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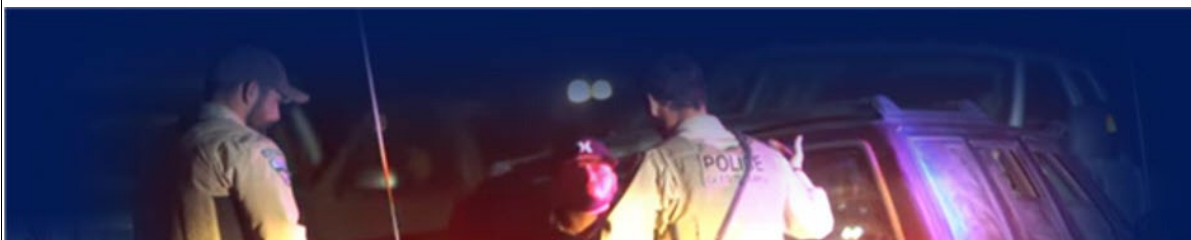
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ALERT



April 16, 2025

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

By Alan Barcelona
CSLEA President



Hello CSLEA members:

May Revise

May is a much-anticipated month for all of us as state employees as we await the May state budget revise. We will examine it when the governor releases it to determine what impact, if any, it may have on us.

National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

This week (April 13-19th) is National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. To our CHP public safety dispatchers, and communications operators at State Hospitals, State Parks and CALFIRE - HAPPY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK! CSLEA is well aware of the pressure that public safety dispatchers and communications operators are under every single day. You are first responders and the life line to many in need of emergency assistance, as well as to officers in the field. Please enjoy the thanks and recognition of this week, as you very much deserve it. We are proud of you and your dedication to public safety.

CSLEA Membership Conference

CSLEA is planning a 2025 two-day membership conference on October 24-25th, to be held at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno. If this is of interest to you, mark your calendars. We will be providing more information including conference class topics, registration and group room rates, very soon. Last year's conference gave us the opportunity to bond as law enforcement, public safety and consumer protection professionals, as well as learn about legislation that impacts our careers, why political involvement matters, retirement preparations and decertification as it applies to peace officers.

New Employee Orientations

We continue to welcome new members into our association by visiting new State employees during their training, proving that union membership is valued and offers important protections. As a reminder, if someone signs up for CSLEA membership as a result of your encouragement, they should put your name as their sponsor and CSLEA will send you a check for \$100. Our members who are very active in recruiting new members have earned hundreds of dollars a year.

Scholarships

While CSLEA has not yet announced a scholarship program this year, some of our CSLEA affiliates are planning on, or have, offered scholarship opportunities. We thank them for investing in the future of our members' children as they pursue higher education.

Also, CLEA (not to be confused with CSLEA) is offering a scholarship for children of CLEA plan participants. You can find more information about this, [here](#). The application deadline is April 30, 2025.

Thank You

CSLEA works for you. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions, comments or concerns.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

By Shane LaVigne

LaVigne Strategies



Legislative and Budget Update

Before breaking for Spring Recess the week of April 14th, the Legislature cleared hundreds of bills through policy committees as part of the annual legislative process. CSLEA remains actively engaged—opposing a number of bills and strongly supporting many others that impact our members. Key issues currently on our radar include workplace surveillance, peace officer personnel records, proposals to expand drinking hours in hospitality zones, and securing adequate funding for cannabis enforcement efforts.

At the same time, the state budget process is unfolding. The Governor is expected to release the May Revise in the coming weeks. Early indicators suggest a worsening budget outlook, driven by slowing economic conditions and reduced federal funding. CSLEA will continue to lobby both for and against legislation in order to protect and advance member interests, while closely monitoring the budget landscape. We will keep leadership informed as more information becomes available.

CSLEA WORKING FOR YOU

CSLEA, SPPOAC and State Parks Discuss Policy Involving Potential 5150 Commitments and Transportation

SACRAMENTO – On April 4, 2025, California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) Chief Counsel Kasey Clark and Supervising Legal Counsel David De La Riva, along with CSLEA’s State Parks Peace Officers Association of California (SPPOAC) affiliate president, Matt Yarbrough met with Parks and Recreation Law Enforcement management staff including Alex Luscutoff and Evan Walter.



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CSLEA and CABCA Meet to Discuss Specialized Assignment Rotation Policy

SACRAMENTO - On April 4, 2025, California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) attorneys Kasey Clark and Kja Harper-Gopaul, and California Alcoholic Beverage Control Agents (CABCA) President Bryant Pender, Vice-President Michael Connolly and Secretary Vincent Johnston met with ABC management to discuss some of the provisions in the department's recently implemented policy concerning specialized assignments. Some of the concerns addressed were eligibility for assignments and whether some should require service as a district office agent as a prerequisite, the length of the rotation period (especially in light of the learning curve for some assignments), and the rights of agents upon termination of a specialized assignment. CSLEA/CABCA's input was well-received and the department agreed to take back the comments for assessment and possible policy modifications.



CSLEA & CHP-PSDA Visit Dispatchers Training at CHP Academy in West Sacramento

WEST SACRAMENTO – On April 7, 2025, 10 California Highway Patrol (CHP) dispatchers training at the academy in West Sacramento received a visit from union representatives California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) Senior Counsel Andrea Perez and CHP-Public Safety Dispatchers Association Vice President Victor Tovar. Perez and Tovar conducted a new employee orientation, introducing the dispatchers to their union benefits and services.

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CSLEA and HPAC Visit Hospital Police Officers at DSH Academy

SAN LUIS OBISPO – On April 3, 2025, recently hired Hospital Police Officers were greeted by members of CSLEA’s Hospital Police Association of California (HPAC) Board of Directors at the Department of State Hospitals’ (DSH) Academy in San Luis Obispo.

CSLEA and HPAC Visit HPOs at DSH Academy Posted on April 10, 2025 SAN LUIS OBISPO – On April 3, 2025, recently hired Hospital Police Officers were greeted by members of CSLEA’s Hospital Police Association of California (HPAC) Board of Directors at the Department of State Hospitals’ (DSH) Academy in San Luis Obispo. HPAC President Luis Jimenez and Directors Ezra Cosby (HPO at Coalinga State Hospital) and Jennifer Chance (HPO at Atascadero State Hospital), along with CSLEA Legal Counsel David De La Riva informed the officers in attendance of the many benefits of signing up to become a CSLEA member.

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ASA-DOJ

**Self-Nomination Period Open for
Upcoming ASA-DOJ Board of Directors
Election**



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CABCA

**CABCA 2025 Scholarship Recipients
Announced**



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CHP-PSDA

CHP-PSDA Scholarship Application is Now Available



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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

32 State Parks Peace Officer-Cadets Graduate from Academy

“Congratulations to all who graduated. We wish them the best in their next step of field training. Any new ranger or lifeguard who has not signed up for CSLEA membership should consider the protections that our union offers law enforcement officers.” – CSLEA President Alan Barcelona



PARADISE - On April 11, 2024, California State Parks welcomed 32 new rangers and peace officer-lifeguards to its public safety team. The rangers and peace-officer lifeguards will now serve and protect the largest state park system in the country.

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CDFW Wardens Compete in Baker to Vegas Race

“ACWO is proud to assist in supporting the warden race team and congratulates them on their success! Baker to Vegas is a great event that showcases the strength, drive and camaraderie of officers throughout the country and the world. Great job, team!”

ACWO President Trevor Pell



LAS VEGAS – The April 5-6, 2025 Baker to Vegas race is now in the history books and the countdown clock for 2026 is already ticking with much anticipation. It’s a grueling law enforcement 20-leg relay race from Baker, California to Las Vegas, Nevada through day and night hours, hot temperatures and sometimes fierce winds. The race attracts law enforcement officers from throughout the country and around the world.

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April 13-19, 2025

This week a well-deserved spotlight shines on our first responders who are on the receiving end of 911 calls. We are thankful for our public safety dispatchers and communication operators at CHP, CALFIRE, State Parks and State Hospitals. Thank you for your service, your ability to stay calm, to give directions, to direct response, to assist emergency personnel in the field and your dedication to public safety. We hope you enjoy this special week of recognition!



Congratulations to CLSEA-FMESA Member Gilbert Elayda

Recognized for 25 years of State service

YOUNTVILLE – On February 27, 2025, California State Firefighter/Security Officer Gilbert Elayda was honored with a Certificate of Recognition for 25 years of dedicated service, along with a commemorative California State wristwatch.

Firefighter/Security Officer Elayda began his public service career in 1991 as an Emergency Medical Technician and Certified Nursing Assistant. He later transferred into the role of Firefighter/Security Officer. His work has been instrumental in protecting veterans and State employees at the Yountville Veterans Home, as well as the surrounding community.

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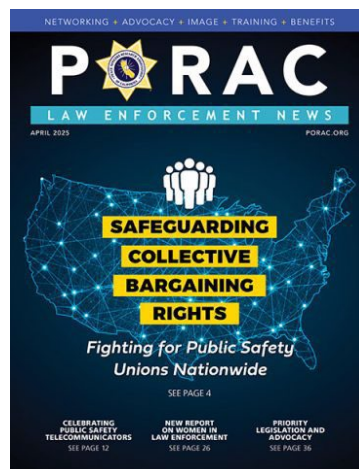
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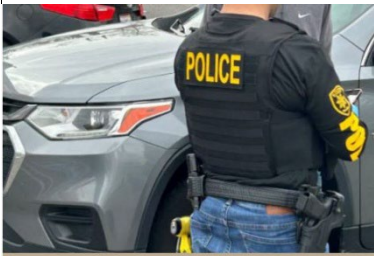
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167 Cited in California ABC's Statewide Shoulder Tap Operation

"With as much pre-publicity as there was announcing the upcoming statewide Shoulder Tap operation, it's surprising...

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Sixteen Defendants Charged in Escondido Takedown of Drug...

California DOJ among the investigative agencies "This 16-month investigation only works toward making our streets...

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California State Park Rangers Locate Man Suspected of Stabbing...

"California State Park rangers work to protect the public from harm, both on State property and throughout our...

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Man Convicted of 1982 Murder in Vacaville

California DOJ criminalist testifies at trial SOLANO COUNTY – On March 20, 2025, a jury in Solano County found guilty, a m...

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Placer County Residential Care Home Owner Arrested and Charged wi...

"California DOJ works to protect the integrity of programs designed to assist those who need help and to protect...

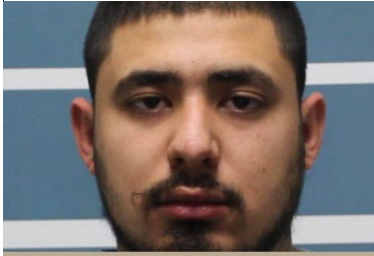
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California State Park Rangers Assist with Apprehension of Pursuit...

"We are relieved that no one was hurt in this pursuit and that the suspects were caught. Thank you to California State...

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Visalia Man Found Guilty in 2020 Rape of an Unconscious Person

California DOJ criminalists assisted with forensics "Thank you to California DOJ criminalists who work in labs througho...

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Unlicensed Room and Board Operator Charged with Grand Theft from an...

"It is important that we hold accountable those who prey on elderly and dependent adults in our state. The elderly and...

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California ABC Agents and Newport Beach PD Cite Three for Selling Alcohol ...

NEWPORT BEACH – On March 18, 2025, the Newport Beach Police Department announced the outcome of a Minor Dec...

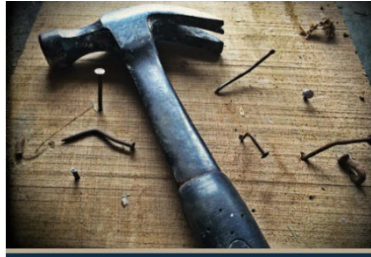
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Hollywood Hills Man Sentenced for Kickbacks for Drug Addiction Patien...

The California Department of Insurance provided assistance with this investigation "Patient care is in jeopard...

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CSLB Cites Eight Unlicensed Contractors in Sting Operation in Visalia

"These types of operations work to protect consumers as well as licensed contractors, and also help to educate the...

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Oakland Woman Who Made Fraudulent Unemployment Insurance...

California EDD assisted with investigation "We applaud the investigations into those who obtain...

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Amador County Man Sentenced for Illegal Marijuana Cultivation

CDFW and California DOJ assisted with this investigation "Illegal grows, whether on private or public property, put the...

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Former EDD Employee Sentenced to 66 Months for Mail Fraud and Briber...

California Employment Development Department – Investigation Division assisted with investigation "Law...

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Valencia Man Arraigned for Unlicensed Practice of Medicine, Elder Fraud &...

"We are grateful for the work conducted by investigators in the Department of Consumer Affairs, Health Quality...

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DNA Leads to Identification of Two Bodies Found in Sonoma...

"It is just a matter of time before these old cases are solved and removed from cold case binders in the offices of missi...

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Commercial Plumbing Contractor Ordered to Pay More Than \$1 Million for...

"Workers' compensation fraud is not a victimless crime. It puts workers at risk and creates an unlevel playing field for...

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Suspect Named in 1976 Murder in Santa Cruz County

"CSLEA is proud of the continuous work that California DOJ criminalists do in labs throughout California to assist with...

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Fresno County Resident Charged with Federal Gun and Drug Crimes

The California Department of Justice assisted with this investigation
"Individuals who traffic drugs and..."

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Los Angeles Delivery Company Owners to Repay Millions in Restitution for...

"Insurance fraud is a widespread problem throughout California and the nation, and it is not a victimless crime. Worker..."

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ABC Agents Assist with Enforcement at 2025 Deltopia

"It takes a village of law enforcement officers and other first responders to keep people safe during unsanctioned..."

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DCC Assists Laguna Beach Police with Warehouse Search Warrant

"The number of illegal operations involving cannabis and controlled substances in California is daunting. ..."

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Five Charged in Unlicensed Tobacco Scheme that Cost Californians \$24 Million i...

"California DOJ special agents and their State law enforcement partners work to protect our state from financial harm. ..."

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Convicted Sex Offender in Mendocino County Sentenced to 16 Years

California Department of Justice Latent Fingerprints Unit assisted with this case
"We appreciate the efforts by all the..."

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Calaveras Cold Case Taskforce Uses Modern Forensics to Unite Remai...

"Forensic science and new technology continue to assist with cold case investigations and to provide answers t...

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Three Arrested in Northridge for EBT Fraud and Conspiracy Charges...

Assistance by California Department of Social Services Investigations Branch
"Great work by local and DSS..."

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Five People Charged in Multi-Million-Dollar Life Insurance Fraud Case

"CDI detectives and investigators work year-round to combat insurance fraud on numerous levels. It's a crime that can..."

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CSLEA LEGAL

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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Alternate Work Locations Featuring CSLEA Senior Legal Counsel Ryan Navarre

THE CSLEA ELECTRONIC MEMBERSHIP GUIDE



CSLEA SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM



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 Exclusive Member Discounts Program has an app:

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CSLEA's Mobile App

CSLEA's Mobile App is available at Google Play and the Apple Store.

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

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.





Insurance Coverage at CSLEA Membership Rates! Learn more.



**As a member of CSLEA,
you have a \$15,000 Life Insurance Benefit.**

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Executive Assistant

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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.

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