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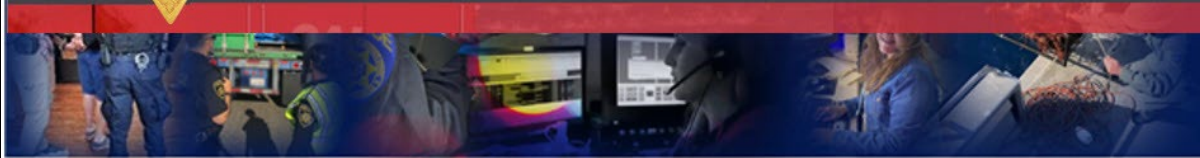
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PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

By Alan Barcelona
CSLEA President

Hello CSLEA Members,

2024 CSLEA General Membership Conference

We are enthused by the number of CSLEA members who are planning to attend our [2024 General Membership Conference in San Diego March 22-23](#). This is a time I personally look forward to. A time in which we come together as a group and a time in which I can meet with you personally in a less formal setting such as our Friday night reception and Saturday night dinner. Our conference committee chairperson and CSLEA staff are working hard to make this an informative, productive, and enjoyable event for all. I look forward to meeting all who attend. Please remember an RSVP for classes, the reception and dinner is required.



CSLEA's LDF and Response to Recent OIS

There is a great deal of important, behind the scenes work that takes place on your behalf at CSLEA including maintaining a well-funded proven Legal Defense Fund (LDF) should a member need access to prepaid legal representation in matters arising from the normal course of employment. It's just not advisable to bank on the thought that you'll never have a need for this benefit that is provided to CSLEA members who suddenly find themselves in need of legal assistance because of something that happened during the normal scope of their jobs.

I am addressing our LDF because last month, on January 26th, one of our valued CSLEA members was involved in a critical incident, an officer-involved shooting. This is a very upsetting and unnerving experience for any peace officer and CSLEA's LDF response was immediate.

You can read more about CSLEA's immediate assistance here: [CSLEA Member Receives Immediate LDF Assistance Following OIS in Tahoe](#). Please be sure you know how to find our 24/7 LDF hotline *before* you may need

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24/7 LDF HOTLINE

it. It's at the top right corner of CSLEA.com's homepage and the first icon you'll find on our mobile app.

I am beyond grateful that our member is physically unharmed and for our Chief Counsel and Legal Defense Fund (LDF) Legal Administrator Kasey Clark who was in immediate contact with our member and saw that an attorney with OIS scene experience was promptly dispatched to the scene to be by our member's side.

Your CSLEA \$15,000 Life Insurance Benefit

Another benefit of your CSLEA membership is a \$15,000 basic life insurance benefit. I like to periodically remind our members to be sure the beneficiary on record is your beneficiary of choice. This small attention to detail now, ensures that should something happen to you, the person you want to receive the life insurance money, does! To update or check on your beneficiary information click [here](#).

Thank You!

In closing, I want to express my sincere thank you for the jobs you do to keep the public, consumers, and our environment safe from harm. Many of you have been extremely busy responding to emergencies on land and on water. I very much value your work and commitment to keeping California safe and never hesitate to remind our legislators and the governor of the important work you do! Be safe and be sure to take good care of yourselves.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

January was a busy month around the Capitol as legislators returned to Sacramento, the Governor released his proposed budget, and bills began to be introduced. Now, in the second month of the 2024 year's legislative session, legislators continue to introduce bills ahead of the February 16th bill introduction deadline. By that date, we anticipate over 2,000 will be introduced.



Below is a snapshot of some of CSLEA's priority bills that have been introduced so far:

Legislative Update

AB 2042 (Jackson) Police canines: standards and training – Recently introduced

This bill is a reintroduction of AB 742 (Jackson) from 2023's legislative session that aims to address the use of canines in policing. The bill would require the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training to develop standards and training guidelines for the use of canines by law enforcement. This bill will be an ongoing issue this session, and we will keep you informed with any and all updates.

AB 1794 (McCarty) Crimes - Recently introduced

This bill, which currently does not have substantive language, will eventually be the bill to target repeat offenders of retail crime and individuals charged with repetitive drug offenses, re-evaluate public safety accountability measures, and modify Proposition 47. We will engage with the author, and new Chair of the Assembly Public Safety Committee, on this measure as it moves forward.

AB 1814 (Ting) Law enforcement agencies: facial recognition technology - Recently introduced

This bill prohibits a law enforcement agency or peace officer from using an FRT-generated match as the sole basis for probable cause in an arrest, search, or warrant.

AB 1839 (Alanis) Peace officers: education and hiring grants – Support

This bill would establish the Law Enforcement Officer Grant Program to provide grants for individuals enrolled in a modern policing degree program at a California community college who commit to work as peace officers at a law enforcement agency for four years. The bill would also award grants to significantly understaffed local law enforcement agencies to provide hiring bonuses to newly employed peace officers.

AB 1941 (Quirk-Silva) Local public employee organizations – Support

This bill would authorize a recognized employee organization to charge an employee covered by the Public Safety Officers Procedural Bill of Rights Act for the reasonable cost of representation when the employee holds a conscientious objection or declines membership in the organization and requests individual representation in a discipline, grievance, arbitration, or hearing from the organization.

SB 905 (Wiener) Unlawful entry of a vehicle – Support

This bill would make forcibly entering a vehicle with the intent to commit a theft therein a crime punishable by imprisonment in a county jail for a period of up to three years.

SCR 110 (Umberg) California Peace Officers' Memorial Day – Support

This measure would designate Monday, May 6, 2024, as California Peace Officers' Memorial Day.

CSLEA WORKING FOR YOU



RSVP Required

CSLEA 2024 Membership Conference March 22-23, 2024

CSLEA is receiving an enthusiastic response to its 2024 Membership Conference on March 22-23, 2024 at the Wyndham San Diego Bayside Hotel. For details and conference registration click [here](#).

CSLEA and its 18 affiliate associations will come together for a general membership meeting, classes to assist members in their careers, workplaces, and future retirement, as well as receptions, dinner, awards and raffle.

[Please be sure to RSVP for classes, reception and dinner.](#)

For online reservations for your no-host hotel room at Wyndham San Diego Bayside at CSLEA-negotiated rates, click [here](#).

Phone reservations: 800-996-3426

Mention CSLEA Conference (Group Code 051524CSL)

Hotel reservations for CSLEA rates must be made by February 28th.

Thank you for your interest in the [CSLEA Membership Conference](#). We look forward to seeing you!

Legal Defense Fund

CSLEA Member Receives Immediate LDF Assistance Following OIS in Tahoe

“CSLEA has a critical incident response protocol in place and it has repeatedly proven to be successful in getting our members the immediate LDF assistance that’s needed when an officer-involved shooting happens.” - CSLEA President Alan Barcelona

SACRAMENTO – On Friday, January 26, 2024 at approximately 10:15 a.m., California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) Chief Counsel and Legal Defense Fund (LDF) Legal Administrator Kasey Clark was contacted regarding an officer-involved shooting (OIS) near Palisades Tahoe involving a State Park Peace Officer Ranger. After speaking with the involved officer to get basic details as to what gave rise to the shooting and the officer’s location, Clark contacted David P. Mastagni, of the Law Firm Mastagni, Holstedt APC who immediately dispatched Attorney Timothy Davis, who is also a retired officer from the Sacramento Police Department and former president of the Sacramento Police Officers Association (SPOA). Based on Davis’ prior experience, he is well familiar with the dynamics of the scene of an OIS.

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CSLEA and ACWO Welcome New Members at CDFW Lateral Academy

WEST SACRAMENTO – On February 5, 2024, California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) Chief Counsel Kasey Clark, along with Association of California Wildlife Officers (ACWO) President Trevor Pell and ACWO Director Nathan Coyle, met with eight lateral officers who are beginning an eight-week academy at the California Department of Fish and Wildlife in West Sacramento.

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CHP-PSDA's Steve Fulton Welcomes Dispatchers to Union Membership at Clark Academy

RIVERSIDE – On February 6, 2024, Steve Fulton, Secretary-Treasurer of the CHP Public Safety Dispatchers Association (CHP-PSDA) conducted a new employee orientation for dispatchers training at the Ben Clark Training Center in Riverside.



CHP Dispatchers Training in West Sacramento Meet with Union Representatives

WEST SACRAMENTO – On January 22, 2024, 14 dispatchers training at the CHP Academy in West Sacramento met with union representatives from the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) and its

affiliate CHP-Public Safety Dispatchers Association (CHP-PSDA).

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SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

For CLEA Plan Participants

Each year CLEA (not to be confused with CSLEA) Long Term Disability Plan Administrators, California Public Safety Administrators, Inc., donates three scholarships to the children of CLEA Plan Participants. If you are a CLEA Plan Participant, this is an opportunity to provide your children with scholarship money in order to help them attain their higher education goals! **Application deadline is April 30, 2024.**



[Find out more](#)

Peace Officers Relief and Education Foundation (POREF) – PORAC Scholarship

Each year, PORAC provides a scholarship grant that is available to the dependents of active and retired members and the spouse or dependent of an active member who died in the line of duty. Members who have medically retired from a regular PORAC association are eligible for the scholarship grant as well. PORAC's Scholarship Grant Program provides financial assistance to applicants who are attending or will be registering for college.

Application Deadline is March 8, 2024

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NEWS FEED



CDI Investigators Protect California Businesses from Uninsured Subcontractor

Encino trucking company owner appears in court on 30 felony counts “It is so important that the State of...

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California Task Force Seizes More than \$312M in Unlicensed Cannabis in...

“DCC and CDFW, along with their law enforcement partners on the local, state and federal level are working to ensure...

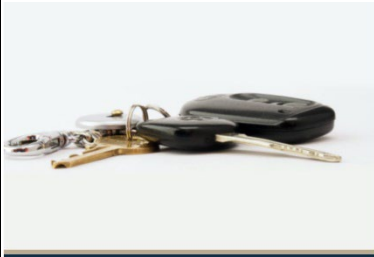
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Preliminary Injunction Stops Online Sales of Flavored Tobacco Vapes ...

California Department of Public Health Investigators assisted with this investigation “CSLEA would like to...

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Mendocino County Jury Convicts Woman for DUI of Ketamine

“Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs is dangerous and deadly. Law enforcement officers do an excellent jo...

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Former Whittier Health Clinic CEO Sentenced for Defrauding Medi-Cal

“It is unfortunate that there are deceitful people in an industry meant to assist people in their daily lives and ca...

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Three Suspected Drug Traffickers Arrested, 30,000 Fentanyl Pills...

“Thank you to California DOJ special agents who work to investigate those who traffic drugs into and throughou...

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ABC Agents and Nevada County Sheriff's Deputies Arrest Suspect for Buying...

"These operations work to educate the public and to keep alcohol from being consumed by those under 21. Underag...

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Five Arrested in Alleged Staged Auto Collision Scheme

"We appreciate the efforts of the Inland Empire Automobile Insurance Fraud Task Force for investigating cases suc...

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Seven Arrested in Sexual Predator Apprehension Operation in Kern County

"We must protect our children from sexual predators who give no thought to the harm they cause. Every child...

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Medical Insurance Scammers in \$40 Million Scheme Sentenced in...

The California Department of Insurance assisted with this investigation
"Investigations such as this are length...

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Twenty-Nine Arrested in Statewide Human Trafficking Operation

"Law enforcement must keep up its effort to stamp out human trafficking. The victims and survivors of this crime...

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Settlement Reached with Medical Doctor for the Unlawful Supervision of...

This case was investigated by the California DCA Health Quality Investigation Unit and the San Luis...

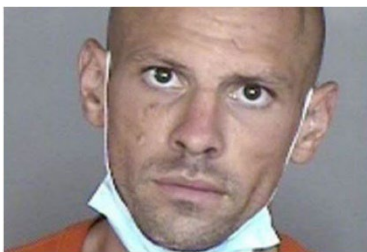
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Jury Convicts Man for Stabbing Two Homeless Men in Butte County

California DOJ criminalist testifies regarding DNA evidence “This case demonstrates the importance of...

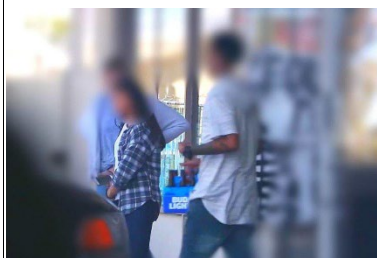
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San Diego Drug Dealer Sentenced in Fatal Fentanyl Overdose

California DHCS assisted with investigation “Fatal overdoses involving fentanyl is a big concern. By...

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California ABC Agents and Santa Clara PD Target Underage Drinking

“Shoulder Tap operations conducted by California ABC agents and their local law enforcement partners work to educate...

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DNA Leads to Identification of Body Found in Orange County ...

California DOJ assists in identification “Identifying the remains of an individual can go a long way in helping...

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Granada Hills Man Sentenced for COVID Jobless Benefits Scam an...

“Investigators on the local, state and federal level continue to combine their resources to investigate those...

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Pomona Man Sentenced for Sex Trafficking a 15-Year-Old

California DOJ-led San Diego Human Trafficking Task Force assisted with investigation “Combating human...

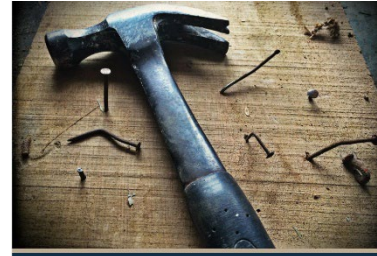
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California EDD – Investigation Division assisted with investigation “There was an urgency to get pandemic relief...

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HUMBOLDT COUNTY – On February 13, 2024, the Contractors State License Board (CSLB) announced the results of...

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Our Legal Team

We employ a staff of five attorneys. Our mission is to defend Unit 7 members in disciplinary proceedings and to enforce the collective bargaining agreement between CSLEA and the State of California.

[Meet the Team](#)



The CSLEA Legal Division

Each member of the CSLEA Legal staff has been designated as a principle point of contact for job classifications and representation issues. Email contactus@cslea.com to learn who your individual point of contact is. If your contact is unavailable, any of our available attorneys can assist you

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Absence Without Leave Featuring CSLEA Senior Counsel Jim Vitko

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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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2

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3

INSURANCE COVERAGE AT CSLEA MEMBERSHIP RATES

Optional supplemental life CLEA insurance
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Allstate
Meyers-Stevens & Toohey
California Casualty

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

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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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All the Time.

-Libby Schreiber
DOJ Criminalist

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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CSLEA's Mobile App

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The 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
- CSLEA attorneys who represent you
- accessing CSLEA.com and social media
- updating your member contact info

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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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