



## National Police Week ... A Time To Remember

WHEREAS, the police officers of America have worked devotedly and selflessly on behalf of the people of this Nation, regardless of the peril or hazard to themselves; and,

WHEREAS, these officers have safeguarded the lives and property of their fellow Americans; and,

WHEREAS, by the enforcement of our laws, these same officers have given our country internal freedom from fear of the violence and civil disorder that is presently affecting other nations; and,

WHEREAS, these men and women by their patriotic service and their dedicated efforts have earned the gratitude of the Republic; now,

THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled that the President is authorized and requested to issue proclamations (1) designating May 15 of each year as Peace Officers Memorial Day in honor of the Federal, State, and municipal officers who have been killed or disabled in the line of duty, (2) designating in each year the calendar week during which such May 15 occurs as Police Week, in recognition of the service given by the men and women who, night and day, stand guard in our midst to protect us through enforcement of our laws, and (3) inviting...the people of the United States to observe such day and week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

In October 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed Public Law 87-726, establishing National Police Week. Although its language encouraged ceremonies and activities, it was not until 1982 that the first National Peace Officers Memorial Day Service was held in Washington, D.C., on May 15 on Capitol Hill at the small but beautiful "Senate Park." A modest group of 125 people attended.

Since that first ceremony, the National Peace Officers Memorial Day Service and, indeed, National Police Week, have grown tremendously through the hard work and dedication of countless individual citizens, police organizations nationwide, and political leaders at all levels. Today, 10,000 or more police officers, surviving

### Chief's Message

In this time of great turmoil and concern regarding the war in Kosovo, my thoughts and prayers, as well as those of the men and women of the Los Angeles Police Department, are with one of our own – Detective Steve Ramirez.

As you may know, Det. Ramirez is the older brother of Staff Sergeant Andrew Ramirez III, one of three U.S. soldiers captured by the Serbian forces. Fellow captives are Staff Sgt. Christopher Stone of Michigan and Specialist Steven Gonzales of Texas.

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From the moment we heard that sad news, our hopes and prayers have been with the soldiers' families, and especially, Det. Ramirez. I know that citizens and police departments throughout the country have e-mailed him with their support.

It has been reported in the media that 25-year-old Andrew has been following the footsteps of his hero, older brother, Det. Ramirez who has been with the LAPD for 11 years after serving in the U.S. Army. It is Andrew's dream to one day wear the badge of an LAPD officer. We would be proud to have him. Det. Ramirez has said that his brother is a strong young man and is loved very much by his family. He has also expressed a profound gratitude for the support the men and women of the LAPD have given him and his family.

Our prayers are with Det. Ramirez and his family during these trying times. We hope for Staff Sergeant Andrew Ramirez's safe return home soon.

**BERNARD C. PARKS**  
Chief of Police

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family members, and supporters attend National Police Week activities in Washington, D.C., to honor those brave individuals who have made the ultimate sacrifice to protect and serve their communities.

At the May 15 Memorial Day Service held at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, the names of more than 14,000 fallen law enforcement officers are

read to recognize their sacrifice and to honor their lives. Officers such as James W. Bell, William Brady, James Carlisle, George Hindman, Robert Olinger, and Robert Beckwith – all killed by the notorious outlaw William H. Bonney a.k.a. Billy the Kid; and Mary T. Davis, the first female officer killed in the line of duty in 1924; and John Wilson, the first African American officer killed while quelling a civil disturbance in 1871; and J.D. Tippit of the Dallas Police Department who was shot dead by Presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald in 1963;

also the 193 men and women who have worn the uniform and badge of the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD.)

An integral part of National Police Week, for those of us on the Department, is the annual ceremony held at the Police Memorial erected near the entrance of Parker Center. The Police Memorial was dedicated on October 1, 1971, and stands as a tribute to our own officers who have paid the ultimate price in the line of duty. Many family members, friends, City officials, fellow officers, and members of the public attend the ceremony to reflect upon the true meaning of the Department's motto, "To Protect and To Serve."

The fine officers of the LAPD whose names are etched on the marble plates surrounding the Memorial's fountain can no longer protect, but they continue to serve even after death. Their lives serve to inspire all officers present and future to endure the many hardships of a law enforcement career; to go beyond what is merely required of them and strive toward excellence in all endeavors; and to always give a 100 percent effort to be professional police officers despite the personal inconvenience or sacrifices made, for there can be no greater sacrifice made than that of our fallen comrades.

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## Crime and Arrest Comparison Report

City Year to Date through April 3, 1999

<u>Crime</u>	<u>YTD 99</u>	<u>YTD 98</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
Homicide	107	103	3.9%
Rape	290	356	- 18.5%
Robbery	3,700	4,209	- 12.1%
Aggravated Assault	3,909	3,917	- 0.2%
Burglary	5,358	7,253	- 26.1%
Larceny	19,244	21,272	- 9.5%
Auto Theft	6,932	8,676	- 20.1%
Total Violent Crimes	8,006	8,585	- 6.7%
<b>Total Part I Crimes</b>	<b>39,540</b>	<b>45,786</b>	<b>- 13.6%</b>

	<u>YTD 98</u>	<u>YTD 97</u>	<u>1 Yr. % Change</u>
Department YTD through DP 12			
Traffic Citations(November)	275,562	356,829	- 22.8%
Officer Initiated Activities	724,482	719,949	0.6%
Total Calls for Service	751,430	780,656	- 3.7%
Response Time (minutes)	6.8	6.7	1.5%

	<u>YTD 98</u>	<u>YTD 97</u>	<u>1 Yr. % Change</u>
Department YTD through December			
Field Interviews	197,064	190,222	3.6%
<small>(number of field interview cards keyed at IRD)</small>			

Source: Information and Communications Services Bureau, Crime Analysis Section

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official website

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Keep this date free!

May 15, 1999

The 28th Annual  
Police-Celebrity  
Golf Tournament

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COMMENDATIONS

The Chief of Police received the following personnel commendations through end of April.

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Assignment</b>
Deputy Chief	Dinse, Charles F.	Operations-West
Deputy Chief	Moore, Maurice R.	Special Assistant
Commander	Lillo, Eric Allan	Juvenile Services
Captain III	Maislin, Stuart A.	Central
Captain III	Wemmer, Richard C.	Training
Captain I	Marks, Paul H.	West Valley
Lieutenant II	Booker, Freddie L.	Community Affairs
Lieutenant II	Roper, Charles Gregory	Uniformed Support
Lieutenant II	Vega, Raul Frank	Anti-Terrorist
Sergeant II	Allen, Gregory C.	DARE
Sergeant II	Defoe, Scott Allen	Management Services
Sergeant II	Green, Alan	DARE
Sergeant II	Morales, Ralph Anthony	Community Relations
Sergeant I	Chu, Angela	West Los Angeles
Sergeant I	Jurado, Lance Mark	West Valley
Sergeant I	Pompano, Mark James	West Valley
Sergeant I	Smith, Timothy Paul	Central
Sergeant I	Solano, Rolando	West Valley
Sergeant I	Yamamoto, Howard M.	Community Relations
Detective III	Hrycyk, Donald O.	Burglary-Auto Theft
Detective III	Keranen, Kathleen Lois	Anti-Terrorist
Detective III	Pavelka, Michael Clinton	Financial Crimes
Detective II	Ball, Russell Kevin	Financial Crimes
Detective II	Escontrias, Gilbert M.	Burglary-Auto Theft
Detective II	Kagele, Arthur Lawrence	West Valley
Detective II	Milligan, Gary William	Narcotics
Detective II	Morris, Stacey Ann	Financial Crimes
Detective II	Thomas, Janice Kay	Pacific
Detective II	Wheeler, Kenneth J.	Detective Support
Detective I	Sherwood, Rocky E.	North Hollywood
Detective I	Bancroft, Vincent Lawrence	North Hollywood
Detective I	Kolesar, Jr., Robert G.	Narcotics
Detective I	Mahony, Gregory P.	Central
Detective I	Taylor, Lorie Ann	Financial Crimes
Detective I	Wong, Daniel Yin Ho	Van Nuys
Police Officer III	Alexander, Fredger A.	Wilshire

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Police Officer III	Allan, Shannon Kathleen	DARE
Police Officer III	Bedford, Glenn Paul	DARE
Police Officer III	Beatty, Jason L.	West Valley
Police Officer III	Boyle, Richard Laurence	Central
Police Officer III	Crenshaw, Mercy Fernandez	DARE
Police Officer III	Davis, Leonard	Central
Police Officer III	Draper, Corina A.	Wilshire
Police Officer III	Esparza, Hector	Newton
Police Officer III	Gooden, Josuel Michon	DARE
Police Officer III	Graciano, Chris Humberto	Narcotics
Police Officer III	Hill, Calvin	Central
Police Officer III	Leorn, Charles	DARE
Police Officer III	Martin, Vivian Jean	Central
Police Officer III	McCain, Randall M.	Central
Police Officer III	McCarty, Gerald Robert	Newton
Police Officer III	Miranda, Lisa L.	Juvenile Division
Police Officer III	O'Connor, Phillip Michael	West Los Angeles
Police Officer III	Pinzon, Luz Marina	Financial Crimes
Police Officer III	Randal, Michael	West Valley
Police Officer III	Rapozo, Dionne C.	Uniformed Support
Police Officer III	Villapando, Alexander	Central
Police Officer II	Bica, Alexandru	West Traffic
Police Officer II	Dunlop, John Lewis	West Valley
Police Officer II	Ewert, Nathan Paul	West Los Angeles
Police Officer II	Garcia, Carlos	Central
Police Officer II	Hall, Shaquana	Hollywood
Police Officer II	Hill, Kathleen Lee	Uniformed Support
Police Officer II	Jackson, Johnny L.	West Valley
Police Officer II	Juarez, Gerardo Arturo	Central
Police Officer II	Mayes, Christian A.	West Valley
Police Officer II	McCloud, Tracy Marie	West Valley
Police Officer II	Marr, Andrew Jason	Newton
Police Officer II	Mayes, Christian A.	West Valley
Police Officer II	McCloud, Tracy M.	West Valley
Police Officer II	Parker, Sean C. J.	Rampart
Police Officer II	Pearce, Mark Daniel	West Los Angeles
Police Officer II	Seguin, Lisa M.	Narcotics
Police Officer II	Schick, Erik Joseph	West Los Angeles
Police Officer II	Shaw, Christian R.	West Valley
Police Officer II	Wang, Michael Tsu	Management Services
Police Officer I	Newman, Jason Aaron	West Valley



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It is a sad fact of modern life that every 57 hours, another law enforcement officer surrenders his or her life. The LAPD must, unfortunately, add two more names of its finest to the marble plates of the Memorial – Officers Filbert Cuesta and Brian Brown. Both young men were murdered by vicious thugs bent on terrorizing the law-abiding public by their actions.

This year's Departmental ceremony will be held on Monday, May 10 at 1:30 p.m. in front of the Police Memorial. A reading of the names of the 193 Los Angeles Police Officers killed in the line of duty will highlight the event.

A second National Police Week-related event is the 21<sup>st</sup> LAPD Memorial Relay to be held on Saturday, May 8, at Dockweiler Beach. This event is sponsored by the Department and the Los Angeles Police Revolver and Athletic Club. All proceeds from donations will go to the Family Support Group, an association of survivors who make up an integral part of our great Department. Please contact Officer Tony Adler, LAPD Athletic Director, at (323) 221-5222, extension 202, for more information.

On Saturday, May 15, the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Police-Celebrity Golf Tournament will be held at Rancho Park Golf Course in West Los Angeles. All proceeds from the Tournament go to the Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation. The Foundation provides more than \$450,000 annually in grants to police officers and career civilian employees experiencing catastrophic circumstances due to death, injury, or illness. This year's guest celebrity host is Mr. Dennis Franz, star of the widely acclaimed "NYPD Blue" television series. For tickets or more information, please contact Public Affairs Section at extension 5-3281.

## Reserve Officers Recognized

One day in November 1998, Technical Reserve Officer Suzie Caron, while working the Domestic Violence response car, arrived at the location of an "ambulance attempt suicide." The suspect had barricaded himself in a bathroom, cut both his wrists with a knife, and threatened to kill himself or any officer who approached him. Officer Caron offered to help, feeling confident that she could persuade the suspect since she had recently completed a Crisis Negotiator Training Program.

Officer Caron managed to establish rapport with the suspect and convinced him to get his wounds treated. Her calm reassuring demeanor de-escalated the situation and allowed officers to evacuate the area and tactically deploy. When SWAT negotiators arrived at the scene, Officer Caron was allowed to continue the negotiation process. Ninety minutes later, she convinced the suspect to put down his knife, and surrender safely to awaiting personnel.

That was not the only rough situation where Officer Caron got to use her negotiation skills. A Reserve Officer for 11 years, Caron has worked as a Station Officer, Peer Counselor, Victim Advocate, Crisis Response Team member, Domestic Abuse Response Team (DART) trainer and Vice-Unit member. Using instinct and sensitivity, she has helped identify many sexual assault victims, who are sometimes unrecognized by the system.

"Working as a Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Officer gave me encouragement to make it better for victims," Caron said. "It gave me insight to work with DART, which gave me insight to help the SWAT negotiators."

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Officer Caron's contributions illustrate the indispensability of Reserve Officers in the Los Angeles Police Department. "Reserve Police Officers are an integral part of the Los Angeles Police Department in that they augment patrol division deployment and provide specialized skills," said Chief Bernard Parks.

On March 27, 1999, the Department, in conjunction with the Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation, hosted a banquet honoring Suzie Caron, Foothill Area, who was selected as the Department's Reserve Officer of the Year for 1998. Others honored as Reserve Officers of the Year by their respective Divisions and Areas are listed below. The event was held at the Warner Center Marriott Hotel in Woodland Hills. Keynote speaker Chief Bernard Parks presented the awards. Police Officer Michelle Eskridge, Pacific Area, received the Reserve Coordinator of the Year award.

The formation of the Police Reserves dates back to the beginning of the century when lawlessness reigned. As the need for more police officers arose, private citizens were called upon to help. In 1917, Chief John L. Butler established the Home Defense League, which was comprised of citizens willing to volunteer and help the Department. Through the decades, the group evolved into what is now known as the Police Reserve Corps. Today, it has about 2,000 members highly trained to assist in various aspects of the Department. "AOne great thing about being a Reserve Officer is that we have our regular jobs and we get to use our skills to enhance the Department," said Caron, who works as a business manager for a property management company in Malibu and as a sexual assault counselor for the Los Angeles Commission on Assaults Against Women.

Reservists also function as effective spokespeople in their neighborhoods. Reserve Officers are required to work two shifts in a deployment period. "They supplement the Department in all areas, in every section," said Sergeant Duane Kelliher, Reserve Coordination Section.

Congratulations to all police reserve officers who received awards!

Department Reserve Officer of the Year 1998: Officer Suzie Caron, Van Nuys Area

Reserve Coordinator of the Year 1998: Officer Michelle Eskridge, Pacific Area

Reserve Officers of the Year 1998 from various Divisions and Areas:

- 77<sup>th</sup> Street Area, Chaplain Ferrol Robins
- Air Support Division, Officer John Alpaugh
- Behavioral Science Services, Officer Richard Mikesell
- Central Area , Officer Ester Ancurio
- Central Traffic Division, Officer John Hynes
- Detective Headquarters Division, Officer Kenneth Axelrod
- Devonshire Area, Officer Arline Leonard
- Foothill Area, Officer Roger Andrews
- Harbor Area, Officer Royce Flowers
- Hollenbeck Area, Officer John Valle
- Hollywood Area, Officer Gary Hazel
- Newton Area, Officer Cheryl Behnke
- North Hollywood Area, Officer Apolinar Gutierrez
- Northeast Area, Officer Doug Berger
- Pacific Area, Officer Nathan Jones
- Rampart Area, Officer Thomas Harvey
- Reserve Coordination Section, Officer George Kevanian
- Southeast Area, Officer Michael Goodman
- Southwest Area, Officer Adbullah Karriem
- Uniformed Support Division, Officer Annette Banda
- Valley Traffic Division, Officer Fred Baron
- Van Nuys Area, Officer Suzie Caron
- West Los Angeles Area, Officer Joel Pierce
- West Traffic Division, Officer Alan Donovan
- West Valley Area, Officer Linda Crispin
- Wilshire Area, Officer Gilbert Franco

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