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violations and a 25% decrease in total accidents at the 20 intersections with red-light cameras. A 1997 study by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety found that the red-light violation rate was reduced 40% several months after the enforcement program began in Oxnard, California. The study also found that at intersections not equipped with red-light cameras, there was a 50% reduction rate, indicating an increased awareness in traffic safety around signal-lighted intersections.

In another instance, the San Francisco Department of Parking and Traffic (DPT) reported that the number of red-light runners dropped by 42% at photo-enforced intersections, six months after the camera system began. The San Francisco DPT also announced in 1998 that collisions caused by red-light violations decreased by approximately 10% citywide. The rate of vehicles running red lights dropped from approximately five to three violations per 5,000 vehicles. An estimated 125 injuries have been prevented in San Francisco as a result of red-light cameras, according to the State Wide Traffic Reporting System.

It is the commitment of the Los Angeles Police Department to significantly reduce the accidents. To that end, Automated Photo Enforcement will augment traditional strategies in achieving that goal. Sergeant John Gambill, Traffic Coordination Section, USD, can be reached at (213) 473-7796.

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Congratulations Deputy Chief Peggy York!

First Female Officer Promoted to Deputy Chief



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In another monumental move this year, Chief Bernard C. Parks appointed the first female Deputy Chief in June: Margaret Ann (known to many as Peggy) York. Deputy Chief York, a 32-year veteran of the Department, is currently the Commanding Officer of Operations-Central Bureau, where she oversees five community police stations.

Deputy Chief York gave her perspective on the appointment: "When a young officer asks me how to best succeed at his or her job, I tell them that first and foremost, they must love their

job. Not as much as their

family, or their God, or their country, but pretty darn close. The benefit of working in a city like Los Angeles is that everyday you can do something different. Life on the streets of LA is never boring. In fact, it is invigorating."

Like the compass, Deputy Chief York's passion for work led her true north - the leadership ranks of a large Police Department. Prior to her current assignment, she led Detective Services Group. She was the second woman in the history of the LAPD to reach the rank of

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service. Opportunities to work interesting and challenging assignments are open to all. Women have become true partners in police service. I suppose one test of that is loss of lives of women officers. But women officers are prepared to make the same sacrifices as their brother officers. They wouldn't have it any other way."

> Herprior commands include Operations-South Bureau, Wilshire Detectives, Wilshire Patrol, and Financial Crimes Division (formerly Bunco-Forgery Division). She also served as the Chief Investigator and Commanding Officer of Internal Affairs Division.

Deputy Chief York is active in many professional organizations, including the California Peace Officers' Association, Police Officers' Association of Los Angeles County, International Association of Women Police, the National Association of Women Law Enforcement Executives, Women Police Officers Association of California, Los Angeles Women Police Officers Association and the FBI National Academy Associates.

She is also involved in several community organizations. As a member of the Board of Directors of the YWCA of greater Los Angeles, Deputy Chief York was honored as a recipient of the Achievement Award in 1981. Her work with the YWCA includes participation in the annual National "Week Without Violence" Campaign. She is also a member of the Education Fund Board for the League of Women Voters of Los Angeles, the LA Rotary Club, and the City Club, where her participation includes membership on the City Connections Committee. Deputy Chief York has a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Southern California where she graduated with honors. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Management from the University of Redlands, and is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy.

The BEAT **Department Tackles Traffic Deaths With Editorial Committee New Technology**

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Due to increasing fatal crashes at traffic signals, camera systems will be installed Citywide to take photos of drivers who run red lights. Coordinated by the Los Angeles Police Department, the City and the Department of Transportation, the project will begin this month. Photo red light cameras will be installed by Lockheed Martin at 16 intersections during a 36-month pilot program. The first four intersections (one in each bureau) to receive the cameras are the corner of Figueroa Street and Imperial Highway, the corner of 3rd Street and Vermont Avenue, the corner of Westwood and Wilshire Boulevards and the corner of Sherman Way and Winnetka Avenue. These intersections were selected due to a high number of accidents and fatalities. The final 12 intersections are still under consideration. As intersections are determined, information regarding their implementation will be released

Across the nation, fatal crashes at traffic signals increased 19 percent between 1992 and 1996, far outpacing the six percent rise in all other fatal crashes. The City has experienced an increase in red-light collisions for the past three years. In 1999, 17 persons were killed in traffic collisions caused by red-light violations and another 2,422 were

to the public.

injured. Red-light and other related violations are found to be a major cause of these collisions. With the grim statistics and over 4,200 signal-controlled intersections, the City has been actively pursuing this automated red-light technology. System coordinators are hoping the system will slow down reckless drivers and help prevent injuries and deaths. The City has found that other localities have experienced between 30% and 50% reduction in traffic violations in intersections with the new technology.

the City will have the option of adding other intersections. The intersections scheduled for installation will be evenly distributed throughout the City, with four intersections per geographic bureau. These have been identified from Police Department and Department of Transportation collision data and have met engineering criteria. During the first 30 days of the operation, only warning notices will be sent out to the violators as mandated by the state. At the end of the 30-day warning period, citations will be mailed out to the registered owner on file with the Department of Motor Vehicles.

If the pilot program is successful,

Foundation Donates Money to **LAPD**

The Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Police Foundation, accompanied by Founding Members Chief Bernard C. Parks and his wife, Bobbie, gave a \$105,000 grant to the Los Angeles Police Department. This was announced at a press conference on May 24, 2000.

Captain Kirk Albanese accepted a check on behalf of the Juvenile Division during the conference at Parker Center Auditorium. The grant will provide funding for critical programs and safety equipment not provided for in the City's budget, such as youth intervention and crime prevention programs.

Of the donation, \$10,000 was awarded to Juvenile Division's Explorer 2000 program to increase the membership of Explorer Scouts. Each of the 18 geographic divisions' Community Relations Offices received a \$5,000 grant for needed funding of youth programs such as Jeopardy, a gang prevention program, Police Activities League and Deputy Auxiliary Police. Lieutenant Fred Booker also accepted a \$5,000 check on behalf of Community Relations Section for the development of new crime prevention programs and literature.

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Commendations The Chief of Police received the

following personnel commendations in May from outside the Department.

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On January 1, 1996, Section 21455.5 of the California Vehicle Code (CVC) authorized municipalities to install and operate automated enforcement systems with the following restrictions:

The limit line, the intersection, or other places designated in Section 21455 where a driver is required to stop may be equipped with an automated enforcement system if the system is identified by signs, clearly indicating the system's presence, visible to traffic approaching from all directions. Any city utilizing an automated traffic enforcement system at intersections shall, prior to issuing citations, commence a program to issue only warning notices for 30 days.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

How does it work?

Cameras at each intersection will take a series of photographs as a violator enters the intersection on the red phase. Sensors in the roadway will detect the vehicle's speed and relative position in the roadway when the signal changes to red. Only those vehicles traveling at a predetermined speed will trigger the cameras to take a photograph.

A close-up photograph of the driver and vehicle front license plate will be used for identification purposes. The automated citation will be reviewed by a sworn member of the Department and mailed to the registered owner. The photo red-light citation is similar to the Personal Service Citation and includes four separate photographs of the involved violator/vehicle. The citation includes an affidavit for the registered owner/violator to complete, identifying the driver of the vehicle if different from the registered owner.

Failure to pay the fine or appear in court on the violation will result in a civil assessment levied against the vehicle's registered owner's driver license. If necessary, the registered owner/violator may request a viewing of the photographs at the traffic division in which the alleged violation occurred. The registered owner must identify the driver of the vehicle at the time of the viewing for the citation to be dismissed; otherwise they will be referred to the court for adjudication.

What if the registered owner of the vehicle was not the driver at the time of the violation?

An affidavit will accompany the citation. The registered owner must complete the affidavit, identify the driver, and return it to the Department within the specified time. The citation will then be re-issued to the correct violator.

Will a driver be cited after stopping and then making a right turn on a red light?

No. The camera will only become activated when the speed would indicate a pending violation.

What if the person receiving the citation states that the vehicle had been previously sold?

The individual should complete the affidavit (included with the citation) and return it to the Department. If the registered owner/violator has complied with 5900 of the Vehicle Code (change of address) the citation against them will be cancelled. If not, the registered owner/violator must appear before the court for adjudication.

Will this system also enforce speed violations?

No. The system is not designed to enforce speed violations, nor does it use radar to detect a vehicle's speed.

Do violators have an opportunity to review the photographs with an officer?

A toll-free 800 number will be provided to concerned violators who will be able to schedule an appointment to view photographs of the violation. Viewing days will be predesignated weekdays, and will be held at the traffic division within the bureau of occurrence.

Isn't this a speed trap?

No. Speed, though determined electronically, is not used to establish the violation of running the red light. A photograph, clearly depicting the violation and position of the violator's vehicle at time of the signal change, establishes all the elements necessary for the violation.

Cities employing the red-light technology have documented significant reductions in traffic collisions. In Charlotte, North Carolina, there has been an average reduction of 72% in red-light

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Peer Counseling Helps Heal

By Sergeant Keith Moreland

HISTORY

In the late seventies, two veteran police officers met by accident and discovered they shared a common experience that had long affected their lives. They both had been involved in controversial shootings, one more recent than the other. Over time, these officers continued talking and, more importantly, listening to one another. They began to feel better. Soon, one of these officers approached the Department's Medical Liaison Section and the Behavioral Science Services Staff and proposed the development of a Departmentwide peer support program since a similar program was already taking root in private industry. From this proposal, the Los Angeles Police Department's Peer Counseling Program was established. The first group of peer counselors was trained in August 1981. Today, more than 200 sworn, civilian, and reserve peer counselors, from all ranks, are committed to providing peer support to fellow employees during times of personal or professional crisis. The program is one of intervention and support, not therapy.

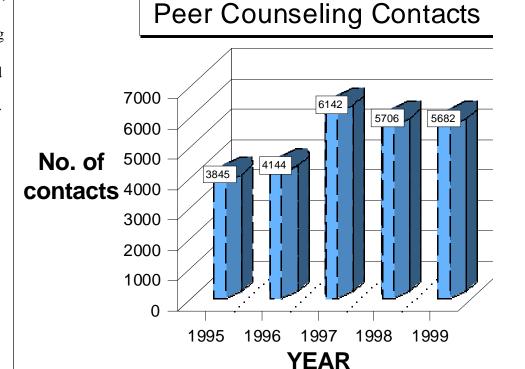
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Communications with Peer Counselors are confidential and considered privileged, except for those matters involving felony violations of the law, risks of being a danger to self and/or others, or serious employee misconduct. There should be a clear understanding of the limits of confidentiality when an employee enters into a relationship with any Peer Counselor. All Area and Divisions are provided with two peer counselor rosters, one alphabetical and one by division of assignment, to allow direct contact with employees.

TREND

Use of this program often reflects news reports about and events affecting the Department, according to Sergeant Keith Moreland, a former program coordinator. After former Officer
Rafael Perez's revelations regarding the
Rampart Area, some people came to
the program "questioning themselves
and doubting their roles in the
Department," Moreland said.
Statements such as "maybe I belong
somewhere else, am I in the right place,
nobody is saying good things about us"
became common after the Rampart
scandal broke, he added. The peer
counselors provide much needed
support by listening, giving guidance and
direction to fellow employees who
doubt themselves during such crises.

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Police Officer Rosalind
Iiams, who is the program
coordinator, attributes the
success of peer counseling
to Department employees'
openness and sense of trust
towards fellow employees.
"You have a lot more
officers willing and open to
talk to their peers," Police
Officer Iiams said.
"Sometimes, it starts in the
hallway and they talk and
they take it from there."

ACCESS

The Peer Counseling
Program is coordinated by
the Employee Assistance
Unit, located in Chinatown,
at the Far East National
Bank Building, 977 North
Broadway, Suite 409. For
information or questions, call
(213) 485-0703 during
regular business hours.
Should the need for a Peer
Counselor arise after hours,
contact the Department
Command Post at (213)
485-3261.

Public Relations Specialist Jing Vida contributed to this story. The new, revamped version of the Los Angeles Police BEAT turned two-years-old with the publication of the July 2000 issue. Resurrected in 1998 by Chief Parks, the BEAT was last published in 1977 on a regular basis, after a lengthy run of 50 years, with the exception of 1984, during the Summer Olympics.

Though targeted to the field patrol officer, the new BEAT is published by the Office of the Chief of Police, Community Affairs Group, Public Relations Unit. It contains useful information for both sworn and non-sworn Department employees.

During the past few months, the BEAT has polished its look with a new cover page, new font styles and layout. Graphs, art or photos

have been added with each issue. It now includes articles of historical and human interest. The BEAT editorial staff is interested in comments or suggestions from our readers. If you have a story idea or would like to write an article related to the Department, we'd like to hear from you!

Please send correspondence to Public Relations Unit, 150 North Los Angeles Street, Room 731, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Mail Stop 400. Page one art features the maiden issue of the re-instituted BEAT (July 1998) superimposed over the January 1952 issue cover. "If you look closely, you'll see the number 52 on the badge being held by Policewoman Mary Torrance. Her good humor and ready wit make it a welcome symbol for the New Year. Mary served with the Sheriff's Department before joining the LAPD in 1948..." written in the archive copy of the issue.