



**Chief's Message**



My commitment to the people of the City of Los Angeles as the Chief of Police, is to work night and day with the 9,000 sworn and 3,000 civilian men

and women of this Department to make this the finest law enforcement agency in the country, and quite possibly the world. My goal is to fulfill the Mayor's goal of making Los Angeles the safest and greatest city in America, and to restore the communities' trust in this Department. I intend to keep his commitment, and reach this goal.

I intend to reduce crime, focusing on the horrific murder toll and gang violence in our communities. By getting our officers out in the streets and into the parks, we will impact the biggest problems where they exist. We can no longer remain in patrol cars; we must be out there where we are needed the most. We can no longer work preferred shifts; we must be there when we are needed most: on weekends, late nights, and early morning hours. By doing so, we are letting the criminals and gang-bangers know that they do not own the streets, as these streets belong to those that show reverence for order and the law.

We must regain control of the streets without corruption or brutality. We

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**William J. Bratton is officially sworn in as the 54th Los Angeles Chief of Police**



*Los Angeles Mayor James K. Hahn administers the oath to William J. Bratton as he becomes the 54th Chief of Police of the City of Los Angeles. In the background, Chief Bratton's wife, Rikki Klieman looks on.*

On October 28, 2002, William J. Bratton was sworn in as the Department's 54<sup>th</sup> Chief of Police in a public ceremony held at the Los Angeles Police Academy in Elysian Park.

Bratton will serve as Chief for a renewable five-year term. His immediate plans are to reform the department, to comply with the conditions of the federal consent decree ahead of the compliance deadline, and reduce crime by eliminating graffiti and focusing on minor offenses and quality of life issues.

Those in attendance included Governor Gray Davis, Mayor Hahn, members of the Los Angeles City Council and the Board of Police Commissioners, other City and county elected officials, former Chiefs of Police, and representatives from other area law enforcement organizations.

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## Chief Martin H. Pomeroy Recognized at Swearing In Ceremony



*Chief Martin Pomeroy received a standing ovation at Chief Bratton's swearing in ceremony, for his service to the City and the Department. Chief Pomeroy, a 31-year Department veteran, came out of retirement in May of this year to serve as Chief during the process to select a permanent Chief of Police.*

## Assistant Chief Gascon Retires after 31 Years with LAPD

Assistant Chief of Police David J. Gascon retired from the Department on November 2, 2002, after an outstanding 31-year career. Assistant Chief Gascon was appointed to the Department on March 22, 1971.

During his career, Assistant Chief Gascon served in a variety of assignments throughout the City. He promoted to Detective in 1975 and was assigned to Harbor Area, and a year later became a Sergeant assigned to Newton Street and West Los Angeles Areas. In 1980, he advanced to the rank of Lieutenant, working the Department's South Traffic Division. In 1985, he was selected to become the adjutant for Deputy Chief Jesse Brewer.

Promoting to Captain in 1986, Assistant Chief Gascon became the Commanding Officer of 77<sup>th</sup> Street



Patrol Division, later moving on as Commanding Officer of South Traffic Division and Harbor Area. In 1990, he was selected as Commanding Officer of Southeast Area.

In 1992, he was assigned as Commanding Officer of the

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## Explorer Program Celebrates 40th Anniversary

The Law Enforcement Explorer Program was established in 1962, and has operated as a learning for life program. The purpose of the program is to provide special training that prepares young people for a career in law enforcement. Explorers perform police-related functions by assisting civilian and sworn personnel with filing, tours, field searches for evidence, and crowd control.

In addition, explorers participate in educational and recreational trips. Many such trips involve visits to the police agencies throughout California and the nation.

The Explorer program keeps young adults off the streets, encourages youth in the community to look to police officers as role models, and instills

discipline and purpose in life.

As a result of the training and direction received as police Explorers, many young men and women have gone on to choose law enforcement as a career. Many former Explorers are among the ranks at the Los Angeles Police Department as student workers, administrators, office workers, dispatchers, and police officers. The participants and community members raise all funds for the Explorer program.

The 79th Law Enforcement Explorer Academy Graduation Ceremony will be held on Saturday, December 14, 2002 from 11:00 a.m to 1:00 p.m. at the Elysian Park Academy. Past, present, and future Explorers are strongly encouraged to be a part of these commencement activities, marking Exploring's 40th year.

For more information on the 79th graduating class, contact Officer Joel Frias, Youth Programs Unit, at (213) 485-3133. For additional information on the 40th year celebration, contact Officer Angela Stewart at (818) 756-7793.



## Los Angeles Police Foundation Makes Donations to the 18 Geographic Areas

The Los Angeles Police Foundation has purchased and donated digital cameras to each of the 18 geographic areas. These cameras, valued at \$408 each, will be used for documentation purposes at domestic violence investigations.

Additionally, the Los Angeles Police Foundation provided baskets filled with children's books and toys for each area's Soft rooms. The Soft rooms are designed for kids who through no fault of their own, find themselves at a police station, often in protective custody.

77th Area Officers David Sanchez and Joe Marrone are pictured here with the Police Foundation donations.



# Groundbreaking of West Valley Community Police Station



*Left to right: Alex Piatt, 5th Grade Student, Vanalden Elementary School; Mayor James Hahn; Ann Kinzle, Executive Director, Reseda Chamber of Commerce; Police Chief William Bratton; Susan Kent, City Librarian; Captain James Cansler, West Valley Area; Deputy Chief Ron Bergmann, Operations-Valley Bureau; and Councilmember Dennis Zine, 3rd District.*

On October 30, 2002, Mayor James Hahn attended the grand opening of the West Valley Regional Branch Library and the groundbreaking for the West Valley Police Station in Reseda.

The new West Valley Community Police Station, which will accommodate 350 officers, will consist of a multi-level parking structure with a rooftop helipad, and a 10,000 square foot repair facility to support patrol cars.

Chief Bratton extended his hand to valley residents to build a strong partnership with the LAPD and make

Los Angeles one of the safest cities in America. "We need you. The Los Angeles Police Department needs you," said Bratton during the groundbreaking ceremony. "The LAPD is opening its arms to embrace you. It is a great opportunity to work with some of the best police officers in the world, in one of the greatest cities in the world, at a unique time in this city's history," said Chief Bratton.

The new police station is scheduled for completion in early 2005. The new building will be 54,000 square feet and

will include a large community meeting room, an outdoor patio, and a new communication tower.

The new West Valley Regional Branch Library is a state-of-the-art building featuring forty computers with internet access, children's reading and storytelling areas, a special teen reading area, an adult reading room, and a large community meeting room.

The Library is now 17,000 square feet, expanded from 12,000 square feet.

## LAPD Centurions Football Tryouts

The Los Angeles Police Department's Centurions football team is looking for serious football players who want to be a part of a championship team. All positions are open.

Tryouts will be held on

Saturday, December 7, and Saturday, December 14, 2002, at 9:00 a.m. at the West Los Angeles College Football Field, located at 9000 Overland Drive in Culver City.

For more information contact Donald Payne at (213) 485-2585.



# Badge of Honor

*An Insider's History of the Los Angeles Police Department is Available on Video*

A video history of the Los Angeles Police Department, meticulously researched over five years, is now available. Sales will benefit the Los Angeles Police Historical Society.

This six-hour video titled "Badge of Honor" takes the viewer on an "insider's" view of the Department. From a wild west town of the 19<sup>th</sup> century to the challenges of the new millenium, we hear from patrol officers to chiefs, from a 101-year old policeman to one of the newest recruits.

Using rare photographs, film clips, and interviews, this exciting and entertaining series tells the history of the LAPD from within, from the men and women who made the history and who proudly wore the "Badge of Honor."

"Badge of Honor" is the most complete history ever undertaken on the LAPD. Directed by Emmy award winner Carole Bultema, the wife of retired LAPD officer Jim Bultema,

"Badge of Honor" takes the viewer to Los Angeles in 1850 to the present. During the making of this documentary, Bultema traveled from Canada to San Diego to complete more than 100 hours of interviews. These interviews include all of the living chiefs of police since 1967, including Thomas Reddin, Ed Davis, Daryl Gates, Willie Williams, and Bernard Parks. They also include Mayor Sam Yorty and several police officers from as early as the 1920s. Two of the officers were more than 100-years old and one of the interveiw was with was a female LAPD pilot from the 1930s who was a close friend of Amelia Earhart.

Bultema taped former LAPD Officers Joseph Wambaugh, author of *The Onion Field*; Mark Fuhrman and Tom Lang from the O.J. Simpson case; Stacy Koon, from the Rodney King incident; and 45 other interesting personalities who helped shape the history of the Los Angeles Police Department.

The six-hour documentary is available on either VHS or DVD. The cost for the regular edition is \$79.95. The limited edition collectors set at \$249.95 includes an additional video titled "Soldiers of Security," a film about LAPD shot in 1926; a set of all six LAPD badges neatly displayed in a lucite case; a framed archival copy of an original LAPD photograph; a one-year membership to the Los Angeles Police Historical Society, and a 10 percent discount for the museum's gift shop. To order, call the Historical Society at (323) 344-9445 or stop by the museum at 6045 York Blvd in Highland Park. You can also go on-line at [www.laphs.com](http://www.laphs.com) for more information.

This is a once in a career opportunity to see 150 years of LAPD history, to help a great cause, and to learn how the Los Angeles Police Department gained its reputation as the finest law enforcement organization in the world.

## Commanders McDonnell, Gascon, and Papa Promoted

On Tuesday, November 12, 2002, Chief William Bratton promoted three Commanders to Assistant Chief and Deputy Chief positions. In a ceremony in Mayor Hahn's office, Chief Bratton pinned an Assistant Chief's badge on Jim McDonnell, and Deputy Chief's badges on George Gascon and Sharon Papa.

Calling them the "new generation" of the LAPD, Chief Bratton assigned Assistant Chief McDonnell as Commanding Officer, Operations-Headquarters Bureau; Deputy Chief Gascon as Commanding Officer, Human Resources Bureau; and Deputy Chief Papa as the Chief of Staff.

Chief Bratton said that there will be more promotions in the coming weeks, adding that many others within the organization will get their turn in filling many anticipated vacancies.



Left to right: Deputy Chief George Gascon, Chief Bratton, Mayor Hahn, Deputy Chief Sharon Papa, and Assistant Chief Jim McDonnell.

# Assistant Chief Gascon Retires

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Department's elite Metropolitan Division, responsible for the SWAT, K-9, and Mounted Units. Assistant Chief Gascon took over this command shortly before the outbreak of the 1992 riots. Because of this experience, he recognized the need for the Department to revamp its mobilization procedure to be able to rapidly deploy officers to a major disturbance. With his staff, Assistant Chief Gascon developed the Department's Mobile Field Force concept and the Unusual Occurrence Training School. His command was also responsible for training the entire Department on Mobile Field Force tactics.

Later in 1992, Assistant Chief Gascon was promoted to the rank of Commander and was selected to lead the newly created Community Affairs Group, consolidating the entities dealing with public information, media relations, and community affairs into one centralized command.

During his tenure in this assignment, he was the Department's key spokesperson for many significant events including the Michael Jackson criminal investigation, the 1994 Northridge Earthquake, and the criminal investigation of the murders of Nicole Brown-Simpson and Ronald Goldman, and the subsequent criminal trial of O.J. Simpson.

Promoting to the rank of Deputy Chief in 1994, and assigned to Human Resources Bureau, he was responsible for the implementation of Mayor Richard Riordan's plan to dramatically increase the sworn strength of the Department. Other major accomplishments at this command include the creation of the Department's West Point Leadership Program and the merger of the Metropolitan Transit Authority Police into the LAPD.

Assistant Chief Gascon became the Chief of Staff in 1997 where he was responsible for overseeing Internal Affairs Group, Administrative Group,

the Ombuds Office, and Governmental Liaison.

A graduate of the California State's Peace Officers Standards and Training Command College he holds a master's degree in Management from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona and a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from California State University, Long Beach. He also teaches a graduate level course on public policy at UCLA and is a frequent guest lecturer on police media relations and crisis management.

Assistant Chief Gascon has served under eight Chiefs of Police including Edward M. Davis, Robert F. Rock, Daryl F. Gates, Willie L. Williams, Bayan Lewis, Bernard C. Parks, Martin H. Pomeroy, and William J. Bratton.

## Preparations being made for 2002 Holiday Party

The Chief's Holiday party is an event that many Department employees eagerly anticipate each year.

This year's event, themed "Winter Wonderland" will be a simple, but elegant affair designed to encourage an atmosphere of interaction among the Chief of Police and all of those who choose to attend.

The event is being planned to accommodate a maximum of 300 guests. Some of the highlights

planned for the event include a band, a comedian, caricature artists and many give-away prizes.

The event will be held at the Downtown Marriott on Saturday, December 14, 2002. The cocktail social begins at 5:30 p.m. with dinner beginning at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are available through Public Affairs Section, Room 731, Parker Center.

For additional information contact Officer Sara Faden at (213)485-3281.

## FYI

Department personnel are encouraged to visit the historical LAPD photo exhibit now on permanent display on the sixth floor of Parker Center.

The exhibit consists of 70 historical LAPD photos, some dating back to the 1920s, that include crime scenes, presidential visits, and several never before seen photos. Also included are images from "To Protect and Serve: The LAPD Archives – One Hundred Years of Photography," which is now on a national museum tour.

This exhibit has been featured in the Los Angeles Times, the Daily News, the Art Scene Magazine, as well as on the ABC Nightly News and CNN.

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

### **MANAGEMENT ANALYST I**

Vernaci, Debra

### **POLICE OFFICER I**

Escalante, Jenny

### **POLICE OFFICER II**

Alatorre, Ramon

Banks, Daniel

Calmes, Gerald

Chrispens, John

Crupi, Robert

De La Cruz, Carlos

Dominik, Reno

Lopez, James

Magdaleno, Anthony

Mireles, Mark

Ordonez, Joshua

Pereira, Guy

Romanelli, William

Roy, Rick

Simanski, Matthew

Soto, Samuel

Vasquez, Robert

### **POLICE OFFICER III**

Alva, Steven

Byeon, Don

Cooper, Steve

Espinosa, Edward

Garcia, Joe Danny

Hanamaikai, Tanya

Heitzman, Linda

Herold, Susan

Keoller, Mike

Lee, Darius

Martin, Brandon

Montoya, Rene

Nelson, Jeffrey

Nuttall, James

Stice, Douglas

Wade, David

Yanecko, Leticia

Yanez, Robert

### **DETECTIVE I**

Arrue, Patrick

Potter, Leman

Sera, William

Whyte, Edgar

### **DETECTIVE II**

Chavez, Geoffrey

Duran, Jose

Morris, Stacey

Smith, Diana

Yadon, Steven

Yang, Michael

Zipperman, Carrie

### **SERGEANT I**

Butler, Philander

Dutta, Sunil

Ferry, David

McGee, Angela

Gonzales, Jorge

### **DETECTIVE III**

Eddo, Harry

Metcalf, John

### **LIEUTENANT I**

Albanese, Michael

Ludwig, Stanley

Nielson, Steven

### **CAPTAIN I**

Lauer, Nancy

### **CAPTAIN II**

Fierro, William

Michaelena, Allan

### **CAPTAIN III**

Albanese, Kirk

### **COMMANDER**

Paniccia, Valentino

## **The LAPD Chorus Needs You!**

The LAPD Chorus is comprised of sworn officers with varied musical backgrounds. They are seeking additional members for future performances.

Prior experience is welcome, but not mandatory. Officers who

wish to participate are encouraged to do so.

Additional information can be obtained by contacting Detective Deborah Gourman, Hollywood Area, at (323) 957-4518.



# Chief's Message

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cannot break the law to enforce the law. I will not tolerate any actions that will tarnish the image of this Department or undermine the confidence and trust of the people of this City. We will enforce the law with reverence to the constitution so the federal government will not challenge us, but instead will see the LAPD as the most successful police department in the nation. We will protect and serve our diverse communities in an honest, compassionate, and respectful way, with pride and dignity. These are my expectations of each of you.

In order to help you with your jobs, I intend to increase the number of officers and improve your training. You

are clearly among the best and most professional officers in the world, having reduced crime by 50 percent in the 1990s. By embracing community policing and community problem solving, we can see those reductions again, and ultimately make even greater strides. Like all of you, I too wear this badge proudly.

You will continue to learn about my goals from this newsletter, the news media, and at roll call. By working together in a partnership with the people of the community, the political leadership, and collectively as an organization, we will no doubt make Los Angeles one of the safest cities to live and work in, and to visit. With these partnerships, this Department will gain back the trust of the people

of this City and eliminate the need for oversight by the federal government in the form of the consent decree. On my watch, we will emerge victorious in this battle.

**Roll Call of Events**

***December 14 - Chief of Police  
Holiday Party, Los Angeles  
Downtown Mariott***

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additional information.***



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