To the members of the community:

Presented here is the overview of the year 2002. The men and women of the LAPD welcomed William J. Bratton as the new chief of police. A long time veteran of law enforcement with a reputation to bring about change to every police agency and city he has worked with, Chief Bratton chose new leaders to implement new strategies with the goal to make Los Angeles the safest big city in the nation. He also set in motion the steps to define the new role of law in a post 9/11 world.

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. In efforts help improve the quality of life for the people of the City, the Los Angels Police Department calloborated with local government and law enforcement agencies on several operations.

The following are the highlights of 2002. (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

- New Chief of Police Upon the retirement of Chief Bernard Parks (May 4), the Los Angeles Police Commission selected retired Deputy Chief Martin H. Pomeroy as temporary Police Chief until a permanent Chief was selected. (Beat May). After an exhaustive national search, Mayor James Hahn announced William J. Bratton as the new Chief of Police on October 3, 2002. (Oct 3) (Beat November). On October 11, 2002, the Los Angeles City Council voted William J. Bratton into position of Chief and was sworn in a private ceremony in the Mayor's office on October 22, with a public swearing in ceremony on October 28. (Beat December)
- **Department Reorganization** On Tuesday, November 12, 2002, Chief Bratton announced three key promotions as part of his new command staff. Commander James P. McDonnell was promoted to Assistant Chief; Commander Sharon K. Papa was promoted to Deputy Chief; and Commander George Gascón was promoted to Deputy Chief. (November 8) (Beat December)
- On Wednesday, December 4, 2002, Chief Bratton promoted Commander Earl C. Paysinger to Deputy Chief; Captain Michael R. Hillmann was promoted to Deputy Chief, and Police Administrator II Laura H. Johnson promoted to Police Administrator III, Commanding Officer of Fiscal & Support Bureau. (December 3)
- On Friday, December 20, 2002, Commander Gary Brennan was promoted to the rank of Deputy Chief; Public Information Director, Ms. Mary Grady was elevated to Commanding Officer, and Captain III Mark Perez was promoted to the rank of Commander. (December 30)

CONSENT DECREE

• Consent Decree Independent Monitor Issues Second Quarterly Report on LAPD's Reform Efforts – On February 15, 2002, the Office of the Independent Monitor issued the second in a series of quarterly reports on the Department's implementation efforts toward the Consent Decree.

The Monitor praised the Department for having completed major modifications to its procedures and reporting requirements. It stated the Department had made significant progress on reform and met Consent Decree requirements with internal reorganizations and re-staffing.

The City of Los Angeles and the LAPD entered into a Consent Decree with the Department of Justice on June 15, 2001, in an effort to address issues surrounding a perceived pattern of practice of police misconduct and civil rights violations. (February 26)

MILESTONES

- **Historical Promotions** The largest promotion of command personnel in the history of the Department was announced on Thursday, January 24, 2002. The promotions represented the diversity in each rank in upper management with the first Asian-American to reach the rank of Commander, first Japanese-American to attain the rank of Captain, and first Chinese-American to be promoted to the rank of Captain. In a historical first, four females were promoted to Captain, one of which was the second African American female to reach the rank of Captain. (February 7) (Beat March)
- Brand New Cold Case Unit Cracks First Murder The newly formed Cold Case Homicide Unit of Robbery Homicide Division solved their first "cold" murder investigation. (April 4)
- 1-877-A-THREAT In response to the new emerging role of law enforcement after 9/11, a new toll free 24 hour phone number, 1-877 A THREAT (877-284-7328) and e-mail address 877-ATHREAT@lapd.lacity.org was established to enable the general public to provide tips and information regarding potential terrorist activity. It is operated by the Major Crimes Division.
- New Mobile Substations Unveiled The Department added three mobile substations to their specialty vehicle arsenal. The vehicles were assigned to Pacific Area, Van Nuys Area and Devonshire Area Police Stations. These vehicles allow officers to respond efficiently and effectively to major crime scenes, coordinate communications, and develop strategies on-site. The Department also received a 39-foot, high-tech mobile command post and all-purpose truck for the LAPD's Dive Team. (November 26)
- Explorers Program Celebrates 40th anniversary The Department celebrated the 40th Anniversary year of the Explorer Program and the graduation ceremony for Explorer Class 79. Established under Chief William H. Parker in 1962, explorers have assisted law enforcement with many non-hazardous duties. Some of these included search and rescue

- efforts, crowd and traffic control, most notably at the Los Angeles Marathon, and assisted desk officers with report writing. (Beat December) (Dec 10)
- Angels in the Community Book and Toy Drive Every year each of the 18 police stations combine efforts to donate unwrapped toys and books for the under privileged families in their area. With the many options the public is given to donate unwrapped toys, the Department has asked for new or used books. The Department encourages people to write a message of hope and inspiration inside the book intended for the child who received the book. (23 news releases)

CALLOBORATIONS

- LAPD, Sheriffs and CHP patrol cruising on Sunset Boulevard for 60 days On May 3, 2002, the Department conducted a joint task force with the California Highway Patrol and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, in efforts to deal with the cruising problem in the Hollywood Area. The area had an increased problem of gridlock and a large influx of gangmembers into the Hollywood area, which brought an increase in gang violence. (April 30)
- LAPD Announces Strategy to Prevent Valley Gang Violence The LAPD joined various members of the City Council, District and City Attorney Offices, Department of Probation, and the heads of numerous other government and private agencies tasked with addressing the problem of increasing gang violence in the San Fernando Valley. From this effort, the San Fernando Valley Coalition on gangs was created. The focus of the Coalition is forming various strategies to reduce gang violence in the San Fernando Valley. Two toll-free telephone numbers operated 24 hours a day, seven days a week were established to report information regarding gang crime and for assistance to parents, siblings, or those individuals themselves involved in gang activity. (June 19)
- LAPD Combines Forces With Community to Keep Guns Off The Streets In efforts to remove weapons from the streets, the Department and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department destroyed 10,000 guns, as part of a strategic effort in gun violence reduction. (July 23)
- LAPD and Community Join Together To Improve Police Encounters During Traffic Stops In partnership with local community leaders, the Department held a public demonstration on police stops and detention. The purpose is to explain to the public ways of making police stops less stressful in efforts to enhance Police Community relations. (August 29)
- LAPD and CHP Join Forces To Curtail Speeders On November 12, 2002, the Department collaborated with the California Highway Patrol to aggressively enforce posted speed limits on Pacific Coast Highway. (November 7)
- Law Enforcement Community Conducts "Operation Enforcement" On Thursday, November 22, 2002, the LAPD in conjunction with law enforcement representatives from the Department of Corrections, California Highway Patrol, U.S. Marshals Office and the Federal Bureau of Investigations, concluded a two day task force of the Skid Row Area. "Operation

Enough" conducted compliance checks on a portion of the over two thousand estimated parolees living in the Skid Row area. (November 22)

- LAPD/Local Government Join Together for Safe Port Opening The LAPD along with the Los Angeles Port Police, the California Highway Patrol, and the Los Angeles Department of Transportation reopened the Port. Anticipating significant increase in commercial traffic in and around the Port area, the assistance of commercial truck drivers and the public was requested in ensuring a smooth transition while facilitating the movement of cargo out of the Harbor Area. (October 9)
- Operation White Lace The Department's Organized Crime and Vice Division announced the first arrests in a 24-month investigation called "Operation White Lace" which targeted one of the largest prostitution rings in Los Angeles history. The ring-leaders, consisted of six Russians who employed smuggled female Russian nationals, earned an estimated five to eight million dollars during 22 months of illegal activities in the greater Los Angeles and Beverly Hills area. (December 5)

TASK FORCES

- "Zero Tolerance" Task Force The Department assembled task forces to enforce "Zero Tolerance" for crime in numerous areas throughout the City. The task force, consisting of officers and supervisors, would blanket the area to enforce strict adherence to traffic and criminal laws. (12 news releases)
- Commercial Truck Task Force and Inspection On Tuesday, June 18, 2002, Department's Harbor Area Community Police Station conducted a Commercial Truck Task Force. The task force is part of an effort to educate truck drivers of posted truck routes, ensure that all drivers are properly licensed, and to ensure that all trucks are properly loaded and equipped. This task force was the result of numerous community complaints regarding commercial truck traffic in the Wilmington area. (June 14)

TECHNOLOGY

- Los Angeles Police Foundation Provides Officers with Latest Technology The Los Angeles Police Foundation provided police officers with the latest technology, safety equipment, and financial resources to meet the demands of a constant changing environment. (August 7)
- New Technology for Emergency Response As America's focus on national security issues heightened with the approaching one year anniversary of 9/11, the Department showcased its newest high-tech emergency response equipment. (August 26)
- Los Angeles Police Foundation donates cameras to 18 areas The Los Angles Police Foundation donated digital cameras to each of the 18 geographic areas. The cameras will be used for documentation purposes at domestic violence investigations. (Beat December)

NEW BUILDINGS

• Groundbreaking of West Valley Community Police Station – On Wednesday October 30, 2006, Chief Bratton along with city dignitaries led the ground breaking. The new building will be 54,000 square feet and will include a large community meeting room with an outdoor patio area and a new communication tower. It will accommodate approximately 350 police officers, a multi level parking structure with a rooftop helipad and a 10,000 square foot car repair facility to support patrol cars. (October 29) (Beat December)

POST 9/11

- LAPD Officers Honored as America's Heroes On Tuesday, February 5, 2002, six police officers, Metropolitan Division, were honored as "America's heroes" at the 2nd Annual Sports Fans Choice Awards Show. The event showcases Los Angeles area athletes who have demonstrated compassion and community concern through humanitarian accomplishments. The awards show paid tribute to several police officers and fire fighters from the cities of New York and Los Angeles. The net proceeds benefited the World Trade Center Relief Fund. (February 5)
- Photo-Red-Light Program Becomes Operational In December 2002 the sixteenth intersection equipped with automated photo-red-light technology was placed into service at the intersection of Sunset Boulevard and La Brea Avenue. The automated system is designed to capture motorists who fail to stop for a red traffic signal. (May 13)
- **LAPD Remembers 9-11** On the first anniversary of the terrorist attacks sworn and civilian employees of the Department and the Los Angeles City Fire Department began their start of watch at the LAPD's Air Support Division. They attended a memorial service to honor those who perished as a result of the worst known terrorist attack in history. (September 5) (Beat September)

EVENTS

- LAKERS 3-PETE On June 14, 2002, one million fans lined the two-mile parade route along Figueroa Street and welcomed back to Staples Center the Los Angeles Lakers, who won their third consecutive National Basketball Association Championship. The celebration began at City Hall with the City's official ceremony where it was proclaimed Los Angeles Lakers' Day.
 - Los Angeles police officers were again in full force as the Lakers team traveled in special parade vehicles along the parade route from 3rd and Figueroa Streets to a rally at the Staples Center on 11th and Figueroa. Local radio and television stations aired Public Service Announcements days leading up to the parade featuring Los Angeles Lakers players 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.
- To Protect and Serve: The LAPD Archives-100 Years of Photography The Department's historical photo exhibit opened at the Duke University Museum of Art in Durham, North Carolina as part of the Spring 2002 art exhibitions. (Beat April) (March 21)

- Los Angeles Police-Celebrity Golf Tournament 2002 The 31st annual Police-Celebrity Golf Tournament was held at the Rancho Park Golf Course on Saturday, May 18, 2002. Hosted by actor Joe Mantegna, celebrities from the worlds of film, television, music, and sports teed off to raise funds for the Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation. This event serves as the Foundation's only fundraiser that supports families of sworn officers killed in the line of duty, and assists sworn and civilian employees who have serious injuries or suffer from catastrophic illness. (Beat April) (Beat May/June)
- March on Crime On Sunday, September 22, 2002, the Los Angeles Police Foundation honored three LAPD officers their exemplary service to the community at its third annual benefit brunch and awards ceremony at the Elysian Park Police Academy. The police officers were given the Crystal Angels Award for going above and beyond the call of duty, demonstrating exceptional compassion and personal commitment to their community, either on or off duty. 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. (Beat October)

HIGH PROFILE MEDIA CASES

- Robert Blake Arrested For Murder Of Bonny Lee Bakley On Thursday April 18, 2002, detectives from the Department's Robbery Homicide Division arrested actor Robert Blake for the murder of his wife, 44-year old Bonny Lee Bakley. On May 4, 2001, Bakley was found shot, slumped in the front seat of her husband's car. (April 18; April 19; April 24)
- Little Jessica Cortez Found Unharmed Female Suspect Arrested Four year old Jessica Cortez became the focus of national media attention when she was abducted from Echo Park during a family outing. Two days later the abductor took the missing child to a clinic to have her treated for a sore throat. An employee recognized the child and called the LAPD. Southwest Patrol officers took the suspect into custody and reunited the child with her family. (Two news releases dated August 14)

AWARDS

- U.S. Marshal Honors 55 LAPD Officers for Heroism— The United States Marshal Service honored 55 LAPD police officers for their heroic assistance of a wounded United States Marshal and his partner who were under heavy gun fire from a suspect. The suspect showered the police officers with gunfire as they tried to reach the wounded Marshal to provide medical assistance. (July 19)
- LAPD Officer Receives National DARE Officer of the Year Award On Monday, July 22, 2002, Los Angeles Police Officer Glenn Bedford, a 28-year veteran, received the "National DARE Officer of the Year Award." He was recognized for demonstrating an outstanding degree of teaching ability and dedication to children. Officer Bedford has been a DARE instructor for 14-years, dedicating himself to ensuring that the children of Los Angeles are equipped with skills necessary to resist the pressures to use drugs or becoming involved in gangs. (August 7)

- Hazardous Materials/Environmental Crimes Unit Receives Award On Wednesday, September 4, 2002, the Department's Hazardous Materials/Environmental Crimes Unit was awarded the Robert P. Turkington Award Innovation and Technology Award for developing the Rapid Threat Analysis Kit at the 13th Annual Continuing Challenge Hazmat Workshop-Conference. (September 6)
- LoJack Honors LAPD Officers for 50,000th Recovery In May 2002, shortly after Air Support Division helped recover a stolen vehicle equipped with the LoJack tracking technology, representatives from LoJack Corporation advised the Department they had made the 50,000th stolen vehicle recovery in the nation. The approximately 16 year partnership between the Department and the LoJack Corporation has benefited the City of Los Angeles by enabling the police officers to identify and recover stolen vehicles, and arrest automobile thieves. (September 11)
- 24th Annual North American Police Soccer Championships The Department hosted the 24th Annual North American Police Soccer Championships from September 4-7, 2002. The event attracted over 400 police officers, representing 70 agencies and took place in three locations within the City, making it the largest athletic event ever hosted by the Department. The event raised over \$10,000 for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. (Beat November)