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PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

By Alan Barcelona
CSLEA President

Hello CSLEA Members,

CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE:

Your California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) negotiations team is still hard at work pressing for a contract that is fair and uplifting for our members. This is not a time for impatience, as even the smallest of detail can be a plus or minus in the outcome of a new contract. The CSLEA negotiations team and representatives from CalHR have made progress on proposals and counter proposals, however, some of what we call the bigger ticket items are still taking time and we appreciate your patience.

I do want you to know that your comments and concerns expressed to CSLEA representatives during this process are being heard, and not just by the representative you are communicating with. They are relayed to CSLEA leadership. I know some of you are anxious about pay, 2024 health plan premiums, day-to-day work-related issues, retirement security, inflation, and simply making ends meet. We continue to negotiate with the State and hold discussions with members of the Administration.

As our current MOU expired on July 1, it is important to note that pay increases are generally retroactive to the commencement date. Also note that terms of the expired contract remain in full force and effect until a new agreement is ratified.

We are striving to arrive at the best possible agreement that can be reached given the sizeable budget deficit the State is currently dealing with.



NEW CSLEA MOBILE APP:

I hope you have taken the time to download and explore CSLEA's new mobile app. I want to particularly call attention to the top left icon on the app. It's the LDF 24-hour emergency hotline, should any of our members be involved in a critical incident. Even though it is the first icon on the app, it's important to see it and know it during a calm moment as opposed to an adrenalin-pumping one. In addition, there is a "contact us" icon that will help you reach us via phone, email or when visiting our office (map).



CSLEA AND AFFILIATE SCHOLARSHIPS:

Congratulations to our eight CSLEA scholarship winners, each being awarded \$1,000. Our announcement is below in this newsletter. In addition to CSLEA's scholarship, three of our affiliates are currently offering scholarships, with some of the applications due toward the end of this month. You can find the information in this newsletter under our affiliates section. We're fortunate our affiliates are able to offer this. It gives some of our members another opportunity to possibly be awarded money toward higher education.



CONCLUSION:

In conclusion, CSLEA will send out an email when a tentative agreement with the State has been reached, the information will also be placed on our website. Thank you again for your patience, and for your membership to CSLEA.

[See Today's Bargaining Update Below](#)

CSLEA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



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CSLEA Legislative Update - By Shane LaVigne, Capitol Advocacy

Overview:

The legislature participated in the last policy committees of the legislative session, the week of July 10, 2023. The legislature will be on summer recess from July 14th – August 14th. At which point the legislature will return to fiscal committees, and then finally floor session the first two weeks of September before adjourning for the year.



Also of note, the California Assembly swore in new Speaker Robert Rivas on June 30th. Rivas is a Democrat from Salinas. He is California's 71st Speaker.

Budget:

The governor and the legislature had announced at the end of June that they had come to an agreement over the terms of the state's \$310.8 billion budget, which would aim to bridge a nearly \$32 billion deficit without touching \$37.8 billion in reserves. On Monday July 10th, California Gov. Gavin Newsom (D) signed into law a package of infrastructure bills that aim to cut the red tape associated with building new projects, while also ensuring environmental protection.

The package, which includes five wide-ranging bills, generally centers on streamlining permitting processes, speeding up judicial review to prevent undue delays from legal challenges, and addressing cumbersome elements of the California Environmental Quality Act. Alongside the infrastructure bills, Newsom also signed into law legislation known colloquially as

“Budget Bill Jr.,” which amends a version of the budget passed last month and reflects the final budget agreement between the legislature and the administration.

Legislative Update:

SB 391: Blakespear. Workers’ compensation: skin cancer (CSLEA Sponsored Bill).

Existing law establishes a workers’ compensation system, administered by the Administrative Director of the Division of Workers’ Compensation, to compensate an employee for injuries sustained in the course of employment. Existing law provides, among other things, that skin cancer developing in active lifeguards, as defined, is presumed to arise out of and in the course of employment, unless the presumption is rebutted. This bill would expand the scope of those provisions to certain peace officers of the Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Department of Parks and Recreation. This bill passed unanimously out of the Assembly Insurance Committee and is now awaiting hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

SB 623, as amended, Laird. Workers’ compensation: post-traumatic stress disorder (CSLEA Sponsored Bill).

Existing law establishes a workers’ compensation system, administered by the Administrative Director of the Division of Workers’ Compensation, to compensate an employee for injuries sustained in the course of employment. Existing law provides, until January 1, 2025, that, for certain state and local firefighting personnel and peace officers, the term “injury” includes post-traumatic stress that develops or manifests during a period in which the injured person is in the service of the department or unit. Existing law requires the compensation awarded pursuant to this provision to include full hospital, surgical, medical treatment, disability indemnity, and death benefits.

This bill would instead repeal that provision on January 1, 2032, and for injuries occurring on or after January 1, 2024, expand its scope to apply to firefighting members of the State Department of State Hospitals, the State Department of Developmental Services, the Military Department, and the Department of Veterans Affairs, and to additional peace officers, including security officers of the Department of Justice when performing assigned duties as security officers, and the officers of a state hospital under the jurisdiction of the State Department of State Hospitals or the State Department of Developmental Services, among other officers. The bill would also make that provision applicable to public safety dispatchers, public safety telecommunicators, and emergency response communication employees, as defined. This bill passed unanimously out

of the Assembly Insurance Committee and is now awaiting hearing in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Next Year 2024:

While these bills are no longer moving, they could be considered next year.

AB 743 (Bonta) Privacy: reverse Demands - OPPOSE

This bill would have banned reverse-location searches which allows law enforcement agencies to obtain cell phone data about individuals near a certain location or using certain search terms on an internet website. This would deprive investigators of critical information routinely used to help solve cases involving mass shootings, bombings, rapes, child sexual assault materials, and a host of other crimes victimizing the most vulnerable in our society. The bill is currently sitting as a two-year bill in Senate Public Safety.

AB 742 (Jackson) Law enforcement: police canines - OPPOSE

This bill would have banned the use of canines by peace officers. This severely restricts an officer's ability to employ a proven, effective, and less lethal force option that can de-escalate other potentially life-threatening solutions.

AB 740 (Gabriel) DGS: drone cybersecurity - OPPOSE

This would have required the Department of Technology to issue regulations establishing cybersecurity and privacy requirements for data collected by drones operated by state and local government entities. It would prohibit local public safety agencies' use of drones manufactured in China when there are currently no other similar drones on the market. This technology is critical to law enforcements' efforts.

AB 93 (Bryan) Criminal procedure: consensual searches - OPPOSE

This would have prohibited police officers from asking for consent to search a person or their vehicle without an evidence-based legal justification. There is already case law for what constitutes a valid consent search under current law. This extreme bill of throwing out all consensual searches takes away another valuable and lawful tool for law enforcement while also removing choice from individuals in a free society to decide when they want to aid police, solve a crime, or ensure an innocent person is exonerated.

CSLEA WORKING FOR YOU

Bargaining Update

Today, July 14th, CSLEA and the State resumed bargaining and signed off on a number of working condition proposals. CalHR also gave a detailed presentation on a revised per diem and business travel reimbursement system. The parties will continue bargaining at the next scheduled session on Thursday, July 20th.



CSLEA Directors Meet for 2023 Second Quarter Board Meeting

Among items discussed - negotiations process and progress, state budget, legislation, and CSLEA membership outreach



SACRAMENTO - On June 27, 2023, the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) Board of Directors met at CSLEA headquarters in Sacramento to discuss union business at its second quarter meeting. Business topics included: (in order of presentation)

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CSLEA Visits New Hospital Police Officers at Academy in SLO

SAN LUIS OBISPO – On July 6, 2023, the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) and its affiliate, Hospital Police Association of California (HPAC) welcomed new state hospital police officers who are training at the Department of State Hospitals (DSH) Office of Protective Services (OPS) Academy in San Luis Obispo. Upon completion of their training, the officers will be assigned to one of five State Hospitals in California.

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CSLEA Representatives Meet with Motor Carrier Specialists in Fairfield and Folsom

FOLSOM - On June 28 and 29, 2023, California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) Chief Financial Officer and Membership Committee Chair Ricardo Sanchez, along with Membership Representative Marco Castro, met with CHP Motor Carrier Specialists who were attending a CHP quarterly training in Fairfield on June 28th and in Folsom June 29th

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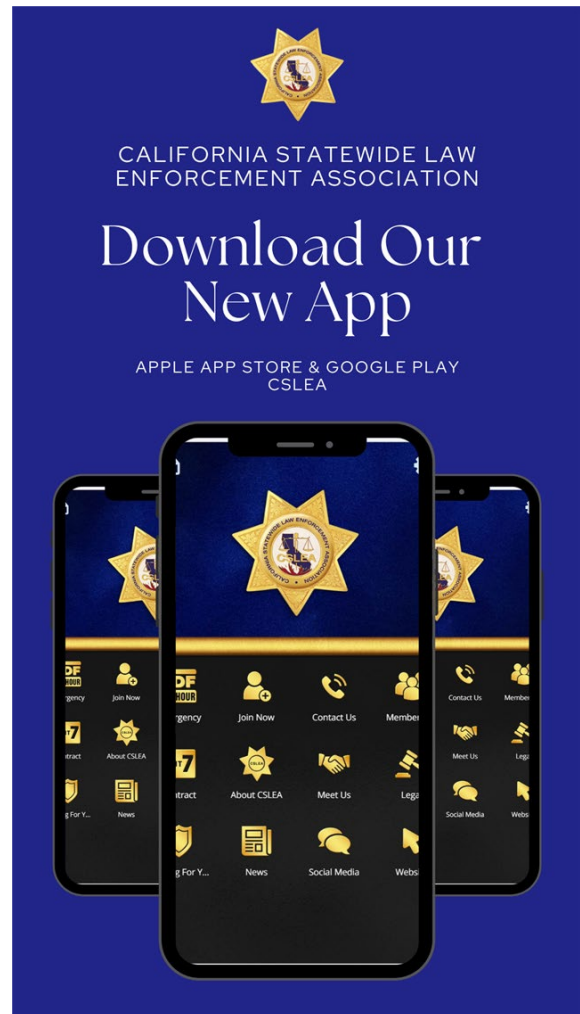
CSLEA Introduces New Mobile App for CSLEA Members

CSLEA is excited to share with you, the new CSLEA Mobile App, now available at Google Play and the Apple Store.

The new app can help you access everything CSLEA including:

- the CSLEA LDF hotline
- contacting CSLEA
- membership benefits and information
- the Unit 7 contract
- keeping up-to-date with CSLEA news
- knowing your CSLEA board of directors
- meeting the CSLEA attorneys who represent you
- accessing the CSLEA website and social media
- updating your member contact info

The app is a great way to stay in touch with your union and for your union to stay in touch with you! Be sure to allow push notifications as well and CSLEA will notify you of important events and information.



CSLEA Scholarships

CSLEA Scholarship Committee Announces Scholarship Recipients for 2023



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 this year's recipients who are working hard in their academics and setting examples in their communities. We wish nothing but the best for them as they pursue their education and future careers," said CSLEA President Alan Barcelona. "All of our applicants should be proud of their accomplishments, as should their parents. 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 the qualified applications!"

"I'm in awe of our recipients as they have worked hard to reach their goals and have very bright futures in front of them," said CSLEA Scholarship Committee Chairman Dr. Ehrman. "It is more than inspiring 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:



Diego Isaiah Garcia
Parent: Israel Garcia
Affiliate: CACI



Royce Haddock
Parent: Alana Haddock
Affiliate: CHP-PSDA



Anna Linch
Parent: Eric Linch
Affiliate: ASA-DOJ



Hana Melendez
Parent: Paul Melendez
Affiliate: CAFI



Leah Mendibles
Parent: Pete Mendibles
Affiliate: CABCA



Jared Oliver
Parent: Joe Oliver
Affiliate: ASA-DOJ



Ian Reynolds
Parent: Wendy Reynolds
Affiliate: CAFDI



Sohan Singh
Parent: Sandeep Singh
Affiliate: FMESA

AFFILIATE NEWS

ASA-DOJ

ASA-DOJ Scholarship Application is Now Available

Your application must be postmarked by July 30, 2023

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CACI

CACI to Award ten \$2,500 Scholarships

Application Deadline is September 8, 2023

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CAFDI

CAFDI Board Election Results

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CARII

CARII 2023 Scholarship Applications are now Available

Application Deadline is July 30, 2023

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CSLEA/CACI Member Storm Huie Earns Silver Medal at United States Police and Fire Championships

"Thank you, Storm, for sharing your accomplishments with us and congratulations on the success of your competition. CACI is proud to have assisted Storm Huie with his entrance fees as he is a valued member of our association, a competitor who always goes for the gold and greatly serves the State of California in his law enforcement, investigative duties. 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 silver medal win in the Brazilian Jiu Jitsu event on June 17, 2023 at the United States Police and Fire Championships in San Diego. Huie finished 2nd in the Men's 35+ Welterweight Division.

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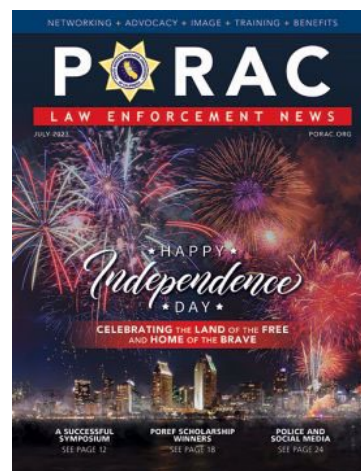
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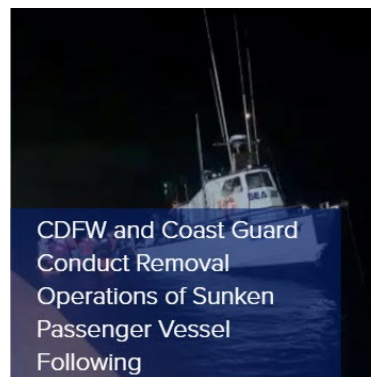
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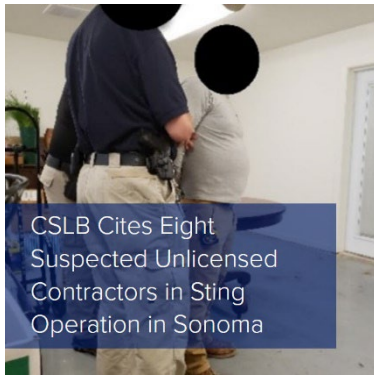


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DMV Investigators and Placer County Sheriff Investigate Odometer Roll Back Scam



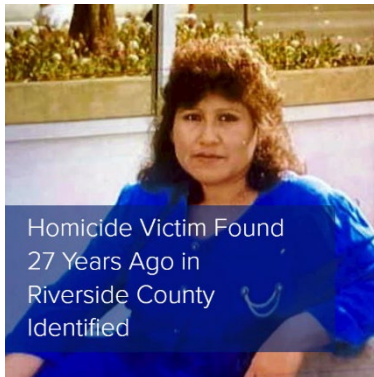
CSLB Cites Eight Suspected Unlicensed Contractors in Sting Operation in Sonoma



California DOJ Assists with Operation Gold Star in Tulare County



ABC and Menlo PD Cite Clerks for Selling Alcohol to Decoys Under-21



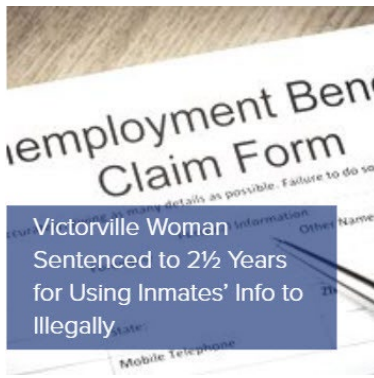
Homicide Victim Found 27 Years Ago in Riverside County Identified



San Jose Doctor Convicted of 12 Counts of Illegally Prescribing Opioids



SF Bay Area Construction Companies Charged with Fraud and Conspiracy



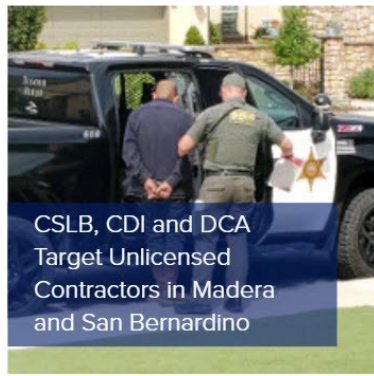
Victorville Woman Sentenced to 2½ Years for Using Inmates' Info to Illegally



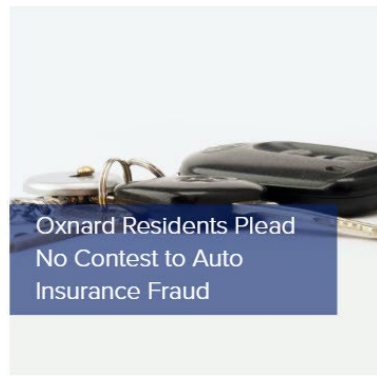
Redondo Beach Woman Found Guilty of Leading \$24 Million Medicare Scam



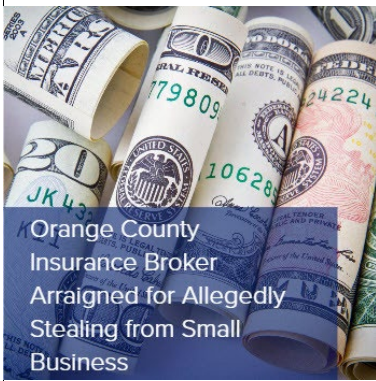
California ABC Agents Team with Delano PD to Cite Clerks for selling Alcohol



CSLB, CDI and DCA Target Unlicensed Contractors in Madera and San Bernardino



Oxnard Residents Plead No Contest to Auto Insurance Fraud



Orange County Insurance Broker Arraigned for Allegedly Stealing from Small Business



San Jose Man Pleads No Contest to Insurance Fraud, Money Laundering Charges



California ABC Agents and SLO PD Conduct Minor Decoy Operation



State Park Rangers Assist in Search for Homicide Suspect in Humboldt County



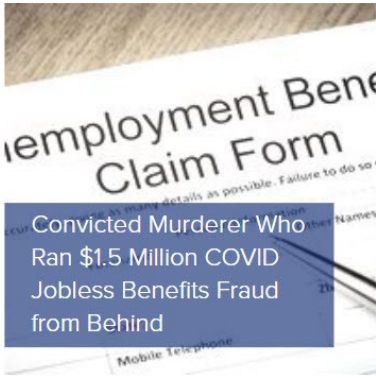
California's Statewide Cannabis Enforcement Taskforce Seizes More Than \$109



Kern County Man Sentenced to 11 Years for Methamphetamine Distribution



Los Angeles Man Sentenced for Illicitly Obtaining Nearly \$9 Million in COVID



Convicted Murderer Who Ran \$1.5 Million COVID Jobless Benefits Fraud from Behind



Romanian National Pleads Guilty to \$5 Million Covid Relief Fraud



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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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The CSLEA Legal Defense Fund
Featuring CSLEA Chief Counsel Kasey Christopher Clark

The CSLEA Electronic Membership Guide and Helpful Benefits
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1

CSLEA'S EXCLUSIVE MEMBER DISCOUNTS PROGRAM

An elite collection of discounts from thousands of hotels, restaurants, movie theaters, spas and theme parks, services and products.

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As a member of CSLEA you have a free basic \$15,000 life insurance benefit. Be sure your beneficiary information is up to date.

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2

CSLEA'S BASIC LIFE INSURANCE BENEFIT

3

INSURANCE COVERAGE AT CSLEA MEMBERSHIP RATES

Optional supplemental life CLEA insurance
PORAC health plans (POFF)
Allstate
Meyers-Stevens & Toohey
California Casualty

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4

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LEGAL REPRESENTATION

CSLEA members are entitled to representation to challenge counseling memos, prepare a rebuttal or pursue a discrimination action before the State Personnel Board.

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Member Guide

CSLEA Sponsorship Program

How Easy is it to Sponsor a New CSLEA Member and Earn \$100?



1

Direct the prospective
new member to CSLEA's
[online application](#)

2

Have the prospective
new member fill out the
application, put your
name in the box marked
"sponsor" and click
"submit"

3

CSLEA does the rest -
processing the new
member's application
and sending you \$100
for each new member
you sponsor!

CSLEA's Top Sponsors in 2022 Earned \$1,300

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 Member Benefits

Allstate Benefits

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No California SDI, only NDI (starting @\$135 per week).

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and Cancer Insurance**

Benefits paid from day one for accident, day seven for illness. Plans are through payroll deduction and are portable; they go with you if you change jobs or retire and you retain the same group rate.

Accident and Sickness Coverage Highlights:

On and Off Job Accident Disability Income coverage No Medical Exams Required
Covers Dislocations/Fractures, Ambulance & Expenses Up to \$60,000 accidental death
insurance

Maternity Disability Income available (ask agent) Benefits paid after tax, when you
need income

Cancer and Specified Disease Protection Coverage Highlights:

Progressive benefit at initial internal cancer diagnosis No Medical Exams required
Annual benefits for treatment (i.e. radiation & Chemo) Bone Marrow Transplant
Wellness Benefit pays for annual checkups Hospital and Intensive Care
Benefits

Hospital Indemnity Policy and Heart/Stroke Coverage also available.

For more information contact Jay McDonnell at 760-734-4406

Or email jaymcdonnell@msn.com





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