



CHEERS TO 2001!

Happy New Year to everyone. I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season filled with generosity and memorable moments with friends and family. As we welcome 2001 and wrap up the momentous year 2000, I would like to take this opportunity to ponder our accomplishments of the past year, and contemplate the future.

It was an honor to witness the men and women of the Department give their best during the Democratic National Convention (DNC) in August. There were no fatalities or major injuries during the event. The DNC attracted more than 20,000 people to the City. It was a proud, strong and confident Los Angeles police force out on the streets, keeping the peace.

In a historic move last year, Deputy Chief Peggy York was named the first female deputy chief. We also had the first African-American female attain the rank of Captain – Captain Ann Young. Amidst these monumental achievements, however, we had our share of losses. Two of our finest police officers – Louis Villalobos and Roberto Mata – made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of honor, duty and service to the community. Let us all remember their contributions and honor their memory by continuing to support the Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation, which provides support to their grieving families.

In an unprecedented move, the Department conducted a broad and comprehensive audit of its systems and procedures, in response to the Rampart Area Corruption Incident. The Board of Inquiry report into the matter was released in March 2000. No other major law enforcement agency has boldly tackled

such an intensive self-examination, in an effort to uncover internal failings that may have led to the incident. We discovered the police misconduct, immediately conducted an investigation, and reported it to the community. This proves our commitment to honesty and integrity – part of our core

values. The Rampart incident is a sad chapter in our history. We learned lessons and we are moving forward. Together, we will turn this tragedy into an opportunity to grow stronger and prove that the Los Angeles Police Department remains the premier law enforcement agency in the world.

Although the downward trend of crime in the past eight years inched upward this past year, we continue to provide the highest quality service to our community by sheer dedication and efficiency. This spike in crime has also occurred in other major urban areas.

Despite the setbacks, we have so

much for which to be grateful. Last March, the Los Angeles Police Foundation sponsored the first annual *March on Crime* fundraising event that provided new Bomb Blankets for the Bomb Squad Unit and Trauma Shooting Kits for every officer.

The dedication of all Department personnel toward service to the community has resulted in improved quality of life to those we serve. I am proud to serve with you. Cheers to 2001, as we enter yet another challenging and progressive year!

Best wishes,

BERNARD C. PARKS
Chief of Police

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Deputy Chief Retires

By Public Relations Specialist Mariella Cole

The flurry of activity in Operations Headquarters Bureau was indicative that the countdown had begun. Following a noteworthy 31-year career with the Los Angeles Police Department, it's end of watch for Deputy Chief Martin H. Pomeroy. He retired on December 29, 2000.

During his tenure with the Department, Deputy Chief Pomeroy served in a variety of positions. He acknowledged that there was not one position he did not enjoy. If he were to choose one assignment over any other, it would be his stint in Narcotics Group.

"I enjoyed the challenge of trying to outwit dope dealers. In a sense it's like an athletic competition. You know who they are, they know who you are and they are doing their best to outwit you, while you're doing your best to outwit them," said Pomeroy. "There is also a certain satisfaction that comes with circumstances involved in protecting the community from dope dealers. "I would say in the same breath that I love my current job, my time in the Valley, and I enjoyed my entire career," he chimed in instantly to avoid any misconception.

Even though there are numerous memorable moments that have marked Deputy Chief Pomeroy's profession with the Department, he regards his son's graduation from the Police Academy on March 10, 2000, as one of the most momentous highlights. Deputy Chief Pomeroy states he is proud of his four children,

but he is especially delighted that one of them has followed in his footsteps.



When asked about his proudest accomplishments, Deputy Chief Pomeroy lets out a laugh and humbly claims he doesn't know whether there is anything memorable in his career. But on closer look, the notable accomplishments that accompany his name include his role as the LAPD Incident Commander of the Democratic National Convention in August 2000; and the LAPD's response, which he directed, during the February 28, 1997, North Hollywood Bank of America robbery and shootout. Deputy Chief Pomeroy also served as the commander of the LAPD's disaster response operations in the San Fernando Valley, following the 1994 Northridge earthquake. Additionally, he recently served as a member of the Federal Consent Decree negotiating team.

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Division Dedicates Park to Fallen Heroes

By Officer Cheri Roberts

On the evening of November 29, 1998, Pacific Area Officers Brian Brown and Francisco Dominguez were in a vehicle pursuit of gang members who had just committed a drive-by-shooting. The incident ended tragically when one of the gang members fired at the officers and fatally wounded Officer Brown.

Two years later, on November 29, 2000, Captain Gary Williams and the Pacific Area Community Police Station held a candlelight ceremony, marking the second-year anniversary of Officer Brown's death, and to dedicate the Pacific Memorial Park at 12312 Culver Boulevard to officers killed in the line of duty. Dedicated to the four Pacific Area officers killed in the line of duty, the small park sits amid planted flowers, green grass and trees. The park features stones engraved with the names of fallen heroes – Officers Gilbert Reyes, Raymond Hicks, Phillip Riley and Brian Brown.

Prior to the unveiling, Community Police Advisory Board member, Reverend John-David Webster, gave the invocation and Captain Williams gave the opening remarks. Captain Williams thanked the officers for their commitment, loyalty to the Department, the

community, and acknowledged the residents for their continued support. Special guest, Sergeant Marcia

Reyes from South Traffic Division, was on hand for the ceremony. She is the daughter of Officer Gilbert Reyes who was the first officer killed in the line of duty at Pacific Area. Rabbi Shevitz closed this solemn ceremony of remembrance with a prayer.



Pacific Area Volunteer, Julio

Paige, renovated and completely landscaped the Memorial Park located in the center of Pacific Area's employee parking lot. Freshly planted rosemaries, a symbol of remembrance, surround the area.

More than 130 people attended the event, which was coordinated by Sergeant Greg Glodery and the Community Relations staff. Susan Wagner, police liaison for the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office, helped coordinate the event.

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Deputy Chief Pomeroy acknowledged the best part of his career was the opportunity to work with "great" people. "I've had the privilege of associating with dedicated, hard working and honest people."

His peers regard him as an exceptional leader and one who will truly be missed by the Department. "He is a consummate professional and understands all of the issues. He has been a good partner and a team player," said Deputy Chief David Gascon. "Most importantly, Deputy Chief Pomeroy understands the gravity of the situation the department deals with on a daily basis ... he understands the big picture."

After an inspiring career, Deputy Chief Pomeroy leaves his post on a positive note. "I love my job and

still like to come to work." Deputy Chief Pomeroy also believes the Department's success depends largely on recruits' responsibility to maintain the LAPD's

trademarks of excellence and integrity.

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– Deputy Chief Pomeroy

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Safety Rules

By Officer Michael Hagen

This is the third and final feature of a series on Hazardous Materials / Environmental Crimes Unit (HM/ECU). Previously covered topics include Historical Perspective, Investigations and Enforcement.

Our society relies heavily on the use of chemicals. We use chemicals, hazardous and otherwise, everyday and in many ways, from cleaning the oven, to cooking and gardening. Most are safe and pose little or no risk, while others pose a significant risk. Some

products are outright dangerous and often lethal if instructions are not followed, or when chemicals are misused or mixed. The safe use of these chemicals depends on you.



When things get out of control, be sure to take immediate action to protect your life and the lives of others. Whether at work, home or in transit, preparation will result in a greater chance for success. If you are trained in hazardous materials response and are faced with a situation that needs immediate attention, you are considered a Hazardous Materials First Responder. Depending on training, you could be at the awareness level or operations level. The difference between the two is whether or not you can take defensive action to control the release of the hazardous material. First responders at the awareness level take no action to control the release of hazardous materials.

Recognition of the hazardous material is the first step. By identifying the type of hazard, you can take proper action to ensure your safety and that of others. There are several basic communications standards. The United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) dictates the types of warnings required in the transportation of hazardous materials. (For USDOT warning methods, refer to the December 2000 edition of the BEAT.) The USDOT classifies dangerous chemicals by “hazard

class” and “division.” The hazard class is the level of risk the material presents during transportation. The division is a sub-class of the risk. Examples of the hazard categories include explosives, flammable solids, radioactive and spontaneous combustibles. These risks are communicated on shipping papers, placards, labels and markings.

The Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) and the United States Department of Labor regulate workplace warnings. The Consumer Products Safety Commission (CPSC) regulates consumer warnings and the commonly seen fixed site sign comes from the National Fire Protection Association. The OSHA, CPSC and the United States Environmental Protection Agency use signal words to warn of potentially hazardous materials. The three words are “CAUTION,” “WARNING” and “DANGER.” DANGER is a likelihood of death or serious injury. WARNING is a possibility of serious injury or death. Finally, CAUTION is the possibility of injury.

The NFPA Standard 704 is a fixed site sign usually displayed on a building entrance or fence to a business. It has four diamond-shaped quadrants arranged in a diamond configuration. The left middle quadrant is blue and represents the health risk. The top quadrant is red and indicates the flammability risk. The right middle



quadrant is yellow and warns of the reactivity or stability of the chemical during a fire. The lower quadrant is

white and contains letters, abbreviations or symbols to indicate special hazards. In the top three quadrants,

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numbers are displayed to indicate the relative degree of hazard. The numbers are from 0-4, with 0 being little or no hazard to 4, indicating serious risk to life in an emergency.

Now that you can recognize some of the hazardous materials warning signs and indicators, what do you do in an emergency? The best advice is two-fold. First, always think "SAFETY." Second, "SIN." Although you may think otherwise, SIN simply stands for the following:

S – Safety in every action, decision and thought. What are the consequences of any action during a Hazardous Materials / Environmental Crimes Unit incident? Risk versus gain. If I rescue someone will I be injured? Can I carry the person out? Do I know enough about the chemical not to be overcome by it?

I – Isolate the area. Keep all unauthorized persons away from the hazard. Stay upwind, uphill and upstream.

N – Notify the authorities. Call the fire department, law enforcement and emergency medical personnel. When off-duty, dial 911!

Other important things to remember:

- Never smell, touch or taste hazardous materials.
- Never assume there is no hazard because there is no odor. Many inhalation hazards are colorless and odorless.
- Always know the wind direction and stay upwind.
- Always be alert for changes in the wind direction.
- Know your limits.
- For transportation incidents, use the 2000 Emergency Response Guidebook.

To notify HM/ECU of illegal disposals of hazardous waste, transportation violations or to request assistance, please call (213) 485-4011. For emergencies during business hours, call (213) 847-2793, and after hours call the Department Command Post at (213) 485-2504.

HAZMAT Unit Says: Be Smart and Safe

You are off-duty and are driving down the street. It was a long day. You have a number of things to do – recover from the holidays, get ready for a family birthday, pay the cable bill, pick the cat up from the veterinarian, plus one million other things to accomplish by the end of the day.

You see a killer price for unleaded fuel. You maneuver the gas guzzling sports utility vehicle (SUV) into the station to fill the almost empty gas tank. The lines are



long, tempers flare and social order is collapsing. Two cars are battling over a pump. It's getting bad and you can't back up or turn. One of the two cars battling for the right to the pump backs up and collides with another car at the next pump. The car rolls forward, ripping the hose out of the pump spewing gasoline everywhere. You're blocked in. The gasoline pool is spreading toward the crowded bus stop and toward the other vehicles in the station.

You see some people running to get away from the expanding pool of gasoline. Others are trying to maneuver their cars out of it. Some are trying to call 911 on their cell phone. Still others are frozen. You are mentally going through the options. You decide to step out of your SUV, run away from the pool and its source. You see a banner moving in the wind and run upwind. You yell for people to follow you. Once safely out of the endangered area you have some people block the road and you use a pay phone to call 911.

You created a safety plan. You escaped from the hazardous materials upwind and out of the fuel to a safe place. You did not use your truck or cell phone (ignition hazard) and you isolated the area. Finally, once in a safe area, you made the proper notification. Congratulations, you did an excellent job!

Commendations

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

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Deputy from page 3

Despite the recent challenges the LAPD has experienced in the last years of Deputy Chief Pomeroy's career, he remains the Department's most stalwart supporter, a quality he brought with him as a negotiator for the Federal Consent Decree.

"In my judgement, the LAPD has remained the best throughout my career," he said. "It will always be the best and the leader in municipal law enforcement."

So what does such an accomplished man do after a long and successful career with one of the most prestigious organizations in the world? Chief Pomeroy will travel north to Montana. He also plans to spend lots of time with the family – a great part of which he missed during his distinguished career with the Department.



A first for the Department, the Public Affairs Unit has produced *2001 LAPD Calendars*, now on sale for \$8. Designed by Jim Corbin, LAPD Graphic Designer, the calendar features

four-color photos of the Department's various specialized units, plus memorable events for the year 2000. It also highlights upcoming, significant Department events in 2001. Proceeds will benefit the Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation and the Community Relations Section (CRS) Station Fund. To purchase a calendar, stop by the Public Affairs Unit, Room 731, Parker Center or call Officer Joe Buscaino or Officer John Long at (213) 485-3281. Make checks payable to CRS Station Fund.

Photos recapturing the early history of African-American officers in the LAPD, stemming back 114 years, have been assembled into a *Blacks in Blue*, 2001 Calendar.

Sergeant John Thomas, a board member for the LAPD's Historical Society and the Oscar Joel Bryant Foundation (OJB), the Department's association of black officers, came up with the idea after he discovered valuable photos in the Department's archives.

Thomas worked with Officer Jim Ungari to design the calendar, which sells for \$13.95 and can be obtained at selected retail outlets, the OJB Foundation website: www.OJBFoundation.org, and Amazon.com. Proceeds from the sale of the *Blacks in Blue* 2001 Calendar benefit the OJB Foundation Annual Scholarship fund and the Los Angeles Police Historical Society.

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