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The banner features a photograph of police officers at night, with one officer's uniform clearly marked "POLICE". The CSLEA logo, a gold star with a scale of justice and the text "CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSOCIATION" and "CSLEA", is positioned on the left. To the right of the logo, the text "California Statewide" is in a large, bold, yellow font, and "LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSOCIATION" is in a smaller, white font below it. Further to the right, the word "ALERT" is displayed in a large, white, bold font. Below the main banner is a red horizontal line, followed by a white section containing the date "May 14, 2026". At the bottom, a dark grey section contains the text "PRESIDENT'S UPDATE".

May 14, 2026

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

May 14, 2026

Alan Barcelona

CSLEA President



Hello CSLEA Members,

This is a busy time for your CSLEA Directors and our Political Action Committee (PAC) as we research and consider the candidates currently running for office in the State of California, and as the June 2, 2026 primary election approaches. CSLEA, along with our political and legislative consultants, are laser focused on selecting candidates who will best assist in advancing the interests of public safety employees, and protecting the rights and benefits of our members.

The CSLEA Board of Directors is scheduled to meet for a 2026 second quarter meeting on May 26th. We have lots of topics to discuss including endorsements. We will also be receiving updates on negotiations as they pertain to the Governor's Return to Office Executive Order (EO) scheduled to take effect on July 1.

We continue to meet with state legislators and maintain an active dialogue focused on advancing common-sense law enforcement and public safety legislation that will help keep Californians safe. We also advocate for increasing salaries, eliminating job vacancies through improved recruitment and retention efforts, and protecting employee pensions.

In closing, I'd like to highlight our CSLEA exclusive member discounts program, BenefitHub. If you're not using this program, consider this, BenefitHub reports to us that, on average, those who consistently take advantage of this discount program, save up to \$2,500 a year. BenefitHub has even demonstrated how to stack savings, meaning more money saved. Their suggestion on how to "stack savings":

- Start by checking BenefitHub for deals.
- Purchase a discounted gift card (if available).
- Complete your purchase through the portal with that chosen gift card.
- Get retailer discounts and even cash back.

It might take some exploring and, maybe even a little practice, but as items are becoming increasingly more expensive for all of us, I want to be sure our members know about this particular benefit of being a CSLEA member. If you have not signed up for our CSLEA exclusive member discounts program, you can do so [here](#).

We are approaching the summer travel season and ask that you be cautious and safe as you vacation. Thank you for your law enforcement, public safety, and consumer protection service. We value your work, and your membership to CSLEA.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Legislative Update by Shane LaVigne

LaVigne Strategies

Governor Newsom will release the May Revision of the State Budget today, providing the clearest picture yet of the state's fiscal condition heading into the final months of session. While revenues have modestly improved in some areas, the Legislature continues to face significant structural budget pressures, ongoing Medi-Cal cost overruns, and uncertainty tied to federal funding and broader economic conditions.

CSLEA has been actively engaged in budget hearings and discussions surrounding issues impacting our members, continuing to advocate for policies that prioritize public safety, staffing stability, and the operational needs of our members. Recruitment and retention



challenges and statewide staffing shortages remain central concerns as budget negotiations intensify.

On the policy front, CSLEA continues to lead the opposition to SB 1004 (Wiener), legislation that would create significant new liability exposure for peace officers while failing to provide adequate protections for officers acting in good faith under rapidly evolving and dangerous circumstances. CSLEA has been actively working with legislators and stakeholders to raise concerns regarding the bill's operational impacts, unintended consequences, and effect on officer morale at a time when California is already facing a statewide staffing crisis. In addition to SB 1004, CSLEA remains actively engaged on a number of other legislative proposals impacting public safety professionals and will continue advocating for practical, balanced policies that support both public safety operations and the members we represent. As the legislative session continues, CSLEA remains committed to ensuring the voices and concerns of public safety professionals are heard throughout the Capitol.

CSLEA WORKING FOR YOU

CSLEA Commences Bargaining with CalHR on Return to Office Mandate

Executive Order is Set to Take Effect July 1

On Friday, April 17, 2026, CSLEA Chief Counsel Kasey Clark and Sr. Legal Counsel Ryan Navarre met with representatives of Cal HR to discuss the status of the Governor's Executive Order (EO) scheduled to take effect on July 1. The EO would mandate



that most employees currently on approved hybrid telework schedules increase the minimum number of in-office/field days from two to four per week. CalHR indicated that although the administration is open to consideration of proposals regarding the proposed change, to date there had been no direction from the administration to deviate from the implementation of the EO.

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Superior Court Orders CalHR to Provide Like Pay to CDI Excluded Employees

CalHR's Special Salary Adjustments Deemed Insufficient

On May 4, 2026, the Sacramento Superior Court rendered a ruling on a petition for writ of mandate filed by excluded peace officer supervisors at the California Department of Insurance (CDI) alleging lack of compliance by CalHR with a prior administrative decision by an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ). The

excluded CDI supervisors initially sought relief before an ALJ designated by Cal HR. California Government Code 19826, often referred to as the “like pay” statute, requires that like salaries shall be paid to employees who perform comparable duties. The statute specifically excludes represented employees from its scope and requires that salary adjustments for represented employees be addressed via collective bargaining. The excluded CDI first line supervisors alleged that the work they, and the higher-ranking classifications in their chain of command, performed was comparable work to that performed by peace officer supervisors and managers at the California Department of Justice (DOJ).

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CSLEA and AMVIC Hold Membership Outreach with DMV Investigators in Rocklin

ROCKLIN– On April 16, 2026, the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA), along with the Association of Motor Vehicle Investigators of California (AMVIC), conducted a membership outreach event with California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) investigators at a DMV office in Rocklin.

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CSLEA and ACE Welcome 13 CCC Conservationists to Union Membership

SACRAMENTO— On April 22, 2026, representatives from the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) and the Association of Conservationist Employees (ACE) met with 13 California Conservation Corps (CCC) conservationists to introduce the new employees to their union and answer any questions they might have about union benefits and services.

In attendance from CSLEA were Senior Counsel Andrea Perez, and Member Services Representatives Marco Castro and Victor Tovar. In attendance from ACE was ACE President Bryant Slade.

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COLRE President and Director Visit LREs in Glendale

GLENDALÉ – On May 7, 2026, licensing registration examiners at the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) in Glendale met with California Organization of Licensing Registration Examiners (COLRE) President Enrique Razo and Region 5 Director David Rodriguez to discuss work and union related issues.

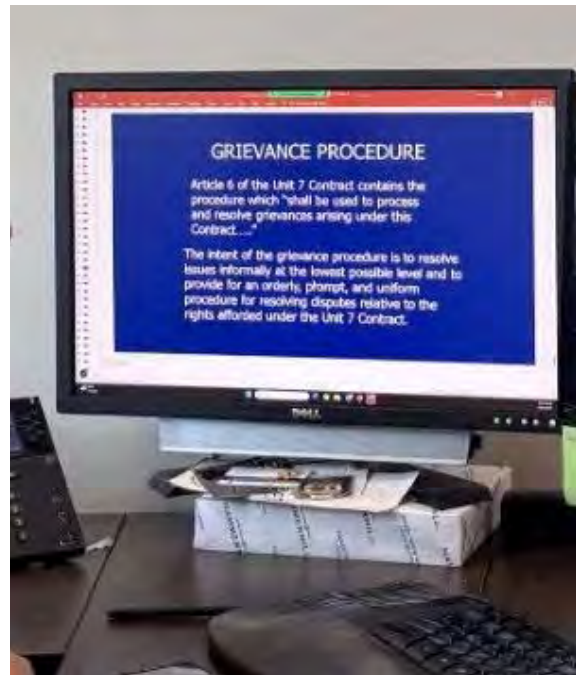
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CSLEA Members Attend Site Rep Class via Video Conference

SACRAMENTO -On May 11, 2026, the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) conducted a site representation class for members interested in learning more about their Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and their rights in the workplace.

For the convenience of members, the class was held via video conference. The instructors included CSLEA Senior Counsels Andrea Perez and Kja Harper-GoPaul. In attendance were CSLEA members who work for the California Department of Justice, State Hospitals, State Lands



Commission, State Parks, Lottery, and
Department of Transportation, and
Contractors State License Board.

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2026 CSLEA Foundation Scholarship Application is Now Available

Applications must be postmarked by May 31, 2026

The CSLEA Consumer Protection & Public Safety (CPPS) Foundation is now accepting applications for scholarships which are available to CSLEA members, their spouses and children.

The CSLEA Foundation plans to award eight \$1,000 scholarships to assist CSLEA members with the cost of higher education.

“We are beyond thankful for the very generous donations to our non-profit CSLEA Foundation scholarship program. Because of this generosity, CSLEA is able to offer scholarships to our members, their children, and/or spouses,” said CSLEA President Alan Barcelona. “Families struggle with the price of higher education and the costs associated with it. We make every effort to keep our scholarship program going in order to assist our members.”

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CACI

CACI to Award Ten \$1,000 Scholarships

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CARII

CARII Scholarship Application is Now Available

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CHP-PSDA

CHP-PSDA 2026 Scholarship Application is Now Available

The CHP-Public Safety Dispatchers Association is now accepting applications for scholarships that will be awarded to qualified members, or their immediate family members, seeking advancement or support in higher education.



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IN THE SPOTLIGHT



CDPH Investigators Assist with National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

SACRAMENTO – On April 22 and April 25, 2026, California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) members who work at the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Food and Drug Branch assisted at drop off locations in Richmond and Elk Grove to support the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration’s National Prescription Drug Take Back Day.

CDPH peace officers assisted at collection sites during a pre-event held on April 22nd at CDPH’s East End Complex, Richmond District Office, and the main event on April 25, 2026, at the Barbara Morse Wackford Community & Aquatic Complex, in Elk Grove.

“This is a great opportunity to keep unused prescription drugs from being abused by family members and visitors to your home. It keeps the drugs out of our landfills and sewage systems as well,” said California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) President Alan Barcelona. “Thank you to our CSLEA members at CDPH who staffed drop-off locations and collected pounds of prescription drugs for safe disposal.”

“Thanks to everyone who volunteered their time to assist in this event. We hope to have more CAFDI members participate in this event next year!” said CSLEA Director and California Association of Food and Drug Investigators (CAFDI) President Joel Lambert.

The DEA’s National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient, and ecologically responsible method of prescription drug disposal while also educating the public about the potential for abuse of dangerous and addictive medications.

Assisting at drop-off locations were CSLEA Director and CAFDI President Joel Lambert and CSLEA/CAFDI members Samantha Mauldin and Brian Kennelly. Together they

collected 112 pounds of unwanted and unused medication, safely delivering them to the DEA for proper disposal.

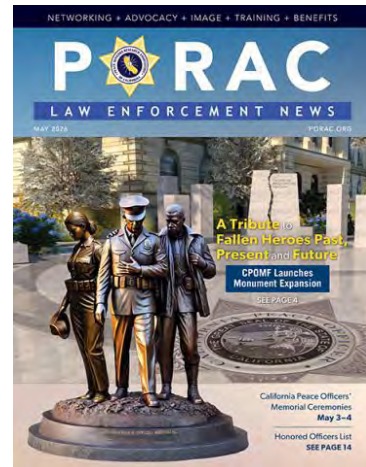
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"Putting clerks to the test is an important step in education and enforcement when it comes to underage drinking...."

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California DOJ Special Agents Arrest Card Dealer for Grand Theft

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"This case is an example of state and federal investigators and prosecutors working together to ensure business..."

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86 Pounds of 100% Pure Methamphetamine and 4,700 Carfentanil Pills Seized "We appreciate the law..."

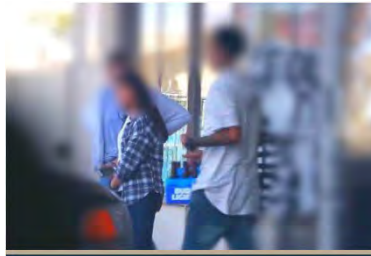
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Three Sentenced in Insurance Fraud Case Involving the Use of a Be...

"This was great work done by CDI detectives and their law enforcement partners as well as a CDFW biologist. ...

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Three Cited, One Arrested in Redding Shoulder Tap Operation

"It's important for ABC agents and their local law enforcement partners to conduct these operations to educated th...

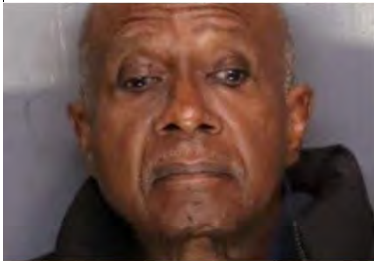
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Two Busted in Multi Agency Shoulder Tap Operation

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SAN LUIS OBISPO – On Sunday, April 23, 2026, at approximately 9:30 p.m., undercover California Alcoholic Bever...

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"CDPH investigators work to protect Californians from harmful products. Their work protects the health and lives..."

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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 Schedules Featuring CSLEA Legal Counsel Andrea Perez

THE CSLEA ELECTRONIC MEMBERSHIP GUIDE



CSLEA SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

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!

The CSLEA Sponsorship Program

The CSLEA 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 is \$100. 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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Maximize Your Savings with BenefitHub!



Stack your savings and get more from your discount marketplace.

Combine and Save:

Discounts, Gift Cards, and Cash Back – all in one place!

Save Across Dozens of Categories:

Travel, tickets, auto, electronics, and more!

There are 4 Simple Steps to Stack Savings:

- Check the portal – compare deals from top retailers.
- Buy discounted gift cards (if available).
- Shop through the BenefitHub link using your gift card.
- Earn retailer discounts + cash back on your purchase!

BenefitHub members save \$2,500 on average. What are you waiting for!?

Take advantage of CSLEA's Exclusive Member Discounts Program

Haven't enrolled in the program yet? Check it out, [here](#).



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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





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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

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