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*By Chief Parks*



This month, I would like to bring to your attention several upcoming events that will positively impact our Department and the community.

Thursday, April 25, is "Take Our Teens To Work Day." I encourage all administrators to participate in this tremendous opportunity to expose our youth to the field of law enforcement and give them a preview of the positive work that goes on behind the scenes in our Department.

The Los Angeles Police Department will join the nation in observing National Police Week from May 14-20, 2002. On May 17, at 1:00 pm, we will gather in front of Parker Center for a Memorial Ceremony to honor the men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice, protecting and serving the people of Los Angeles. Please join me in honoring the memory of these brave men and women.

On May 18, 2002, the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Police Celebrity Golf Tournament will take place at Rancho Park in West Los Angeles. This event will help the Police Memorial Foundation provide resources to sworn and civilian families who are dealing with tragic circumstances.

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## Law Enforcement and Firefighter Appreciation Day at West Angeles Church

By Sergeant A.J. Kirby



*Various public safety personnel pose for a photo at West Angeles Church "Law Enforcement and Firefighter Appreciation Day."*  
*(photo courtesy of Ricky Brown)*

On February 17, 2002, Chief Parks and numerous Department personnel attended the Fifth Annual Law Enforcement and Firefighter Appreciation Day services at West Angeles Church of God in Christ.

Personnel from the New York Police Department, Fire Department New York, Port Authority Police Department, United States Customs and military personnel from the Pentagon were honored with the "Bishop Blake Community Impact Award."

Bishop Charles Blake also gave recognition to the personnel representing local fire and police departments and presented Chief Parks with a resolution from the United States Congress.

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# Take Our Teens to Work Day

The Los Angeles Police Department will once again participate in "Take Our Teens To Work Day" on Thursday, April 25, 2002. This is a tremendous opportunity to take boys and girls from ages ten to seventeen years to work for the day to experience the realities of the working world.

This year, the various LAPD specialized units will be on display in front of Parker Center. Additionally, numerous Los Angeles businesses, community groups, professional organizations, and elected officials are expected to participate.

This year's program includes entertainment, and a free luncheon at the Triforium at the corner of Temple and Main Streets from 11 am to 2 pm. Reservations must be made prior to Monday, April 8, 2002.

Police Department employees in administrative assignments which will not place participants in danger are

encouraged to take part in "Take Our Teens To Work Day." Each employee's decision to participate should be based upon the employee's assignment and operational commitments on April 25.

Questions relating to the applicability of the program to a specific assignment shall be referred to the concerned commanding officer.

"This program is an excellent opportunity to show members of our families what we do everyday. I fully support this program and encourage all employees to participate," said Chief Parks. "I am sure that Take Our Teens To Work Day will be a rewarding experience for everyone involved," added Parks.

For further information or to make reservations for the luncheon, please contact Elena Asucan, Management Analyst II, Personnel Group, at (213) 485-8980.



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## National Dispatchers' Week

**"9-1-1 emergency, operator 123"**  
**"All units, officer needs help..."**

What do these two phrases have in common? Both are spoken by heroes of the Department – Police Service Representatives (PSRs). Communications Division has approximately 460 PSRs assigned to the Central Dispatch Center (CDC). The PSRs assigned to the CDC, work four levels underground in a dark, crowded, and windowless environment.

The CDC is the busiest public safety answering point in the State. Each operator handles anywhere from 150-250 calls per day, depending on the shift. Last year, PSRs answered over 3.3 million calls for service.

A new Metro Dispatch Center is expected to open in the spring of 2003. This new facility, adjacent to Parker Center will be home to Communications Division. The Metro Dispatch Center is five times larger than the CDC and will be outfitted with state-of-the-art equipment.

Some of the new amenities include ergonomically designed work areas with customized temperature controls, a media room, a workout room, a quiet room, an atrium and last but not least ... windows! The Valley Dispatch Center is scheduled to open the fall of 2003. April 15-19, 2002 is National Dispatchers' Week. Please visit the CDC and see for yourself the great job PSRs do everyday.

# LAPD Memorial Ceremony

During National Police Week, the Los Angeles Police Department will hold its annual Memorial Ceremony on Friday May 17, 2002. Tribute will be paid to all LAPD officers killed in the line of duty since 1907.

The Memorial Ceremony will take place in front of Parker Center, adjacent to the Police Memorial Monument. Additionally, this year the Department will pay tribute to law enforcement officers that lost their lives during the terrorist attacks of September 11.



## 31st Annual Police Celebrity Golf Tournament

The 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Police Celebrity Golf Tournament will take place on May 18, 2002, at 10:00 a.m. at Rancho Park Golf Course located at 10460 Pico Blvd. in West Los Angeles.

All Department staff are encouraged to participate in this fun, popular family event. This year's event will feature LAPD equipment displays including a police helicopter, patrol cars and motorcycles.

Several LAPD specialty units will be featured, including SWAT, the Bomb Squad and the Mounted and K-9 units. Additionally, there will be an opportunity to mingle with motion picture, sports and television personalities who will be playing in the Tournament.

The Golf Tournament is the only fundraising event for the Police Memorial Foundation, providing more than \$400,000 to sworn and non-sworn employees and their families experiencing catastrophic circumstances due to death, injury or illness.

Join us in this fun filled event as we raise money to help protect those who protect and serve.



# The Los Angeles Police Foundation Offers Community Service Grants

The Los Angeles Police Foundation is your partner for funding equipment and programs that are not covered in the City budget. The Foundation's mission is to support and promote public safety through partnerships that provide resources to help the Department perform at its highest level in service to the community.

You may obtain grant applications from Public Affairs Section at Parker Center. Once your proposal is submitted, it is forwarded to the Foundation. The program committee meets regularly to review grant proposals. After they recommend a proposal for funding, the full board of directors votes on the proposals. You can expect a turnaround on your request of approximately three months.

The trauma shooting kits you all have were one of the first items funded by the Foundation. Central Traffic recently obtained funding for hundreds of booklets and coloring books on traffic and pedestrian safety for use in schools. We have

responded to Bomb Squad requests, including bomb blankets and long-handled mirrors for explosive searches. We have funded LAPD youth programs, scholarships for students entering careers in law enforcement and programs that demonstrate strong local community impact.

Each year at the Foundation's March on Crime event, we honor officers for excellence in community service with the Crystal Angel Awards. By highlighting the exemplary work of LAPD officers, we attract additional support for the Department. Don't hesitate to apply if there is something that will increase officer safety, will benefit the youth of our City, or will respond to a community need in crime prevention and safety. The Foundation will not fund operating expenses, budget deficit or debt reduction.

Please visit our website at [www.lapolicyfoundation.org](http://www.lapolicyfoundation.org), and don't hesitate to contact Foundation President Karen Wagener, if you have any questions or concerns.

# Employees' Edge

## Counseling Available

Behavioral Science Services (BSS) provides individual and couples counseling to all Department personnel and their spouses/significant others. When self-referred, these sessions are voluntary and confidential. The focus of care can include issues related to relationship challenges, job stress, family or personal health. Employees may also be directed to BSS for evaluation or counseling on a limited confidential basis by supervisors or administrators in certain job-related situations.

For more information, contact Behavioral Science Services at (213) 485-2620.

## Training and Education

A large number of seminars, classes and workshops are presented by BSS staff to assist Department personnel with a variety of issues, including stress management, communications skills, conflict resolution, suicide prevention and anger management. BSS staff also teaches at various Department schools, Division training days, and during roll-call. All Department staff is encouraged to take advantage of training opportunities.

For more information contact Employee Assistance Unit at (213) 485-0703.



## Employee Opportunity Development Division Will Present A Women's Issues Workshop

The Employee Opportunity and Development Division (EODD) will present a Career Development Seminar entitled Spring Women's Issues Workshop on June 3, at the Wyndham Garden Hotel, 5757 Telegraph Road, City of Commerce

The seminar will address the following topics: leadership styles of women, decision making process, creating a positive work environment, and pursuing an education while employed.

Any questions regarding this seminar should be directed to Senior Personnel Analyst Yolanda E. Jaimez, Officer in Charge, Career Development Section, EODD, at (213) 485-8777.

# Centurion Cheerleaders Bring Spirit To Department

Most of us are familiar with our Department's football team the Centurions, but not all of us know that behind the Centurions is a squad of dedicated sworn and civilian women known as the Centurion Cheerleaders.

The Centurion Cheerleaders were established during the 1991-1992 season with a squad of nine civilian employees and one sworn officer. The team now has twelve members ranging in age from 24-40 with an even mix of sworn and civilian personnel.

The team works collaboratively with the Centurions Football team and travels around the country competing against other law enforcement football teams. The Centurion Cheerleaders have come to be known as the premiere cheerleading squad in the National Public Safety Football League.

"The public gives us a very positive response and the Department supports the team one hundred percent," says cheerleading captain, Sergeant Jill Reinhold. "It is very gratifying to support a team that has won the National Championship twice," added Reinhold.

To be a Centurion Cheerleader, all candidates are taught a dance routine and a chant and are given an opportunity to perform what they have learned. "We work with different skillsets on the team and try to work with each cheerleader and bring out her strengths," says Reinhold. The desire to work with



*LAPD's First Centurion Cheerleaders in 1992.*

the team goes a long way, adds Reinhold. "One of our biggest accomplishments was winning the National Championships and beating New York Police Department and Houston Police Department in the same season," says Reinhold.

When the cheerleaders aren't busy helping the football team score victories, they work tirelessly organizing picnics, barbecues and other events to raise funds for the team's main charity, The Blind Children's Center.

The Centurion Cheerleaders recently scored another victory when they assisted the Public Affairs Section with a fundraiser for New York/New Jersey Port Authority Police Officers who were victims of the

September 11<sup>th</sup> terrorism attack. The fundraising event raised \$8,000 with all proceedings benefiting the families of the 37 officers who lost their lives.

With a string of victories in the past year, the Centurion Cheerleaders are poised to accomplish even more in the 2002 season. When asked about future goals of the Centurion Cheerleaders, Reinhold responded by saying "Our goal is to continue to represent the Department with integrity and the unique spirit that defines LAPD."



*2001 Centurion Cheerleaders*

*Top row left to right: Teri Williams, Esther Mya Pe, Denise Bell, Sara Faden, Lillie Garrett  
Bottom row sitting: Left to right, Sharlene Johnson and Jill Reinhold*

## Improve Public Speaking with LAPD “Code One”

If you are interested in improving your public speaking skills and confidence in front of an audience, the LAPD “Code One” Toastmasters Club is just the opportunity for you. Join Department members, both sworn and civilian, who meet twice each month in a friendly, non-threatening environment to work on both impromptu and prepared speaking skills. LAPD “Code One” meets in Room 618, Parker Center on the following dates:

<b>April 9</b>	<b>June 25</b>	<b>September 10</b>	<b>November 12</b>
<b>April 23</b>	<b>July 9</b>	<b>September 24</b>	<b>November 26</b>
<b>May 14</b>	<b>July 23</b>	<b>October 8</b>	<b>December 10</b>
<b>May 28</b>	<b>August 13</b>	<b>October 22</b>	<b>January 7, 2003</b>
<b>June 11</b>	<b>August 27</b>		

All meetings begin at 7:30 a.m. and last one hour. If you have any questions about “Code One” or Toastmasters in general, please call Barbara Taylor, Senior Management Analyst II, at (213) 485-4148, or Sergeant Vic Dennis at (213) 847-4882.

## The LAPD Photo Exhibit Opens at Duke University

On March 21, the Department’s historical photo exhibit, “To Protect and to Serve: The LAPD Photo Archives,” opened at the Duke University Museum of Art (DUMA) in Durham, North Carolina as part of their Spring 2002 art exhibitions. In addition, a select group of DUMA patrons and invited guests attended a special opening reception featuring a discussion on the exhibit and a lecture by Sergeant John Thomas, one of the exhibition organizers.

Duke University Museum of Art Director, Dr. Michael Mezzatesta became fascinated by the seventy-seven photos featured in the exhibit when he saw them on display at Fototeka Gallery in Echo Park last September. An agreement was later struck between Duke University, the Department and the City of Los

Angeles bringing the exhibit to the prestigious university’s art museum.

Dr. Mezzatesta said that he felt



“Duke University and its surrounding communities would be enriched by such an exhibit which offers an

intriguing view of photographic and social history.”

With several other education and art institutions also interested in the exhibition, and the outstanding reviews it has garnered in the art community, “To Protect and Serve: The LAPD Photo Archives,” is well on its way to becoming not only a unique, but highly sought after national art exhibit.

According to Dr. Mezzatesta, the significant aspect of the exhibit is that it, “Blurs the boundaries between evidence, document and art. The images demand a re-evaluation of the nature of photography, the role of the photographer, and the understanding of the archive as a phenomena as well as an institution.”

The exhibition is on loan to Duke University and is on display in the museum’s North Wing Gallery through May 19, 2002.

## *The Following Personnel Were Commended by the Community During the Month of February*

### **POLICE PSYCHOLOGIST**

Sweet, Gerald

### **POLICE OFFICER I**

Anderson, Sean  
Cotti, Dan  
Mejia, Roselena

### **POLICE OFFICER II**

Bleighley, Patrick  
Capra, Holly  
Capra, Larry  
Cardona, Mario  
Harrell, Ronald  
Householder, Lisa  
Key, John  
Kolfschoten, Bradley  
Lussier, Leo  
Miller, Joel  
Ochoa, Eloy  
Palma, Robert  
Pina, Fidencio  
Putnam, Daniel  
Spence, Erika  
Stromeyer, Jennifer  
Winston, Harry  
Yerkey, Eric

### **POLICE OFFICER III**

Alvarez, Hans  
Amador, Christopher  
Bertino, John  
Buckey, John  
Carnevale, Steven  
Cato, Anthony  
Collier, Malcolm  
Craig, David  
Crosland, Michael  
Diaz, Saul  
Donaldson, Robert  
Flores, Moises  
Gallegos, Robert

Garcia, Jesus  
Gastelo, James  
Glenn, Michael  
Gonzales, Gregory  
Goosby, Michael  
Hagerty, James  
Hill, Darren  
Holcombe, Yvette  
Holmstrom, Gina  
Keortge, David  
Legaspi, David  
Mariscal, Fortunato  
Marshall, James  
Martinez, Isaac  
Miller, Jeffrey  
Neal, Alcenda  
Nieves, Orlando  
O'Hara, Brian  
Olson, Gordon  
Perry, Earl  
Peters, Mike  
Picket, Bridget  
Piesik, Michael  
Powers, Juan  
Prokop, Edward  
Rangel, Raymond  
Soltero, Jesse  
Springer, Charles  
Stambaugh, David  
Stamps, Ronald  
Swift, Timothy  
Travis, Linda  
Wade, David  
Watson, Ted  
White, Anthony  
Winet, Maurice

### **DETECTIVE I**

Martinez, Maria  
Miller, Paul  
Rosello, Michael  
Shaw, Julie

### **SERGEANT I**

Baggesgard, Martin  
Benson, Lonnie  
Buscarino, Kenneth  
Meagher, Stephen  
Moffatt, Kinard  
Pickering, Ann

### **DETECTIVE II**

Amador, Frank  
Arzuman, Robert  
Celentano, Johnathan  
Fanning, Michael  
Moberly, Harold  
Morales, Ray  
Reyes, David  
Sanchez, Rosemary

### **SERGEANT II**

Bilodeau, James  
Buttitta, Charles  
Defoe, Scott  
Gomez, Steven  
Groover, John  
Haleck, Ernest  
Roller, Douglas  
Shannon, Patrick  
Smith, Phillip

### **DETECTIVE III**

Brascia, Thomas  
Kilcoyne, Dennis  
Piersol, Marcella  
Pietrantonio, Victor

### **LIEUTENANT I**

Ackerman, Richard  
Whittingham, Byford

### **LIEUTENANT II**

McCall, Ronald  
Vega, Raul  
Zipperman, Steven

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opportunity to thank those who attended Law Enforcement and Firefighter Appreciation Day at West Angeles Church on February 17, 2002. The recognition and the inspiring words from Bishop Charles Blake were uplifting and humbling to all of us who were in attendance.

recent Los Angeles Marathon this year, with 25 Los Angeles police officers that were part of an elite group of runners that officially started the race. These officers should all be commended for their hard work and dedication.

We were well represented at the



*Commemorative New York/New Jersey Port Authority T-Shirts are available for purchase in the Public Affairs Section. All proceeds will benefit the families of fallen officers. For more information please contact Joe Buscaino at (213) 485-3281.*

### Roll Call of Events

**April 27 - March of Dimes Walk America, Griffith Park**

**May 11-19 - National Police Week**

**May 17 - LAPD Memorial Ceremony, Parker Center**

**May 18 - Police/Celebrity Golf Tournament, Rancho Park**

**May 19 - Interfaith Day of Prayer, First AME Church**

**Call Public Affairs at (213) 485-3281 for additional information.**