

To the members of the community:

Presented here is the overview of the year 2001. The Department's progress was marked with the addition of new services and facilities to better serve the people of the City of Los Angeles. Our Department welcomed newly elected officials, as well as a newly appointed Police Commission who set the course to move the Department forward into the 21st century.

As 2001 was a year of many accomplishments, it was also the year of the tragic events of September 11 that changed our way of thinking, and brought about new requirements for training and preparedness for law enforcement agencies everywhere.

The following are the highlights of 2001. (The notation parentheses at the end of a bulleted item references a Department issued new release or newsletter article that will provide additional subject information.)

LEADERSHIP

- **Board of Los Angeles Police Commissioners** – On Tuesday, July 10, newly elected Mayor James K. Hahn announced his appointments for the five member civilian panel. The Mayor's appointees were: Herbert F. Boeckman II, Rick J. Caruso, David S. Cunningham III, Rose Ochi and Silvia Saucedo. On Tuesday, August 21, 2001, the five members elected Commissioner Caruso as President and Commissioner Ochi as Vice President. (BEAT Sept.)

MILESTONES

- **Department of Justice Consent Decree** – On June 15, 2001, the Consent Decree, entered in agreement between the United States Department of Justice and the City of Los Angeles, was signed by the appropriate parties and enacted into law. The Consent Decree is a binding agreement between the Department of Justice and the City of Los Angeles. Once entered by the Court of Jurisdiction, the Consent Decree became a Federal Court Order with which the City and the Department of Justice must abide.

In effect for a period of no less than five years, the Department formulated the Consent Decree Task Force tasked with planning, coordinating, tracking, monitoring, and reporting on the Department's implementation and compliance efforts on the terms of the Consent Decree, as directed by the Chief of Police. Of the approximately 129 Consent Decree action items, the Department was in compliance with approximately 30 of these items and on its way to full compliance with several others.

(June 25, June 29, BEAT July)

- **Central and Valley 9-1-1 Communication Centers** – The Metropolitan Dispatch Center was completed in June 2001 followed one month later by the completion of the Valley Dispatch Center. Under normal conditions, both centers will operate concurrently with identical functional capabilities, each processing a geographically defined portion of the City's call-taking workload. During an emergency, such as an earthquake or other disaster,

one center would handle the City's call load should the other center become disabled. Both facilities have state of the art equipment and the same exact floor plan.

In 2001, the Communications Division received 1,792,721 emergency 9-1-1 calls, and 1,513,773 non-emergency calls, for a total of 3,306,494.
(July 12, BEAT April)

- **New Complaint Investigation Tracking System Implemented** – The Los Angeles Police Department Internal Affairs Group completed the installation of the first phase of a new computer program that tracks police officer's misconduct investigations.
(June 7)
- **Additional Police Station to be Built in the North San Fernando Valley** – Groundbreaking ceremonies for a new police station in the northern San Fernando Valley were held on Thursday, March 29, 2001. The new facility will be the sixth police station in the Valley and the 19th geographic station Area in the City. The new station will be built at 11121 North Sepulveda Boulevard in Mission Hills. The geographic Area that station will serve will be carved out of the existing Devonshire and Foothill Areas.
(BEAT April)
- **1-877-LAWFULL** – In continuing efforts to best serve the community, the new toll-free 24 hour phone number, 1-877-LAWFULL (1-877-529-3855) was established to enable the general public to report crimes and other incidents that require investigation by the Department, and to provide additional information to on-going investigations. It is operated by the Detective Information Desk at Detective Headquarters Division.
- **Los Angeles Police Museum** – A ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Los Angeles Police Museum and Community Center was held on Thursday, June 28, 2001. The museum is located in the former Highland Park Police Station that was restored by the Los Angeles Police Historical Society to reestablish and showcase the Department's history and to serve as a community education center. The museum will reflect the Department's numerous contributions from its beginning on March 10, 1869, to its distinction of being called the most professional police department in the world.
(June 8, BEAT Aug.)

EVENTS

- **Lakers Day Parade** – On June 20, 2001, one million fans greeted the Los Angeles Lakers who won the National Basketball Association Championship for a consecutive second year. Los Angeles police officers were in full force as the Lakers team traveled in double decker buses along the parade route on Figueroa Street leading to a rally at the Staples Center. Local radio and television stations aired Public Service Announcements days leading up to the parade urging the public to celebrate with restraint, as the media spotlighted the City after disorderly fans caused damage to local businesses after the championship game of 2000.
(Beat July)

- **Remembrance of Chief William H. Parker** – A special wreath laying ceremony recognizing the late Chief's contributions to the LAPD was held in front of his namesake building on Monday, July 16, 2001, the 35th anniversary of his on-duty death. (July 11, BEAT June, BEAT Aug.)
- **September 11** – Following the tragic events of this day, the LAPD showed its support for the fallen heroes of the New York Police Department and New York/New Jersey Port Authority Police Department with several events and fundraisers to assist their families. (September 14, 19, 20, October 4, 16, 19, November 9, December 3, BEAT Oct., BEAT Nov., BEAT Dec.)
- **To Protect and Serve: The LAPD Archives-100 Years of Photography** – For the first time ever, the Department made a small sampling of its extensive photo archives available to the public through a city-wide tour. The rare and unique images capture moments throughout the 130 years of LAPD history. (November 29, BEAT Sept.)
- **March on Crime** – On Sunday, September 9, 2001, the Los Angeles Police Foundation honored four LAPD officers and a Santa Monica boy for their exemplary service to the community at its second annual benefit brunch and awards ceremony at the Ahmanson Recruit Training Center. The Los Angeles Police Foundation was established in 1998 to raise money to fund urgently needed police programs and safety equipment not covered by the City budget. (September 6, BEAT July, BEAT Sept., BEAT Oct.)
- **Los Angeles Police-Celebrity Golf Tournament 2001** – Hosted by comedian George Lopez, the 30th Annual Police-Celebrity Golf Tournament was held at the Rancho Park Golf Course in Los Angeles on Saturday, May 19, 2001. This event is the only fundraiser for the Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation, which supports families of sworn officers killed in the line of duty, and also assists sworn and civilian employees who have serious injuries or suffer from catastrophic illness. (BEAT April, BEAT July)

HIGH PROFILE CASES

The Los Angeles Police Department does not comment on an on-going criminal investigation. However, the Department released statements regarding two homicide investigations it felt were appropriate due to the numerous rumors circulating in the media community.

- **"Notorious B.I.G."** – The Department declined all media requests for interviews regarding specifics of the murder investigation of recording rap artist "Notorious B.I.G." in an effort to protect the integrity of the investigation. Heavy media focus speculated around the March 9, 1997, murder of the rapper, also known as "Biggie Smalls." His real name is Christopher Wallace. (July 6)

- **Ms. Bonny Lee Bakley** – On May 4, 2001, Ms. Bakley was found shot to death. Five days later detectives served an additional search warrant at the residence of Mr. Robert Blake, as part of the on-going investigation. The Department later issued a statement on the investigation.
(May 9, May 14).

AWARDS

- **Law Enforcement Magazine Website Design Award** – The Los Angeles Police Department’s website won first place out of 200 entries. The magazine stated “The LAPD site blew our judges away, from its flash introduction to great links full of information.” LAPDOnline.org recorded an impressive 58,563,107 hits, the most ever in its three year history, nearly doubling the 29,555,359 hits from the previous year, averaging 160,447 visitors per day. A total of 363,162 documents were downloaded, such as the Department’s 2000 annual report, The BEAT Newsletter, crime statistics, comprehensive crime prevention tips, “most wanted” suspect information, missing person profiles and more.
(BEAT Aug.)
- **Grade II Division at the United Scottish Society’s Annual Highland Games** – The Los Angeles Police Pipe Band, having played together for only 5 months, took top spot in their division in Costa Mesa, Memorial Day Weekend.
(BEAT Aug.)
- **The Gold Medal at the 2001 World and Police Fire Games** – Held in Indianapolis, Indiana, the LAPD Women’s Basketball Team, competing for the first time, won the 5 on 5 competition. Additionally, the team made history by taking another Gold Medal in the Nevada Police and Fire Games.
(BEAT Sept.)
- **2001 National Public Safety Football League National Championship** – The Los Angeles Police Centurions football team defeated the Houston Police Department Gunners with a score of 56-40 to capture the 2001 National Championship title.
- **2001 California Police and Fire Games** – The LAPD Centurion Baseball Team in June took 1st place in San Jose, CA.