



**WILLIAM J. BRATTON**  
CHIEF OF POLICE

## CHIEF'S MESSAGE

Last month, the Police Commission determined by a 4 to 1 vote that an LAPD officer's use of force in the Devin Brown case was out of policy. I had previously reported to the Commission my determination that the officer's use of force was in policy and recommended that finding to the Commission. Under our current system, the Commission has the authority and responsibility to make the final decision concerning policy and we must respect that decision. Because this case is so complex, and because I

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## New Jail Facility in the Works

Construction crews broke ground last month at the corner of Temple and Los Angeles Streets for the new Metropolitan Detention Center (MDC). The MDC will replace the Parker Center Jail, built in 1953.

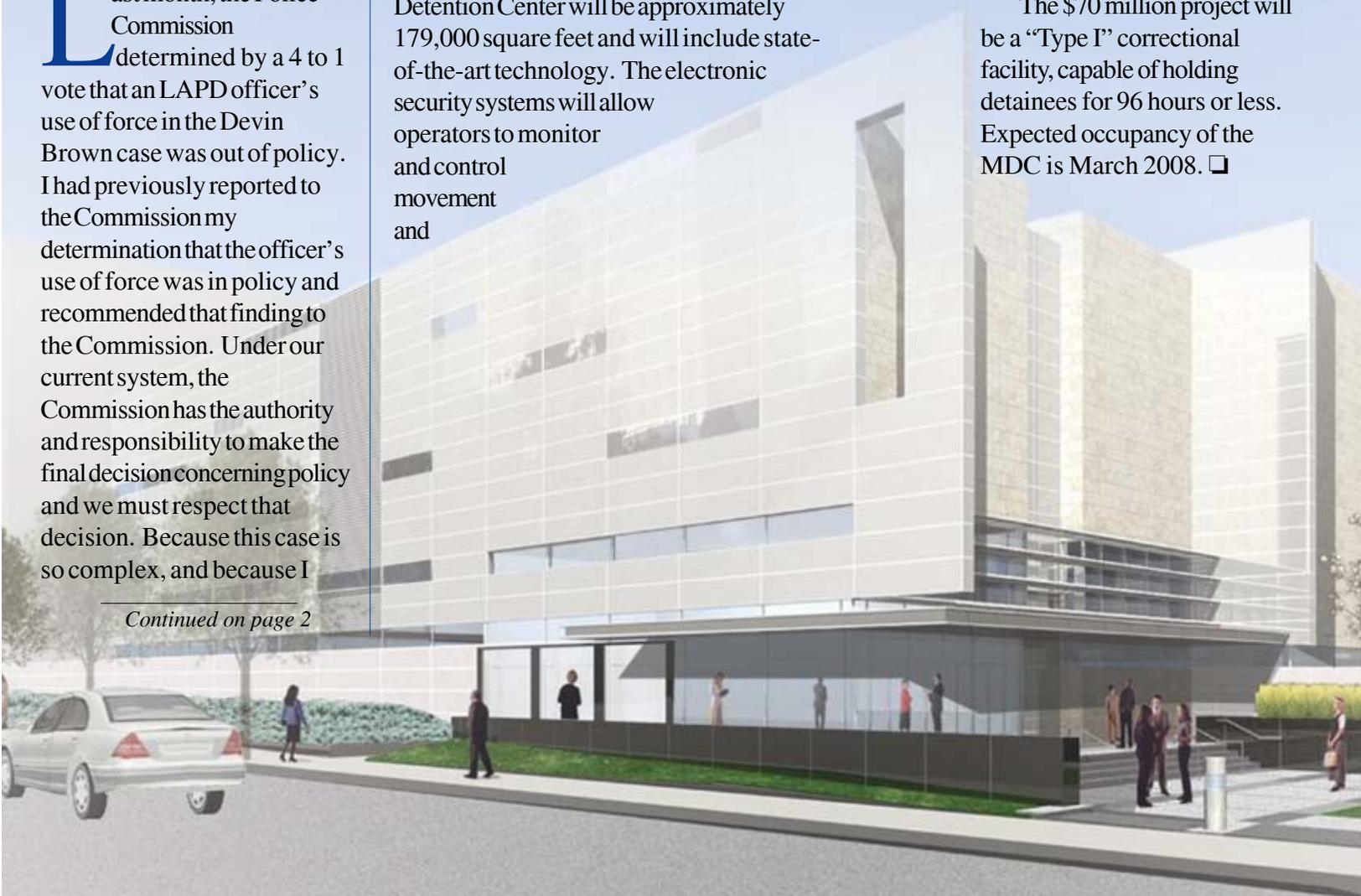
The current jail, at 72,007 square feet, presents space limitations. Under constant use at 43 years of age, combined with its mid-century technology, the Parker Center Jail is in critical need of replacement.

To address this matter, the new Detention Center will be approximately 179,000 square feet and will include state-of-the-art technology. The electronic security systems will allow operators to monitor and control movement and

activity throughout the facility via a security intercom system, a facility paging system, a video surveillance system, and audio panic alarms, among other features.

Detention units will include both dormitory-style housing and single cells. The new facility will feature a line-up room for identifications, a drive-through sallyport, large enough for Sheriff's Department buses, and a medical suite on the booking level. At its maximum capacity, the MDC will hold 512 prisoners.

The \$70 million project will be a "Type I" correctional facility, capable of holding detainees for 96 hours or less. Expected occupancy of the MDC is March 2008. □





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believe the officer and the Department have the right to directly address whether his actions rose to the level of misconduct, I have directed this case to a Board of Rights for a final ruling. If you haven't already, I encourage you to read the Police Commission's findings and rationale on the Department's website at [www.lapdonline.org](http://www.lapdonline.org). I, along with the Command Staff and the Commission are committed to helping you perform your very difficult duties with the best policies, procedures, training, and equipment and to do our best, after the fact, to fairly and comprehensively evaluate those actions.

When I accepted the job to lead the men and women of the Los Angeles Police Department, I promised to create an environment where change would be embraced and best practices in policing would be the way we do business. We have been moving forward on a number of fronts and I want to take this opportunity to update you on several new initiatives. To move the Department toward wider deployment of TASER technology, Training Division is currently conducting a three-month field test on a vastly improved TASER device. Other law enforcement agencies around the country have moved to issuing TASERS to all field officers and have achieved dramatic results and reductions in officer involved shootings. This new TASER model that is being tested is 60 percent smaller and 60 percent lighter than the model currently in use. It can easily be worn on the belt, making it readily available to officers, reducing death and limiting injuries caused by conventional tactics.

This month we will also be field testing several prototype flashlights. Based on minimum Department

standards, several vendors developed prototypes that our officers will evaluate for field performance in patrol, detective, traffic, and specialized unit related functions. Once a model and vendor are selected, the Department will issue the new flashlights to officers and recruits.

Speaking to training issues, new Force Option Simulators should be arriving shortly at the 19 stations and at our Department training facilities. The new state-of-the-art simulators will be installed at the stations as part of our focus on a more decentralized approach to in-service training.

To update you on the Stop Stick tire deflation device training, another example of our commitment to decentralized training, every geographic Area and Traffic Division now has a trained Training Coordinator. To date, more than 3,000 officers from all 19 Areas have been trained, and each Area and Traffic Division currently has eight Stop Stick devices. Another 550 devices have been ordered from the vendor and our ultimate goal is to have a Stop Stick device in every patrol car.

Because a controlled set of circumstances and a specific environment are needed, Pursuit Intervention Technique, or PIT Maneuver training remains limited to the Emergency Vehicle Operations Course in Granada Hills. Currently 1,400 officers have been trained and all recruits receive this training before they graduate.

In addressing employee safety issues, we will be increasing the level of security at Department facilities by

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## E-Policing, New Web-based Resource

Intent on working with residents to strengthen Los Angeles communities, the Department launched an E-policing program earlier this year. E-policing serves as a vehicle for mass communication.

The program began as a two-month pilot at West Valley Community Police Station where Captain John Sherman introduced the concept.

Sergeant Luis Segura, Officer in Charge, LAPDOnline Unit, says this form of community-based policing, via the Web, allows the Department to release critical information to vast audiences in a more timely manner. While E-policing remains in development, and is presently available only to West Valley residents, Sergeant Segura says the Department will roll out the program Citywide this spring.

“E-policing is a two-way form of communication that could have a major impact on crime reduction,” Sergeant Segura says. “Through newsletters, crime alerts and public notices, all sent by e-mail, the Department can inform the

public when crimes occur, what to look out for, and how to remain safe.”

E-policing raises the bar with limitless capabilities for instant, widespread communication. Sergeant Segura is confident that this technology will allow officers to work more efficiently and improve communication with Los Angeles residents. Current methods for communication are limited to monthly publication cycles and meeting schedules.

Additionally, with E-policing the Department can customize messages to better target audiences. For instance, if a business-specific crime trend hit Ventura Boulevard, the Department could narrow its circulation to business owners in the relevant area. E-policing might also lessen the intimidation factor often associated with face-to-face crime reporting, as users may report crimes without leaving home.

Already, Senior Lead Officers at

West Valley Community Police Station have received positive feedback from community members. The program is part of a \$300,000 Website overhaul funded by the Los Angeles Police Foundation.

“E-policing gives the community a voice,” says Sergeant Segura. “This feature allows the public to partner with the Department to build safer communities.” □

### ONLINE MAPS CHART CRIME

Embracing technology to promote community partnerships, the Department recently introduced crime mapping. Like E-policing, this feature is among the Department’s newest Web-based innovations. Crime mapping, already used in cities such as Chicago, San Diego, and San Francisco, allows users to access major crimes throughout the Department’s 19 Areas. Similar to the Megan’s Law Web site, users can type in an address to view crimes reported within a designated perimeter. To learn more, visit [LAPDOnline.org](http://LAPDOnline.org). □



## Tech-Driven Partnership Cuts Time, Cost

Through a cooperative venture with DeVry University of Technology, Central Traffic Division has set up a new DUI report maker computer program that cuts reporting time by about half an hour. Based on the time decrease, the projected savings to the City exceeds \$800,000 annually.

Sergeant Jerry Liggett spearheaded the effort after conducting a four-year research project, revealing that reporting time has doubled since the

1970s. The increase is attributed to redundant information required on up to 14 separate reports for a single intoxicated driver arrest.

To expedite the process, the Department collaborated with four of DeVry’s brightest seniors—designated DeVry Team-9—to develop a common-data capture system. Unlike the former system, which did not allow officers to save or send reports electronically for approval and final

distribution, the new system allows officers to enter information once, prompting the computer to fill in redundant information on subsequent reports.

While the first program installation took place in June, a field validation study to verify the system’s effectiveness is now in place. This is another fine example of community/police partnerships that keep this Department on the cutting edge. □

## 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Challenge Cup Baker to Vegas Relay



Once a year, sworn and civilian athletes gather on the arid California-Nevada border for a 120-mile competition that promotes physical fitness, camaraderie, and downright merciless rivalry.

It's that time of the year again. From March 31-April 2, 2006, the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Challenge Cup Baker to Vegas Relay promises to attract some 20,000 people, including runners, support staff, volunteers, and spectators.

"Baker to Vegas is the biggest law enforcement relay in the world," said Sergeant Marty Weston, Ombuds Office, and Los Angeles Police Revolver and Athletic Club (LAPRAAC) president. "We have teams who are trying to win the race that train 365 days a year and we also

have teams who fly half way across the world to participate."

Last year's winner, the San Diego Police Department—reigning champions since 2004—defeated 213 contenders. This year, Sergeant Weston anticipates 225 competing teams from close to 150 agencies. The time to beat? Just over 13 hours, according to Sergeant Weston.

*In 2003, Officer Larry Moore, Baker to Vegas co-founder, died in a motorcycle accident. Facts included in this article stem from a narrative written by Officer Moore detailing the races's history.*

Baker to Vegas began in 1985 as the brainchild of Officer Chuck Foote, former LAPRAAC general manager, and Officer Larry Moore, LAPD Athletic Director. Nineteen teams competed that year with LAPD Central Division surfacing as the victor. It is estimated that 400 people attended the first event. The following year, more than 2,000 people

participated in Baker to Vegas, with numbers continuing to rise.

In its third year, however, the relay faced a setback that—until this day—is considered a major turning point in its history. At Leg 14, of the 20-leg relay, the race was cancelled due to blizzard-like conditions on Nevada Highway 160. The LAPD Training/Air Support Division team triumphed that year, as they were ahead at the time the race was halted. Among those disappointed was the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, the team favored to win.

Participants and spectators alike headed home early as a result of the weather and organizers faced a loss of \$6,000 in unsold merchandise. To counter the loss, LAPRAAC signed on the following year as the official host and sponsor.

Today, Baker to Vegas remains under LAPRAAC's direction with Officer Foote serving as a consultant. While the race has evolved over the years, growing exponentially and even changing venues, the driving forces of fitness, camaraderie and competition remain. □

## Police Memorial Foundation to Award \$25,000 in Grants



The Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation will award five, \$5,000 Scholarship Grants, each renewable up to four years. Students who apply must be sons or daughters of current, full-time LAPD employees who have completed probation. Students must also be enrolled at an accredited college or university, or be in the process of applying. Moreover, students must not have completed more than their sophomore year. These merit-based awards will be made to students who have demonstrated excellence in academic studies; good character and high moral standards; and extracurricular activity achievement. To apply, call the Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation at (213) 847-4239 or 847-4240. The application deadline is March 17, 2006. □

## Progressive Partnership, LAPD Sponsors Gay Games VII

**D**edicated to creating a diverse and inclusive workforce, the Los Angeles Police Department will set precedent this summer as the first major metropolitan police department to serve as a sponsor for the Gay Games. The event—hosted in Chicago this year—is an international sports and arts festival, featuring recreational and master athletes competing in 30 sports.

Officer Michael Jolicoeur, LAPD Recruitment Section, Gay and Lesbian coordinator, will be among those scouting LAPD prospects at the Games. As the event draws closer and preparations move forward, the Recruitment Section is drafting marketing

materials to be distributed to some 12,000 participants and 200,000 spectators from more than 30 countries.

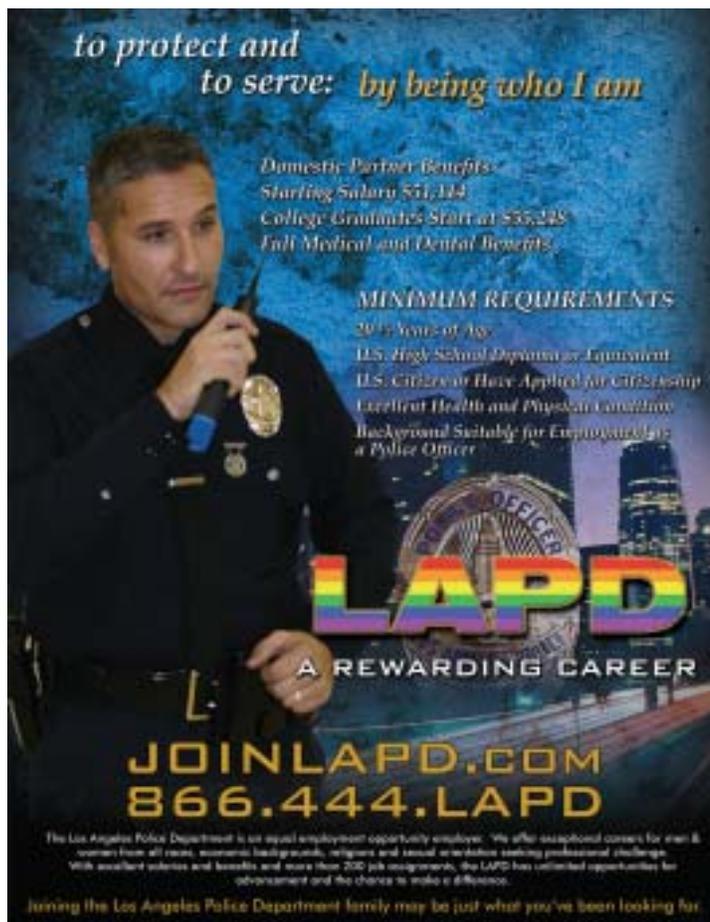
“Our landmark participation at

Gay Games VII will ensure that the Department continues to diversify its ranks,” says Officer Jolicoeur. “The LAPD will continue to reach out to men and women from all races, economic backgrounds, religions, and sexual orientations.”

Recruitment Section personnel will be in Chicago to share information about the more than 250 career opportunities available with the LAPD. In addition, the written test will be offered July 18-22 at the Hilton in Downtown Chicago.

Active duty LAPD personnel participating in the Games will be allowed to wear their uniforms during ceremonial events, including the opening ceremony at Soldier Field on July 15, during which officers will march with the assembled athletes.

The Gay Games are open to everyone and require no qualifying events, minimum or maximum requirements, or mandatory affiliations. The Games are built on the founding principles of participation, inclusion, and personal best to promote a supportive environment, free from bigotry, where participants achieve success by their own measure. To learn more about Gay Games VII, visit [www.gaygameschicago.org](http://www.gaygameschicago.org). □



### DEPARTMENT SEEKS TALENT FOR GAY GAMES

In July, the LAPD will set precedent at Gay Games VII as the first major metropolitan police department to serve as a sponsor for the event. For this purpose, the Recruitment

Section is seeking sworn Gay Game participants interested in representing the Department on promotional materials. Participants photos will be used to promote the

Department's involvement at the Games. To participate, call Officers Michael Jolicoeur or Gavin Stieglitz, Recruitment Section, (213) 485-3800. □



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installing new state-of-the-art, identification card driven security systems in City-owned police worksites over the next year. These include the 19 geographic Area stations, the two dispatch centers, the Police Academy, the Ahmanson Recruit Training Center, the Emergency Vehicle Operations facility, and Parker Center. The new ID cards, or smart cards, will feature a photograph and fingerprint of each employee, along with an information chip and barcoding that will allow for additional employee information to be stored on the card. Along with the installation of the new security systems, these cards will ultimately eliminate the need for 999 keys, and will also help increase the security in restricted access areas within Department facilities like property rooms, evidence storage areas, and the jails. Mobile ID card units will be making rounds at Department facilities during a six-week period beginning in early March. A permanent ID card unit will be located on the fifth floor of Parker Center and will be available for employees who missed the mobile units at their worksites.

The LAPD is known for its professional uniform appearance. That tradition will be continued with some newly approved uniform items. Cloth badges are now approved for all geographic Areas and Traffic Divisions on uniform jackets only. All Traffic Divisions are authorized to use a blue cap, with a white cover now optional. Gang Enforcement Detail Unit pins have been approved for West

Valley, Northeast, Newton, Devonshire and Foothill Areas. The Uniform Committee is also looking at alternatives for an optional basic uniform shirt, constructed of lightweight, machine washable fabrics. Also being considered is an optional duty jacket that can double as rain gear.

On the issue of personnel upgrades, based on the promotions that we have been able to make since the lifting of the hiring freeze in July 2005, we hope to continue to provide an average of 40 to 50 promotions and paygrade advancements per Deployment Period for the remainder of this fiscal year, which ends June 30. These promotions and paygrade advancements, as always, are dependent upon the availability of funds and operational needs.

Because of recent crime-reduction

successes, and our willingness to adapt to new technologies and practices, the Los Angeles Police Department is once again the organization that other agencies look to as a leader in innovative policing. As President Teddy Roosevelt said in 1906, "There is mighty little good in a mere spasm of reform. The reform that counts is that which comes through steady, continuous growth." I am committed to doing all I can to allow you to police this City safely and effectively. The job is not always easy, but to remain in a leadership role, we must continue to move forward through constant reform, review and evaluation and with our eyes always on the future. Thanks for your continuing high level performance and dedication that continue to be reflected in our declining crime numbers and improved levels of public satisfaction. □



### Recent Actions by the Police Commission

**JANUARY 24:** Presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Natalie Bopp, who donated her own time, expertise, and resources to produce the 2006 LAPD Calendar, benefiting the Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation

Received an update on Status of Special Order 40. The Order remains unchanged. However, it in no way provides protection for criminal behavior.

**JANUARY 31:** The members of the Police Commission presented their findings on the Categorical Use of Force Case resulting in the tragic death of Devin Brown. The decision was "in policy" for tactics and drawing of the weapon, and "out of policy" for the actual use of force. Pursuant to the Police Commission's new policy, a summary of this incident, along with the Commission's findings, is now publicly available on LAPDOnline.org.

**THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL WERE COMMENDED BY THE COMMUNITY IN THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2006**

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**CENTURIONS** LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT  
*Playing Football for Kids*

This month, the LA Centurions Football team kicks off another season. With new and seasoned talent on the field, the team is stronger than ever and prepares for a series of unchallenged wins. Below, check out games dates and opponents for the 2006 season. As game day nears, visit [lapdcenturions.com](http://lapdcenturions.com) for times and locations.

March 18, 2006 Orange County Lawmen	April 22, 2006 Dallas/Ft. Worth Metro Stars	June 10, 2006 Championship Game
April 1, 2006 Baker to Vegas So. California Blue Knights	May 6, 2006 Philadelphia Flame	June 24, 2006 French Tour Game
	May 20, 2006 LA Heat	

Since 1978, the LA Centurions have been playing football for kids. This unique fraternity of officers practices, plays, and travels on their own time to raise money for the Blind Children's Center of Los Angeles. □

**CRIME WATCH CITYWIDE**

**YEAR TO DATE - 2/25/06**

Homicide	- 23.5%	▼
Rape	- 14.3%	▼
Robbery	7.8%	▲
Aggravated Assault	-13.8%	▼
Total Violent Crime	- 4.6%	▼

Burglary	- 13.8%	▼
Burglary/Theft from Vehicle	- 18.9%	▼
Personal/Other Theft	- 19.5%	▼
Auto Theft	- 10.0%	▼
Total Property Crimes	- 16.0%	▼
Total Part I Crimes	- 13.6%	▼

Source ITD, LAPD

**ON THE BEAT...IN WEST VALLEY****Human Chain Saves Suicidal Woman**

In the early evening of January 5, 2006, an Encino woman in her mid-forties attempted to commit suicide. West Valley Police Officers Mark Mireles and Ed Marron responded to the call.

When the two officers arrived, the distraught woman was lying on a sixth-floor balcony ledge, ordering fire fighters below to move, so she would not hit them when she fell.

"I saw her roll herself under the railing," said Mireles. "I dove to stop her, and grabbed her legs."

Mireles used a move he learned as a wrestler to lock



*Officer Mark Mireles*

around the railing. His body was halfway over the ledge. He held the woman with both arms as his partner, Officer Marron, held his ankle to keep him from going over. Almost immediately, however, Marron was going over the ledge too.

"As I held on to her, her sweats started to slip off and rip," added

Mireles. "I got her by the upper body, but I had to make a decision, either let her go or go down with her."

Mireles—a 16-year veteran—refused to let go. He estimates that he held the woman for five seconds before Fire Paramedic Paul Schori grabbed his gunbelt, creating a human chain and pulling him and the woman to safety.

Schori told Mireles, who weighs 230 pounds, "It's a good thing you're light." The fire paramedic lifted several hundred pounds of combined weight in one action, all while the suicidal woman



*Officer Ed Marron*

struggled with Mireles, telling him to "let go."

Mireles, who wrestles at the annual Police and Fire Olympic Games, was awarded the

Medal of Valor in 2001 for saving a woman from a burning car in Northeast Area. His partner, Marron, has been an officer for three years.

Following the incident, the woman was held on a 72-hour mental evaluation. She sustained no significant injuries from the incident. □

**ROLL CALL OF EVENTS**

**MARCH 31 - APRIL 2, 2006**

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Ahmanson Recruit Center  
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