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*By Chief Parks*



To "Protect and Serve" is more than just a slogan. It is what we live by. The Department is constantly seeking new

ways to better serve the community. Community service has no geographic boundaries, and with the recent September 11th terrorism tragedy, we need to extend our arms and embrace the East Coast.

I encourage all of you to take a proactive role and do what you can to help. An abundant blood supply will be critical during this time of national tragedy, and I urge each of you to donate blood to the Red Cross because your contribution can and will save a life.

The September 11th incident was a wake up call for this nation to stand together and bring those responsible for these acts of cowardice to justice. The LAPD is poised to serve our great nation by going above and beyond what is required to help safeguard our local community and assist in reaching out to the community that extends beyond the boundaries of Los Angeles.

It was an honor to be present at the Second Annual March on Crime brunch. The fundraising event was a success and much of that success was attributed to the hard work and dedication of men and women of the

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## 2001 March on Crime Brunch Helps Department's Mission



*Left to Right; Jeff Kiernan of Governor Gray Davis's Office, Chief Parks and Mary Hart, Host of Entertainment Tonight*

On Sunday, September 10, 2001, the community, Department staff, and local dignitaries gathered at the Ahmanson Recruit Training Center for the Second Annual March on Crime Brunch.

Guests were able to experience a demonstration by our SWAT unit, along with a demonstration from the Air Support Division and a musical presentation from the LAPD Bag Pipe Band.

The event was officially opened by Mistress of Ceremonies Mary Hart of Entertainment Tonight, and featured remarks by Chief Parks and Mayor James Hahn.

Crystal Angel Awards were presented to Officers David Orozco and Mark Mireles for their courage in the line of duty. First grade student Devon Breton-Pakozdi was awarded a Crystal Angel award for his support of the Los Angeles Police K-9 Unit.

On display were several motor units, the bullet-riddled car from the North

Hollywood shootout, an Air Unit, the Bomb Squad, and a host of other informative displays. To date, the annual March on Crime event has raised over \$500,000, which will be used for Department programs.

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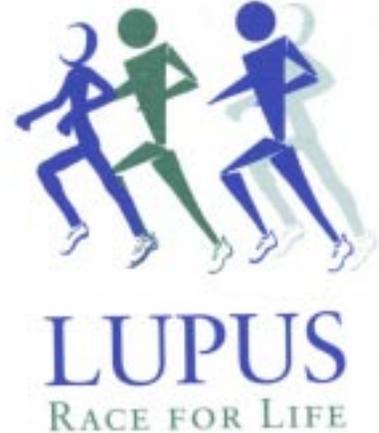
## Second Annual Lupus Race For Life

The Lupus Foundation of America, Southern California Chapter's Second Annual Lupus Race for Life, will be held Saturday, October 13, 2001, at El Dorado Park East, in Long Beach. Registration begins at 6:00 AM with the race beginning at 8:00 AM.

"Our primary goal is to raise awareness of this disease and help our loved ones battling Lupus deal with the challenges that come along with it," said Deborah Gonzalez, of the Lupus Foundation. "So many people have this mysterious disease and we hope to someday find a cure. Approximately one dozen LAPD employees are afflicted with the disease and it takes our combined efforts to help those that suffer from Lupus," added Gonzalez.

This event, which was designed to raise money and awareness for this chronic illness, will feature great food, entertainment and giveaways. For more information call (888) 532-2322.

This event is sponsored by the Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles City Fire Department, California Highway Patrol, Long Beach Police Department, Long Beach Fire Department, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, Los Angeles County Fire Department, Orange County Fire Authority and the Santa Ana Police Department.



## USC and UCLA Participate in Blood Drive

The Southern California Hospital Recruitment Alliance (SCHRA) hosted a blood drive at 15 donor centers throughout Southern California because blood supplies at local hospitals are critically low.

The kick off event was held at the Staples Center on September 6 and will continue through November 17. UCLA and USC fans will score a point for each donation, and three

points for platelet donations. The points will be counted, and the winning school will be announced during halftime of the UCLA/USC game.

Department members, as well as our loved ones depend on these blood stores in emergency situations. All donors will receive a commemorative T-shirt. For further information call: (323) 442-2923, (818) 729-1230, or (310) 325-0888, ext. 2.



# LAPD Safeguards the City

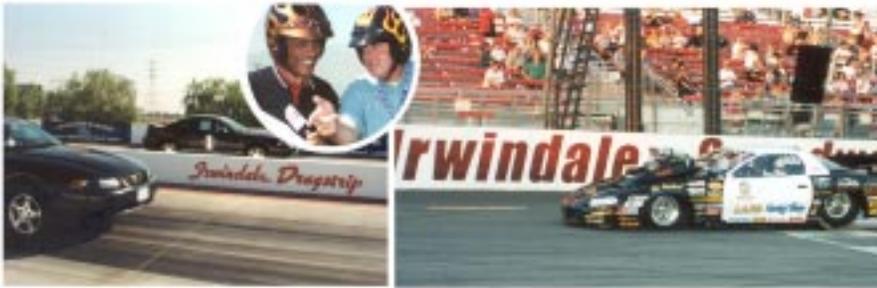
The Los Angeles Police Department and those who live and work in the City of Los Angeles joined the nation in mourning the tragic loss of life that occurred in Washington D.C., New York and Pennsylvania terrorist attacks. Chief Parks reassured the public that the Department was prepared for every eventuality and had all officers on tactical alert.

The Department has increased security by requiring all employees to display their identification upon entering any City facility and monitoring any unusual activity occurring in the City.



*Chief Parks reassures the public that LAPD is on full tactical alert and prepared to safeguard the City*

## Law Enforcement Day at Irwindale



On Saturday, September 29, 2001, the Automobile Club of Southern California, along with the Los Angeles Police Department, presented “Law Enforcement Appreciation Day at Irwindale Speedway.” Twenty Southern California Law Enforcement agencies participated in the event along with several celebrities including Joey Lawrence, Esai Morales and Willie Gault to name a few. The festivities included NASCAR races

and “Celebrities vs. Police Officers” drag races. The event also featured static displays from participating agencies. Also on display were Department racecars, recruitment booths, police helicopters, DARE booths and refreshments. Proceeds from the event will be donated to the “LAPD Disaster Support Fund” to support the fallen police officers and firefighters from New York City.

*The Los Angeles Police Department sends our heartfelt prayers and condolences to the victims and families of the national tragedy.*



*God Bless America*

## *Los Angeles Police Department's Art Theft Detail*

To familiarize personnel with some of the unique assignments that are available within the Department, personnel assigned to the Career Development Section (CDS), Employee Opportunity and Development Division, interviewed Detective Don Hrycyk, Burglary Auto Theft Detail.

The interview highlighted one of the unusual assignments in the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and focuses on the experiences and training of designated personnel within the "selected assignments."

**Question:** Detective Hrycyk, you've been called "the Art Detective," describe what it is you do.

**Answer:** I'm part of a two-person detail responsible for all art thefts in the City of Los Angeles. This includes not only theft of art, but consignment fraud, investment fraud, crimes against the elderly, insurance scams, and "fake art". The detail functions not only to investigate crimes but as a contact point for the art community. The reputation of the City of Los Angeles as an international art center has been steadily growing, which has significantly increased the number of crimes and monies lost in art thefts. Information about the Art Theft Detail can be found on the LAPD website at [www.lapdonline.org/art.theft](http://www.lapdonline.org/art.theft). Photographs of stolen artworks are posted on this site, which is regularly consulted by the art community.

Detective Hrycyk noted the importance of continuity of personnel in the Art Theft Detail. The development of numerous intelligence leads and sources over an extended period is very important. Often, the statute of limitation on an art theft has expired but the victim retains a significant emotional attachment to the concerned piece of art. For example, Detective Hrycyk cited a recent case in which an elderly woman reported the loss of a world-class netsuke collection. The collection was valued at over \$100,000 and belonged to her late husband. However, the victim of the theft was more concerned over the loss of an inexpensive painting that had been given to her as a birthday present by her late husband.

According to Detective Hrycyk, the LAPD is the only police department with a full-time art theft detail. Even though the Art Theft Detail was set up to handle fine art, the Detail has handled other types of cultural and historical

property in order to assist divisional detectives. These cases have included the theft of a 40 million-year-old fossil, a Stradivarius violin, a comic book with a value of \$100,000, rare books, animation art, and movie props.

**Question :**How did you first become involved with the Art Theft Detail?

**Answer:** I was working as a Homicide Detective when the position became available and I was attracted to the position because art thefts can be difficult cases to solve.

The unit began in 1983 as a pilot program to deal with crimes where there were no clues but large losses. Since 1993, the two-person detail has been responsible for \$45 million in recovered property. Detective Hrycyk indicated that he did not have any specific background in art, an art hobby, or particular training in art but "learned on the job." Over the years, he has established a specialized library of resources including art theft fraud books, articles about art, magazines, lists of websites, etc.

He also noted that art theft is the third largest criminal enterprise worldwide, with drugs and arms sales as number one and two respectively. Due to an increase in art theft, the Department receives a lot of inquiries from other police departments that are considering whether to implement their own art theft detail. In addition, since many art objects are unique, the unit receives a large number of inquiries from other law enforcement personnel who are attempting to solve specific crimes or are interested in tracking the patterns of particular criminals. Interpol, the FBI, and private corporations all maintain databases of information about art thefts, fraud, and other art-related crimes. Since criminals cross international boundaries, some cases are very difficult to solve. As a result, the cooperation of multiple levels of law enforcement is often needed in particular cases.

Detective Hrycyk indicated that he and his partner, Detective Dan Schultz, teach an art theft investigation class for POST. They are also working on the missing artwork from the Cultural Affairs Department. Articles about the missing artwork, approximately 360 pieces, some last seen twenty-five years ago, have been published in recent issues of the Los Angeles Times.

The most important thing about art crimes is the same as other crimes—detectives must have the ability to solve

## *Art Theft Detail continued...*

cases and make arrests with a proven track record which allows them to work complex cases in many areas.

**Question:** Do you have any advice for other employees who might be interested in creating their own area of expertise?

**Answer:** I believe that perseverance and vision are necessary skills to develop a unique area of expertise. If you identify a need, make your supervisor aware of it, and maintain statistics that show a particular crime is increasing or recovery is a problem.

Develop a training program and continue your research in order to keep abreast of current trends/changes, etc. You can experience a high level of pleasure and pride in developing a unique skill.

***Save the Date!!!  
Chief's Holiday Party  
December 15, 2001  
7:00 p.m.***

***Radisson Hotel at  
Los Angeles Airport***

***All Department  
Personnel Invited  
(213) 485-3281***

# The Invisible Badge

By Public Relations Specialist Pedro Muñiz

The Los Angeles Police Department Civilian Personnel are subjected to many of the same rules and regulations as his/her sworn counterparts. Civilians carry the same weight of responsibility as sworn during their off-duty hours.

Their responsibility extends past end of watch, and their actions and mannerisms are a reflection of the Department. Civilians uphold the dignity of the Department. But do civilian employees ever feel as though they really are part of the law enforcement agency they work for?

As members of the Department, civilians have a unique opportunity that the majority of the people who are served by the LAPD don't get to experience, the chance to know the people behind the uniform.

Working with police officers, you realize how much you share in common. You develop a greater sense of appreciation for sworn personnel as they provide daily bread on the table for their families with a job that requires meeting people on the worst and/or best day of their lives and, at any given moment, putting their own life on the line. Getting to know officers on a more personal level shortens the distance their uniform and badge may create for some people.

Civilians find themselves amidst the camaraderie and bond that exists between officers. The bond created from having the weight of carrying the badge and from the experiences they encounter out in the field brings them closer together. But do civilians feel excluded from their sworn counterparts?

Unless you have a relative or friend who works in law enforcement, a change in the perception of people in law enforcement is difficult to avoid once you become part of the LAPD.

"As a civilian, my only personal experiences with law enforcement was a flashing light bar on a black-and-white in my rear view mirror, or adjusting my speed

when sighting a patrol car nearby," said L.V. Sturgess, Public Relations Specialist.

"Within the short time I have been with the LAPD, I feel as though I am part of a big family."

### JUST THE FACTS

The LAPD employs more than 3,000 civilians throughout the Department. They hold a variety of positions and range in age from early 20's to late 60's. They come from both the public and private sector, and range from a few months experience to many years with the Department.

"As of September 18, the Department has filled 519 positions and is still trying to find civilians," said Wanda J. Bell, acting OIC, Civilian Employment section. "Non-sworn employees have a big contribution in the organization and daily logistics of the LAPD."

"Civilians can move around the various City entities and keep their seniority, salary, retirement, and benefits," added Bell, "but the LAPD is the place to be since it offers the most positions with lots of upward mobility. The Department is a great place to be and work." When asked whether there is a distinction between sworn and civilian employees, Bell replied, "There are no second-class citizens in the Department."

"Civilians are a crucial element of the Department," says Dawn Danko, a Police Service Representative for 25 years. "We serve as the officer's back up by providing support through communications or clerical work. If you didn't have civilians working in the Department you would have to pull officers from the field to do these jobs."

"Civilians are vital to the operation of the LAPD," said Chief Bernard Parks. "They provide the strong backbone that the sworn men and women of the LAPD rely on each and every day."

# Employees Edge

## BALANCED HEALTH

## THE LAPD WELLNESS PROGRAM

**Wednesday, October 3**

**11:30-12:30**

***Breathe Well*** by William Young, MD  
Location: Parker Center Auditorium

Dr. William Young of Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, will discuss asthma, sleep apnea, and other lung conditions. This lecture, which kicks off the Department's Third Annual Health Lecture Series, will provide attendees the opportunity to learn the latest information on lung health as well as the opportunity to ask specific questions of an expert in the field. Free lunch will be provided to the first 40 attendees.

## Upcoming Events

### ***Blood Pressure & Cholesterol Screening***

As many as 2 in 5 adults have high blood pressure. Left untreated, high blood pressure can lead to Heart Attack, Stroke, and Death. Have your blood pressure checked regularly. Watch for upcoming announcements as to exact dates and locations for this screening.

### ***Flu Vaccine- Coming to your Division***

With the help of Cedars-Sinai, we will be providing this year's flu vaccine on-site at a minimal cost during the winter months. Signup will begin shortly. Do it for you! Do it for your Family!

For more information about any of these events, please contact Dr. Kevin J. Jablonski or Ms. Cookie Longacre at (213) 485-2620



### **Tips For A Safe Halloween**

- Try to Trick-or-Treat when there is still light outside
- Wear a costume that makes it easier for you to walk, see and be seen
- If you must go at night, make sure that your costume is light in color
- Plan your Trick-or-Treat route ahead of time. Pick well lighted streets
- Cross only at corners. Never cross between parked cars or mid-block
- Carry a flashlight with you so you can see and be seen easily

# *The Following Commendations Were Received in June from Outside the Department*

**RESERVE OFFICER**

Lawrence, Jeanette  
 Smith, Greg

**POLICE OFFICER I**

Carrillo, Stephanie  
 Jaramillo, Robert  
 Lilomalava, Freddy

**POLICE OFFICER II**

Aguilar, Brenda  
 Arzate, Manuel  
 Avila, David  
 Belsky, Alexander  
 Collins, Troy  
 Concepcion, Lawrence  
 Contreras, Miguel  
 Day, Eldred  
 Dibell, Sonia  
 Fiola, Michael  
 Galloway, Isaac  
 Hanna, Ashraf  
 Hopkins, David  
 Iiams, Rosalinda  
 Jimison, Walter  
 Johnson, Daniel  
 Kirkland, Douglas  
 Macchiarella, John  
 Mireles, Mark  
 Mora, Fernando  
 Nunn, David  
 Perriguet, Charles  
 Rimkun, Patrick  
 Robinson, Ray  
 Rodriguez, Gabriel  
 Salcido, Diana  
 Scott, Kevin

Shearholdt, Paul  
 Smith, Ryan  
 Stajcar, Kit  
 Tarnago, Manuel  
 Taylor, Ulysses  
 Terrazas, Miguel  
 Vargas, Maricela

**POLICE OFFICER III**

Arvizu Jeanna  
 Carrillo, Jose  
 Cioffi, Kenneth  
 Conrado, Enrique  
 Duran, Lisa  
 Landry, Christopher  
 Ledesma-Gaeta, Rose  
 Lee, Jason  
 Puchi, Anthony  
 Quinto, Jeffrey  
 Rivas, Gabriel  
 Rodelo, Jerry  
 Rodriguez, Gregory  
 Segee, William  
 Sparkman, Earnest  
 Synovec, Katharina  
 Verrett, Anthony

**DETECTIVE I**

Amador, Rodrigo  
 Meda, Benjamin  
 Mendoza, Francis  
 Reyes, Steven

**SERGEANT I**

Chang, Heberto  
 Gonzales, Richard  
 Grimes, David

Kessler, Jace  
 Koeh, David  
 Lopez, Ronald  
 Malinowski, Sean  
 Meagjher, Stephen  
 Moreno, Oscar  
 Phillips, Lisa  
 Santos, Rodolfo  
 Swanson, Charles  
 Zabel, Jason

**DETECTIVE II**

Bennett, Larry  
 Cosley, Robert  
 Gutierrez, Burt  
 Jenks, Daniel  
 Kewin, Diane  
 Markel, Charles  
 Purdy, Walter  
 Reyes, David  
 Severino, Mark  
 Waco, Jeffrey  
 Williams, John  
 Winter, Debra

**DETECTIVE III**

Barraclough, Donald  
 Cicioni, Dennis  
 Gligorijevic, Lindy  
 Mcelroy, Richard  
 Pichardo, Rudolf  
 Rooney, Robert

**SERGEANT II**

Alaniz, Philip

Lally, Craig  
 Rivers, Philip  
 Vielma, Sylvia

**LIEUTENANT I**

Eskridge, Ernest  
 Green, Robert  
 Justice, Joel

**LIEUTENANT II**

Montgomery, Gregory  
 Swanson, Robert

**CAPTAIN I**

Webb, Richard

**CAPTAIN II**

Jacobs, Stephen

**CAPTAIN III**

Hillmann, Michael  
 Kim, Paul  
 Maislin, Stuart

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 Paniccia, Valentino

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Los Angeles Police Department. The proceeds from the event will help various units within LAPD purchase much needed equipment and increase our productivity in performing our mission, protecting and serving the people of Los Angeles.

I want to encourage each of you to participate in the Lupus Race for Life on October 13, 2001. This is certainly an event that merits our Department's support. I would like to thank those of you who participated in the USC/UCLA Blood Drive. Emergency medical situations make blood donations crucial, and with the support of the community and the Department, shortages of blood for medical emergencies are less likely to occur.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our unsung heroes, civilian employees. Our civilian are vital to smooth operation and efficiency of the Department and help our sworn officers' focus on the

task of safeguarding the community.

Please remember to thank our civilian personnel on a regular basis for all the hard work they do behind the scenes. I was pleased to see many of you at our Law Enforcement Day at the Irwindale Speedway and Law Enforcement Appreciation Day at Dodger Stadium. Thank you for coming to these events and supporting the Department. Your presence at these events contributes to the overall success achieved. Proceeds from the Irwindale Speedway will benefit the LAPD/NYPD Disaster Fund.

On a final note, please remember that Los Angeles is a City known for bringing diverse cultures together. We will only hurt our City by attempting to profile and retaliate against members of our community who are of Middle Eastern ethnicity. Justice will be done and those responsible will be punished.

### **Roll Call of Events**

**Oct. 13- LA Kings "LAPD Night"**

**Oct. 13- Lupus Race For Life**

**Dec. 2- Jack Webb Awards**

**Dec. 15- Chief's Holiday Party**

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