



The CSLEA Alert

President's Message



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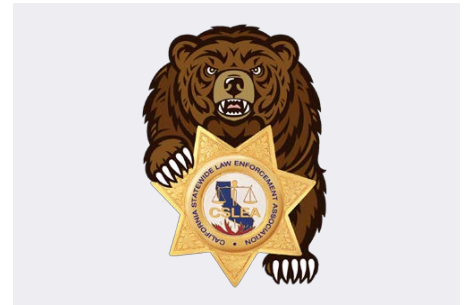
As you may be aware, this week, the United States Supreme Court heard oral arguments in a case that puts public sector labor associations and the dues required for collective bargaining up for debate among the nine justices. Rather than wait for a decision to be made in June, the headlines are already shouting predictions of gloom and doom for the future of associations such as yours, the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA).

The justices' decision in *Freidrichs v. California Teachers Association* could indeed change the way CSLEA, and all other public sector labor associations in this country, perform their roles in working for and protecting the public employees in which they serve.

Outside the Supreme Court, there were demonstrators on both sides of the issues - those who value organized labor and the protection it provides, and those who feel they don't need an association to look out for their salaries, working conditions, grievances, or job protection.

The Supreme Court has heard these types of cases before and left intact the way public sector labor associations conduct business, but there are many who think, based on transcripts from Monday's hearing, that the justices will side with the *Freidrichs* side of *Freidrichs v. California Teachers Association*. The Court's decision could change nothing, some things, or everything. We will know more in June and certainly keep you apprised of the situation.

As always, I truly thank you for your service as law enforcement, public safety and consumer protection professionals to the communities and state of California. Be safe.



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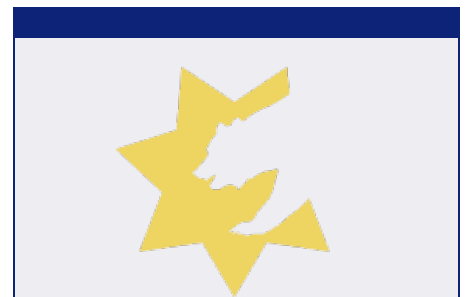
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CSLEA Attends Annual Reception For State Lawmakers





SACRAMENTO - A new legislative session has just begun at the State Capitol and the Governor has introduced his proposed budget. What better time to meet and greet California's new and veteran assemblymembers and senators? That's the thought behind the Annual Legislative Reception hosted by the California Coalition of Law Enforcement Associations (CCLEA) in partnership with the California Contract Cities Association. The annual reception was held at the Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel on January 12, 2016.

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Attorney General Kamala Harris Speaks to CCLEA Board



CSLEA FOP Lodge 77 Leaders in Attendance

SACRAMENTO - On January 12, 2016, California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Lodge 77 board members attended the first 2016 California Coalition of Law Enforcement Associations (CCLEA) board meeting at the Citizens Hotel in Sacramento.

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Not sure what the CSLEA Foundation is all about?

We invite you to check out our CSLEA Foundation [website](#). Read about the Foundation's mission and what Foundation leaders have been doing to keep members of your community free from harm.

Have an idea of how you can help? [Contact us!](#) And don't forget to follow us on Twitter and like our CSLEA Foundation Facebook page.



CSLEA Membership Encouragement Program

A \$50.00 thank you!

If your Unit 7 colleague is not a CSLEA member and signs up using your name as a "sponsor" - CSLEA will thank you with \$50.00.

Members of CSLEA appreciate a great benefit when they have one, so who better to reward for spreading the word?

If your Bargaining Unit 7 colleagues are not full members of CSLEA and upgrade their status because of your encouragement, CSLEA will send you a \$50.00 reward for each upgrade. Ask around.

FMESA Leadership Meets With CALFIRE Executive Staff For Year-End Report



SACRAMENTO - On December 17, 2015 Fire Marshal and Emergency Services Association (FMESA) President Daren Watkins, Vice President Chris Fowler, along with California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) Senior Legal Counsel Andrea Perez, met with CALFIRE Director Ken Pimlott, Chief Deputy Director Janet Barentson, State Fire Marshal Tonya Hoover and their staff to discuss the Department's activities and progress in 2015 and to address the plan for 2016.

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RPPOA Holds 2016 First Quarter Board Meeting



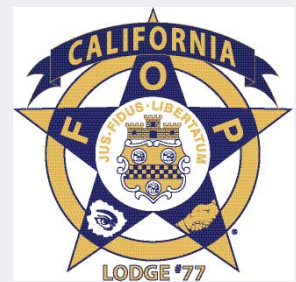
HUNTINGTON BEACH - On January 6, 2016, the Resource Protection Peace Officers Association (RPPOA) Board of Directors met at the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) office in Huntington Beach for its first board meeting of 2016.

CSLEA members receive enormous benefits over fair-share members. The difference between fair-share and full-dues is minimal, in most cases just \$5 to \$10 a month.

Full-dues paying members receive a \$15,000 basic life insurance policy and a top-notch, proven Legal Defense Fund, that, as a consumer protection or public safety employee, no one should be without.

Full-dues paying members also receive access to scholarships, the CSLEA Exclusive Member Discounts Program and the Fraternal Order of Police benefits program.

Your fair-share Unit 7 colleagues can upgrade membership status here. Don't forget to have them include your name as the sponsor.



FOP Lodge #77 Membership Available to Retirees and Retired Annuitants

SACRAMENTO - Retired CSLEA members now have the opportunity to become members of the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) by joining CSLEA FOP Lodge #77. One of the benefits in doing so, allows them to enroll in HR 218 coverage under the FOP Legal Defense Plan as well as to access all other FOP benefits.

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February 2016 CSLEA Site Representation Classes

Are you a CSLEA member who wants to be involved in your workplace helping colleagues to understand their rights and who wants to work with supervisors to solve day to day issues? Then our Site Representation classes are just for you.

CSLEA is holding basic and advanced site rep training classes in Northern and Southern California.

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CSLEA Member Services Starts the New Year with New Employee Orientations

SACRAMENTO - It was a busy first full week of the new year for California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) Member Services Representatives George Pina and Marco Castro who visit new state employees within Bargaining Unit 7 at their work or training sites.

"Right out of the gate, we visited new hospital police officers in Napa, new State Parks communications operators in Sacramento and new CHP motor carrier specialists in Fresno," said Pina.

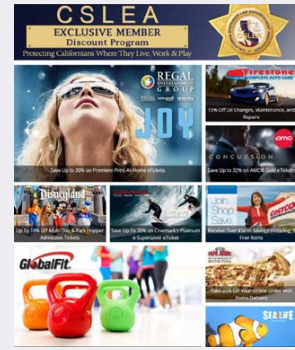
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New CHP Dispatchers Learn the Benefits of CSLEA Membership



WEST SACRAMENTO - California Highway Patrol (CHP) dispatchers learning what it takes to respond to emergency 911 calls and dispatch CHP officers also learned about the two associations, CHP-Public Safety Dispatchers Association (CHP-PSDA) and the



CSLEA Exclusive Member Discounts Program

Be sure to check out the many discounts available to you as a CSLEA member.

One of your many discounts is at Sierra at Tahoe under the CSLEA tab. Save up to 30 percent on lift tickets.



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California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA), that represent them as they begin their new careers.

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CSLEA Meets With DOJ Criminal ID Specialists & Field Representatives

SACRAMENTO - In an effort to keep California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) members involved in 2016, CSLEA member services representatives visited the Department of Justice, Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigative Services building on Broadway to update Criminal ID Specialists and Field Representatives.

"This was a small group, but we had the opportunity to talk about contract proposals, retirement benefits, long term care, long term disability, retirement membership and future meetings," said CSLEA Member Services Representative George Pina.



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CDFW Names CSLEA Member Frank Milazzo Wildlife Officer of the Year

SACRAMENTO- Congratulations to California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) Member Frank Milazzo for being awarded California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) 2016 Wildlife Officer of the Year.

"Officer Milazzo is closing in on his third full decade as a law enforcement officer with CDFW," said CSLEA President Alan Barcelona.



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CDI Detectives Arrest More Than 745 for Alleged Insurance Fraud in 2015

SACRAMENTO - Because insurance fraud is a multi-billion dollar drain on California's economy, Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones and California Department of Insurance detectives remain committed to investigating insurance fraud, arresting those suspected of it, and assisting in the successful prosecutions that put fraudulent individuals behind bars.

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CSLEA Know Your Rights Videos

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Andrea Perez





"As I promised when I was sworn in for a second term, we have worked aggressively to investigate and assist in the prosecution of those committing insurance crimes," said Commissioner Jones.

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ABC Agents Identify Those Suspected of Providing Alcohol to 19-Year-Old Suspected DUI Driver

REDDING - Four young people in Shasta County, only one of them of legal drinking age, face charges of furnishing alcohol to minors after one of the minors was involved in a two-car collision in which he and two others suffered major injuries.



The crash happened in Redding in the early morning hours on December 24, 2014.

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CSLB Investigators Catch 11 Suspected Illegal Contractors in Undercover Sting

HOLLISTER - When investigators with the California Contractors State License Board (CSLB) teamed up with Hollister police officers and the San Benito County District Attorney's office in search of unlicensed contractors, they had no trouble finding people suspected of breaking the law.

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CDI Detectives Arrest Nine People in \$24 million fraudulent billing scheme

CalPERS Benefits Education Event in Rohnert Park

January 29-30, 2016

CalPERS is hosting a CalPERS Benefits Education Event in Rohnert Park during January to inform members in an eight-county area about programs and benefits available to them.

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LOS ANGELES- On December 17, 2015, detectives with the California Department of Insurance (CDI) arrested nine people in Southern California who are suspected in a complex scheme targeting more than 230 workers' compensation insurers and self-insured employers.

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Caltrans Employee Arrested in Bribery Case Following Investigation by DOJ Special Agents

SACRAMENTO - After a nine-month-long investigation by California Department of Justice (DOJ) special agents, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) employee Alex Morales III, 54, has been arrested on bribery charges. Morales allegedly received bribes in the form of money and a vehicle in return for ensuring that Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) contracts were awarded to the person or company providing the bribe.



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Owners of Janitorial Company Indicted for \$7 Million Insurance Fraud and Tax Evasion

SAN DIEGO - A grand jury in San Diego has indicted the owners of the janitorial company Good Neighbor Services, as well as six accomplices for a massive, ongoing insurance fraud and tax evasion scheme amounting to \$7 million.

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Pediatrician and Staff Plead No-Contest to Insurance Fraud and Illegal Prescriptions

LOS ANGELES - On December 18, 2015, a Monterey Park pediatric physician pleaded no contest to Medi-Cal fraud and the illegitimate prescribing of drugs and will be sentenced to four years in custody when he returns to court in February.

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