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California Statewide  
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**ALERT**

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**By Alan Barcelona**  
**CSLEA President**

Hello CSLEA members,  
As we in California experience the worst fire season in recent history, the poor air quality, the loss and devastation, along with the pandemic and continued civil unrest, I must thank all of you for doing your part to respond to the numerous emergencies and difficult times that are challenging our state, our communities, our families and our own personal well-being.



You are juggling your calls to duty on both professional and personal levels and it hasn't been easy. I want to thank you, once again, for your professionalism and your commitment to law enforcement, public safety and consumer protection. You are valued and appreciated, and your valiant work is not going unnoticed by your union, your state government and the citizens we serve.

Congratulations to our dispatcher and operator members at CHP, CALFIRE, State Hospitals

and State Parks. As you will read below, the Governor signed into law AB 1945 recognizing public safety dispatchers and operators as the first responders that they are! This is well-deserved, well-earned and a long-time coming. I hope you will also read our legislative advocate's summary of the 2019-20 legislative session and our vow to continue with our bills that didn't get through because of time restraints that happened as a result of legislators being away from the Capitol due to COVID-19 cases.

For our peace officer-members - please review the PORAC Police and Fire Health Benefits now available to you. The open enrollment period September 21st through October 16th is approaching and you now have the additional choice of utilizing PORAC's plan. Peace officer-members are eligible to select the PORAC plan during the open enrollment period and can make the selection through the myCalPERS PORTAL. You'll find more information, including cost comparisons, in this newsletter

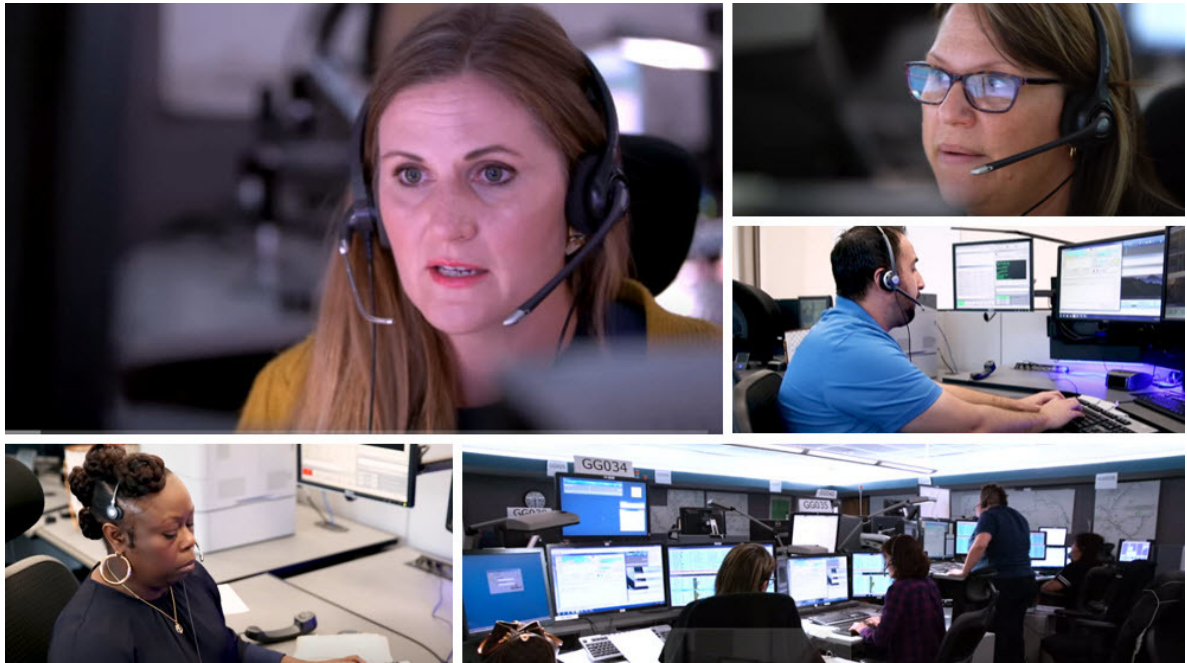
As a reminder, we are publishing some questions and answers we think some of our members might find helpful. The questions are from members who receive a reply right away, but the answers might benefit all, so we are including them in the newsletter. Remember we are here for you and easily accessible.

Please take good care of yourselves and your family. We wish you all safety and good health!

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## **Governor Signs CSLEA Co-Sponsored Bill that Reclassifies Public Safety Dispatchers and Operators as First Responders**

SACRAMENTO – On September 10, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom signed into law Assembly Bill 1945 (AB 1945), which recognizes the heroic work of public safety dispatchers by reclassifying them as first responders.

“This is cause for celebration for our California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) members who work as public safety dispatchers and operators at CHP, CALFIRE, State Parks and State Hospitals,” said CSLEA President Alan Barcelona. “CSLEA is proud to have co-sponsored the bill and proud of our public safety members.”

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## CSLEA Vows to Continue its Push for Peace Officer Powers for California Science Center Museum Security Officers

SACRAMENTO - Last year, the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association's (CSLEA) MOU included giving the Museum Security Officers (MSOs) at the California Science Center peace officer status. However, any change in peace officer classifications must be done through statute, so CSLEA sponsored AB 2891 by Assemblymember Reginald Jones-Sawyer to codify this change in law.

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## 2019-2020 Legislative Session Concludes

*An update on CSLEA sponsored, co-sponsored, supported or opposed bills*

SACRAMENTO - The California Legislature adjourned its 2019-2020 legislative session last night at midnight, the Constitutional deadline for all bills to pass both houses of



## Governor Newsom Signs Legislation -September 11, 2020

SACRAMENTO – Governor Gavin Newsom today announced that he has signed the following bills:

- AB 240 by Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin (D-Thousand Oaks) – Veterans' homes: lease of property.
- AB 276 by Assemblymember Laura

the Legislature. True to the nature of what 2020 has been, the last week of session was not without its share of drama and excitement. Late last week, a member of the Senate Republican Caucus tested positive for COVID-19; after the Senate canceled session on Wednesday to conduct contact tracing and sanitize the Capitol building, they found all but one Republican Senator were in contact with the member, requiring all Republicans to quarantine and participate in session remotely.

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Friedman (D-Glendale) – Personal income taxes: qualified employer plan: loans: CARES Act.

- AB 904 by Assemblymember Ed Chau (D-Monterey Park) – Search warrants: tracking devices.
- AB 908 by Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell (D-Long Beach) – Pupils: extracurricular activities: work permits.
- AB 1140 by Assemblymember Mark Stone (D-Monterey Bay) – Public Employees' Retirement System: contracting agencies: consolidation.

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## AFFILIATE NEWS

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### ASA-DOJ

#### ASA-DOJ Board of Directors Election

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### CACI Directors Meet for Third Quarter Board Meeting

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## CARII

### CARII Announces Scholarship and "CARII Cares" Benefit

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### CARII Board Election -Electronic Voting Period Through September 25, 2020

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### CARII Survey for BAR Program Representatives

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## CHP-PSDA

### CHP-PSDA Created Cookbook

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## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

## CSLEA Members with CCC Spend Weeks Away from Home at Complex Fires and Fire Camps

With wildfires racing across large swaths of land in California, firefighters are accepting all the help they can get, including the help of our California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) members who are California Conservation Corps (CCC) conservationists, leading corpsmembers in the fight against fire, protecting homes, and running camps for weary crews.



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## **CSLEA Members with Camp Roberts Fire Dept. Deployed to CZU Lightning Complex Fire**

SCOTTS VALLEY - On August 22, 2020, three California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) members who are firefighters at Camp Roberts Fire Department were deployed to the CZU Lightning Complex Fire burning in Santa Cruz and San Mateo Counties. Camp Roberts Fire Department is part of a four-engine task force with CALFIRE San Luis Obispo, Morro Bay Fire Department and Atascadero Fire Department.

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# **ANNOUNCEMENT for CSLEA Peace Officer Members**

## **NEW FOR CSLEA PEACE OFFICER MEMBERS - THE OPPORTUNITY TO SWITCH TO THE PORAC POLICE & FIRE HEALTH PLAN**

The 2020 CalPERS open enrollment period for adding, changing or terminating health insurance benefits will be from September 21, 2020 through October 16, 2020.

Simultaneously the dental and vision plans offered by the IBT follow this same open enrollment period for effective dates of January 1, 2020.

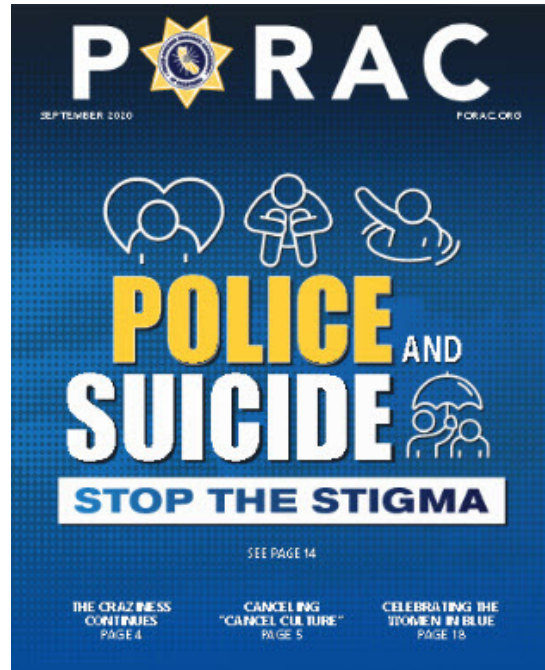


## PORAC Law Enforcement News - September Issue

### PORAC Law Enforcement News Featured Articles For September 2020-

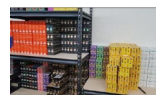
- Straight Talk on Police and Suicide
- Issues Unresolved as Congress leaves Washington
- Closing out the 2019-2020 Legislative Session

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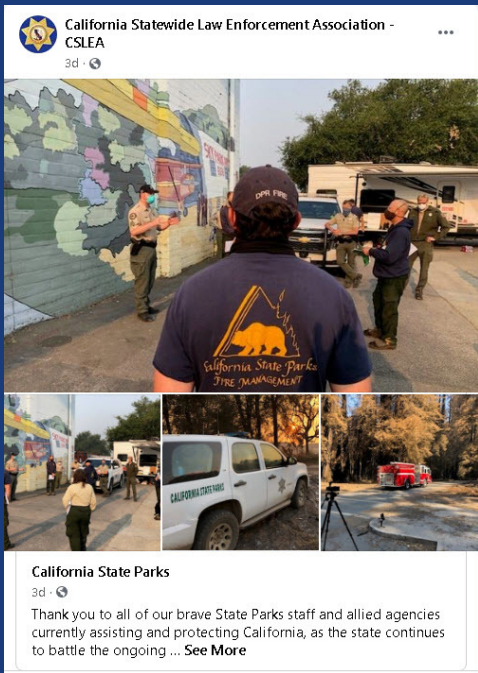
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## NEWS FEED



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Cannabis Distribution  
Center in Reseda

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## What You May Have Missed on Twitter



California BCC Investigators Seize Illegal Cannabis at Dispensary in Rosamond

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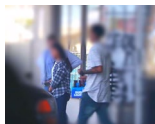
Sacramento Man Sentenced to 14 Years in Prison for Sex Trafficking

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State Investigators Bust Unlicensed Dispensary in Bakersfield

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California ABC Agents and Redding Police Cite Six in Underage Drinking Operations

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CDFW Assists Riverside County with Illegal Cannabis Operation Investigations

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## Your Questions Asked & Answered

### CSLEA Member Laura C.

Hello when will the 1% extra longevity for those over 19 years take effect? My HR said it has to be ratified before it can take effect.

### CSLEA Response:

According to CalHR, longevity will be next month before the payroll cutoff and it is expected to be processed on time so the checks are correct.

### CSLEA Member Frances G.

I'd like to update my \$15k life insurance beneficiary info; how do I go about doing that?

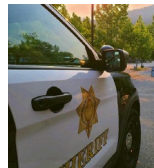
### CSLEA Response:

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



CDFW Responds to Illegal Activity at Tunitas Beach

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CDFW, CDFA, and CalCannabis Assist Humboldt County Sheriff's Office in Serving Search Warrants

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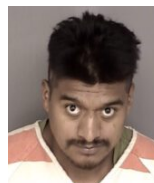
Former Westlake Village Insurance Agent rraigned in \$55,000 Senior Insurance Scam

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State Park Ranger Detains Arson Suspect in Monterey County

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We respond to calls and emails  
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helpful to our members, we'll post  
the question and answer here as  
well as respond to you directly.

Email us at  
[ContactUs@CSLEA.com](mailto:ContactUs@CSLEA.com)



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Bust in Santa Barbara  
County History

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Two Sentenced in Shasta  
County Human Trafficking  
Case

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CDFW Wardens  
Investigate Illegal  
Cannabis Cultivation in  
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**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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**Alternate Work Schedules Featuring CSLEA Legal Counsel Andrea Perez**

# NEVER WITHOUT MY UNION

-Tina Brazil  
CHP Dispatcher



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# **Insurance Coverage at CSLEA**

## **Membership Rates**

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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 & Toohy & Co., Inc.  
880-827-4695 ext. 610  
[cross@myers-stevens.com](mailto:cross@myers-stevens.com)



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<http://www.calcas.com/cslea>

1-888-439-1416



### 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:

**Jay McDonnell Ca.lic#0650517**

**800-586-2679 or Jaymcdonnell@msn.com**

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