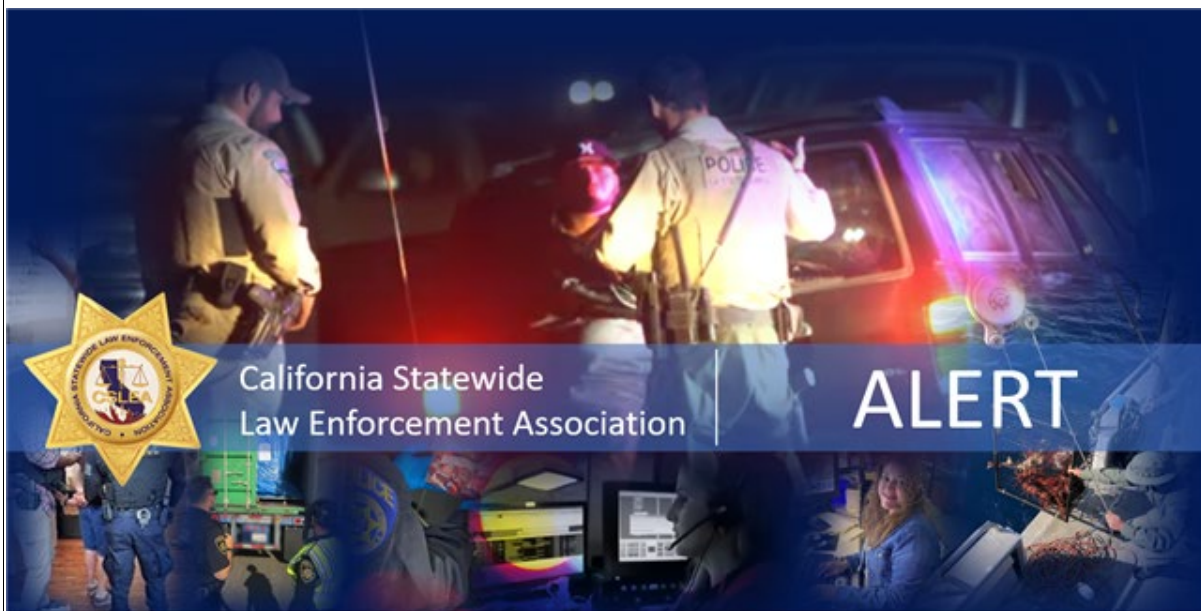


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PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

By Alan Barcelona
CSLEA President



Hello CSLEA Members,

On November 16-18th, CSLEA leadership will be attending PORAC's 71st Annual Conference of Members in Anaheim. Representing CSLEA is CFO Ricardo Sanchez, Unit-A Vice President Dr. Kenneth Ehrman and Chief Counsel Kasey Clark. There are new issues and challenges that law enforcement officers are facing and it is important that we as union leaders stay up-to-date. This conference, which also includes a PORAC Board of Directors meeting, address many topics including legislation, past, current and upcoming. As a member association of PORAC, CSLEA has benefited in many ways including access to the PORAC member health plan for our peace officer members. We are proud of our partnership with PORAC and the work we do together to benefit our members.

Our CSLEA Board of Directors will conduct its last meeting of 2023 on December 12th. I look forward to seeing our 18 affiliate presidents and addressing issues that impact our membership. I have mentioned this before, your affiliate president is a great resource for you. If you are unfamiliar with your affiliate within CSLEA, please visit our affiliate webpage or contact us and we will be happy to assist you.

As we approach Thanksgiving, I extend my wish that you and yours will have a special time together and enjoy many smiles and much happiness. Families are an important part of our lives, our family members offer amazing support and, I believe, families are the foundation that build great neighborhoods, communities and the future for our next generations.

I would also like to thank you for your CSLEA membership and continued support of your union. CSLEA is a strong organization because of you and you can rely on CSLEA for all things labor related. It is a pleasure serving you and we look forward to many strong, productive years to come! Thank you for your law enforcement, public safety and consumer protection service to the State of California. Happy Thanksgiving and safe travels if you will be out on the roads or in the air!



CSLEA Legal Defense Fund More than \$2.1 Million Strong

Summary of 2022 Annual Report attached

“This fund is an example of the strength of our union and is of great importance to CSLEA members who suddenly find themselves in need of legal assistance for criminal or civil matters arising from the course and scope of employment. The CSLEA Legal Defense Fund is part of the ‘career insurance’ CSLEA often speaks of. No law enforcement, public safety or consumer protection professional should be without it.” -Alan Barcelona, CSLEA President

SACRAMENTO – Each year, the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) advises members of the status of the CSLEA Legal Defense Fund. Below you will find a link to the Summary Annual Report (SAR) for the year ending December 31, 2022.

The SAR shows the value of the plan’s assets, after subtracting liabilities of the plan, was \$2,155,102 as of December 31, 2022, compared to \$2,492,349 as of January 1, 2022.

For those not familiar, the CSLEA LDF Plan is designed to provide legal assistance to CSLEA members for criminal and civil matters arising out of the course and scope of their employment. LDF may also be used in cases of major importance that impact the CSLEA membership and plan participants.

Experienced LDF Panel Attorneys from reputable law firms throughout the state provide defense in civil and criminal prosecutions of members. Only those attorneys who have a demonstrated track-record in successfully defending public safety members become part of the CSLEA LDF Panel. These firms have agreed to make their attorneys available to CSLEA members at any time of day or night and are therefore, willing to respond to incidents such as officer-involved shootings which often occur in the middle of the night. The plan also funds affirmative relief and cases of major importance such as POBR violations and pension attacks.

“Legal defense cases can take a very long time to resolve, sometimes years,” said CSLEA President Alan Barcelona. “This fund is necessary so that our members can have the best legal defense possible for as long as it is needed. The LDF has been used to defend CSLEA members in criminal and civil proceedings. Given the nature of our duties, it’s so very important to have access to this fund.”

LDF can be reached 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by calling **1-800-533-5448**.

CSLEA WORKING FOR YOU



CSLEA and ASA-DOJ Welcome New Special Agents of the Department of Justice

SACRAMENTO - On November 2, 2023, Association of Special Agents - Department of Justice (ASA-DOJ) Ben Greenhagen and California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) Chief Counsel Kasey Clark conducted a New Employee Orientation (NEO) at the California Department of Justice in Sacramento. Also representing ASA-DOJ were ASA-DOJ Directors Court Huish and Julissa Garcia. The attendees are recent new California DOJ hires graduating from DOJ's six-week orientation.

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CSLEA and HPAC Attend CSH Employee Appreciation Event

COALINGA – On October 25, 2023 employees at Coalinga State Hospital (CSH) were treated to some employee appreciation time. Never wanting to miss an opportunity to say thank you, California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) Membership Services Representative Marco Castro and Hospital Police Association of California (HPAC) Treasurer Ezra Cosby joined the festivities.

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COLRE President & CSLEA Attorney Visit LREs in West Covina

WEST COVINA - On November 3, 2023, California Organization of Licensing Registration Examiners (COLRE) President Enrique Razo and California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) Senior Counsel Jim Vitko visited the West Covina DMV office to meet with licensing registration examiners as well as to meet with the office manager to discuss concerns.

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Electronic Voting Period Through November 17, 2023

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CSLEA Spotlight



OSFM and CAL OES Personnel Respond to Interstate 10 Fire Emergency

By FMESA President BJ Jones

LOS ANGELES - The State Fire Marshal Arson and Bomb Unit (OSFM B/U 7) is actively investigating the major fire that broke out on November 11, 2023, along Interstate 10 in Los Angeles. This incident has significantly impacted traffic and daily commute in Los Angeles, causing considerable disruption.



As the lead investigative agency, the OSFM Arson and Bomb Unit is diligently working to determine the origin and cause of the fire. The investigation is thorough and ongoing, with a focus on ensuring the safety and well-being of Los Angeles residents.

A CAL OES Assistant Chief Duty Officer coordinated with the California State Warning Center to coordinate search and rescue dogs which was vital to response and the investigation.

CLSEA and FMESA thank its members for their public safety and law enforcement services in response to this major fire and freeway damage.



California Statewide Law Enforcement Association - CSLEA

October 31 at 7:34 AM · 🌐



Proud to share this Cal OES post regarding our CSLEA member Cal OES Fire Chief Tobias!
Awesome job, Chief!



California Governor's Office of Emergency Services ✓

October 30 at 5:00 PM · 🌐

Whether at work or spending time with loved ones, Cal OES staff is always helping Californians. Over the weekend, Cal OES Fire Chief Tobias saved a friend and f... [See more](#)

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NEWS FEED



Tulare County Man Sentenced for Drug Trafficking and Firearms Offenses



Corona Man Sentenced for Scheme that Fraudulently Obtained \$2.1 Million in COVID



Former Antelope Valley Doctor Pleads Guilty to Drug Charges for Illegally Issuing



California DOJ Criminalists Assist Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office with Investigation



Arrest Made in Central California Bio-Lab Investigation



CSLB Cites Eight Unlicensed Contractors in Oakdale Sting



Laguna Beach Insurance Agent Arraigned for Allegedly Stealing from Small Business



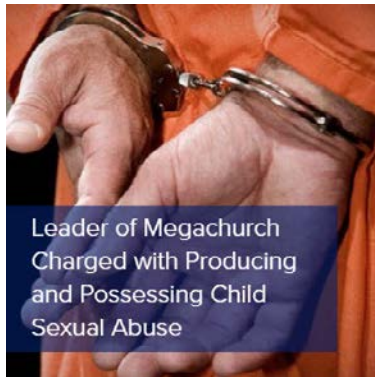
14 Suspected Sexual Predators Arrested During "Operation Boogeyman"



Auto Insurance Company Settles Consumer Protection Lawsuit for \$1.1 Million



Suspected Fentanyl Dealer Charged with Murder in Placer County



Leader of Megachurch Charged with Producing and Possessing Child Sexual Abuse



ABC Agents and Calaveras County Sheriff's Deputies Cite Three People for Furnishing



Yosemite National Park Squatter Sentenced for Firearms Charges



Sacramento Valley Hi-Tech Crimes Task Force Arrests 12 during Two-Week Operation



Two Charged in \$8 Million Embezzlement and Tax Fraud Case in San Bernardino



ABC Agents Work with Santa Clara PD Citing Four for Furnishing Alcohol to Minors



Encino Insurance Agent Arraigned for Grand Theft



Owners of Eight Catalina Island Businesses Face Felony Grand Theft



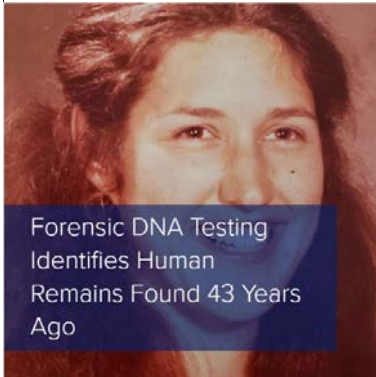
Second Owner of Fresno Sleep Clinic Pleads Guilty to Health Care Fraud



CSLB Targets Unlicensed Contracting in Clovis



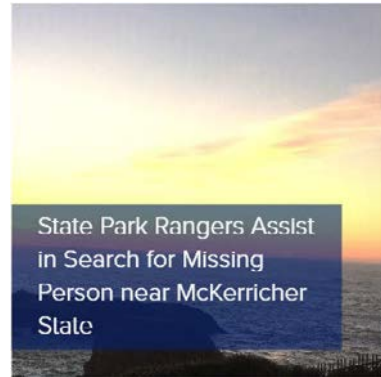
Nine Suspected Human Traffickers Arrested, 18 Victims Rescued in Operation Phoenix



Forensic DNA Testing Identifies Human Remains Found 43 Years Ago



Former Bay Area Restaurant Owner Pleads Guilty in Tax Evasion and Wage Theft



State Park Rangers Assist in Search for Missing Person near McKerricher State

CSLEA LEGAL



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Kasey Clark
Chief Counsel



Dave De La Riva
Supervising Counsel



Ryan Navarre
Senior Counsel



Andrea Perez
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](#)

Know Your Rights Videos

Sick Leave Entitlement Featuring CSLEA Senior Counsel Dave De La Riva

The CSLEA Electronic Membership Guide and Helpful Benefits Reminder Chart



Are you making the most of CSLEA's benefits and services?

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.

[Sign up here](#)

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

[Inquire here](#)

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

[For more information](#)

Did you know some CSLEA affiliates offer additional benefits such as scholarships, retirement bonuses and financial assistance with hardships? CSLEA emails keep you informed.

[Sign up for emails here](#)

4

SIGN UP FOR EMAILS AND NEWSLETTERS

5

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.

[Know your CSLEA attorneys](#)

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Member Guide

CSLEA Sponsorship Program



CSLEA

**MY UNION!
MY CHOICE!**



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 CSLEA INFO



CSLEA's Exclusive Member Discounts Program has an app:
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**CSLEA MEMBERS
Additional Member Benefits**

Allstate Benefits

Workers compensation has reduction of benefits after 22 day elimination period.

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

Leave time is valuable, don't use it all before you get benefits.

**24 Hour paycheck protection for Accident and Sickness
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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CSLEA's Mobile App is available at Google Play and the Apple Store.

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- 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
- CSLEA attorneys who represent you
- accessing CSLEA.com 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.



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