

WILLIAM J. BRATTON
CHIEF OF POLICE

CHIEF'S MESSAGE

As we move forward in 2004, the men and women of the Los Angeles Police Department have much to be proud of. Over the last 20 months, through an incredible amount of smart policing and hard work, you have proven to our communities-our stakeholders-that through assertive and focused community policing, we can have a significant positive impact on crime and quality of life issues here in the City of Los Angeles.

You have shown repeatedly that we can achieve ambitious goals - like the impressive reduction in homicides last year and the reductions in violent crime this year. But just as important, you have proven it can be done consistently, compassionately, and constitutionally. Your

Fallen heroes honored at annual Memorial Ceremony

The flags were at flown at half-staff as Parker Citations were presented to the families of Detective Abiel Barron and Officer Ricardo Lizarraga at the Department's annual Memorial Ceremony held at the Los Angeles Police Memorial in front of Parker Center, on May 3, 2004. The Memorial Ceremony, held each year during the month of May to commemorate National Police Week, honors the heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice in protecting the people of the City of Los Angeles.

Two wreaths were laid in front of the Police Memorial where Detective Barron and Officer Lizarraga's names were chiseled, along with the names of all the

other Department officers who have fallen in the line of duty since 1907. "In good years there are no names to be added," said Chief Bratton. "But this has not been a good year for the Department."

An end of watch broadcast followed by a missing man formation fly-over concluded the solemn service that was attended by elected officials, Department personnel, and family members.

The Parker Citation is awarded in memory of sworn personnel who die from injuries sustained in the line of duty. The award, containing a citation and the officer's badge mounted in a shadow box, is presented by the Chief of Police to a member of the officer's family. □

LOUIS VILLALOBOS,

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commitment over the last year and a half has led to significant and unprecedented support from the communities you are policing and their leadership, be it religious, cultural, or political.

One of the best examples of this was in February, when African-American ministers and other activists in the City gathered at the West Angeles Church of God in Christ to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with the Los Angeles Police Department to protest the violence directed at their police officers. Going one step further, these leaders also called on their communities and congregations to step forward and partner with police, and to no longer remain silent about crimes being committed in their neighborhoods and on their streets. In other words, to make a difference, they had to be the difference. I consider this to be a watershed moment in our continuing effort to rebuild trust and strengthen our Department's relationship with the minority communities of Los Angeles.

Another example occurred this past April, as the Los Angeles City Council passed a motion introduced by Councilman Martin Ludlow and Councilwoman Janice Hahn. They spearheaded an increase in reward money from \$25,000 to \$75,000 for those who come forward and provide information leading to the arrest of suspects committing crimes against public safety personnel. This is a direct result of the 21 percent increase in shots fired at officers in the line of duty in 2003. As you work to reduce violent crime and go after the worst of the worst, the gangs on the streets are feeling the heat. Unfortunately, some are choosing to push back in violent ways. It is my strong belief that as we continue to rebuild commitment and trust with our many diverse communities, that

more people will begin to come forward with information that will help us arrest those who are attacking our front-line officers.

Another example of community support recently came from the Los Angeles Urban League. At their Annual Whitney M. Young, Jr. Award Dinner in April, a videotape presentation was shown to the 1,500 guests. The presentation highlighted the positive working relationship between Department personnel and leaders in the African-American community. It shows that as part of our commitment to have a Department whose members are reflective of the many diverse communities we serve, together we are trying to increase the number of African-American candidates, and ultimately officers, in our ranks.

Key players in these efforts were Los Angeles Brotherhood Crusade President Danny Bakewell, and Urban League President John Mack who stated, "There has clearly been a major turning point in the relationship with the LAPD and the African-American community."

We are also seeing support of our efforts from the news media in this City. Oftentimes in the past, and sometimes rightfully so, many media outlets have been critical of the Department, but that is also beginning to change. Recently, the Los Angeles Sentinel, during Black History Month, published several articles on new partnerships being formed between many African-American community groups and the Los Angeles Police Department. And as I have mentioned previously, even

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Why We Must Vacate Parker Center

By Police Commission President David S. Cunningham, III

The safety of the employees in Parker Center has unfortunately become a political issue.

Among the buildings the City of Los Angeles owns in which there are City employees, there is one that does not have basic life-safety features: Parker Center. In addition to not having a sprinkler system and other mandatory life-saving devices, the building was structurally compromised in the Northridge Earthquake. It is an unbelievable tragedy waiting to happen.

The Police Commission has made it clear: we want employees out of Parker Center. Our insistence led to the City's extensive search for a facility with all of the necessary requirements needed to house a police headquarters. That monumental effort led to the City's purchase of the Transamerica Broadway complex for the use of the Los Angeles Police Department.

Now, the Chief Legislative Analyst

has determined that it would be more cost-effective for other City departments to move into the Transamerica building, and for LAPD



Commissioner Cunningham

employees to stay in the unsafe Parker Center for five years or so, until a new facility is built.

The cost-effective argument to keep police employees in Parker Center is seriously flawed. Living in Southern California, we all know the probability of an earthquake. We don't know when, but we know it will happen. It could easily happen in five years, or tomorrow. Parker Center could fall and the tragic loss of life could follow. There are approximately 1,200 employees working in Parker Center and someone must speak for their safety. It is hard to believe that the serious risk of death and disability claims in the event of a disaster would justify the \$29 million the City is trying to save.

The Police Commission will continue to champion the safety of those employees housed in Parker Center. There is too much at stake here. You have our promise that we will not stop until we get all employees out of Parker Center. □

East meets West to benefit LA's Youth

The LAPD's Centurions will take the field as they host the visiting New York Police Department baseball team in a highly anticipated showdown at the 4th Annual LAPD Celebrity Swing-A-Thon taking place on Saturday, July 24, 2004, at El Cariso County Park in Sylmar, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission to this family event is free.

In conjunction with local community-based youth organizations, the LAPD Centurions Baseball Team will help raise funds for disadvantaged kids, and promote good health through physical activity and positive life choices. This event will give the public the opportunity to meet and interact

with LA police officers, elected officials, celebrities, and professional athletes.

Before the big game, children of all ages will be able to participate in free sports clinics that will begin at 11 a.m.

Former football greats Charles White and Anthony Davis will host a fun-filled football clinic. Children will be able to sharpen their hitting and catching skills at



The Manny Mota International Foundation baseball clinic, taught by LA Dodger coach Manny Mota and starting Dodger players.

At the game's opening ceremonies, Rod Martin, two-time Super Bowl champion and Raider record holder, will be presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award for his 30 years of service to the youth of the City.

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LAPD Reserve Corps Recruitment *By Officer Michelle Hamilton*

The Department is in the process of implementing several initiatives for recruiting Reserve Officers. Our goal has been set to recruit and appoint 150 new Reserve Police Officers this calendar year.

Recruiting efforts will be focused on a variety of entities, including the city-wide Explorer Programs, Police Academy Magnet Schools, collegiate academies, universities, colleges, and professional organizations, such as the State Bar Association, the Southern California Bankers Association, and the Medical Association. The Recruitment Section is currently working in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce in local areas, Rotary Clubs, and professional organizations to help advertise and promote the Reserve Corps, as well as advertising in local professional magazines and publications.

Enhancing and updating the Reserve Corps recruitment efforts will aid in meeting the Department's goals of increasing the number of field officers and promoting community involvement. To that end, the Department is presently accepting applicants from other Reserve Police Academies, as well as lateral Reserve Officers from other agencies. Additionally, the Recruitment Section is working on a Reserve Officer web site, and a CD dedicated exclusively to the Reserve Corps will soon be available for distribution.

The Department has modified the Reserve Corps according to California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) guidelines and has classified all sworn Reserve Officers as Level III, Level II,

or Level I Reserve Officers.

The Level III Reserve Program minimum requirements are: a minimum age of 18 years; a U.S. high school diploma, GED, or California High School Proficiency Examination; proof of U.S. citizenship or application for citizenship; no felony convictions; and excellent health and physical condition. The duties of a Level III Reserve Officer include those of a sworn police



officer, although they do not carry a weapon. A Level III Reserve Officer works a variety of non-hazardous field assignments, not likely to result in physical arrests, including front desk duties, administrative and support duties for special field operations, and assisting detectives with clearing cases.

Level III Reserve Officers must work a minimum of 32 hours every 2-deployment periods and can work any day of the week and any shift. They receive a stipend of \$50 per deployment period (a four-week cycle), totaling \$650 per year. The stipend check is not considered pay and can be used for cleaning of uniforms and equipment. Level III

Reserve Officers will be covered under Worker's Compensation.

The Level II and Level I Reserve Program minimum requirements are: a minimum age of 20½ years prior to entering the Level II academy; a U.S. high school diploma, GED, or California High School Proficiency Examination; proof of U.S. citizenship or application for citizenship; no felony convictions; and excellent health and physical condition. The duties of a Level II and Level I Reserve Officer include those of a sworn police officer and they can carry a firearm. Level II and Level I Reserve Officers' primary assignment is handling radio calls and performing enforcement activities, typically working patrol in a black and white police vehicle.

Like Level III Reserve Officers, Level II and Level I Reserve Officers receive a stipend of \$50 per deployment period, totaling \$650 per year, and they will also be covered under Worker's Compensation.

Specialist Reserve Officers are volunteers and not sworn police officers. They have no powers of arrest, do not wear uniforms or carry weapons, and are not required to attend any Department training. Specialist Reserve Officers are individuals who possess special skills that benefit and assist the Department.

The Department is encouraging all officers to recruit friends, relatives, or any individuals they feel would make excellent candidates for the Reserve Corps.

Should you have any questions on the Reserve Officer Program, please call the Recruitment Section, Recruitment and Employment Division, at 866-444-LAPD. □

33rd Annual Police-Celebrity Golf Tournament

Top celebrities from film, television, sports, radio, and music gathered to play at the 33rd Annual Police-Celebrity Golf Tournament on Saturday, May 1st, at Rancho Park Golf Course. The event, hosted by "Frasier" star Kelsey Grammer, featured Joe Mantegna, Miguel Ferrer, Jamie White, Joe Pesci, Molly Culver, Ron Perlman, Anne Marie Johnson, and many others to support and help raise funds for the

Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation.

Those in attendance enjoyed the great weather with picnics out on the links while fans were able to get autographs and have their pictures taken with their favorite celebrities. In addition to the tournament, there were numerous Police Department displays including those from Air Support, the Bomb Squad, Narcotics, K-9, SWAT, and the Mounted Unit.

This year's tournament raised approximately \$300,000 for the Foundation that provides assistance to Department personnel in catastrophic circumstances due to death, illness or injury. Since its inception in 1972, the Foundation has granted more than \$8 million for medical, funeral, and educational expenses. The Foundation also issues \$100,000 in scholarships each year for college-bound children of current LAPD employees. □

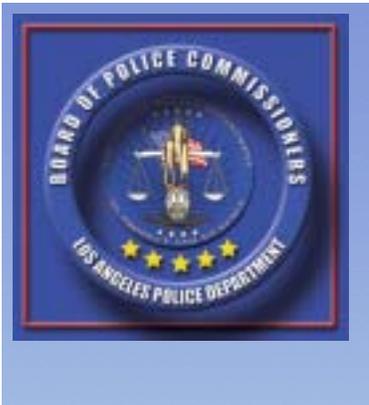


Left to right: Chief Bratton; Jamie White, from STAR 98.7 radio; Miguel Ferrer, from the hit TV drama "Crossing Jordan;" Margot Armbruster, Board of Directors, Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation; and Assistant Chief Jim McDonnell, Director, Office of Human Resources.

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Open to the public, this family event will feature a free health clinic, interactive games, food booths, celebrity autograph booths, a free digital fingerprinting station, and other interactive children's activities. The LAPD Celebrity Swing-A-Thon will feature displays throughout the park from several specialty units such as SWAT, the Bomb Squad, K-9, and the LAPD Helicopter. Updated information can be found on the Department's web site at www.LAPDOnline.org. □



RECENT ACTIONS BY THE POLICE COMMISSION

APRIL 6:

- ★ Approved the Memorandum of Understanding between LAPD and the Department of Transportation regarding bandit taxicab enforcement.

APRIL 20:

- ★ Approved the Memorandum of Understanding between LAPD and the City's Housing Authority to fund overtime details in the housing developments.
- ★ Held a joint meeting with the Public Safety Committee to address numerous Consent Decree issues.

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the Los Angeles Times in an editorial titled "A Blue Line Stretched Thin" states "The City cannot tolerate attacks on its police force. Nor can the City Council abandon its efforts to hire more cops." This is unprecedented and much needed support from highly influential and respected news sources.

As you can see, we have begun to see a turnaround in our relations with many of the communities, leaders, and news outlets that have often been critical of the Department in the past. There is a new appreciation by many people in this City for the work that you do on a daily basis, for putting your lives on the line, and for the effective and efficient job that you do with the limited resources available. This appreciation has led to increased involvement and support by a growing number of City residents and community leaders. More and more are coming forward to partner with us and provide information that will help us make arrests, solve crimes, and reduce the fear and violence that

permeates so many of our neighborhoods.

It is my hope that this show of support and trust from the community for you, the men and women of this Department, will ultimately result in increased police funding. A half-cent county sales tax initiative, led by Sheriff Lee Baca would only cost people fifteen cents a day for an additional 1,500 to 1,800 officers for the LAPD (and 3,200 more for the rest of the county). With that number, we could tip this City in the right direction. We could maintain a reduction in crime and have officers available to saturate areas during spikes in crime, while improving officer safety with significantly more police on the streets at all hours of the day.

With the support of the people of Los Angeles, elected

officials, and the Police Protective League, we have a golden opportunity to create a golden era, here in the Golden State. I believe Angelinos are ready to move into a new era. To live in a city where crime isn't a major concern and where a sluggish economy can once again flourish.

Your work has, over the past year and a half, made the strongest case for additional support for this Department. By continuing on this course, and building on the trust of those that we are sworn to protect and to serve, we move closer to making Los Angeles the safest big city in America - not only for the residents of this great City, but for you - the best cops in America. □

Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation announces college scholarship winners

The Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation is pleased to announce the winners of its 2004 merit-based College Scholarship. The recipients were chosen from 70 applicants. The scholarship is awarded on the basis of academic achievement, extra-curricular activity, good character, and high moral standards. Each of the recipients will receive a \$5,000 yearly grant for up to four years.

The Memorial Foundation's College Scholarship Program, now in its sixth year, has awarded in excess of \$170,000 to the extraordinarily talented dependent children of LAPD employees. □



\$5,000 Scholarship recipients pictured left to right: Christopher Geggie, son of Lt. Paul Geggie; Jacqueline Gonzalez, daughter of Det. Jack Gonzalez; Christopher Pesqueira, son of Capt. Paul Pesqueira; Katelyn Rogers, daughter of Det. Bernard Rogers; Paul Snell, Jr., son of Sgt. Paul A. Snell, Sr.; and Katherine Spada, daughter of Sgt. Francine Spada.

\$2,000 one-time award recipients not pictured: Collette Harrington, daughter of Sgt. Michael Harrington; Jeffrey Kaye, son of Dr. Denise Jablonski-Kaye; Colleen Trusk, daughter of Officer Anthony J. Trusk; Benjamin Wiljeck, son of Officer Daniel R. McCool; and Rachael Yamamoto, daughter of Sgt. Howard Yamamoto.

The Following Personnel were Commended by the Community in the Month of April 2004

POLICE SURVEILLANCE SPECIALIST

Kirk Nemzer

RESERVE POLICE OFFICER

Jack Alexander
Dennis King
David Stamp
Anne Waisgerber

POLICE OFFICER II

Michael Applegate
Holly Capra
Jackie Chavez
Mark Flores
David Holmes
John Kim
Sean Kinchla
Debra Leabres
Elodia Lopez
Antonio Martin
Eric Miller
Gary Miller
Steven Newborn
Paul Quan
Patrick Rimkunas
Jay Soares
Angel Suliveres
Wayland Tam
Hector Villanueva
Bill Wilson

POLICE OFFICER III

David Alcantara
Ruben Arellano

Robert Burton
Pedro Cabunoc
Michael Hammett
Marco Jimenez
Randall McCain
Lucila Nuñez
Chris Porter
Darryl Scales
Todd Schmitz
Darryl Shum
George Stan
Rosa Torres
Tom Utley

DETECTIVE I

Richard Abad
Gene Arreola
Larry Cameron
Won Chu
Brad Cochran
Pete Elkin
Ramon Garces
Paul Inabu
Mark Kislig
Albert Rodriguez
Edward Sun
Andrew Woods
Lillie Zemones

DETECTIVE II

Doris Andrews
Gilbert Escontrias
John Fleming
Yoichi Ikuda
Lee Jett
Bruce Kuehl
Bob Marsh

Juan Martinez
Diane McNair
Daniel Moran
Ralph Morten
Dennis Packer
Bill Park
Kent Ridenour
John Rodriguez
Doug Schmidt
Robert Selvidge
Matthew Sibayan
Karla Tyson
Ron Vega
James Willis
Wayne Yoshioka

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Mark Chang
Jesse James
Barry Montgomery
Samuel Rhone
Rudolfo Santos

SERGEANT II

Ken Buscarino

DETECTIVE III

Jayme Vermaat
Jim Miller
Rod Skeeter
Mike Oppelt
Rene Lacasse
John Stieglitz

LIEUTENANT II

Rick Walker

CAPTAIN I

Ken Hillman

CAPTAIN III

Michael Downing
Richard Wemmer

CRIME WATCH CITYWIDE		
YEAR TO DATE - 6/19/04		
Homicide	5.5%	▲
Rape	0.4%	▲
Robbery	- 16.9%	▼
Aggravated Assault	- 14.1%	▼
Child/Spousal Abuse	-12.6%	▼
Total Violent Crime	- 14.7%	▼
Burglary	- 7.7%	▼
Burglary/Theft from Vehicle	- 6.6%	▼
Personal/Other Theft	- 7.3%	▼
Auto Theft	- 10.6%	▼
Total Property Crime	- 8.0%	▼

Thank you, Mr. Charles

The late singer and songwriter Ray Charles was a great friend to the LAPD, contributing thousands of dollars to youth activities including both the Explorer and Jeopardy programs. Shown here in



January 2003, Chief Bratton thanked the music legend and his manager, Joe Adams, for their continued support of programs that benefited hundreds of disadvantaged inner-city children. □

ROLL CALL OF EVENTS

JUNE 26, 2004

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