



**WILLIAM J. BRATTON**  
CHIEF OF POLICE

## CHIEF'S MESSAGE

Any organization runs the risk of becoming dated and obsolete when it holds too firmly to its past routines and systems by not acknowledging the shifts and variations that are always present with the passing of time. Our organization, however, particularly over the past two years, can no longer be accused of being outdated, as the men and women of this Department have shown themselves to be dynamic and

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## Crystal Angel Awards presented at March on Crime Brunch

Officer Mike Scott, Detective Jose Marcos Espinoza, Officer Jimmie Barlow, and Officer Ronnie Daniels (pictured below) were awarded the Crystal Angel Award for Community Service at the fifth annual March on Crime brunch, held Sunday, October 10, 2004, at the Elysian Park Police Academy. Each year the Crystal Angel Awards are given to LAPD officers who have distinguished themselves in community service. This year, four officers from three different Department entities earned the award.

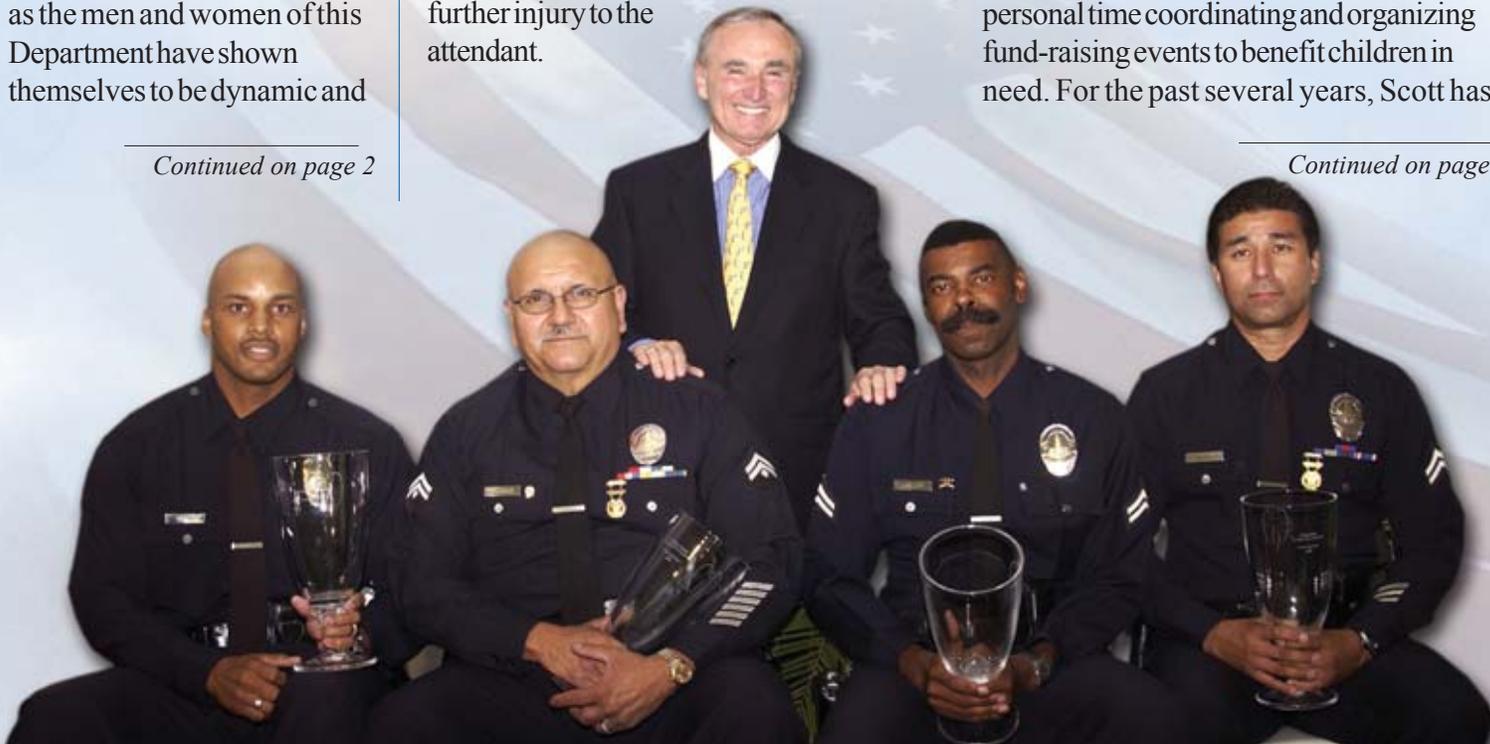
Detective Espinoza, Special Operations Support Division, was off duty when he walked into a gas station and was confronted with a robbery in progress, with the suspect stabbing the station attendant. Immediately, he engaged the suspect and took him into custody. The results of his efforts prevented further injury to the attendant.

Throughout his career, Detective Espinoza has given back to the community numerous times and has a genuine concern in helping those less fortunate than himself. His unselfish commitment to community service is an inspiration to the Department.

Officer Daniels and Officer Barlow, both from Metropolitan Division, have worked tirelessly to help many youth-oriented organizations during their off-duty hours. Their recent efforts include adopting Ninth Street Elementary School in the Los Angeles Unified School District. Both officers felt that the children attending this school were lacking the basic essentials for everyday living. Their compassion for the children has allowed them to provide much needed clothing and even a trip for ten children to Knotts Berry Farm.

Officer Scott, Devonshire Area, manages to spend a great portion of his personal time coordinating and organizing fund-raising events to benefit children in need. For the past several years, Scott has

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adaptable, resulting in what can only be called the metamorphosis of the LAPD.

This is not to say that we are finished, or that there will ever be a final, perfect product. However, by acknowledging change, and the willingness to adjust to it, we remain current, competent, and credible to those we are sworn to protect and to serve.

A recent change within the Department involves the way we investigate Categorical Use of Force incidents. The Critical Incident Investigation Division (CIID) has now been deactivated. In its place is the new Force Investigation Division (FID). The FID has assumed investigative responsibility for all Categorical Use of Force incidents. Since my appointment as Chief of Police, I have always believed that we could improve on our investigations of incidents where an officer used significant levels of force. This belief was reinforced over my first year and a half as Chief, as cases filtered through the system, and I was briefed on cases where I had been present at the scene. I constantly felt that we could do a better job at both investigating these cases and presenting them. My primary concern for doing this was to make sure the process is fair for everyone involved, including our officers and the community. I also believe there is no more critical issue than this facing the Department.

Under the old system, CIID and Robbery-Homicide Division (RHD) investigated all Categorical Use of Force incidents. The CIID was tasked with the administrative investigation while RHD handled the criminal investigation. The CIID would assume overall command of the investigation and interview Department employees while RHD

interviewed civilian witnesses. Because we had two different Department entities investigating one use of force, the investigations were sometimes fragmented and not completed on time. Another problem was having those conducting the "administrative" investigation take charge of the crime scene.

It became apparent to me that this was not so much a failure of the men and women involved in the investigations, but rather a failure of the system. Because of these problems, I directed Deputy Chief Berkow to examine all the best investigative practices nationwide, and develop a new system for the LAPD. Deputy Chief Berkow and his staff spent several months researching the "best practices," and reaching out to other departments involved in use of force investigations, including the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office, and the Los Angeles Police Protective League. In the end, what was created is the new Force Investigation Division.

The new FID has both a Criminal Section and an Administrative Section. The Criminal Section is responsible for handling the crime scene, including interviewing witnesses and canvassing the area. The Administrative Section will be assigned to interview the involved officer or officers, and be responsible for completing a final report that will be presented to the Use of Force Review Board. In staffing both the Criminal and Administrative Sections, we have selected several of

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## LAPD Essay Contest

The first ever LAPD Essay Contest was held in July with the assistance of the Los Angeles Unified School District. Open to sixth, seventh, and eighth-grade middle school students, enrolled during the summer track of the year-round session, the LAPD Essay Contest asked students to explain how they, as Los Angeles police officers, would help solve the problems in their neighborhoods or communities, in 350 words or less.

More than 200 entries were received and judged by a panel consisting of command staff, patrol officers, civilian employees, and community members who selected ten winners. The ten essay winners were from Berendo Middle School, South Gate Middle School, and Robert E. Peary Middle School.

The Essay Contest was intended to do several things. It presented the opportunity for students to contemplate and express their opinions about the issues they experience in their neighborhoods and that have personally touched their lives. It illustrated middle school students'

perception of law enforcement officials, and their role in the community. The LAPD Essay Contest promoted serious discussion among middle school students, teachers, and parents about quality-of-life issues, and provided credible and creative suggestions. It also complemented existing curricula and other scholastic activities, as English and Social Studies instructors assigned the essay as a class project. Univision KMEX-34, and La Opinión were media partners providing financial and in-kind support to the Department for this project.

On Friday, September 24, 2004, the ten winning students made a live television appearance on Univision's weekday morning show, *Primera Edición* (First Edition). They were then honored at an awards breakfast at the Elysian Park Police Academy. Each winner received a \$200 savings bond, courtesy of Wells Fargo Bank, and a new bicycle with helmet and backpack, courtesy of Safe Moves. The winners also received two skateboards, courtesy of Pronto Sports, and a gift basket from the Los Angeles Dodgers. The winners were treated to a performance at the Hollywood Bowl, courtesy of the Los Angeles Philharmonic Association; received IMAX® movie passes, courtesy of California Science Center; and movie tickets courtesy of Pacific Theatres.

Each of the ten winners received a certificate of recognition presented by Chief Bratton, who stated,

## Objects in the mirror are more interested in you than they appear

by Richard A. Schmidt

*Reproduced from Behind the Wheel (June 30, 2004) with permission from the California District Attorneys Association.*

A 29-year-old man slowly walks up and down the side streets near his residence in the San Fernando Valley. To a casual observer, he might appear to be taking an afternoon stroll. The two Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) motor officers see something altogether different. The officers recognize the counter surveillance technique they have observed on several other occasions. The man turns north at the next intersection and sees, two blocks away, an unmarked LAPD vehicle. He turns around and walks quickly back to his residence. The man has confirmed his suspicions, that he is indeed a "person of interest" to the Habitual DUI Offender Task Force.

Failing to find the man's vehicle, a 2002 Jaguar X type, parked at his residence, the officers initiate a standard grid-pattern search and locate the

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"In the near future, once you are finished with your education, I encourage you to consider a career in law enforcement, hopefully with the LAPD." □



*Essay Contest winners, left to right: Michelle Polanco; Alex Benitez; Leiny Garcia; Antonio Valverde, News Anchor, Univision-KMEX; Martha Lopez; Cristell Morales; Sayda Sosa; Chief Bratton; Andres Mercado; Roxana Pirul; Sarah Rodriguez; and Jessica Alarcon.*

## Cops for Tots Car Show

In 1994, officers from Central Traffic Division (CTD) approached their commanding officer and requested to be allowed to adopt a charitable organization. The

officers felt this would be a good way of reaching out to the community in which they served and to show another side of law enforcement. The CTD adopted the Los Angeles Children's Hospital Bone Marrow Transplant unit (BMT).

annual holiday party is held at the hospital, where officers deliver toys to each of the patients, their siblings, and grocery certificates for their parents. Any left over funds are utilized to purchase much needed equipment that the hospital cannot budget for. This has included portable exercise bikes (complete with LAPD decals and shop numbers), remote-controlled televisions, weight scales, lockers, and other useful items. The goal is to lighten the physical and emotional trauma during the trying time of dealing with a catastrophic illness.

The first two years the officers donated money, which was placed in a large water bottle. Several of the officers, who were classic car owners, thought that if the Division could sponsor a car show, more money could be raised for the BMT. That was nine years ago, when the "Cops for Tots" Car Show was inaugurated.

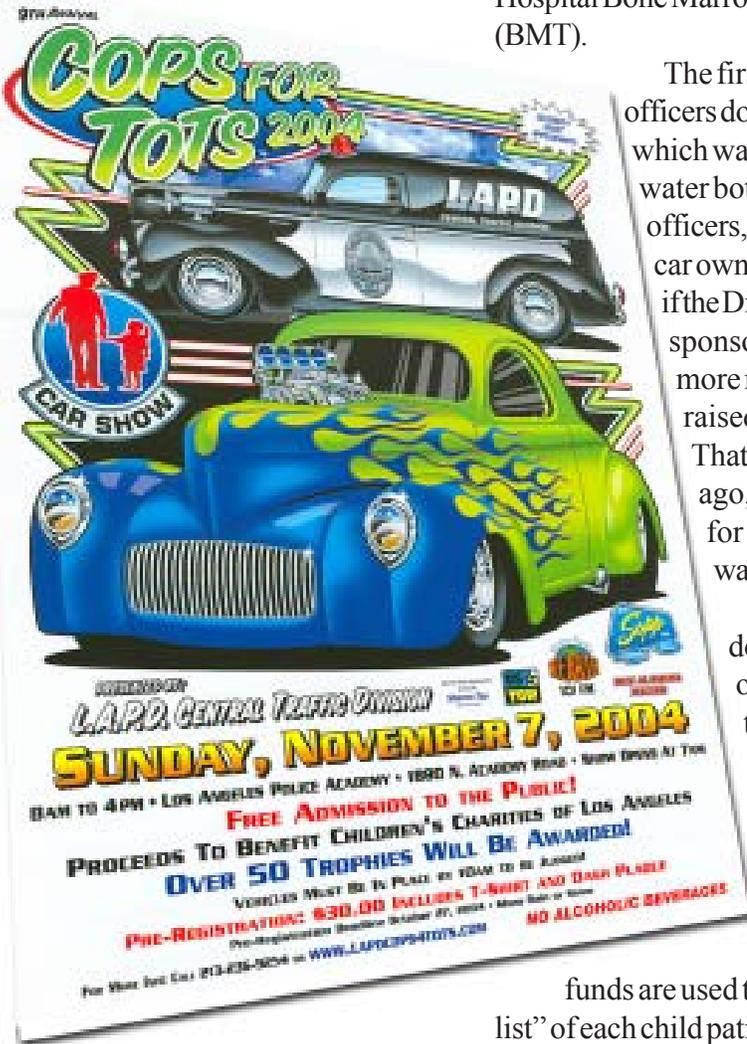
The 2004 event will be held on Sunday, November 7th, at the historic Elysian Park Police Academy, with the show opening at 7 A.M. It will be a true family event, with free admission and parking. There will be hundreds of classic autos, motorcycles, bicycles, and displays of police equipment, including an LAPD helicopter and SWAT displays. Additionally, there will be barbecued food, music, vendors, and more.

Each year dozens of CTD officers volunteer their time and effort for the love of the children.

The event has raised over \$167,000 for the BMT. The

For more information, call (213) 236-9254 or log on to [www.LAPDCOPS4TOTS.COM](http://www.LAPDCOPS4TOTS.COM). Don't miss the next fantastic show and your opportunity to assist the children in need. □

funds are used to grant the "wish list" of each child patient who is in the hospital during the holiday season. An



### RECENT ACTIONS BY THE POLICE COMMISSION

**SEPTEMBER 21:** Reviewed the plans for new Police Administration Building to be built between First and Second Streets, and Spring and Main Streets. Reviewed the Commission Staff Report on the Board of Rights process. More reports are forthcoming.

**SEPTEMBER 29:** Held an historic Joint Community Meeting with the Department of Transportation Commission at the Autry National Center. Approved several joint measures with the Department of Transportation including the Neighborhood Photo Radar Program, which can reduce vehicular speeding in residential areas.

## Scene of the Crime: Photographs from the LAPD Archive

*A book that taps into America's fixation with police work.*

*Introduction by James Ellroy  
Foreword by William J. Bratton  
Essay by Tim B. Wride*

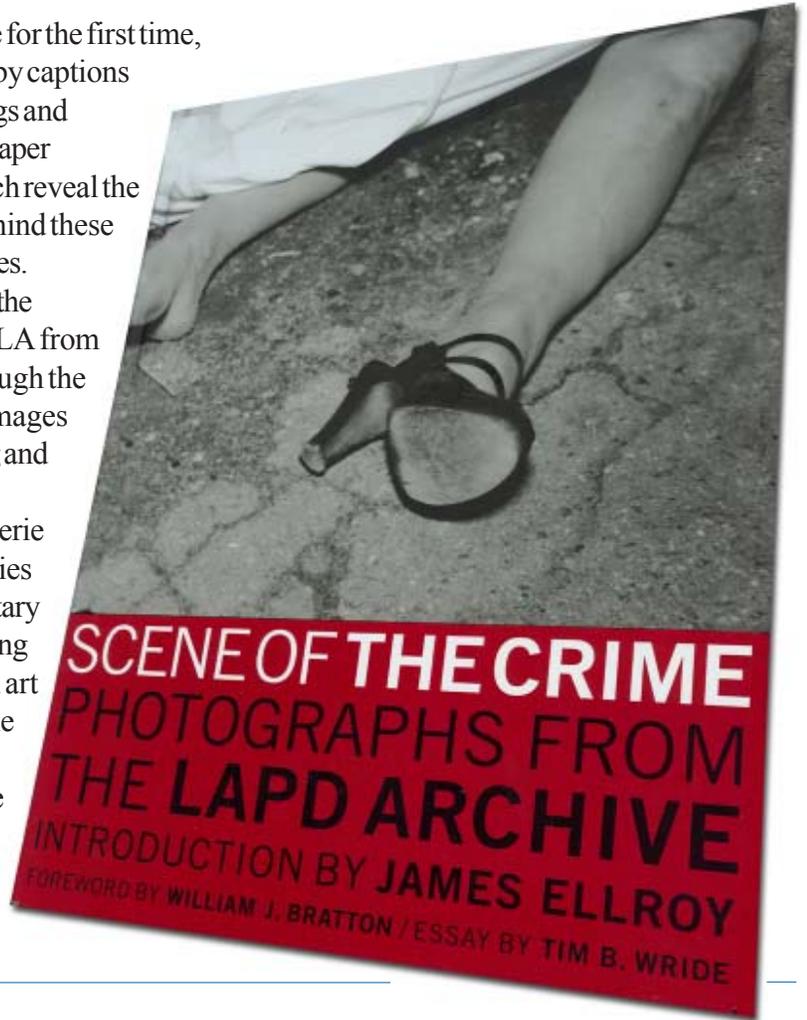
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Los Angeles in the decades after the Depression was a smoldering powder keg of vice, corruption, violence, and some of the most sensational crimes in American history—the Black Dahlia slaying, the Onion Field murder, silent film star Thelma Todd's mysterious death, the killing of Kansas City gangsters “The Two Tony’s” by Jimmie “The Weasel” Fratiano. These cases and many more were captured in striking crime scene and forensic photographs by the Los Angeles Police Department.

Recently discovered in a forgotten warehouse, the photographs are

published here for the first time, accompanied by captions from police logs and original newspaper accounts, which reveal the true stories behind these powerful images.

Revealing the underbelly of LA from the 1930s through the 1960s, these images are disquieting and brutal, with an atmospheric, eerie beauty that belies their documentary purpose, proving that there is an art to recording the crimes that shake us to the core. This is noir for art's sake. □



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the Department's most experienced and seasoned detectives and investigators. Both of these sections will be under one command. The goal is to provide an effective and efficient investigation process for handling Categorical Use of Force incidents.

We are also working hard to redefine what type of incident is considered a “Categorical Use of Force” and then would need an FID investigation. Expect to see changes in the future in the way we respond to animal shootings and to non-tactical accidental discharges. We expect these investigations will be done at the

divisional level, rather than requiring the comprehensive, in-depth investigation that an FID call-out will bring. Efficiency is key, especially when we have very limited resources.

The use of lethal force by the men and women of this Department must always be investigated in a comprehensive and objective manner. As police officers, we have been given the privilege and the power of enforcing the law, and any force we use must be the minimum amount necessary to control any given situation. Not only is this a Consent Decree issue, it is also the requirement

of a civilized society.

Our Department, the community, and every employee in this organization deserve the finest, fairest, and most timely investigation possible. I truly believe that the creation of the Force Investigation Division will meet these goals, and it will become a model for law enforcement agencies nationwide.

Keep in mind that change is inevitable, and required to keep up with the demands of society. But also remember, this type of change not only benefits those we protect and serve, but you as well, the best police officers in America. □

## Objects in the mirror are more interested in you than they appear

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vehicle several blocks away. A day later, the officers return to where the car had been parked. It is no longer there. The officers set up surveillance and a short time later see the Jaguar approaching their location. They recognize the man driving as the person they have been looking for — a third time DUI offender on active probation whose driver's license has been revoked. They arrest him for a violation of Vehicle Code section 14601.2(a). The Jaguar is impounded to be held pending a forfeiture action, and the man joins a growing list of recidivist offenders nabbed by the LAPD's newest weapon against repeat drunk drivers.

The brainchild of LAPD/Valley Traffic Division Police Officer Doug Gerst, the task force was developed with advice and cooperation from the Van Nuys Criminal Branch of the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office. It has been in operation in the San Fernando Valley since December 2003. The purpose of the task force is to randomly monitor persons convicted of three or more DUI offenses to ensure that they are honoring the terms and conditions of their probation. Initially, the task force consisted of two motor officers with additional officers being assigned to the task force as availability allowed. Today, the task force has officers operating citywide in each of LAPD's four Traffic Divisions.

The Los Angeles City Attorney's Office compiles and supplies lists of third time offenders to task force officers. Officers obtain court dockets showing the terms and conditions of each defendant's probation, their

DMV vehicle registration information, and booking or driver's license photographs of each defendant. The officers conduct random checks of defendants' residences and workplaces in order to locate and identify the defendants' vehicles. If at a later time a subject's vehicle is not where it was first located, the officers will conduct surveillance of that location and await the vehicle's return. If the vehicle is being driven by the defendant, he or she is arrested for driving on a suspended license and for violating probation, and the vehicle is impounded. The arrest reports are flagged as task force arrests by both LAPD and the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office.

To date, the Valley Traffic Division component of the task force has made 19 arrests for driving on suspended licenses and two arrests for felony (fourth time) DUI. Sentences for the misdemeanor cases alone have ranged from 90 days to 18 months in County jail. Vehicle forfeiture proceedings are pending for many of the seized vehicles.

As news of the task force has spread via the media and the informal, but no less effective, County jail "inmate oral history society," some interesting developments have been noted by the task force officers. While the first task force arrestees expressed surprise at their detention, those arrested now tell the officers they thought they might have been under surveillance for some time. (Several of the task force targets went so far as to enlist friends and even children to scout the neighborhood looking for task

force officers.) More significantly, while several of the early arrests involved drivers who were either under the influence or had been drinking, virtually all of the more recent arrests involve drivers who, though driving on a suspended license, had not been drinking.

While it is too soon to evaluate the Habitual DUI Offender Task Force's effect on recidivist alcohol-impaired drivers, the early indications are that it has introduced a salutary degree of uncertainty into the life of the chronic-drinking driver. Task force targets receive far more scrutiny than can usually be provided by a probation officer. For the first time, persons on probation for either misdemeanor or felony DUI cases know that they may well be personally monitored to ensure that they are complying with the terms of their sentence.

A recent encounter between task force officers in an unmarked police car and the subject of their investigation may best illustrate the new mood on the streets. As the officers drove past the residence, the man they were monitoring stepped from his driveway into the street and flagged them down. "You guys are lookin' for me, right?" The officers showed the man a copy of his booking photo and said, "If you're this guy, we are." The man stated, "That's me, but I'm not drinking." The officers responded, "You better not be driving either." □

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

**CLERK TYPIST**

Jackie Burroughs

Jojet Pilao  
Clinton Popham  
Rafael Santos  
Jessie Simon

Bruce Kuehl  
Daryl Maxwell  
Bruno Pabon  
John Radke  
Jim Willis

**SUPERVISING CRIMINALIST**

Doreen Hudson

**POLICE OFFICER III**

David Alcantara  
Hans Almaraz  
Gerald Bush  
William Carty  
Emada Castillo  
Ronald Dewyke

**SERGEANT I**

Mark Caswell  
Bill Justice  
Donna Wade  
Shawn Wehr

**SENIOR MANAGEMENT ANALYST II**

Teri Dixon

Robert Falconer  
Ulysses Gasca  
Josuel Gooden  
Adam Green

**SERGEANT II**

Greg Allen  
Rolland Cannon  
Steve Foster  
James Mascola  
Ronald Moen  
Robert Reid  
Rudolph Velasquez

**SENIOR POLICE REPRESENTATIVE**

Jeri Siel

German Hurtado  
Anthony Jackson  
Leo Lussier  
Rick Massa  
Craig McLaren  
Joseph Morrison

**DETECTIVE III**

James Brown  
William Bustos  
Ray Hernandez  
Olivia Vanderzanden

**POLICE OFFICER I**

Joseph Breyer  
Edgar Cruz  
Kimberly Dedmon  
Bobby Romo

**LIEUTENANT II**

Gary Lynch  
Evangelyn Nathan  
Ruben Sanchez

**POLICE OFFICER II**

Ramon Alatorre  
Robert Andreno  
Matthew Bakotich  
John Bowden  
Darrion Carlyle  
Wally Carr  
Edwin Collado  
Lyle Estanol  
Timothy Estevez  
Carmen Fabian  
Juan Gomez  
Roger Guzman  
Robert Heiserman  
Maria Hernandez  
Jose Herrera  
Darrell Hinson  
Mark Holbrook  
Young Jheon  
William Limtiaco  
Roberto Lopez  
Kimberlee Noble

Julie Nony  
Robert Organ  
Al Polehonki  
Sandford Rosenberg  
Sam Salazar  
Cornel Sandoz  
Darryl Scales  
Linda Travis  
Titus Tyler  
Jason Veiga  
David Wade

**DETECTIVE I**

Virginia Emme  
Lowell Ferreira  
Sharlene Johnson  
Lisa Lawson  
Brandon Martin  
Kathy McCarthy

**CAPTAIN I**

Blake Chow  
Patrick Findley

**CAPTAIN II**

David Baca  
Patrick Gannon

**CAPTAIN III**

Richard Wemmer

**Crystal Angel Awards**

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coordinated the LAPD Swing-A-Thon, a baseball event that brings together celebrities, sports personalities, Department employees, and underprivileged kids for a day of sports-related fun. Officer Scott also coordinates the Annual Charity Baseball Game and Toy Drive, which raises funds to provide Christmas and holiday toys for children in less fortunate families.

The annual March on Crime brunch is a major fundraising event for the Los Angeles Police Foundation. The Foundation was formed in 1998 to support and promote public safety through partnerships that provide resources to help the Los Angeles Police Department perform at its highest level of service to the community. The Foundation provides funding for Police Department programs and equipment not included in the City budget, making an indispensable contribution to the safety and effectiveness of the Police Department. The Foundation is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization. □

**CRIME WATCH CITYWIDE**

**YEAR TO DATE - 10/23/04**

Homicide	0.2%	▲
Rape	- 7.8%	▼
Robbery	- 16.1%	▼
Aggravated Assault	- 13.6%	▼
Child/Spousal Abuse	- 14.3%	▼
Total Violent Crime	- 14.4%	▼
Burglary	- 9.3%	▼
Burglary/Theft from Vehicle	- 9.6%	▼
Personal/Other Theft	- 6.2%	▼
Auto Theft	- 11.4%	▼
Total Property Crime	- 9.1%	▼

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## New Air Support Division Pilots Named

**A**fter eight months of training, Air Support Division has two new pilots. They are Sergeant Gary Holbrook (right), who received his wings on August 31, 2004, and Sergeant Wayne DeBord (left), who received his wings on September 1, 2004. It has been four years since any sergeants have



become pilots. Air Support Division currently has 36 pilots at differing ranks, from officers to lieutenants. Sergeants Holbrook and DeBord are pictured with Officer Don Reuser, Chief Pilot in charge of pilot training and flight standardization.

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### ROLL CALL OF EVENTS

**NOVEMBER 13 & 20, 2004**

**DECEMBER 4 & 11, 2004**

**9:00 AM**

### CENTURION FOOTBALL TRYOUTS

West LA College Field

(213) 485-6797

**NOVEMBER 13 & 20, 2004**

**9:00 AM**

### CENTURION CHEERLEADER TRYOUTS

West LA College Field

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**NOVEMBER 18, 2004**

**7:00 PM**

### SCENE OF THE CRIME BOOK SIGNING

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Chief Bratton and James Ellroy

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