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## California Statewide Law Enforcement Association ALERT

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**CSLEA and Affiliate Scholarship Information**



**Happy St. Patrick's Day**

March 17th is still a few days away but we know some of you will be "wearing" the green" this weekend. Have fun and celebrate safely.



### **Making It Happen: CSLEA at the California Democratic Convention**

The California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) Political Action Committee, legal counsel and staff attended the California Democratic Convention in Los Angeles March 7-9, 2014, meeting with political leaders, state lawmakers and members of Congress.



### The CSLEA Consumer Protection and Public Safety Foundation Scholarship

Now accepting applications!!!

The Foundation established a scholarship program for CSLEA members, members' spouses and their children to help with the rising costs of obtaining higher education. A career in public safety or consumer protection is encouraged, but not a requirement to receive a scholarship.

Deadline is May 15

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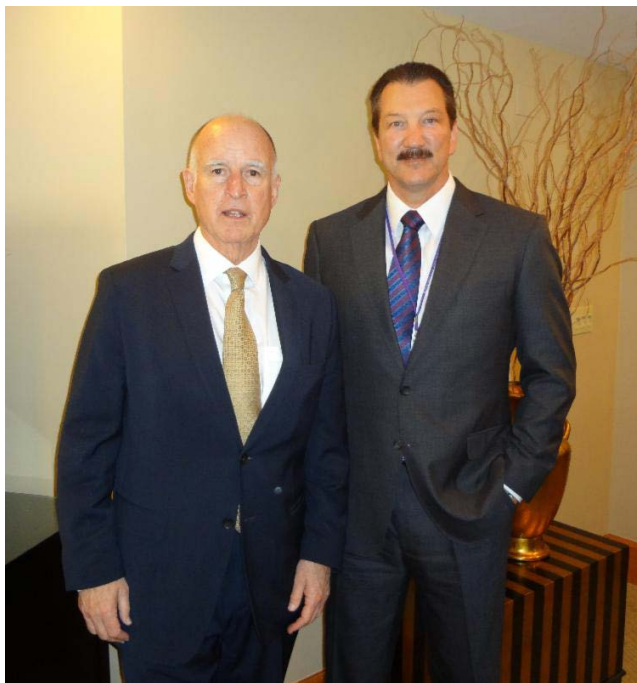
### CARI Scholarships California Association of Regulatory Investigators & Inspectors

Accepting Applications For 2014-2015  
Scholarships

Deadline May 31

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## CSLEA Leadership Meets With Governor Brown

At the California Democratic Convention in Los Angeles, Governor Jerry Brown held a private lunch in which CSLEA President Alan Barcelona, CSLEA CFO Ricardo Sanchez and CSLEA Political Consultant Peter Mitchell attended.

"We were able to talk to the Governor about issues that are important to our members in an environment in which a sensible discussion can take place," said Barcelona. "We thank the Governor for inviting us into his hotel room for this very important luncheon."

## Pension Reform: San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed Loses Statewide Ballot Challenge

On Thursday, March 13, 2014, a Sacramento Superior Court judge handed San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed a monumental setback in his lawsuit claiming the Attorney General wrote a biased summary for his statewide pension-change initiative.

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### CAFI Scholarships California Association of Fraud Investigators

Accepting Applications For 2014-2015  
Scholarships

Deadline May 15

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### CSLEA Exclusive Member Discounts Program

Some items our members are saving  
money on.

**Motel 6** - Save 10%

**LA Fitness** - Save \$75 off new member  
initiation fee plus locked-in monthly rate of  
\$29.99

**Sam's Club** - Receive a \$10 Sam's Club  
Gift Card when you join or renew as a  
Sam's Savings Member

**Men's Wearhouse** - Save 50% in-store off  
the regular price of all items (excluding  
shoes and Everyday Low Price products)

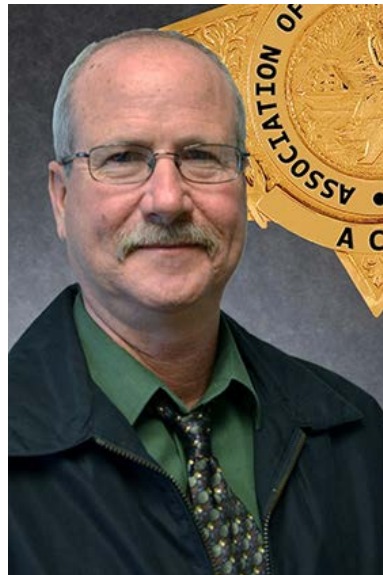


## CAL FIRE

### New Employee Orientation

Not sure what the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) and your affiliate association are all about? CSLEA membership, legal and affiliate representatives conduct new employee orientations year round.

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### CSLEA Thanks ACE President Jim Kastner For His Service

*And Welcomes Shawn Fry To The CSLEA Board of Directors*

It is with great appreciation that the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) thanks former Association of Conservationist Employees (ACE) President Jim Kastner for his service on the CSLEA Board of Directors.

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**Golfland** - Save up to \$8 on tickets to Golfland and Golfland's Waterpark

**Diamondback Bicycles** - As a Diamondback GoRidePro Member you save 50% off retail on all 2014 inline bicycles

Not signed up? [See how here.](#)

## Are You Covered?

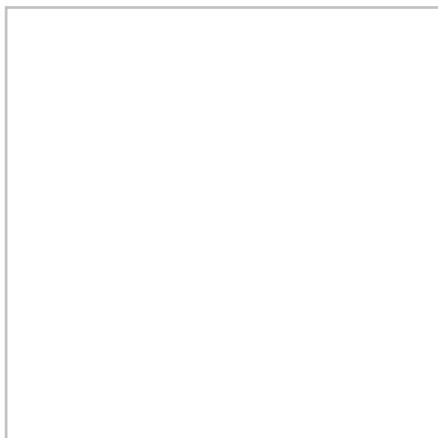


CSLEA Legal Counsel Ryan Navarre

"One of the most difficult tasks I encounter as a CSLEA Attorney is when a member calls who has just been diagnosed with a serious disability or disease such as cancer or has been involved in a serious non-work related accident or has just given birth to a child and they want to know what their options are for disability leave, and I have to tell them that if they do not have a supplemental disability insurance program or they aren't enrolled in annual leave, they can only count on \$135 a week for up to 26 weeks."

## Need more information?

Watch the video below.



Non-Industrial Disability Leave



## In Appreciation of FMESA President Bill Bondshu

*VP Daren Watkins to Take the Reign*

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## In Memory of DLSE Investigator Lee Pearson

*"He was a leader and my best friend,"* - Frank Capetillo, President, California Association of Criminal Investigators (CACI)

Family, friends and colleagues are mourning the loss of Senior Special Investigator Lee Pearson, 44, of Temecula, who died February 17, 2014.

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## Benefits Featuring CSLEA Legal Counsel Ryan Navarre



### CSLEA Events 2014 BBQ Schedule

June 7, 2014 -  
Arcadia Country Park, Arcadia

July 12, 2014 -  
Emerald Glen Park, Dublin

August 9, 2014 -  
Mission Bay Park, San Diego

September 6, 2014 -  
Elk Grove Regional Park, Elk Grove



### Do we have your current mailing address?

If you have moved, we may not. The state does not notify CSLEA of a change in your address.



### Are You A Full-Dues Paying Member?

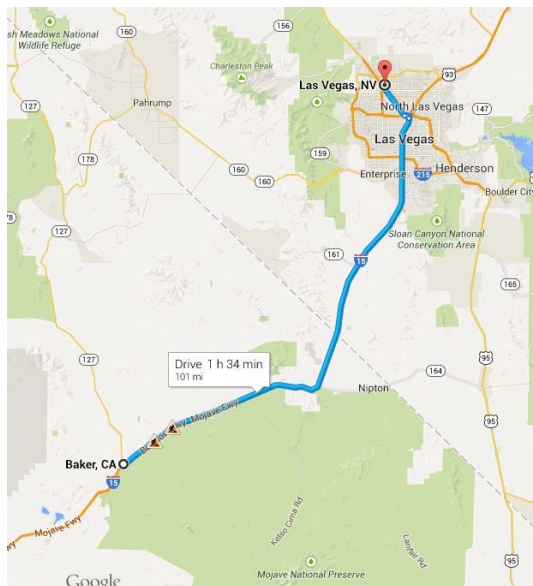
Only full-dues paying members



## Reflecting On The Funeral Service For CHP Officers Brian Law and Juan Gonzalez

*"There was an amazing outpouring of support. Members of the public, who were standing on the freeway overpasses, saluted and waved to any officer they saw driving on the freeway."* - Rob Pickett, RPPOA Treasurer

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## Lacing Up For The Baker To Vegas Challenge Cup Relay

"We salute our CSLEA members in the Department of Justice, Alcoholic Beverage Control, Department of Motor Vehicles and Department of Insurance who are taking part in the largest law enforcement race of its kind in the world. We wish them great luck and great fun." - CSLEA President Alan Barcelona

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## AB 1439 - A Safe Bet For Safe Neighborhoods

In 2013 you read a lot about special agents with the California Department of

receive all the benefits CSLEA has to offer, including a \$15,000 basic life insurance benefit.

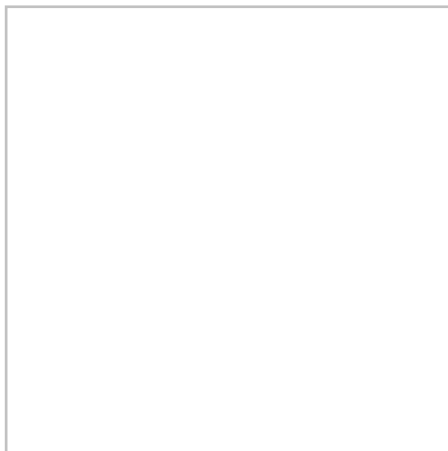
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### Download the CSLEA App



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### CSLEA Know Your Rights Videos



Adverse Action Featuring CSLEA Senior Legal Counsel Dave De La Riva

Justice (DOJ) Bureau of Gambling Control teaming up with local law enforcement officers to combat the growing and disturbing trend of internet cafes popping up in neighborhoods and business communities. Now Assemblymember Rudy Salas (D-Bakersfield) has introduced Assembly Bill 1439 to fight the rising number of illegal sweepstakes gambling cafes that seems to be multiplying in cities and counties throughout the state.

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### Life In Prison For Killer In West Sacramento Cold Case Homicide

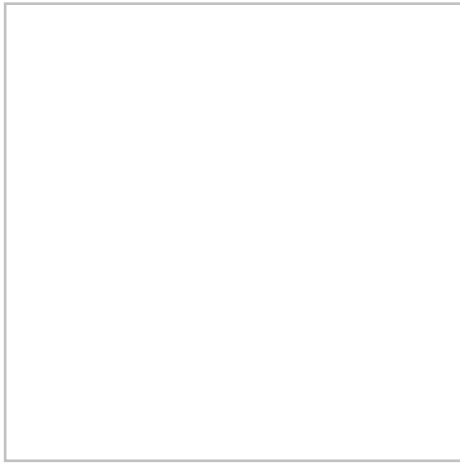
*"The successful prosecution of this eight year old case would not have been possible without the dedicated efforts of the California Department of Justice Bureau of Forensic Services."* - Asst. Chief Deputy District Attorney Michael J. Cabral

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### Suspected Revenge Porn Operator Arrested

When a Northern California woman realized she had been hacked and photos had been stolen from her computer, she did her own detective work and discovered nude photos of herself on the website WinBuyState.com. That discovery and an investigation by special agents with the California



Conflict Of Interest Featuring CSLEA Chief Counsel Kasey Christopher Clark

Have A Story Suggestion?  
Email: [Teri Cox](mailto:Teri.Cox)



CSLEA Director of Communications & Public Affairs

CSLEA Members Mentioned In The Media



[CCC Conservationist Cedar Long](#)

[CCC Conservationist II Brandon](#)

Department of Justice (DOJ) eCrime Unit lead to the arrest of a Tulsa, Oklahoma man.

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## Seven Arrested in \$6.2 Million Mortgage Fraud Scam

SAN BERNARDINO -- Seven suspects have been arrested and charged in a mortgage fraud scheme that defrauded more than 1,550 Inland Valley homeowners seeking loan modification services during California's foreclosure crisis.

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## They're Stealing What?

What started out a few years ago as a trend for law enforcement officers to take note of, is now a growing and wide-scale crime that victimizes two types of businesses; restaurants and rendering companies.

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### President's Message



Alan Barcelona, CSLEA President

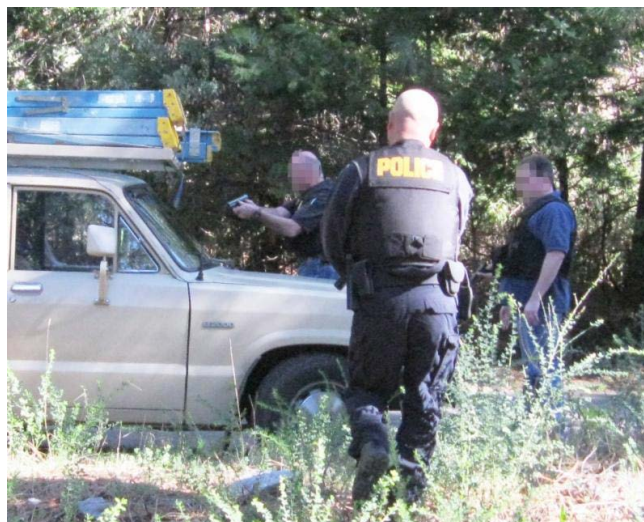


To our valued CSLEA members,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank two very dedicated CSLEA board members for the time they have served as leaders of their affiliates and on the CSLEA Board of Directors.

Association of Conservationist Employees (ACE) President Jim Kastner and Fire Marshal and Emergency Services Association (FMESA) President Bill Bondshu have retired from their positions within CSLEA and their respective affiliates.

Both men have dedicated their time and efforts to improving the working conditions, compensation and benefits for employees who serve the State of California. While Kastner is also retiring as a California Conservation Corps Conservationist II, Bondshu will continue to provide his expertise as Assistant Chief in the Office of Emergency Services Fire & Rescue Division. I wish both of them the very best and want them to know,



## Suspected Illegal Contractor Held At Gunpoint

During an eight-hour undercover sting conducted by the Contractors State License Board (CSLB) in Pioneer February 25, 2014, investigators approached a suspected unlicensed contractor who refused to cooperate, ran from investigators, locked himself in his vehicle...

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## Operation "Spinal Cap" - Former Long Beach Hospital Owner Charged in \$500 Million Scheme

Agrees to cooperate in prosecution of State Senator Ron Calderon

"This is one of the largest workers' compensation fraud cases in the history of the Department of Insurance." - California Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones

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## Former Insurance Agent Pleads to Elder



they and their input on our board will be greatly missed.

On the retirement security front, a judge just handed San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed a monumental setback in his lawsuit claiming the Attorney General wrote a biased summary for his pension-change initiative.

His petition challenged ten words in the summary claiming the words were false, partial and argumentative. In part, he objected to wording that mentioned peace officers, nurses and teachers by profession, hard working professionals such as yourselves, whose retirement security could/would be greatly impacted should the initiative pass.

Yesterday, in a tentative ruling, a judge denied Reed's petition. The tentative ruling was adopted by the court today. This likely stops Reed's efforts in their tracks, for now, meaning the initiative will not likely show up on a ballot this year.

CSLEA and public safety/labor associations throughout the state are committed to protecting your retirement security. We as public safety and consumer protection professionals have already sacrificed for years during the tough times and are working under PEPRA which are the changes the Governor and State Legislature made. That does not seem to be enough for Reed or his vendettas and/or political schemes against us all. We expect he will resurrect his attack.

On another note, last weekend, CSLEA attended the California Democratic Convention in Los Angeles to meet with Democratic leaders on the local, state and federal level. It was during the convention that Governor Jerry Brown hosted a private lunch in which I, CSLEA CFO Ricardo Sanchez and CSLEA Political Consultant Peter Mitchell were invited to. I want to thank Governor

## Theft

*"This man took from his own elderly aunt. Thanks to investigators at the California Department of Insurance, she got her money back and he won't be selling insurance anytime soon."* - CSLEA President Alan Barcelona.

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## Calculating The Mileage All The Way To County Jail

DMV Investigators Arrest Odometer Tampering Suspect

When California Department of Motor Vehicles investigators learned a vehicle being registered with the DMV appeared to have a tampered odometer, they went to work to identify who did it. What they uncovered led to the arrest of Alberto Navarro Zapata, 27, and the discovery of at least six vehicles with altered odometers.

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## San Jose Firefighter Arrested & Arraigned

Agents make lunchtime drug buy, investigation into alleged sex offenses with teen

When agents with the California Department of Justice's Santa Clara County Specialized Enforcement Team received a tip that a San Jose firefighter may be selling methamphetamine, they quickly went to work, setting up a two-month investigation and sting that led to the arrest February 13, 2014 of veteran San Jose Firefighter Mario Enrique Cuestas, 53, of San Lorenzo.

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Brown for taking time to listen to our members' concerns.

Please know that if you have any workplace questions or issues, you can contact your site representative or any one of our six attorneys here at CSLEA, all it takes is a phone call or an email. We are here to serve you.

Thank you and have a safe weekend.

Fraternally,

Alan Barcelona

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