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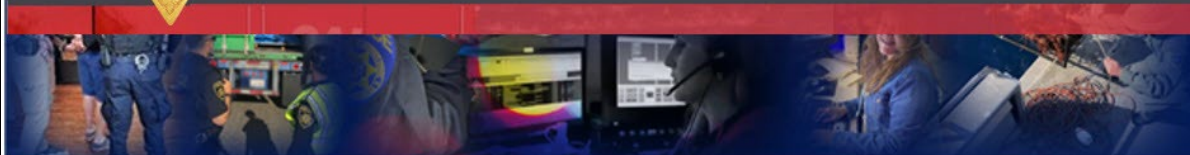
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**California Statewide**  
LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSOCIATION

**ALERT**



**August 15, 2024**

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



Hello CSLEA Members,

The California State Legislature is wrapping up its session with adjournment scheduled for August 31<sup>st</sup>. Our legislative consultants prepare a monthly update for you which you will find here in our newsletter as well as on our website. Each session we consider and weigh in on bills that might positively or negatively impact your work, public safety, retirement security and the overall wellbeing of your families and future. This involves your Board of Directors, Political

Action Committee, our attorneys, and legislative and political consultants. We recognize that as individuals, not many of us have the time to devote to researching bills that are proposed and making their way through the Legislature, let alone reaching out to contact a legislator to provide vital feedback or lobby for or against a bill. This is one of the benefits of being a union member. Your union stays on top of legislative activity. While not everyone appreciates the world of politics and legislation, it is a part of our lives, especially as State workers.

Other union work this month involved Joint Labor Management meetings, legal activity defending members in need of assistance, meetings with members at job sites, and introducing employees new to Bargaining Unit 7 to CSLEA.

As a union member, you also can introduce CSLEA to your colleagues who have not yet joined our association. Some of your newer colleagues may not be members of CSLEA, may be unaware that they must actively sign up to become a union member, and may need some guidance on how to do that. While CSLEA conducts new employee orientations at work sites, the truth is, as a CSLEA member who works side by side with employees assigned to our Bargaining Unit, you have a tremendous opportunity to present the value of union membership. When a colleague of yours signs up for membership and puts your name down as his/her sponsor, CSLEA will thank you with \$100.00 per sponsorship. Our CSLEA members who are aware of our CSLEA sponsorship program and who are reaching out to non-members are enjoying the extra cash. Being a sponsor simply means you encouraged a co-worker to become a union member. Membership sign-up can be done on our website or our mobile app. Together we are stronger and, I believe, we should all support

the work that is done by unions to attain and retain better salaries, benefits, working conditions and to build a better future.

A few reminders for you:

- As a member of CSLEA, you have a basic \$15,000 life insurance benefit. When you became a member of CSLEA, you designated a beneficiary for this benefit. Over the years, with life changes, we may forget to keep this information up to date. To be sure you have the beneficiary of your choice, please update your information if necessary.
- Also, remember you have access to our CSLEA Exclusive Member Discounts Program which can help with discounts on entertainment, travel, products, gifts and groceries.
- CalHR's open enrollment period for adding, changing or terminating health insurance benefits this year is September 16 through October 11<sup>th</sup>. CSLEA's peace officer members are eligible to select the PORAC health plan during the open enrollment period and can make the selection through the myCalPERS PORTAL. When PORAC shares a benefits comparison chart with us, we will make that available.

Thank you for your membership to CSLEA. Please feel free to contact us with any questions, ideas or concerns. We are here to assist and work for you!

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## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

By Shane LaVigne, Capitol Advocacy

The Legislature reconvened from Summer Recess on August 5 and today the fate of hundreds of bills were taken up by the Senate and Assembly Appropriations Committees, respectively. Now, the Legislature will hear the bills still remaining prior to the end of session deadline on August 31.

During today's Appropriations Committee deadline, both committees conducted "suspense file" hearings to evaluate the fiscal implications of hundreds of bills. If a bill was held on the suspense file, it will not progress further in the legislative process this year, while the bills that were successfully passed off the suspense file will be sent to the Senate and Assembly Floors, to be voted on prior to the August 31 deadline. From



there, the bills that pass the Legislature will go to the Governor's desk where he will have until September 30 to sign or veto those bills.

### **Legislative Update**

#### **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. The bill was signed by the Governor on July 2.

#### **AB 2042 (Jackson) Police canines: standards and training – Oppose Unless Amended**

This bill would require the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) to develop guidelines for the use of canines by law enforcement. While this bill is in a much better place than it was when originally introduced, and after multiple conversations with the author and key members on this issue, we continue to be at the table and actively engaged to ensure any standards and training for police canines are workable for peace officers in the state. This bill was held in committee.

#### **AB 2388 (Patterson) Information Practices Act of 1977: Personal Information. Opposed**

This bill would revise the definition of personal information (PII). The term "personal information" was redefined to include among other things, "license plate number." License plates becoming "PII" would have set a bad public policy precedent and would have significantly impacted law enforcement's use of license plate reader technology in the future. We opposed this bill actively and it was held in committee.

#### **AB 2421 (Low) Employer-employee relations: confidential communications – Support**

This bill would prohibit a local public agency employer, a state employer, a judicial employer, a public-school employer, a higher education employer, or the district from questioning any employee or employee representative regarding communications made in confidence between an employee and an employee representative in connection with representation relating to any matters within the scope of the recognized employee organization's representation. This bill was held in committee due to state and local costs.

**AB 2872 (Calderon) Department of Insurance: sworn members: compensation – Oppose Unless Amended**

This bill would require that sworn members of the Department of Insurance who are rank-and-file members of State Bargaining Unit 7 be paid the same compensation as the corresponding rank-and-file sworn peace officer employees of the Department of Justice. While we are always supportive of efforts to enhance the pay and benefits of Unit 7 classifications, we are not supportive of the bill's efforts to tie compensation between classifications via a parity requirement. We would be supportive of this bill if the Legislature either studied the potential pay disparity for DOI Investigators or provided the DOI Investigators a one-time pay increase. This bill passed off suspense, with Republicans voting No.

**AB 3241 (Pacheco) Law enforcement: police canines – Support**

This bill would require the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) to adopt uniform, minimum guidelines regarding the use of canines by law enforcement and certify courses of training for all law enforcement canine handlers and those enforcement supervisors directly overseeing canine programs. This bill passed off suspense with amendments we supported, requiring future recommendations around police canines be submitted to the Legislature.



**ACWO President Attends CDFW Officer Academy Graduation**

*Largest academy graduating class CDFW history, 54 new wildlife officers pinned*



**CSLEA and HPAC Speak with Cadets at HPO Academy**

SAN LUIS OBISPO – On August 1, 2024, representatives from the California Statewide

“I was honored to attend the CDFW academy graduation and see our 54 new officers be badged in front of their family and friends. I want to congratulate each and every graduate and especially thank all of the new CSLEA members. I had the chance to speak to the all of graduates about the benefits of union membership and stressed the importance of having CSLEA legal defense as a peace officer in California in 2024. I am truly looking forward to seeing the new officers progress through field training and their careers and wish them the best of luck.” -Trevor Pell, ACWO President and CSLEA Director

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Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) and the Hospital Police Association of California (HPAC) met with 18 hospital police cadets in the academy at San Luis Obispo Army Base Camp SLO.

Speaking to the cadets were HPAC Directors Ezra Cosby, Jennifer Chance and Michael Hakker, along with CSLEA Membership Representative Marco Castro.

“It was great meeting the cadets and informing them about the protections the union membership provides,” said Castro.

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### **CABCA Representatives Conduct Site Visit in Fresno**

FRESNO – On July 23, 2024, the president and secretary of the association California Alcoholic Beverage Control Agents (CABCA) visited licensing representatives and agents at the California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) office in Fresno.



### **CSLEA and CACI Representatives Meet with New Investigators at DCA in San Dimas**

SAN DIMAS – On July 10, 2024, California Association of Criminal Investigators (CACI) President George Tiongson, CACI Director Doug Becker and California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) Supervising Counsel Dave De La Riva met with a group of new and more recently hired Department of



“CABCA provided lunch and we had a good conversation with seven agents and one licensing representative,” said CABCA President Sal Martinez. “California is a big state, so it is important to us to visit offices when we can, to find out more about any issues our members are experiencing and provide solutions. We are able to remind our members of the benefits and services that CABCA and CSLEA offer and get to know one another better. Thank you to all who attended and thank you CABCA Secretary Bryant Pender for joining me. We look forward to conducting more site visits in the future.”

Consumer Affairs (DCA) Health Quality Investigation Unit (HQIU) investigators at the DCA HQIU office in San Dimas.

“We met with a very good group of investigators,” said Tiongson. “We welcomed them to the CACI affiliate and to CSLEA. Those investigators who hadn’t already joined the union for job protection, as well as the benefits and services that union membership provides, filled out membership applications. We thank all in attendance and welcome five new members!”

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#### **CSLEA and COLRE Representatives visit CDTC in Rancho San Diego**

EL CAJON – On August 8, 2024, California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) Senior Counsel Jim Vitko and Enrique Razo, president of the California Organization of Licensing Registration Examiners (COLRE) visited the Department of Motor Vehicles Rancho San Diego CDTC office in El Cajon.



#### **CSLEA and COLRE Visit LREs in Lancaster**

LANCASTER- On July 25, 2024, California Organization of Licensing Registration Examiners (COLRE) President Enrique Razo and California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) Senior Counsel Jim Vitko met with licensing registration examiners at the Department of Motor Vehicles office in Lancaster.

“There to welcome us were commercial drive test examiners Eddie Garibay and Rob King. We had much to discuss including heat-related issues and longevity pay issues. These two examiners battle the harshest of elements at this remote location. We appreciate their membership and thank them for their service to the State of California,” said Razo.

“Jim and I met with our union members to talk about the importance of our organization, its benefits and services, and to discuss current office issues affecting them. The primary concerns centered on the heat and proper hydration. We thank each of them for meeting with us and look forward to continuing our dialog,” said Razo.



### **Ten Dispatchers Training in Riverside Join CSLEA and CHP-PSDA**

Ten Dispatchers Training in Riverside Join CSLEA and CHP-PSDA  
Posted on July 17, 2024  
RIVERSIDE – The California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) and CHP-Public Safety Dispatchers Association (CHP-PSDA) extend a warm membership welcome to 10 CHP dispatchers currently training at the Ben Clark Training Center in Riverside. CHP-PSDA

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### **CSLEA Welcomes New Union Members Training at the CHP Academy in West Sacramento**

WEST SACRAMENTO – The California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) and its affiliate the CHP-Public Safety Dispatchers Association (CHP-PSDA) extend a very warm membership welcome to six CHP dispatchers currently training at the CHP academy in West Sacramento. The dispatchers visited with two union representatives on August 12, 2024 and recognized the value and importance of union membership.

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# CSLEA Scholarships

## **CSLEA Announces 2024 Scholarship Recipients**

The California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) is proud to announce the recipients of this year's CSLEA Consumer Protection & Public Safety Foundation Scholarship Awards. This year, the foundation awarded eight students with \$1,000 dollars each.

“Congratulations to these eight deserving students! We wish them all the best as they pursue their education and career goals,” said CSLEA President Alan Barcelona. “We are extremely pleased that we were able to provide the scholarship program this year. Thank you to committee chair Dr. Kenneth Ehrman and our CSLEA directors on the scholarship committee for volunteering their time and energy to score all the qualified applications we received!”

“Amazing work, students! It’s inspiring to read about the awesome things you are doing and the goals you are setting for yourselves,” said CSLEA Scholarship Committee Chairman Dr. Kenneth Ehrman. “Congratulations to our recipients and to all those who applied! Keep up the outstanding work!”

Congratulations to:



Anika Balint

Member  
State Parks Lifeguard

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Jalin Fan

Parent: CeCe Fan  
DMV Supervisor Investigator

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Brooke Herrmann

Parent: Christopher Herrmann  
FTB Investigation Specialist II

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Nicholas Linch

Parent: Eric Linch  
California DOJ Special Agent Supervisor

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**Kaylia Lindquist**

Parent: Robin Murachanian  
CHP Public Safety Dispatcher



**Talia Magana**

Parent: Oscar Magana  
DMV Investigator



**Sofia Ochoa**

Parent: Guadalupe Ochoa  
ABC Agent



**Lacey Oliver**

Parent: Joe Oliver  
California DOJ Special Agent

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## AFFILIATE NEWS

ASA-DOJ

**ASA-DOJ 2024 scholarship applications that were received are now being reviewed.**



CACI

**CACI to Award Ten \$2,000 Scholarships**

Application Deadline is August 15, 2024

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**CACI Board of Directors Election is Currently Underway**

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CARII

**CARII Meeting with BBC Inspectors**

On August 8, 2024, Tom Ineichen, president of the California Association of Regulatory Investigators and Inspectors (CARII), along with California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) Senior Legal Counsel Jim Vitko, held an important and long overdue meeting with the inspectors of the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology (BBC).

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Allow me to introduce you to another outstanding Dispatcher. Congratulations Monterey CHP Public Safety Dispatcher Jeannie for achieving her 25 year safety awar... [See more](#)

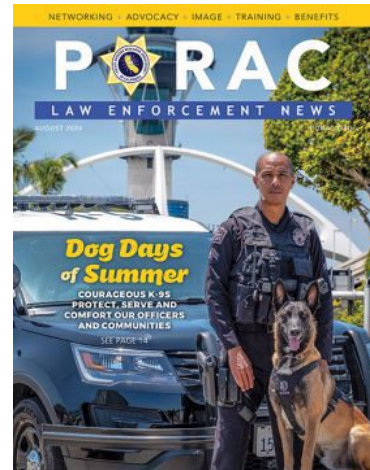


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### Temecula Optometrist Charged for Attempted Lewd Acts Upon a Child

A DCA investigation “There is not often a spotlight on the work conducted by sworn peace officer investigators at th...

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### Fugitive in Stockton Triple Homicide Arrested and Arraigned

California DOJ assisted in investigation STOCKTON – Folling a nationwide manhunt, on July 11, 2024, Jose Carne...

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### California State Parks Peace Officers Assist MCSO with Response to...

MENDOCINO COUNTY – On July 11, 2024, at approximately 8:06 p.m., the Mendocino County Sheriff’s Office...

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### Manager of Marijuana Cultivation Site in Shasta Trinity National Forest...

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife assisted with this investigation  
“We must work to keep our parks,...

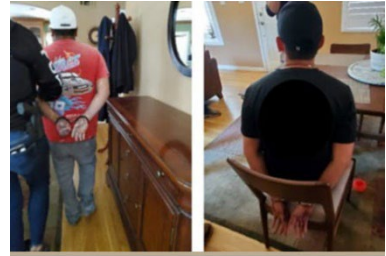
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### California State Parks Rangers Lead UCETF Operation Targeting Illeg...

“Targeting illegal cannabis grow sites is dangerous but important work. It helps to protect public property, visitors to...

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### CSLB Cites 14 for Illegal Contracting in Santa Clara County

“Consumers have little recourse when things go wrong with an unlicensed contractor. Licensed contractors have...

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### Turlock Man Convicted of Rape

The California Department of Justice conducted forensic and DNA testing in support of the investigation...

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### State Parks Assists MCSO in Armed Robbery Response

“We appreciate that California State Parks rangers respond to assist their fellow law enforcement officers from...

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### 64 Citizens Say No to Underage Decoy Seeking Alcohol in Emeryville

“This is what ABC agents are after! A one hundred percent compliance rate among all those asked by someone...

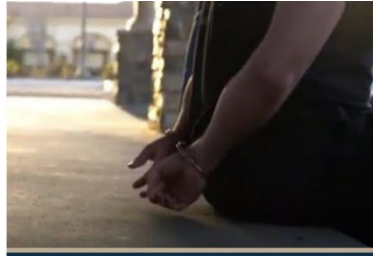
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### Santa Paula Doctor Pleads Guilty to Health Care Fraud Scam that Bilked Medicare...

The California Department of Justice assisted with investigation “Medicare is a program to help those in need of...

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### ABC Agents and Oxnard Police Officers Arrest Four in Underage Drinking...

OXNARD – On July 26, 2024, California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) agents teamed with...

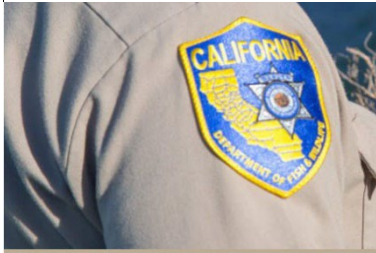
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### CSLB Snags 11 Unlicensed Contractors in Elk Grove Sting

“These undercover stings conducted by CSLB investigators work to educate and protect the public. In addition, those...

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### CDFW Wardens First on Scene of Remote Plane Crash in San Joaquin...

“CDFW wardens responded, made access to the downed aircraft, and rendered aid. The pilot was uninjured...

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### San Jose Businessperson Sentenced to Jail for Importing Infested Tropic...

CDEA assisted with this investigation “We must protect our ability to produce plentiful and healthy produce in...

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### State Park Rangers Assist with Perimeter Containing Suspect in San Luis Obis...

Felony evasion suspect arrested SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY – On July 31, 2024, the San Luis Obispo Sheriff’s...

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### CDFW Wardens Assist KCSO with Search of Underground Illegal...

“Serving search warrants in investigations such as this can be extremely dangerous. We are grateful...

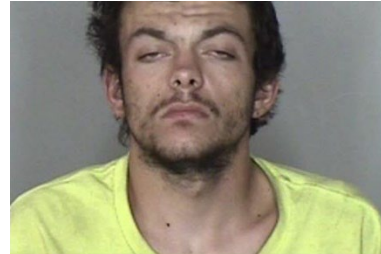
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### Mother of Newborn Found Dead 37 Years Ago Arrested

California DOJ assisted Riverside Police Department with investigation “We very much appreciate the combined...

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### Oroville Man Pleads Guilty Following Thompson Fire Incident

CDFW wardens arrested him after he was found wandering in fire evacuation area “CDFW wardens were assisting...

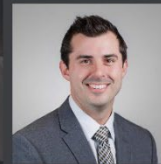
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### Our Legal Team

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[Meet the Team](#)



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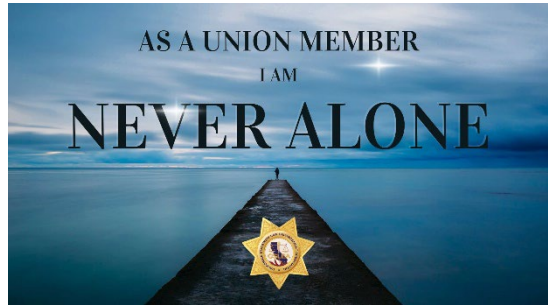
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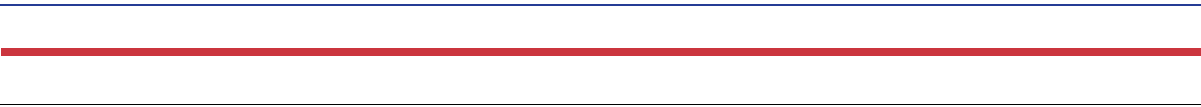
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The app can help you access everything CSLEA including:

- 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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