



**WILLIAM J. BRATTON**  
CHIEF OF POLICE

## CHIEF'S MESSAGE

**A**s we end this current fiscal year and begin a new one July 1, I want to update you on a number of issues that will impact the Department in the months ahead.

In April, the Police Commission approved two new methods that can be used to end pursuits earlier and more safely, reducing the risk to the public, to those being pursued, and to you, the pursuing officers.

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## New Mission Area Station Opens

**T**he Los Angeles Police Department's 19<sup>th</sup> geographic Area, the first newly added police station since 1978, was dedicated on Saturday, April 30, 2005, and began service on Sunday, May 1, 2005.

Named "Mission Area" to reflect the historical significance of its location near Mission San Fernando Rey de España, the new Area serves the communities and neighborhoods of the north San Fernando Valley including Sylmar, Granada Hills, North Hills, Mission Hills, and Panorama City. The station covers an area of 28 square miles carved out of the existing Foothill and Devonshire Areas, and serves a population of 201,862. Approximately 250 Department employees will work out of the new Mission station, with Kirk Albanese serving as Area commanding

officer and Robert Green serving as the Patrol Division captain.

The station building contains all functions including patrol, detectives, special investigations, records, community relations, and captains' offices. The 54,000 square foot facility, with state-of-the-art security and access systems, features staff locker rooms, separate male and female cot rooms, a break room, a gun cleaning and shoeshine room, a weight room, and a community room. Also included is a vehicle maintenance facility with a car wash, and a secured parking structure.

Chief Bratton stated that this station, and the new station at West Valley Area, are the latest in a series of facilities improvements designed to move the LAPD into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. □





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At a recent event at the Davis Training Facility in Granada Hills, the new methods were demonstrated to the local media. The Pursuit Intervention Technique, or PIT maneuver, when done properly, is an effective and non-evasive method of ending a pursuit when certain conditions exist. The PIT maneuver should only be used at speeds of 35 miles-per-hour or less, when no pedestrians or other vehicles are in the immediate area, and only on wide roadways. So far, about 500 officers have been trained in the use of the PIT maneuver. Eventually the Department's entire patrol force will be trained.

Also demonstrated at this event was the deployment of the Stop Stick tire deflation device. The Stop Stick device weighs about four-and-a-half pounds and can be thrown by an officer up to 60 feet across a roadway. When properly deployed, it extends about 12 feet across the road surface. Each Stop Stick contains small quill-like spikes that pierce the tires of the vehicle being pursued, allowing a gradual release of air so that the vehicle is controllable as it becomes disabled. The Stop Stick can safely be used on vehicles travelling up to 65 miles-per-hour. The training of officers on Stop Stick deployment will be decentralized, occurring in the field. We expect to purchase 1,141 Stop Sticks with the goal of having them available in every black and white patrol vehicle. Additionally, we have requested 175 Stop Sticks for training. Implementation dates for these new procedures will be announced shortly.

Another issue that you no doubt have heard about is Special Order

Number 40. Both Assistant Chief George Gascón and I have spent a great deal of time with community leaders and the Hispanic media to explain that we will be clarifying the policy. In summary, Special Order 40's language will not change. LAPD officers are still prohibited from asking a person their immigration status. But this prohibition has never applied to those cases where people are convicted in the United States of serious offenses, primarily violent felonies, aggravated narcotic offenses, and multiple misdemeanors and are later deported. In compliance with specific Department policies and guidelines, officers can arrest individuals wanted for illegal reentry when they recognize someone they know has been convicted and deported and has reentered the country illegally, making them subject to an illegal reentry warrant or want. These are the worst of the worst, they prey on their own communities, robbing, raping, extorting, and murdering people. Working to get them off the streets is consistent with the Ten Percent Solution, focusing enforcement on the small percentage of the criminal population who are disproportionately responsible for a large percentage of crime. Once clarifications are made to Special Order 40, we will begin comprehensive training to make sure the order and the clarified procedures are being implemented and enforced Departmentwide on a consistent basis.

On the subject of promotions, aside from the 15 Sergeant and 20 Detective promotions that were made in Deployment Period 5, there will be

## The Police Commission's Renewed Commitment to Community Police Advisory Boards - *By Commissioner Corina Alarcon*

**A**t the Police Commission, Community Police Advisory Boards (CPABs) have once again been placed in the spotlight. I am happy to report that several



*Commissioner Corina Alarcon*

significant actions have been taken to dramatically increase the Commission's interaction with the CPABs. As volunteer community

representatives ourselves, we deeply appreciate and applaud the consistent effort of all CPAB members who have given extraordinarily large amounts of their time to assist the Los Angeles Police Department.

Most importantly, we have appointed a full-time Community Policing Liaison. This is a position that existed within the Commission, but it

had not been filled for some time. The Community Policing Liaison is responsible for monitoring and reporting on the activities of the CPABs to the Commission. In addition, the Community Policing Liaison provides administrative assistance to the CPAB process, as was the case with the 2005 CPAB Summit at Paramount Studios. In conjunction with the Department's Community Policing Unit, the Liaison assisted with one of the most acclaimed Summits in recent memory.

To assist the Liaison, Commission staff members will be assigned to all 19 CPABs. They will attend meetings and become active members of the community dialogue. My fellow Commissioners and I feel that we will gain a wealth of knowledge through this communication.

Lastly, we have been asking each and every CPAB Co-Chair and Captain to attend a Police Commission meeting and provide a

status report of their recent activities. We have already begun this process and we have learned of some amazing crime-fighting accomplishments. We have also learned that interest has weakened in some areas. Both of these facts are to be expected, as the CPABs are comprised of extremely dynamic, creative people.

For an example of the outstanding caliber of work that the CPABs accomplish on a regular basis, one need not look farther than Hollywood Area where the CPAB was instrumental in installing video cameras along Hollywood Boulevard. Suspect identification through these cameras has already led to several arrests, including the arrest of a violent stabbing suspect.

The Community Police Advisory Boards have provided advice, guidance, stability, information and tangible assistance to the Department since 1993. The Police Commission is committed to the health and future of this extremely valuable resource. □



### Recent Actions by the Police Commission

- APRIL 12:** Gave Chief Bratton the authority to choose the standards for flashlights. Recommended standards state that flashlights larger than 6.9 inches shall be constructed of a non-metallic material, the flashlight shall not exceed 10 inches in length, and the flashlight shall not exceed 12 ounces.  
Approved the Vehicle Pursuit Policy – Revised, which allows the use of the spike strip and the Pursuit Intervention Technique (PIT) maneuver.
- APRIL 14:** Participated in West Valley Dedication
- APRIL 15:** Participated in Devonshire Dedication
- APRIL 18:** Participated in Mayor's State of the City Address
- APRIL 28:** Participated in Crossroads Conference discussing "Disconnected Youth"
- APRIL 30:** Participated in Mission Area Grand Opening

## Sober Graduation Program

For traffic officers from the South, Central, West, and Valley Traffic Divisions, “Sober Graduation” is both a title and an objective. The Sober Graduation Program was established by the California Highway Patrol in 1991 when a high school student died in a car crash. This anti-DUI program targets high school seniors, raising their awareness of the dangers of drinking and driving when celebrating their proms and graduations. The focus of the program is to let teenagers know that underage drinking is wrong and against the law, and can easily turn a celebration into a time of tragedy and loss.

### *The Sober Graduation Program was established by the California Highway Patrol in 1991.*

Annually, during the months of May and June, each Traffic Division coordinates the Sober Graduation Program with the high schools in their area. This year, Valley Traffic Division partnered with Safe Moves, one of the leading authorities in traffic safety education in the country for children, teens and their families, to conduct simulated traffic collisions to educate students on the consequences of driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol. The simulations are interactive exercises allowing students to examine the crash sites, therefore understanding how they are preventable. The crash sites are replicated in “Safe Moves City” on the school campus.

The “Safe Moves City” features collision sites where the victims are outlined in chalk to represent the location of the crashes in relationship to the vehicles and the surrounding environment. Crashed vehicles are placed in the position of impact to add realism to the crash site. Student actors are available on the scene to discuss what they witnessed.

Students are organized into groups and given collision reports to complete for each crash site. Valley Traffic officers and Safe Moves instructors are at each crash site to provide the basic information on each collision that includes the age of the victim, day of the week and the time of day. Police Officers provide students with a description of what occurred to the driver and the victim. Students review the information and crash site, interview the witnesses, and complete the report with details on how the crash happened and why.

“The vehicles you see here are

visual reminders of the devastating damage that can be caused by driving under the influence and how easily a young life can end,” said Captain Ronald E. Marbrey, Valley Traffic Division, speaking to students at an event at William Howard Taft High School in Woodland Hills.

### *This anti-DUI program targets high school seniors, raising their awareness of the dangers of drinking and driving.*

After the reports are completed for each crash site, students are led in a discussion by Valley Traffic officers and Safe Moves staff to determine if their conclusions were correct and how the collisions could have been avoided. In addition, solutions are discussed on what countermeasures can be taken by law enforcement, schools, community and city governments to prevent traffic-related deaths and injuries.



*Actual wrecked vehicles are brought to school campuses to illustrate the dangers of driving under the influence of alcohol.*

## Police Officer Recruitment Incentive Program “A TRUE RECRUITER”

By Officer Chris Porter and Officer Adriana Sanchez

The Department has been actively recruiting and hiring for the past several months. We are expecting to hire academy classes each month for the next 18 months.



Officer Thomas Cleary was awarded \$1,500 for recruiting three officers from his Army Reserve Unit.

Approximately six out of 100 candidates that apply for a career with our Department actually get hired. Recruiting a sufficient number of qualified candidates into the hiring process presents a significant challenge for the Department. Research indicates that the most successful candidates are recruited by police officers working the street. Candidates that are recruited by police officers are more likely to pass the background process and successfully complete the academy.

Recognizing these factors, the Personnel Department created the Police Officer Recruitment Incentive Program (PORIP). The PORIP offers cash incentives of \$500 to any active or retired police officer, or City employee. The check is issued after the candidate is appointed to the academy.

One notable PORIP recipient is Police Officer Thomas Cleary of Harbor patrol. Officer Cleary has truly

done his share of recruiting by getting qualified candidates to apply to the Department. He has served in the United States Marine Corps and is currently a Sergeant in the Army Reserves. Officer Cleary looked to his

own reserve unit and identified three soldiers that he believed would be great assets to the Department. While he was deployed in Iraq

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## LAPD Cancer Support Group Meets

by Sergeant Michael Apodaca, Department Wellness Coordinator

As many of you know, Sergeant Kelly Shea, Pacific Area, was diagnosed with cancer early last year. As the Department Wellness Coordinator, I began working with Kelly and her family at the onset of her diagnosis. In talking with Kelly, her concerns and fears were similar to so many other sworn and civilian members of our Department that I had worked with. I was stunned when I counted 37 Department employees, over the last five years that had experienced a cancer diagnosis.

In our discussions, I told Kelly of a loose-knit group of Department employees, both survivors and care givers, that have helped me by meeting and sharing their experience with others dealing with a cancer diagnosis. Kelly immediately saw the value of the group and said that she would love to meet others who have been through an experience with cancer. Shortly thereafter, Kelly asked if this group could be formalized, and that was the catalyst for the Los Angeles Police Department Cancer Support Group.

The LAPD Cancer Support Group held its first meeting in March at the Los Angeles Police Academy. The meeting was attended by eleven LAPD family members. The meeting was a huge success for those in attendance as they shared their concern with their

diagnosis, their treatment, and their future with the Department.

The varied experiences shared by the group and the paths taken had a calming effect on the meeting as a whole. This shared experience was especially beneficial in helping individuals recently diagnosed with this disease in finding out that they were not alone. The realization that so many others have successfully walked though the same doors of tears and fear was evident. The experience provided much hope and strength to those in attendance.

All Department family members that are living with cancer, including survivors and caregivers, are invited to the next luncheon to be held on Thursday, June 23, 2005, at 11:30 a.m. at the Los Angeles Police Academy in the Academy Lounge. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by calling (213) 359-1179. If you cannot attend but would like someone from the Support Group to contact you, call the above number.

These monthly luncheons are hosted on a rotating basis by the Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation, the Los Angeles Police Protective League, the Los Angeles Police Relief Association, and the Los Angeles Police Command Officers Association. □

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another 20 Detective promotions in Deployment Period 6. Additional funding recently approved will also allow for 183 paygrade advancements in the classes of Police Officer, Sergeant, Detective, and Lieutenant. Those pay increases will be effective by June 30, 2005, the end of the fiscal year.

The City's budget situation is much improved over last year. Money has been approved to hire 760 new officers, including 360 officers for anticipated retirements and other attrition, replace two helicopters, and improve our technology. Due to the success of the digital license plate recognition system currently deployed in Rampart Area, 20 of these systems will be acquired for the next fiscal year. Each Area will soon be able to utilize this state-of-the-art technology that can scan, recognize and process the license plates of several hundred cars within a 15-minute period. Also approved were 25 firearm training simulators, enough for one simulator at each of the 19 geographic Areas.

This next fiscal year, we will also be buying 424 new black and whites to replace 301 patrol vehicles. We will be replacing 110 motorcycles with new state-of-the-art Harley-Davidson Electra Glide bikes. After a very competitive bid process, Harley Davidson came in with the best deal for this Department, meeting all our specifications, including anti-lock braking systems, a new feature that addresses an important officer safety issue.

Now that the new West Valley Station is open, and

Mission, the first new Area station since 1978, is operational, I want to update you on the Department's efforts to bring our police facilities into the twenty-first century. Construction is anticipated to begin on the replacement station in Harbor Area, and on the new 20th Area Station, tentatively referred to as Mid City, this July with occupancy of both facilities expected in early 2008. Construction is also expected to begin in September this year on the replacement stations in Rampart and Hollenbeck Areas. Both these projects are projected for occupancy in January 2008. The Los Angeles Regional Crime Lab, our collaborative effort with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, and Cal State L.A., is currently under construction with occupancy anticipated in the fall of 2006.

In the area of new technology, 1,500 new Dell 610 laptop computers have recently been delivered to the

Department, with installation into patrol vehicles to begin in August. These new computers, easily removable for maintenance, will be integrated into the field reporting system, and will replace the 1995 Windows technology currently powering our laptops.

As a forward-moving and progress-minded organization, we are showing the people of Los Angeles and beyond that this Department is determined to be in the forefront of the profession. By utilizing the best practices, the best equipment, and by being ahead of the curve in addressing critical policing issues, we position ourselves to achieve our goal of being the worldwide leader in law enforcement. Next year's budget, if approved by the Council, is a significant step in the right direction to eventually staff and equip the Department to move closer toward that goal. □

## New Mission Police Station

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**THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL WERE  
COMMENDED BY THE COMMUNITY IN  
THE MONTH OF APRIL 2005**

**RESERVE  
POLICE OFFICER**

Pattie Service

**POLICE OFFICER II**

Rick Alatorre  
Edwin Ayala  
Mark Bolanos  
Melvin Campos  
Andres Cardenas  
Jin Cho  
Miguel Contreras  
Larry Covington  
Dennis DeNoi  
Todd Doyle  
David Habibi  
Ray Hernandez  
Mark Holbrook  
James Kilgore  
Sean Malachi  
Charles Schlund  
Mark Smith  
Susan Solley  
Herman Vantwist  
Gerardo Vejar  
Jim Weigh  
Arturo Yanez

**POLICE OFFICER III**

Paul Aeschliman  
Anthony Azevedo  
Peter Cabunoc  
John Catalano  
Vincent Chan  
Dennis Derr  
Craig Hewitt  
Aaron Korth  
Pat Kouri  
Jaime Martinez  
Kathy McAnany  
Matthew Plugge  
Guadalupe Ruvalcaba  
Richard Sauer  
Carol Sawamura  
Charles Schandel  
John Smith  
Todd Trulock  
Joe Willey

**DETECTIVE I**

Tim Marcia  
Yehuda Packer  
Foster Rains

**DETECTIVE II**

John Alviani  
Jim Hayes  
Gregg Lagerman  
Ben Lee  
Ralph Morten  
Daniel Nee  
Helen Papietro  
Steven Park  
Steven Razo

**SERGEANT I**

Thomas Bojorquez  
Jack Richardson

**SERGEANT II**

Michael Daly  
Thomas Wich  
Curtis Woodle

**DETECTIVE III**

Mark Brooks  
Josephine Mapson  
Ronald Phillips  
Mark Zavala

**LIEUTENANT I**

Dwight Crosley  
Thomas McMullen

**LIEUTENANT II**

Michael Albanese  
Peter Durham  
Lance Smith  
Phil Tingirides

**CAPTAIN I**

Denis Cremins

**CAPTAIN III**

Bruce Crosley

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servicing with a combat Military Police Unit, he recruited these soldiers, two are in the December 2004 academy class and one is in the March 2005 academy class.

Cleary, who has worked a variety of assignments including Gang Enforcement, Bicycle Detail, Los Angeles Airport Detail, and Field Training Officer, emphasized the opportunities that the Department has to offer. He also has three other candidates who are currently in the selection process. Officer Cleary says his motivation has been to “recruit individuals who displayed a strong work ethic and integrity under stressful situations while serving their country in Iraq. These are the types of individuals that I would like to have as partners.”

Officer Cleary found out about the incentive program from another officer upon returning from Iraq. To acknowledge his recruits’ successful appointment to the academy, Officer Cleary gives half of his incentive to them to assist with their equipment expenses while in the academy. Officer Cleary has not only recruited good people, he is making a little extra cash.

You too can benefit from the PORIP. Here is a recap of the program. The City of Los Angeles will award \$500 to any City employee, sworn or civilian, active or retired, who recruits a police officer candidate that is appointed to the academy. After the candidate is appointed to the academy, the money is yours. Since the City established the PORIP in May of 2000, approximately 130 candidates have been appointed. PORIP cards are also available in the lobby of the all Area stations or can be obtained by calling the Recruitment Section. Cards must be submitted no later than 30 days after the candidate takes the Physical Abilities Test for the first time.

Call the Recruitment Section if you have any questions about the program at (213) 485-3800. □

**CRIME WATCH CITYWIDE**

**YEAR TO DATE - 5/28/05**

Homicide	- 6.0%	▼
Rape	- 28.7%	▼
Robbery	- 9.2%	▼
Aggravated Assault	- 39.0%	▼
Total Violent Crime	- 28.2%	▼
Burglary	- 9.3%	▼
Burglary/Theft from Vehicle	- 17.7%	▼
Personal/Other Theft	- 13.8%	▼
Auto Theft	- 10.1%	▼
Total Property Crime	- 13.4%	▼
Total Part I Crimes	- 17.1%	▼

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## Abe Barron Memorial Motorcycle Ride



### ROLL CALL OF EVENTS

**JUNE 18, 2005**

**8:15 AM**

### **27TH ANNUAL LAPD MEMORIAL RELAY**

Elysian park Academy  
(323) 221-5222 ext. 219 or 221

*More than 200 employees from various law enforcement and fire agencies participated in a memorial ride to Lake Arrowhead honoring Detective Abiel "Abe" Barron, who was killed in the line of duty in June 2003. The ride took place on Saturday, May 7, 2005, and began at the Harley-Davidson dealership in Glendale. All proceeds went to the Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation.*



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