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**B.C.P.**

By Chief Parks

I would like to thank the men and women of this Department for doing a great job during the Democratic National Convention in August. Again, you have proven that the City of Los Angeles and its police department are the finest in the world. The streets of Los Angeles remained safe, calm and orderly despite the anticipated chaos and numerous protests. Every challenge was handled efficiently. I am very proud of all your efforts, from preparation to implementation of our goals in keeping the DNC participants and the people of this City safe and protected.

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Congratulations to the 10 recipients of the Medal of Valor, the highest award bestowed on the men and women of LAPD for extreme acts of courage and bravery. These

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**Motor Transport Division  
Always Ready to Roll!**

By Paul D. Bardon  
Director of Police Transportation II

One of LAPD's trademarks is the black and white vehicle, a familiar sight on the streets and freeways of Los Angeles. However, very few know the history and background behind these vehicles.

The Motor Transport Division (MTD) is responsible for maintaining all the vehicles in the Department. It provides the Police Department with a safe, effective vehicle fleet in a cost competitive manner and administers all fleet related functions. It is responsible for budgeting and purchasing needed vehicles and related equipment. It oversees all areas of fleet maintenance and repair; product testing

"This Department can not function without vehicles. Buses, cars, motorcycles get serviced and repaired so they're ready to roll. We're always in the state of preparedness."

Illustrating the MTD's critical role, Olson recalled the North Hollywood shootout, where two armed suspects robbed a bank and exchanged gunfire with Los Angeles Police Officers. The MTD staff changed tires, performed repairs and stayed all night cleaning up the scene afterwards.

"We are part of the scene," Olson said. "We



and vehicle modification; the salvaging of damaged or obsolete vehicles and equipment; and the maintenance of all fleet records.

are there as support." All of us at MTD realize that vehicles are critical to where officers have to go. We want to

"The LAPD has the largest fleet management for law enforcement in the world," said Neil Olson, Assistant Commanding Officer, MTD.

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**Thank you LAPD for a Great Job During the DNC!**



# Commendations

The Chief of Police received the following personnel commendations in July from outside the Department.

**POLICE SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE**

Steven Tannert            Communications

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Debra Striberg           Pacific  
Paul Butler                Hollywood

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Allen Schubert           Hollenbeck  
Timothy Nordquist      Hollenbeck  
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David Randall           Pacific  
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Joshua Sewell            Pacific  
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Shannon Alexander     77<sup>th</sup> Street  
Larry Oliande            77<sup>th</sup> Street  
Stuart Lomax            Foothill  
Scott Coffey             Foothill  
Mario Morales            Central  
Danny Martinez         Central  
Pernell Taylor            Central  
Raymond Galluccio      Central  
Craig Rensch             Central  
Willie Carter             Central  
Hector Diaz              Central  
Angel Gomez             Central  
Carlos Garcia            Central

Frank Lopez              Hollenbeck  
Steven Carlos            Hollenbeck  
Garrett Loo              Hollenbeck  
Rick Corpel              Hollenbeck  
Mario Barillas            Narcotics  
David Castaneda        Newton  
Ron Berdin                Newton  
Francisco Diaz          Newton  
Michael Zolezzi          Newton  
Joseph Dominguez      Newton  
Richard Browning       Newton  
David Hoskins            Newton  
Thomas Redshaw        Newton  
Valentine Flores        Newton  
Joseph Dominguez      Newton  
Valentine Flores        Newton  
Clinton Achziger        Rampart  
Jesus Amezcua          Rampart  
Mario Marquez          Rampart  
Paul Hendry              Rampart  
Scott Thielman          Rampart  
Steve Chung              Rampart  
Robert Guyer             Rampart  
Amir El-Farra            Rampart  
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Sean Lewis               W. Los Angeles  
Minh Nguyen             Southeast  
Lionel Kelso              Southeast  
De Shon Horton         South Traffic  
Robert Williamson      South Traffic  
Michael Maloney        South Traffic  
Roger Pio                 South Traffic  
Robert Hung             South Traffic  
Jerome Calhoun         South Traffic  
Adonis Cutchlow        Central Traffic  
John Morena              Central Traffic  
Timothy Kay              Central Traffic  
Neal Peterson            Central Traffic  
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Michael Bissett         Unif. Support  
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Andres Cruz              West Traffic  
Ramon Hernandez       West Traffic

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Roger Stewart           Valley Traffic  
Theodore Williams      Detective Supp  
Andre Baydaline        Valley Traffic  
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William Settle            Van Nuys

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Jeffry Quinton          Central  
John Malone             Central  
Peter Foster              Central  
Tim Nambu                Central  
Barbara Jones          Central  
Joy Haro                  Central  
Randall Mccain         Central  
Steven Morris            Central  
Thomas Lo                Central  
Austin Fernald          Hollenbeck  
Martin Williams        Hollenbeck  
Thomas Herman         Hollenbeck  
Robert Becerra         Newton  
Gerald Ballesteros     Newton  
Magdaleno Gomez      Rampart  
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Stinson Brown          Oper. South Bureau  
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Stanley Wiedenhaupt   Foothill

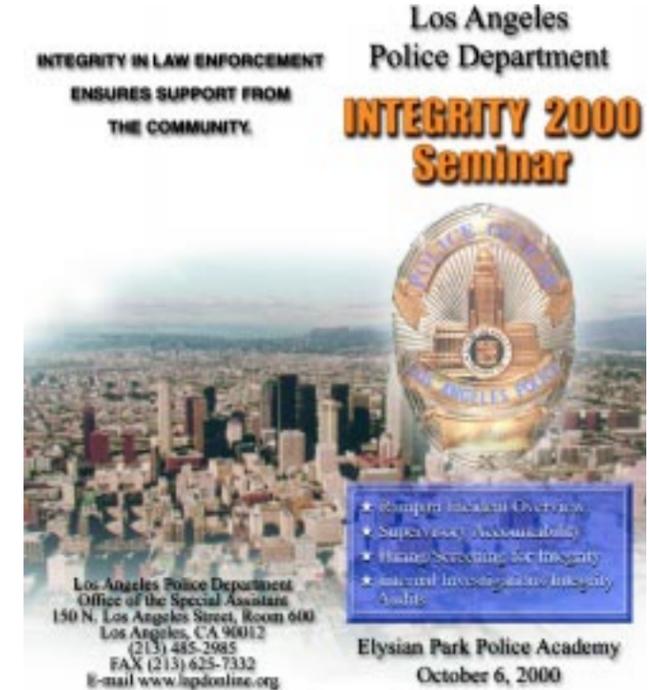
# Seminar to Discuss Rampart Incident Among Others

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outstanding individuals will be honored at a luncheon on September 6, 2000 at Westin Bonaventure Hotel. We, as well as the rest of the City, should be proud of this moment for it reflects what the LAPD ultimately stands for – courage and service even in the face of extreme danger. (see page 11 for more information)

Our profession is one of the most difficult professions today. We are faced daily with difficult choices and decisions affecting people's lives, livelihoods and reputations. Now more than ever is it more relevant and important to have the courage to do what is right amidst complex laws and political trends. I would like to encourage our officers to continue their education and to take training at every opportunity. On September 16, 2000, LA LEY (Latin American Law Enforcement Association) is sponsoring "To protect and to serve with Integrity – The Theory and Practice of Ethics in Policing" seminar at the University of Southern California. This outstanding seminar is part of LA LEY's ongoing career development series. (see page 2 for more information)

The Los Angeles Police Department is hosting a seminar on Thursday, October 6, 2000 at the Elysian Park Police Academy. The FASTRAC 2000 Integrity Seminar is designed to appeal to law enforcement agencies throughout the United States. The seminar will focus upon the lessons learned from the Rampart Corruption Incident. The Command Staff will discuss the Rampart Incident, Supervisory Accountability, Hiring/Screening for Integrity, and Internal Investigations/Integrity Audits. The scheduled lecturers are Deputy Chief Martin Pomeroy on "Overview of the Rampart Incident," Commander Garrett Zimmon on "Supervision Accountability," Dr. Warren Bennis on "Executive Leadership/Foundations of Integrity," Commander Betty P. Kelepecz on "Hiring/Screening for Integrity," Deputy Chief David Gascon on "Internal Investigations/Integrity Audits."



## Van Nuys Team Leads in Pursuit of Domestic Violence Cases

By Captain Ann Young

*Editor's Note: This is one of a two-part series highlighting two of seven excellent programs featured during the "Best Practices" Seminar in June 2000. The Chief of Police selected these outstanding programs Departmentwide. Captains and above attended this seminar, which was the first coordinated effort of its kind.*

### VANNUYS LEADS

Domestic violence is a problem the Los Angeles Police Department personnel want to see end. In 1993 alone, the Department received over 43,000 domestic violence calls for service and over 65,000 calls in 1994. Domestic violence represents 30 percent of all 911 calls for service. To break the cycle of violence, Major Assault Crime (MAC) investigative units were created within the detective divisions in 1994.

The Van Nuys Detective Division began its MAC Unit on May 1, 1994. The unit averages about 450 crime reports monthly. It investigates all domestic violence, sexual assaults, child abuse and related crime reports. In 1994, it handled more spousal abuse arrests, (900 more) cases than any other detective division in the City of Los Angeles.

### PROGRAM PROVIDES ASSISTANCE

Because of the rising problem, the Van Nuys Detective Division immediately developed and established the Domestic Abuse Response Team (DART). The team helps provide needed resources and

services during calls for service. Currently, Van Nuys Area deploys the DART Team five days per week. Van Nuys is anticipating the addition of a police officer to the detail this year. The assigned police unit has the primary responsibility for the domestic violence call for service. When the DART Team is deployed, members contact the assigned unit. The police unit responds and makes the location safe. The DART Team is then brought in and introduced to the victim. The team members will then assist the police unit. If medical treatment is required, the team transports the victim to a local emergency room. The team will take Polaroid photos of the injuries, issue Emergency Protective Orders, if required, transport the victim to a friend or relative's house or shelter, while providing vouchers and counseling services. The DART Team also provides information to detectives for criminal prosecution.

### PROGRAM CARES

The program originally consisted of phase III probationary officers assigned with a civilian volunteer trained in the aspects of domestic violence. The probationary officers were phased out and the unit was staffed with line reserve officers and a civilian volunteer. Reserve officers were selected so as not to deplete patrol resources and to avoid cost to the City of Los Angeles. Reserve officers worked the weekends when

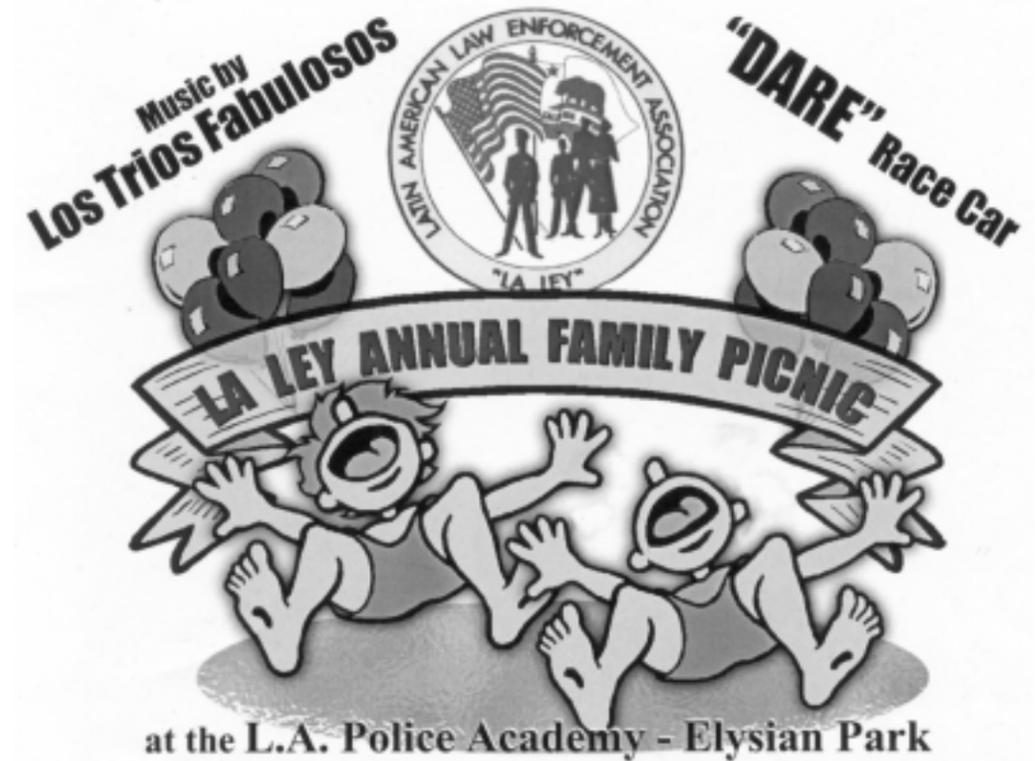
domestic violence calls for service are at their peak. However, due to scheduling conflicts, it was realized that full-time officers were needed to effectively staff the team and respond to the growing calls for service. Today, the DART Team is staffed with one Police Officer II (POII) and a civilian advocate. This police officer II is assigned to the team for six months. The police officers operate in plain clothes and drive an unmarked vehicle, to avoid attention. The domestic violence counselors are from the Domestic Abuse Center. They undergo special training about officer safety issues, radio procedures, and domestic violence laws. They also have on-the-job training in actual field operations. Everyone in the team understands an abuser's use of force, threats of physical harm, economic control and isolation to keep their victims from leaving and contacting the police.

### COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PAYS OFF

The unit's high success rate was due to its community-based efforts. One of the officers' priorities in the beginning was to seek out community service providers, counseling services and shelters for victim referrals and establish liaison

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## All Department Employees are invited to LA LEY's Family Picnic



**Sunday, September 10, 2000**

**11:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

music, food, clowns, games, drawings, gifts, and swimming  
 menu: carne asada, chicken rice, beans and drinks

\$5 per person (children ages 6-12, \$3)

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with these organizations to provide detective-community working partnerships. However, Van Nuys Detectives quickly determined that these liaisons were lacking in the Van Nuys Area. They then embarked on a cooperative partnership with Gail Pincus, the Executive Director of the Domestic Abuse Center. This partnership has provided the domestic abuse victims with services never before available in the Van Nuys Area.

The use of the DART Team by police officers has shortened domestic violence calls for service by 75 percent, another reason for the success. The victim and members of the DART Team also developed working relationships, which enable the detective to assist the victim in court. All the efforts have resulted in a

decrease in domestic violence related homicides.

**MISSION STATEMENT**

Our mission is to create a working partnership with our community service providers who specialize in domestic violence: to prevent, educate and provide intervention to deconstruct the social structure, which allows violence against women and men to continue.

To provide a coordinated response to meet the emergency and short term needs of the services of domestic violence in order to break the cycle of violence in our City.

To accomplish this mission, resources will be available to all

residents of Los Angeles, regardless of their gender, cultural, ethnic, religious, and economic backgrounds

**GOALS – 2000**

- Improve the delivery of support services to victims.
- Dedicate Domestic Violence training for police officers.
- Expand the DART Team to other divisions.

The Van Nuys DART Team is a successful program due to the committed efforts of the assigned officers and the advocates. The program is effective because of excellent training, available resources and community support.

# LAPD Shines

*The following are excerpts from emails received in LAPD during the Democratic National Convention, August 14 -17, 2000 in Los Angeles.*

I wanted to say that I'm so very glad that the men in blue are out there, watching and willing to take steps if necessary to protect the rights of all law abiding citizens...I will never let the actions of a few in the LAPD dissuade me from my belief that there are so many honorable, caring, brave men and women ready to lay their lives on the line for my family, my neighbors and my community. I just wanted you all to know you have my deepest gratitude for being willing to do a tough job.

Donna D.  
Tujunga, California

Bravo! The Los Angeles Police Department showed restraint and professionalism when confronted by self-proclaimed anarchists...Keep up the the good work! The

people who know the truth in America support your efforts.

Dennis P.B.  
Riverhead, New York

I was pleased to hear Commander Kalish speak directly about what was and was not considered to be acceptable behavior. Actions have consequences. The police provided a safe and secure environment for the protesters to express their thoughts and concerns. When the boundaries were breached, the police made their decision.....I am not aware of the details surrounding the events last night (August 14). Perhaps I never will be...but then I am probably within the majority. That said, I am proud of the job the LAPD did last night. My compliments to Commander Kalish, the men and women involved and to the LAPD as a whole.

Frank P.  
Lake Elsinore, California

# Employees' EDGE

**A new BEAT Section Dedicated to the LAPD Sworn & Civilian Employees**

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# STAGED COLLISION UNIT

## New Unit Puts a Brake on Fake Accidents

By Detective III Tom Henton

In response to a rise in the number of staged accidents and the amount of investigative resources needed to successfully prosecute these complicated cases, Financial Crimes Division (FCD) established the Staged Collision Unit (SCU) in July of 1999. The unit, which investigates

victim's vehicle, followed by an immediate stop. The hope is that the victim will not be able to brake in time to avoid a rear end collision. The potential for serious injury to the suspect and innocent motorists is quite high). Fortunately for the driving public, two

motorists observed the suspect make an unsuccessful attempt to cause a collision with a private airport shuttle van. Grand theft and insurance fraud charges have been filed against the suspect. The testimony of the public-spirited witnesses will help ensure a successful prosecution. The investigation of staged collision often requires painstaking research and detailed interviews of the involved parties. The SCU relies on field officers and collision investigators for the initial information leading to a

criminal investigation. Some indicators that a collision has been staged include, but are not limited to the following:

- Statements by involved parties which are inconsistent and/or conflict with the observations of independent witnesses
- A hit and run felony collision with injuries to the alleged "victim", who can not or will not provide a believable version of the circumstances of the accident.
- Statements of parties which conflict with the physical evidence at the scene (i.e. resting position of the vehicles, damage to fixed objects, skid marks and location of debris).
- Evidence of erratic driving by the suspect just prior to the collision.

Officers with information regarding a possible staged accident are encouraged to contact the SCU at (213) 747-6990 or (213) 747-8794.



Photo Courtesy of Motor Transport Division

staged accidents and related medical fraud cases on a Citywide basis, is comprised of seven detectives, two of whom are on loan from Organized Crime and Vice Division. As auto repair facilities and tow truck operators are often involved in staged collision fraud, it was decided to include FCD's Auto Repair Fraud Unit in the operation.

Since becoming operational in September of 1999, the SCU has received numerous complaints from traffic divisions, insurance companies and a variety of other sources. One case of note concerned an elderly man who was duped into becoming the "victim" in a series of staged collisions by an organized ring of criminals. An attorney member of the ring was able to bilk the victim out of several hundred thousand dollars before the crime was discovered by SCU detectives.

Another case involved a lone suspect who employed the classic "Swoop & Squat" to victimize a commercial carrier. (The Swoop & Squat is a highly dangerous maneuver which entails a sudden lane change in front of the

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provide a safe and effective law enforcement fleet. Someone could die and things could happen."

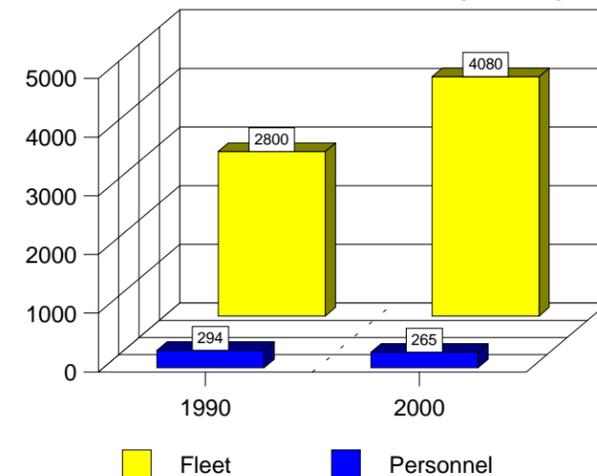
There are currently 4,080 vehicles in the Department's fleet. The fleet total includes 1,274 patrol cars, 493 marked hybrids, 1,468 plain cars, 434 motorcycles, and 409 miscellaneous vehicles, logging an average of 48 million miles annually. The Department operates numerous makes, models, and types of vehicles including automobiles, motorcycles, vans, trucks, buses, four-wheel drives, and miscellaneous one-of-a-kind vehicles such as armored personnel carriers, bomb disposal units, and SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) trucks. The MTD has an annual operating budget of about \$9 million to cover repair parts, tires, oil, and fuel. It also has a fleet purchasing budget ranging between \$15 and \$20 million.

In addition to the budgeted fleet, the Department utilizes other means to enhance the fleet, from use of donated vehicles and court awarded vehicles to lease/rentals, and loans. The number of these type of

*"We are living proof that we can do more with less," Olson stated.*

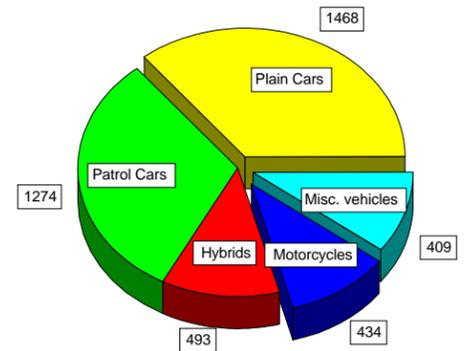
vehicles averages between 200 and 225. These are used mostly in surveillance operations, but other uses include graffiti abatement and community relations activities. The MTD's fleet maintenance program is based on a de-centralized support system comprised of

Fleet Vs. Personnel 10-year Gap



23 automotive repair shops in 20 separate locations. There is an MTD shop at each of the Department's 18 police stations, with an additional five shops located in the downtown Los Angeles area.

LAPD Total Vehicles in 2000



The all-civilian division has 265 employees in 22 classifications assigned throughout the division. Through the years, the fleet has grown yet the number of MTD employees has decreased. "We are living proof that we can do more with less," Olson stated. The Division was first established in 1954 with a lieutenant at its helm. It became completely civilian in the late 1950s and was led by a former Chrysler engineer, Ray Winn as its first director.

Beyond the normal maintenance and repair functions, MTD also

performs collision repair, component rebuilding, vehicle modification and refurbishment. In addition, mechanics perform numerous state and federally mandated vehicle inspections such as commercial vehicle inspections on trucks, tankers, and buses; emission system certifications; safety inspections on both Department and privately owned vehicles involved in traffic collision. The mechanics also act as expert witnesses for the City Attorney in auto fraud cases or in litigation of civil liability cases.

Other responsibilities within MTD include the design and fabrication of unique vehicles and/or equipment; close, technical support to specialized units such as, Driver Training, Uniform Support Division, Traffic Coordination Section, and SWAT. In the event of an emergency where the department is mobilized, MTD is responsible for activating the Vehicle Mobilization Plan as directed by the Department Commander and the Emergency Operations Center.