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.

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

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

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

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Seminar to Teach Ethical Decision Making

Do You Have the Moral Courage To Do What is Right? Prove It.

Learn how ethical decision-making can help you do your job and enhance your career. The LAPD Coalition of Employee Association is sponsoring an ethics seminar at the University of Southern California Davidson Conference Center on Saturday, September 16, 2000. Part of the Latin American Law Enforcement Officers Association’s ongoing career development series, the seminar is open to all LAPD officers. Attendance is off-duty. A $25.00 refundable deposit is required to register since breakfast and lunch will be catered. Laley will refund the fee at the seminar. Eight hours of P.O.S.T. credit will be awarded.

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Department Honors Medal of Valor Awardees

On Wednesday, September 6, 2000, Chief Bernard C. Parks will present the Medal of Valor Award, the Department’s highest award, to 10 police officers during a luncheon at Westin Bonaventure Hotel. Hosted by the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, the 41st Annual Medal of Valor Awards ceremony will begin at 11:00 hours.

The 1999 Medal of Valor Award recipients distinguished themselves through acts of bravery or heroism above and beyond the normal call of duty. The awardees are Police Officers Robert Farias, Ronald Chavarria, Manuel Solis, Lazaro Ramirez, Romik Keshishi, Cynthia French, Peter McCoy, Jason Thompson and Francisco Dominguez, and Sergeant Joan Leuck.

Department employees may purchase luncheon tickets for $50 by calling Jennifer Bayer of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce at (213) 580-7585. To reserve a table, purchase the tickets early. Checks should be made payable to the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, 350 South Bixel Street, Los Angeles, California, 90017. Parking is available at banquet parking rate.

For additional information, please contact Police Service Representative Stephanie Nelson or Officer Sara Faden of Public Affairs at (213) 485-3281.

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Stuart Maislin Central

DEPUTY CHIEF
Commendations

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

POLICE SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE

- Steven Tannert, Communications
- Paul Butler, Hollywood
- Simon Tam, Pacific
- Debra Sierberg, Pacific
- Mario Barillas, Narcotics
- Ron Berdin, Newton
- Ricardo Ballesteros, Pacific
- Anita Moreno, Pacific
- David Randall, Pacific
- Joseph Cossairt, Pacific
- Yasir Gillani, Northeast
- Paul Oliande, 77th Street
- Matthew McLeod, 77th Street
- Stuart Lomax, Foothill
- Carole Garcia, Central

RESERVE OFFICER

- Allen Schubert, Hollenbeck
- Timothy Nordquist, Hollenbeck
- Simon Tam, Pacific
- Debra Sriberg, Pacific
- Fred Piro, Pacific
- Debra Sriberg, Pacific
- Simon Tam, Pacific
- Steven Tannert, Communications
- Mia Zolezzi, Newton
- Joseph Dominguez, Newton
- Richard Browning, Newton
- David Hoskins, Newton
- Thomas Redshaw, Newton
- Joseph Ballesteros, Rampart
- Jesus Ameczua, Rampart
- Ming Marquez, Rampart
- Paul Hendry, Rampart
- Scott Thiemel, Rampart
- Steve Chung, Rampart
- Robert Geyer, Rampart
- Amie El Farra, Rampart
- Jose Gomez, Northeast
- Rodney Carter, W. Los Angeles
- 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 Poe, 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
- Henry R. Guardado, Central Traffic
- Joanna Needham, Unit Support
- Michael Bissett, Unit Support
- Joseph Barrella, West Traffic
- Andres Cruz, West Traffic
- Ramon Hernandez, West Traffic

POLICE OFFICER I

- Frank Lopez, Hollenbeck
- Steven Carlos, Hollenbeck
- Garrett Loo, Hollenbeck
- Rick Corpel, Hollenbeck
- David Castaneda, Newton
- Ron Berdin, Newton
- Francisco Diaz, Newton
- Michael Zolezzi, Newton
- Ramon Hernandez, West Traffic
- Andres Cruz, West Traffic

POLICE OFFICER II

- John Leonard, Valley Traffic
- Roger Stewart, Valley Traffic
- Theodore Williams, Detective Supp
- Andrea Bayaldine, Valley Traffic
- Brian Bassler, Foothill
- William Settle, Van Nuys
- Luis Hernandez, South Traffic
- Manuel Ibarra, Pacific
- Joy Smith, Pacific
- Michael Falvo, Pacific
- Osbaldo Ramos, 77th Street
- Robert Gallegos, Metropolitan
- Jeffry Quinones, Central
- John Malone, Central
- Peter Foster, Central
- Tim Nambo, 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
- Roy Escalante, Northeast
- Jose Torres, Northeast
- Mark Allen, Northeast
- Richard Eagleson, Personnel
- Michael Cryer, Southwest
- Sergio Sanchez, Southwest
- Dennis Bopp, Southwest
- Simon Brown, Ope. South Bureau
- Marten Pinedo, West Valley
- Kenneth Roa, Personnel
- Linda Peace, EODD
- Thomas Baker, Northeast
- Stanley Wiedenheut, Foothill
- Francisco Diaz, Northeast
- Luis Hernandez, South Traffic
- Michael Maloney, South Traffic
- Robert Williamson, South Traffic
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Seminar to Discuss Rampart Incident Among Others

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. Kelepeoz 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.

VAN NUYS 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. To deal with the rising problem, the Van Nuys Detective Division immediately developed and established the Domestic Abuse Response Team (DART). 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.

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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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 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.

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**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 boundaries of the information I was given.

Dennis P.B.

Riverhead, New York

Editor’s note: All LAPD employees and associations are encouraged to submit announcements or articles on relevant events and concerns. Submit materials in a diskette (Word format) to the BEAT - Employees’ Edge by the 4th of each month for the following month’s publication.

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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 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 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.

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 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 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.

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.