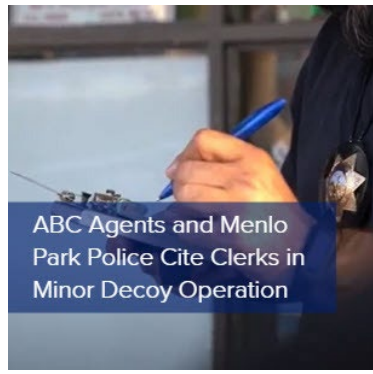
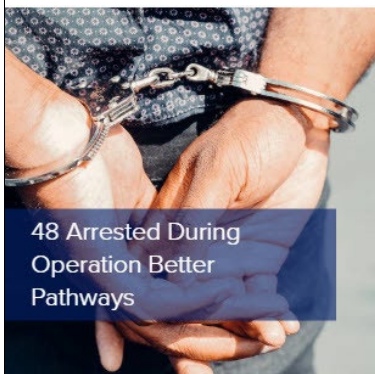
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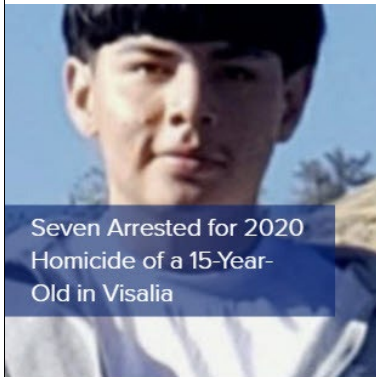
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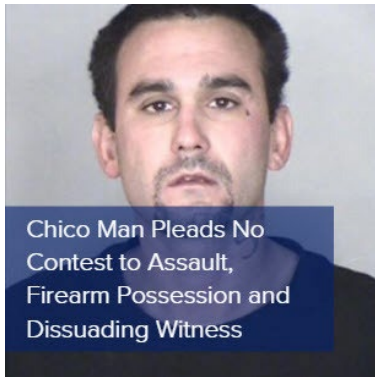


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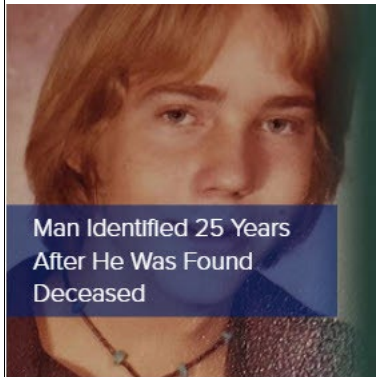
Seven Arrested for 2020 Homicide of a 15-Year-Old in Visalia



Chico Man Pleads No Contest to Assault, Firearm Possession and Dissuading Witness



California DCC Busts Large Illegal Marijuana Grow Operations in San Bernardino



Man Identified 25 Years After He Was Found Deceased



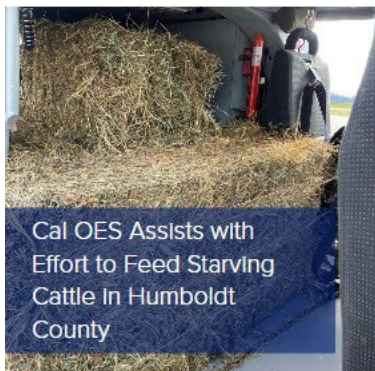
Romanian Citizen Arrested and Charged In \$5 Million Covid Relief Fraud



15 Arrested in Law Enforcement Operation Targeting Fraudulent Withdrawal of



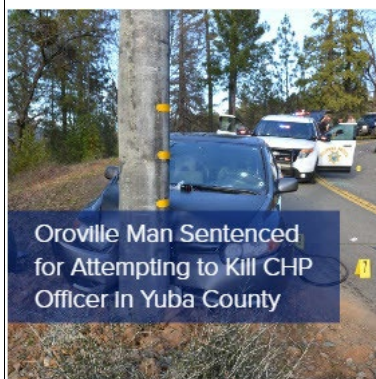
Charges in Wage Theft Case Involving Over \$800K in lost wages



Cal OES Assists with Effort to Feed Starving Cattle in Humboldt County



Tulare County Man Pleads Guilty to Federal Drug Charges



Oroville Man Sentenced for Attempting to Kill CHP Officer in Yuba County



Los Angeles Man Sentenced for \$5.5 Million COVID Jobless Benefits Scam, Tax



Surgeon Convicted for Accepting Illicit Payments to Perform Spinal Surgeries



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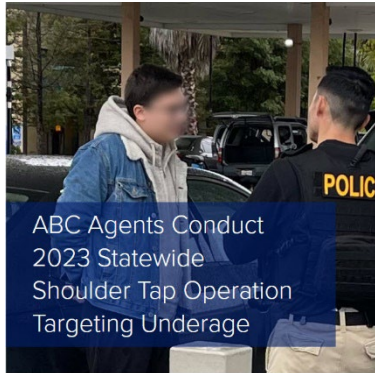
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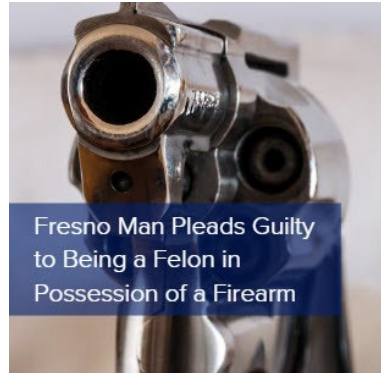
Mexican National Sentenced for Growing Marijuana in the Shasta-Trinity National



18 Arrested in Sexual Predator Sting Operation in Sacramento County



ABC Agents Conduct 2023 Statewide Shoulder Tap Operation Targeting Underage



Fresno Man Pleads Guilty to Being a Felon in Possession of a Firearm

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The CSLEA Legal Division

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