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CHIEF OF POLICE

CHIEF'S MESSAGE

Since my appointment nearly three years ago, our Los Angeles Police Department has gone through many changes, including several reorganizations, Consent Decree reform, an overhaul in the Department's discipline process, and now a comprehensive redesign and improvement in our use of force procedures, protocols, equipment, and training. All these changes are intended to ensure that we have and practice the best practices in American policing.

What separates police officers from all other public servants is that officers are the only ones authorized to use force, and the only ones authorized to take a life in the performance of their duties. This creates a phenomenal obligation upon any police organization to ensure that the type and degree of force used

LAPD Historic Crime Scene Photos On Display In Switzerland - Exhibit draw thousands of visitors

During the times when the twenties were roaring, the country in the midst of a great depression, the world was at war, and the introduction of television brought a new entertainment medium into our living rooms, the LAPD was hard at work, policing the City of Los Angeles and photographing crime and crime scenes as they occurred.

This photo-documentation, which at the time was business as usual, has helped open a window into the past and caught the attention of the art world. These photographs have now captured the imagination of people across the country, and around the world.

The photos, which are mostly of crime scenes, are currently on display at the Kunsthaus Zurich Museum in Switzerland.

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is measured and appropriate.

Because of that obligation, the command staff and our training cadre are constantly looking to find ways to limit and prevent mistakes from happening, to ensure that no officers intentionally use force inappropriately, and when force is required, that we are able to justify that force and defend our actions from any criticism that comes our way. This is critical, as it only takes one questionable incident and the Department finds its policies, tactics, and the behavior of its officers under the microscope.

Recent examples of our reviewing, reexamining, and modifying the way this Department operates are clearly evident. One of these examples is the comprehensive revision of the Department's pursuit policies, with the pilot program established in June 2003 and the final policy approved this past April.

Another example is the Shooting At or From Moving Vehicles Policy approved in February 2005. Multiple layers of comprehensive training quickly began and the policy was fully implemented by the end of April, with additional training and guidelines now being implemented to give all patrol officers additional hands-on training.

In late July, I asked Assistant Chief Sharon Papa to head a modified Board of Inquiry, or BOI, to examine our Special Weapons and Tactics Team, or SWAT, policies and procedures in light of the incident leading to the death of 19-month-old Suzie Peña, the first death caused by our highly trained SWAT officers during a hostage

situation in their 38 year history. As you know, her father was holding the little girl as a hostage and as a shield, as he randomly fired at officers brought in to contain the situation. The result was tragic. In order to learn from this incident we will be asking the BOI to examine the tactics that were used and to identify improvements that can be made and incorporate these improvements into future training. It is our duty as a Department to have this incident reviewed with a critical eye for the sake of the Peña family, and for the future of SWAT, a concept that was developed and first implemented here in Los Angeles. The Board will include experts from both inside and outside the Department, as we want a broad cross-section of individuals assessing this incident.

Training Division has also been involved in the recently created LAPD Use of Force "Best Practices" Strategic Planning Work Group, consisting of experts from inside and outside the Department. This work group serves as a "best practices" research and scanning entity, seeking out the "best practices" in use of force in law enforcement from around the world. This working group will make recommendations to me, and if those recommendations are acceptable for the Department's purposes, they will be incorporated into our Use of Force Resource Document, soon to be available on the Department's Infoweb. The Use of Force Resource Document will be a living document, easily updated as situations dictate, and available as a resource to all Department employees.

“Bandit” Tow Truck Stings Continue to Result in Arrests

Detectives from the Los Angeles Police Commission Investigation Division (CID) are making clear: If you operate a tow truck business using “bandit tow” practices in the City of Los Angeles, be warned. The next car you tow out of a private parking lot may belong to the LAPD and the upset car owner may be an undercover LAPD officer. Another successful sting with arrests occurred in Northeast Area in July, and more are planned for the future.

“Bandit” tow operators are differentiated from law-abiding tow operators by their illegal practice of monitoring or

staking out private parking lots in order to tow away vehicles whose owners are not patrons of the businesses associated with that lot. Often, the “bandit” tow operators dismiss the fact that the car owner does patronize a business associated with the lot before going elsewhere.

Everyday, the Police Commission Investigation Division, the LAPD entity responsible for Official Police Garages, receives complaints from individuals who

had their car towed out of a private parking lot when they “just went around the corner” for a cup of coffee or a newspaper, usually after patronizing a business associated with the parking lot. When the individual returns to their car, it is either gone or in the process of being towed. A large fee, which grows each day the car is held in an impound lot, is attached with this significant inconvenience.

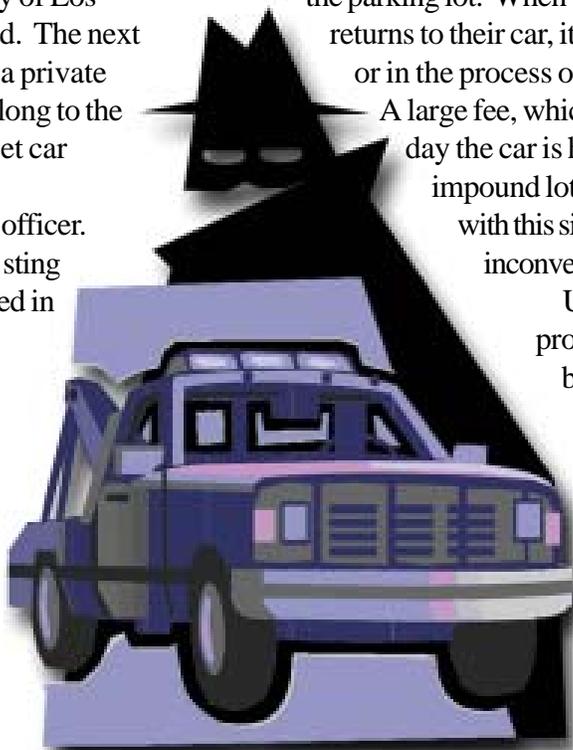
Under the law, property and/or business owners have the right to remove cars from their private parking lots after the car has been parked there for more than

one hour. The property or business owner, representative, or agent must be present at the scene of impound to sign the authorization. “Bandit” tow truck operators have interpreted this law in a way that is very lucrative financially for their companies.

To clear up any misinformation, the following laws apply regarding all tow

truck operations in the City of Los Angeles. The tow truck operator does not have a legal lien on the vehicle until it is in transit on a public highway. If the vehicle is already on the tow truck, but still in the parking lot, the tow operator can ask for only \$48, which is half of what an Official Police Garage would charge for towing. If the vehicle owner will not or cannot pay the requested amount, the issue becomes a civil matter, and the tow operator must release the vehicle and pursue the matter in civil court. If the tow operator leaves the lot with the vehicle because the owner would not or could not pay the requested amount, the tow operator is in violation of California Vehicle Code 10851(a), which is taking a vehicle without the owner’s consent.

It is this last scenario that the stings were designed to catch tow operators using “bandit” practices in an illegal act. Because of possible transit across municipalities, tow operators claim exemption from local municipal laws. Efforts are underway to legislatively amend Federal law to end this loophole which “bandit” tow operators have been able to use to their advantage. Until then, Los Angeles Police Commission undercover “bandit” tow truck stings will continue throughout the City. □



Actual “Sting” surveillance photos.

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERING AT ITS FINEST Woman Invests 37 Years of Service

In most jobs, 37 years of service would be considered a lengthy career. In police work, 37 years of service would give you wisdom beyond your years, not to mention a great retirement package. However, as community volunteer Eleanor Montañó puts it, 37 years of volunteer service gives you the opportunity to find out what life is all about — giving back.

Eleanor began her volunteer service in 1968 when Chief Ed Davis led the Department. She established a tradition of inviting local police chiefs and community leaders to her home for dinner, which enhanced her efforts to establish relationships and respect. These dinners began as neighborhood potlucks for officers in different local homes. Neighbors would also make breakfast for new officers. These newly formed relationships would go a long way in her aspirations of helping to improve the quality of life in the City and County of Los Angeles.

Over the years Eleanor has had a hand in the development of many programs. She assisted with the curfew program aimed at getting young gang members off the streets. She also assisted with the

development of a mentor program at Harbor Area, which paired troubled youths with individuals who shared similar interests, such as artists and musicians. This program was the number one program at the Area.

Eleanor's respect for law enforcement officers stems back to her early childhood, when an officer in San Diego saved her family during a domestic dispute in 1933. Since then she has had a tremendous respect for law enforcement officers.

"I think a lot of times cops get a bad rap," she said. "Whenever you need help you call on three things... mom, god, or the police. We need police officers."

Even with 37 years of volunteer service, Eleanor has not wavered in her efforts to improve the quality of life in and around the City. With her numerous associations to various boards and commissions throughout the Department and City, she has become well known through her volunteer commitments. Her generosity and goodwill towards the LAPD and the community is unparalleled. The numbers of hours devoted to improving our community are countless. □



Eleanor Montañó (center) received a Police Commission Distinguished Service Medal for a lifetime of volunteer service to the LAPD. Pictured with Assistant Chief Gascón; Captain Gannon, Harbor Area; and Chief Bratton.

10th Annual Cops for Tots Car Show Charitable Event Offers Fun for the Whole Family

The 10th annual “Cops for Tots” Car Show is being held on Sunday, October 30, 2005, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, at the Elysian Park Police Academy. The show, which benefits the Los Angeles Children’s Hospital Bone Marrow Transplant Unit, is a true family event and is free to the public.

The classic car show offers a wide range of classic cars, trucks, motorcycles and bicycles. Some of the different categories include Muscle, Roadster, Truck, Motorcycle, Captains Choice, Most Likely to be Stopped, and Best of Show. There are also displays of police equipment including an LAPD helicopter and SWAT. Attendees can enjoy barbecued food, music, vendors, and much more.

The Department’s Central Traffic Division has organized and hosted the event for the past decade. Last year’s show raised \$64,000, bringing the nine year total to \$233,000 raised for children’s charities. The proceeds are used to provide “wish list” items during the holiday season from each of the patients in the Bone Marrow Transplant Unit. The proceeds also

provide for the purchase much of needed equipment for the hospital.

If you are interested in entering a classic vehicle in the show, or for more information on the event, call

(213) 236-9254, or visit www.lapdcops4tots.com. The event will be held rain or shine. □

10th ANNUAL COPS FOR TOTS '05

SUNDAY OCTOBER 30TH 2005

PRESENTED BY:
L.A.P.D. CENTRAL TRAFFIC DIVISION 8 AM TO 4 PM • LOS ANGELES POLICE ACADEMY
FREE ADMISSION TO THE PUBLIC! 1880 N. ACADEMY ROAD • SHOW OPENS AT 7AM
 CELEBRITY GUEST APPEARANCES • MUSIC • FOOD & DRINK
PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT CHILDREN’S CHARITIES OF LOS ANGELES
OVER 50 TROPHIES WILL BE AWARDED!
 VEHICLES MUST BE IN PLACE BY 10AM TO BE JUDGED!
PRE-REGISTRATION: \$30.00 INCLUDES T-SHIRT AND DASH PLAQUE
 PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE OCTOBER 20, 2005 • SHOW GOES ON RAIN OR SHINE
 FOR MORE INFO CALL 213-236-9254 OR WWW.LAPDCOPS4TOTS.COM **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

Chief's Message

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Regarding the issue of training, in the past year we have been working to reinvigorate and incorporate the "best practices" in the way we train our people, both recruit and in-service personnel. We have placed an emphasis on using more interactive learning scenarios that provide hands-on learning experiences, utilizing adult learning methods, and providing decentralized training at the geographic Areas rather than at one central site such as the Police Academy or the Ahmanson Recruit Training Center. An excellent example of this interactive, hands-on and decentralized training will be the installation of state-of-the-art Use of Force Options Simulators at each of the 19 geographic Areas. These new simulators will replace the Firearms Tactic Simulators, or FATS systems, that have only been available at our training facilities in the past. The new systems can incorporate legally based and photographed training sequences to improve the "reality" of the training.

By becoming the premiere law enforcement organization in the world, we are not ensured of our position indefinitely. Our quest for the "best practices" in law enforcement will be ongoing. To be the best, we cannot rely on our history, our past deeds, or our former glory. We must constantly question, reevaluate, and push for further improvements. We must always be willing to look back at any given situation or scenario, regardless of success or failure of the outcome and continually ask ourselves, "How can we do it better?" □

LAPD Women's Basketball Three-Time World Champions at the 2005 World Police and Fire Games



LAPD Basketball - (Left to Right) Coach Gary Crump, Marissa Frial, Brenda Crump, Irene Kohler, Tracy Wolfe, Erika Spence, Sylvia Castaneda, Leslee Rogers, Hysin-Yi Lo. Not pictured: Coach Charles Perry.

The LAPD Women's Basketball Team made history winning the Gold Medal for the third time in a row at the 2005 World Police and Fire Games (WPFG) in Quebec City, Canada. For the past 20 years, the LAPD team has steam rolled over basketball teams in Nevada, Arizona, Tennessee, and California, including teams from U.S. Customs, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, California Highway Patrol, San Diego Police Department, and California Department of Correction. The team began playing in the WPFG in 2001 in Indianapolis, Indiana, then again in 2003 at the games in Barcelona, Spain. They have continued to dominate over the years beating teams from Britain, Ireland, Canada, and Spain.

For the last five years, the Women's Basketball Team has been

led by Coaches Charles Perry and Gary Crump. Under their leadership, they have built a tremendously cohesive team with great camaraderie that not only makes them triumphant on the court, but also helps them be successful on the job.

This winning team is diverse in background, experience, and age - with team members ranging from their 20s to their 40s. All team members are in great physical shape and have a whole lot of heart and passion for the game. They are all true leaders who band together to represent the LAPD and US with pride, dignity, and honor.

Congratulations to the LAPD Women's Basketball Team for their Gold Medal in Canada and their representation of professionalism and respect for others on and off the job. □

THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL WERE COMMENDED BY THE COMMUNITY IN THE MONTH OF JULY 2005

POLICE OFFICER II

Barry Bottai
Sam Cruz
Fernando Flores
Marc Fujiwara
Adam Garcia
Daniel Gregg
Enrique Hernandez
Tony Im
Adam Matkowsky
Thomas McLaughlin
Garrett Payton
Michael Ruiz
Josh Sewell
Eduardo Zamora

POLICE OFFICER III

Dave Dooros
Dwight Gillet
Juan Gonzalez
Daniel Kemble
Ben Macias
Bradley Mossie

Craig Orange
Rick Sanchez
Elliot Zibli

DETECTIVE I

Wayne Caffey

DETECTIVE II

Diane Smith
Nate Williams

SERGEANT I

Kenneth Koch
Larry Taylor

SERGEANT II

Joe Priebe
Scott Sargent

DETECTIVE III

Erin Camphouse
Jack Giroud
Lou Koven

Ralph Morten
Steve Ramirez

LIEUTENANT II

Anne-Marie Fuller
Raymond Lombardo

CAPTAIN I

Nancy Lauer

CAPTAIN III

Morris Smith

CRIME WATCH CITYWIDE

YEAR TO DATE - 8/27/05

Homicide	- 7.5%	▼
Rape	- 24.1%	▼
Robbery	- 6.7%	▼
Aggravated Assault	- 40.0%	▼
Total Violent Crime	- 28.1%	▼
Burglary	- 8.9%	▼
Burglary/Theft from Vehicle	- 15.3%	▼
Personal/Other Theft	- 12.5%	▼
Auto Theft	- 9.0%	▼
Total Property Crime	- 11.9%	▼
Total Part I Crimes	- 16.0%	▼

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Recent Actions by the Police Commission

JULY 12: Awarded Police Commission Unit Citation to Commander Robert Hansohn, Lt. Robert Edgar, Sgt. Adam O'Neill, Officer David Love, Officer Rosalinda O'Brien, Officer Ondina Seliktar, Officer Nathan Ruvalcaba, Officer Edward Au, Officer Kristine Caldwell, Reserve Office Eric Rose, Reserve Officer Walfredo Sabria, Reserve Officer David Bush, Reserve Officer James McClafferty, Reserve Officer Cathy Needleman, and Clerk Typist Sandra Sigala, who collectively reinvigorated the Reserve Corps through a focused plan.

Awarded the Police Commission Distinguished Service Medal to Eleanor Montano for a lifetime of volunteerism to the Department.

Received briefing from Hollenbeck Community-Police Advisory Board.

JULY 19: Awarded the Police Commission Distinguished Service Medal to Kerry Morrison from Hollywood Area.

JULY 26: Received briefing from Chief Bratton on the Stanley Miller incident, the Devin Brown incident, and the Suzie Peña incident.

Presented Police Commission Distinguished Service Medals to Assistant Chief James McDonnell, Commander Mike Bostic, Lt. Jon Peters, Reserve Officer Patricia Service, and Secretary Lilia Hernandez for their efforts in producing the International Association of Chiefs of Police Annual Conference in Los Angeles in 2004.

LAPD Historic Crime Scene Photos On Display In Switzerland

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The show, dubbed “The Art of the Archive” consists of about 100 photographs of crime scenes in Los Angeles from the 1920s to the 1950s.

The photographs were first discovered back in 2001 by Reserve Officer and photographer Merrick Morton and Lieutenant John Thomas. Having been granted access to photographic material at a city records warehouse, the two officers rummaged through the negatives of over 1 million photographs. Though many had disintegrated, they were able to salvage a large amount of negatives and begin putting together a historical exhibition.

The first public showing took place in September 2001 at the Fototeka Gallery in Echo Park. The response

was overwhelming. Since then, the photo exhibition has been all over the country including North Carolina, North Dakota, and San Francisco, California. It was in San Francisco, one year ago, where representatives from the Kunsthaus Zurich Museum in Switzerland saw the display and asked to have it shown overseas. This showing marks the first time any such exhibition has been shown outside the country.

With the current display drawing thousands of visitors in its three-month run, from July 15 through September 18, it is apparent the Los Angeles Police Department has a worldwide appeal.

The next scheduled stop for the exhibition is Düsseldorf, Germany in 2006. □

ROLL CALL OF EVENTS

OCTOBER 22, 2005

6:00 PM

TRUE BLUE

(formerly March on Crime)

Paramount Studios

(213) 741-4550

OCTOBER 30, 2005

8:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

COPS FOR TOTS CAR SHOW

Elysian Park Academy

(213) 236-9254

NOVEMBER 10, 2005

7:30 AM TO 4:00 PM

WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Universal City Hilton

DECEMBER 17, 2005

7:00 PM

LAPD HOLIDAY PARTY

Sponsored by the

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Downtown Marriot

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