

# THE VOICE

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2010 President  
Karen Sherwood

## President's message

The New Year is upon us! As we close 2010 I reflect fondly on all of the great training and networking the California Sexual Assault Investigators Association has participated in during the year. This year brought many challenges for the Association and for all the law enforcement agencies and medical professional across the board. We again suffered a poor economy and budget cuts, resulting in a lot of us doing more with less. Your Association continues to stand tall and provide you with the best ever available training and resources.

We started the year with the 2010 Spring Training Conference in Shell Beach! The Spring Training Conference, in the most beautiful venue in California was a success for all. A new collaboration, which continued into the 2010 Fall Training Conference, with the California Clinical Forensic Medical Training Center (CCFMTC), University of California, Davis, brought some truly exciting training for the members, allowing the participants to learn forensic photography tips through hands on learning. The 2010 Fall Training Conference held at the Napa Valley Marriott was a tremendous success. Your Board of Directors worked hard to bring you a fantastic line-up on instructors, great networking opportunities (with local winery tasting!), and the continued collaboration with the CCFMTC. At the Fall Training Conference, members attending the CCFMTC track learned about Child Sexual Abuse Forensic Medical Examinations and Sexual

Assault Suspect Exam Outcomes, in addition to many other topics our law enforcement partners learned about Post Traumatic Stress Disorder: Handling the Aftermath of a Critical Incident, Stalking Investigations, and additionally heard topics on two case studies: Operation Minotaur and The Investigation of Terry Shields. The 2010 Fall Training was a success with a better than expected number of participants. Everyone loved the Napa Valley venue so we look forward to returning to Napa one day.

As you will see through the many beneficial articles provided in this newsletter, The Voice, our Association is dedicated to bringing you the latest, best information to support you in your field of expertise. We all recognize change in this field and change has touched our training partners, the CCFMTC. The CCFMTC will now be associated with University of California, San Diego and we are hoping to continue to collaborate and bring you the medical professional training and provide related training to our law enforcement members. During the year, members of the Board of Directors participated in a planning meeting with the new Executive Staff of the CCFMTC and expressed our interest and the benefits to continuing the much needed collaboration.

We are moving swiftly in to a new year, and as we move forward I want to take the

opportunity to remind each and everyone of you that CSAIA is YOUR Association. The Board of Directors are diligent in listening to evaluations and comments from members. We can make a difference in the quality of the investigations we provide for prosecution if we work together, with other law enforcement officers and with our forensic partners. We continue to grow as an organization, changing our network opportunities, training opportunities, Internet access through our website ([www.csaia.org](http://www.csaia.org)), and encouraging a growing membership. Take the challenge and encourage your colleagues to join our Association and become a participant

I would also like to Thank each and every member of the Board of Directors for all the hard work, making this a very successful year. Each Board member participated in their field of expertise bringing skill and information to the Association. In 2011, your President-Elect Steve Welch, Senior Investigator with the Riverside County District Attorney's Office, will bring his wealth of knowledge and experience to the Association. I am looking forward to a truly exciting year with this Association.

Good luck to each of you in 2011, I wish you all a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!

Karen Sherwood  
President, 2010  
CSAIA



## Fall 2010 Raffle Funds go to Saving All Children

It was a privilege to donate the Fall Training 2010 Raffle proceeds to Saving All Children. Thanks to all of our members for their generosity and support.



## Save the Date ... CSAIA Spring Training Conference

*Don't miss the Spring training Conference! Save the Date*

CSAIA  
2011 Spring Training Conference  
March 16-18, 2011  
Shell Beach



The Cliffs at Shell Beach

2757 Shell Beach Road Pismo Beach, CA 93449  
Tel. 800.826.7827  
Tel. 805.773.5000

Find registration information at [www.csaia.org](http://www.csaia.org)

Rooms will be available at a special rate of \$119.00 for single, double per night.

Reservation link for CSAIA members who want to book their room reservations on-line is below.  
<https://www.myfidelio.net/webui/AvailabilitySearch.aspx?chain=IQ&property=USTCR>

According to new POST Regulations, all participants must provide their individual POST ID number from their employing agency

CSAIA's group Code is CSAIA314

## 2010 Fall Training Conference in Napa



Fall training 2010 in Napa proved to be a special training once again with the collaboration between CSAIA and the California Clinical Medical Training Center (CCFMTC). CCFMTC is going through some administrative/logistical changes and will relocate operation in San Diego in 2011. CSAIA hopes to continue the training collaboration with CCFMTC. CSAIA would like to thank the Napa Valley Marriott for providing a

wonderful training venue with excellent service to our members. The Board of Directors will consider returning to Napa for one of our future training locations. Other locations currently under consideration are San Diego and Rancho Mirage. Even though the State is continuing to tighten its belt, we had over 120 dedicated attendees (deputy district attorneys, law enforcement, forensic nurses, medical professionals, and advocates) who came from everywhere between San Diego and Humboldt Counties.

CSAIA would like to thank each and every instructor for their time and effort that they personally put into their presentations and all of the hoops that they graciously jumped through to keep the training certified by the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training. The training provided by the CCFMTC for the medical professionals in attendance was once again very well received by the participants and provided the registered nurses with an opportunity to gain continuing education credits as well. I personally spoke to

several new attendees that benefitted tremendously during the networking session. Each of them spoke about getting different ideas and new strategies on how to tackle a current difficult case. Fall 2010 training certificates were emailed on November 10th. If you didn't get yours or you're having difficulties opening the PDF file, please contact Steve Welch at [swelch@csaia.org](mailto:swelch@csaia.org).

## Chelsea's Law by DAG Janet Neeley

Chelsea's Law (A.B. 1844), which went into effect on September 9, 2010, was named after Chelsea King. Chelsea King and Amber Dubois were killed by sexual predator John Gardner. The new law increased sentences for violent sex offenses against children, lengthened parole periods on child molesters, and excluded sex offender parolees from parks where children gather. It also enacted the Containment Model, requiring all registered sex offenders to participate in sex offender-specific treatment programs while on probation or parole, which must include dynamic and violence risk assessments (in addition to current assessments of static risk based on the Static-99 score), and polygraph examinations while on supervision.

The California Sex Offender Management Board was tasked with developing statewide credentialing standards for all treatment providers and polygraphers who will provide these programs. The Containment Model works only if there is regular communication among the treatment provider, supervising officer, and polygraph examiner. It is slated to take effect in July 2012.

Increased penalty provisions include a new crime of assault with intent to commit rape, etc., on a child (Pen. Code, § 220) - 5, 7 or 9 years); increased penalty triads for forcible crimes against children under 14 (9, 11, 13 years) and under 18 (7, 9, 11 years) and increased penalty triads for sex crimes against children committed in concert (10, 12, 14 years if victim under 14, and 7, 9 or 11 years if victim under 18).

California became the first state in the nation to require life without parole (amending the One Strike law) for perpetrators who commit a specified sex offense against a minor with certain circumstances (penalty is 25 to life for perpetrators under age 18). It is now a major One Strike circumstance when the offender personally inflicts bodily harm on a victim under age 14, with "bodily harm" defined as "substantial physical injury resulting from use of force," more than necessary to commit the offense. Alternately, personal infliction of bodily injury without other circumstances during a lewd act on a child under 14 can result in a term of life

with parole.

Parole periods were increased for offenders who victimized children under 14. Offenders who committed rape, sodomy, forcible lewd and lascivious acts, or continual sexual abuse, of a child under 14, must serve 20 years on parole. Those who committed lewd or lascivious acts with a child under 14 (Pen. Code, § 288(a)), or other specified sex crimes, must serve at least a 10-year parole period. Lifetime parole is required for certain repeat offenders, kidnappers of children under 14 who intend to commit a specified sex act, and specified sex crimes. (See Pen. Code, §§ 3000, 3000.1.) Previously, lifetime parole was reserved for murderers.

The law mandated that the risk scores for static risk (using the Static-99 which rates unchanging risk factors, such as criminal history) and violence assessment results, must be posted on the public DOJ Megan's Law web site starting in 2013. Dynamic risk scores, which are more fluid and subject to change, will be posted on the DOJ intranet web site for law enforcement to view. Treatment providers will score the dynamic and violence risk

assessments. Probation and Parole will continue to score the Static-99.

A chart summarizing these changes (Tanney, San Diego District Attorney's office), and a prosecutor's summary of the new law (provided by Alameda District Attorney's Office) are posted in the Resource folder under Case Law in the members area on the CSAIA web site.

[www.csaia.org](http://www.csaia.org)

Article submitted by Deputy Attorney General Janet Neeley, California Attorney General's Office

## Training Opportunity

### Child Abuse and Sex Crimes for First Responders

Date:

Wednesday,  
February 23,  
2011 from  
0800-1700  
hours.

Location: Office  
of Homeland  
Security and  
Emergency  
Services County  
of Alameda  
County

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Blvd. Dublin,  
CA 94568

Registration:

Log onto  
[www.csaia.org](http://www.csaia.org)

to register and  
pay via PayPal.  
This course is  
POST approved  
but is *non-  
reimbursable*.

Cost: \$40.00 per  
person (member  
or non-member)



## Membership Corner



Weldon "Linc" Lincoln

We are currently 356 members strong! If you have any recruitment ideas or would like to encourage members of your team or organization to become members of CSAIA, please contact our Membership Coordinator Weldon "Linc" Lincoln. Linc can be reached at [Weldon.Lincoln@csaia.org](mailto:Weldon.Lincoln@csaia.org), or by telephone at (209) 223-6747.

Check out your membership status at [www.csaia.org](http://www.csaia.org). All memberships are now based on an annual renewal from the date you joined the Association!

### Training Ideas??

CSAIA is always looking for new and innovative ideas in training to bring to membership.



If you have any ideas for our Conference Training or One-Day Training, please contact:

[Rich.Nickel@csaia.org](mailto:Rich.Nickel@csaia.org) or  
[Weldon.Lincoln@csaia.org](mailto:Weldon.Lincoln@csaia.org)  
with your ideas

## California Sex and Arson Registry (CSAR)

Recently, the California Department of Justice (DOJ) released the first phase of the California Sex and Arson Registry (CSAR) for “read-only” access to law enforcement agencies (LEAs). The CSAR gives LEAs secure access via the DOJ Intranet to expanded registration information to assist with the registration, investigation, apprehension, and prosecution of sex and arson offenders. The CSAR replaced the legacy Registry, the Violent Crime Information Network. Agencies continue to submit their registration transaction to the DOJ through the California Law Enforcement Telecommunication System and Live Scan, which now

interfaces with the CSAR. The CSAR greatly improves law enforcement’s access to sex and arson registrant information. It allows LEAs to:

- View registrant records in their entirety, including risk assessment data, method of operation information, employment and vehicle information, sexually violent predator status, and registrant images
- Conduct registrant-based queries
- Generate reports

The DOJ will release additional functionality in subsequent phases,

such as query by example searches, new business partner notifications, registrant-based geographical maps, and full entry/updated capabilities, as they becomes available. Agencies can access the CSAR by establishing an agency CSAR administrator account. The agency CSAR administrator is authorized to create, modify, and delete CSAR user accounts through the Justice Identity Management System. Training materials on how to use the CSAR in read-only mode and how to establish CSAR administrator account are accessible on the California Law Enforcement Web, <http://clew.doj.ca.gov/>. These materials include a quick reference guide,

frequently asked questions and videos demonstrating how the CSAR can be accessed and viewed and how to establish CSAR administrator accounts. For additional informational regarding the CSAR, please contact the Sex Offender Tracking Program at (916) 227-4123, or send an email to [VCIC.CSAR@doj.ca.gov](mailto:VCIC.CSAR@doj.ca.gov).

## 2010 Achievement Award Recipients

*Detective Katherine Martin-Garcia  
Tulare County Sheriff's Department  
2010 Patrick Sullivan Investigator of the Year  
Award*



*Detective Sergeant Cecile Focha  
Sonoma County Sheriff's Department  
2010 Michiel Hyder Sustained  
Achievement Award*

## CSAIA 2011 Achievement Award Nominations



### **Awards:**

- The Michiel Hyder Sustained Achievement Award
- Sustained Achievement Award in Forensic Services
- Legislator of the Year Award
- Outstanding Agency of the Year Award
- The Patrick Sullivan Investigator of the Year Award

CSAIA will be presenting the Sustained Achievement Awards at the 2011 Fall Conference. Please think of recipient's for the above awards and submit your nominations. All nominations need to include a nomination form as well as a letter describing the nominee and his/her qualifications. Please visit the web site at [www.csaia.org](http://www.csaia.org) for nomination forms.

## Members Training, Learning...



## Socializing and Networking!





## CSAIA 2010 Board of Directors



**Top row from left to right:**  
 Member – Weldon "Linc" Lincoln  
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 Member – Scott Currie

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 Member – Jesse Grant  
 Member – Margie Jessen, RN  
 President – Karen Sherwood  
 Member – Anthony Hickman

## About Our Organization



**CSAIA NEW PHONE  
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**California Sexual Assault  
 Investigators Association**

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Membership is now on a 12 month annual cycle! Watch your e-mail for an electronic notification to renew your membership. RENEW ONLINE!

You must renew to continue to have access to the Members Area on the website and to continue to receive information by mail!!

