

LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT  
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**“ TO PROTECT AND TO SERVE ”**

**MISSION STATEMENT**

*It is the mission of the Los Angeles Police Department to safeguard the lives and property of the people we serve, to reduce the incidence and fear of crime, and to enhance public safety while working with the diverse communities to improve their quality of life. Our mandate is to do so with honor and integrity, while at all times conducting ourselves with the highest ethical standards to maintain public confidence.*

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*To the members of the community :  
Presented here is the overview of the year 2006.*

Los Angeles crime rate dropped to levels not seen since the 1950's. According to the FBI's Uniform Crime Report, Los Angeles had ranked in 2004, as the third safest city, behind San Diego and New York, among the 10 largest cities in the nation. By mid-year 2005, Los Angeles moved ahead of San Diego for the first time into second place registering 191 Part I crimes per 10,000 residents.

The Blue Ribbon Report's most significant finding was the need for more police officers, a clear call Chief Bratton has made since he took office in October 2002. Mayor Villariagosa and the City Council heard the call and authorized an expansion of 1,000 officers. Their commitment is an important step to bringing about operational and cultural change called for in the report.

The promotion of Assistant Chief Earl Paysinger was significant in a Department that has no shortage of talent. Chief Paysinger has consistently been second to none in his commitment to this Department and to the community he serves. Assistant Chief Paysinger is the highest ranking African-American police officer in the LAPD.

**The following are the highlights of 2006. (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

**Chief Bratton Announces Goals for 2006** – A reduction of Part I Crime by 8%, and traffic collisions by 5%, continue toward full compliance with the Federal Consent Decree, strengthen capabilities to respond to and prevent terrorism and re-engineer systems and add technology to deliver police services more efficiently. (January 5)

**Chief Bratton Announces Promotions** – Chief Bratton promoted Kirk Albanese to Commander. He assumed the command as Assistant Commanding Officer of Operation-West Bureau. Captain Michael Moriarty was promoted to commanding officer of Mission Division. (January 27)

**Chief Bratton Names New Assistant Chief** – Earl Paysinger was promoted to Assistant Chief and becomes the highest ranking African-American police officer in the LAPD. (June 27) (Beat August)

**Chief Bratton Announces Command Staff Promotions** – The assignment and promotion of command staff officers took a few months to be in effect as LAPD managers announced their retirement. (June 29, October 10, December 6) (Beat September)

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## POLICE COMMISSION



**Police Commission announces abridged summaries of Categorical Use of Force Cases** – These summaries were prepared by the Office of the Inspector General and include a summary of the incident and a review of the Police Commission’s findings. (January 25)

**Alarm Classes Offset False Alarm Fees** – Recognizing the demands placed on LAPD officers to respond to burglar alarms and the scarcity of public safety resources, the City revised its Alarm Ordinance in 2004. While the false alarm rate has remained at 97%, the number of alarm calls for service has been reduced significantly since the new policy and ordinance change went into effect. (Beat April)

**Commission Ensures New Radios** – LAPD officers received 1,600 new state-of-the-art hand held and vehicle radios. (Beat July)

**Former Police Commissioner Dies in Traffic Accident** – Melanie Lomax, a former Los Angeles City Police commissioner, died after the car she was driving overturned near her driveway. (September 11)

**Police Commission to Regulate Tow Trucks** – In 1995, the towing industry was deregulated by the Federal government. On January 1, 2007, tow trucks in Los Angeles were once again regulated and the Commission Investigation Division will be the regulator. (Beat December)

## IN MEMORIAM

**Passing of Chief Ed Davis** – Chief Edward Davis joined the LAPD in 1940 and was appointed Chief on August 1969. (April 24) (June Beat)

**Los Angeles Police Officers Mourned the Loss of Officer Landon Dorris** – Officer Dorris was investigating a minor traffic collision when he was struck by a vehicle. Burger King held fundraisers for the Dorris family. (October 22 and 26, November 1 and 28) (Beat December)

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## CONSENT DECREE

**Chief Bratton Reacts to Blue Ribbon Report** – The Blue Ribbon Reports’ most significant finding was the need for more police officers. (July 13) (Beat August)

## MILESTONES

**LAPD Announces Crime Down Again in 2005** – Chief Bratton announced the Los Angeles crime rate continues to drop to levels not seen since the 1950’s. In 2005, a preliminary crime rate of 364 Part I crimes per 10,000 residents, a decrease of more than 16% from 2004. Total Part I crimes dropped 14% from 2004. Violent crime dropped 26.8% while property crime dropped 9.6%. (January 4 and 5)

**Celebratory Gunfire at All-time Low** – Only 145 reports were made to the police 911 center in 2005, compared to the 376 reported in 2004, a reduction of 61%. Officers made nine arrests for shooting in the air, across the City. They made 21 other gun arrests, for the period between 6 PM and 3 AM New Year’s Day. Officers seized 13 guns. (January 4)

**LAPD Handles Cellular 911 Calls Citywide** – All Los Angeles 911 calls made from cellular telephones were previously automatically sent to California Highway Patrol centers. Now in select areas of the City, cellular 911 calls will be routed directly to the LAPD. The completion of this project was completed in the month of November. (January 11, November 14)

**Reception Celebrates Legacy of Policewoman** – In September of 1910, Alice Stebbins Wells convinced the City Council to appoint her to the LAPD to assist with cases involving women and children. As the first female police officer in the nation, Wells’ duties encompassed supervision and enforcement of laws pertaining to dance halls, skating rinks and picture shows, among other places of public recreation. (Beat January)

**\$1 Million Marijuana Bust** – Narcotics detectives assigned to LAPD Rampart Police Station and federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) agents seized more than 1,000 pounds of marijuana and a cache of guns and money. Eight Jamaicans were arrested for felony possession of marijuana for sales. (April 7)

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**Entertainment Trademark Unit, Puts Shine Back on The Badge** – This specialized unit focuses on investigating and regulating works that include LAPD reference. While mainly ensuring external entities do not compromise the Department's integrity or infringe upon its intellectual property rights, the unit also serves a broader purpose - to crack down on the falsification of badges for the purpose of impersonating LAPD officers. (Beat June)

**Spanish Language Campaign** – The Department continues its groundbreaking approach to community outreach that has brought criminals to justice and strengthened ties between the Department and the City's Spanish-speaking population. In collaboration with such influential organizations as Univision KMEX 34 and Telemundo KVEA 52, the Department has secured maximum exposure in millions of households. (Beat November)

**Air Support Division 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open House** – For the LAPD, what started out as a unique approach to monitoring traffic on a rapidly expanding freeway system in 1956, has grown into the largest municipal airborne law enforcement operation in the world. During the past 50 years Air Support Division has evolved into the model other law enforcement agencies have adopted. (December 6) (Beat January 2007)

## COLLABORATIONS

**International Fraud Ring Broken** – The LAPD served arrest warrants in the culmination of a 14 month long investigation, which led from Los Angeles to the Republic of Georgia, unmasking a Glendale-based non-profit charity operating as a front for fraud and stolen cars. Global Human Services was a registered non-profit charity with the State of California until February 2004, when their license was suspended. (February 15)

**LAPD Announced Multi-Agency Identity Theft Sting** – Detectives seized a large quantity of evidence, including computer equipment, identity profiles of victims, counterfeit checks, and records of extensive wire and real estate fraud. They also seized 10 weapons; 3 assault rifles, shotgun and 6 handguns. An estimated two gallons of PCP and a small amount of marijuana were also seized. The arrest of 17 identity theft suspects believed to be part of a multi-million dollar identity theft ring. (March 7, April 13)

**One way Celebration 2006 Mentor Recruitment** – This new program was designed to encourage high school students to stay in school. Organizers hope through the influence of Community mentors to elicit 500 mentors who will be divided amongst two Los Angeles area high schools. The program is a collaborative effort between, LAPD, LAUSD, Recreation and Parks, Catholic Big Brothers and United for Christ. (April 5)

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**Joint Operations Field Training Exercise** – The exercise simulated the aftermath of an 8.0 earthquake in Los Angeles. The goal was to quickly stabilize the impacted area and provide medical support, search and rescue, food and water distribution, and aircraft refueling. (July 18 and 20)

**1<sup>st</sup> Annual Law Enforcement Intelligence Conference** – LAPD, Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department, and FBI held the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Law Enforcement Intelligence Conference at the University of Southern California. The Joint Regional Intelligence Center (JRIC) will provide a platform for federal, state, and local law enforcement to collect and share criminal information and intelligence. (July 26)

**Teen C-PAB Harbor** – A new voice emerged in community policing. Team C-PAB is composed of a group of 40 middle and high school students dedicated to addressing youth-related challenges and concerns. Teen C-PAB has been successful as a vehicle for expression, analysis, and action. The group’s motto, “Doing the Hard Right, Instead of the Easy Wrong.” Monthly meetings are held at the Boys & Girls Club of the Los Angeles Harbor to engage in discussions on a variety of topics, including crime, violence, safety, community-building, and law enforcement. (Beat July)

**Department Curbs Alcohol-Related Crime with Grant** – The Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) disbursed a sum of \$3 million to forty-one California law enforcement agencies to minimize alcohol sales to minors, while maximizing liquor-law education in the business sector. (Beat September)

**Cats Rescued by Animal Cruelty Task Force** – Officers from the LAPD Animal Cruelty Task Force, in partnership with the Los Angeles Department of Animal Services, rescued 29 cats and kittens from a Valley residence. (October 26)

**Skid Row Drug Dealers new Target** – Chief Bratton and Los Angeles County District Attorney Steve Cooley partnered to implement an interagency plan that targets Skid Row drug dealers. The aggressive new strategy seeks to ban convicted drug dealers from the heart of Skid Row. (Beat November)

**Community Forum on Gang Crime in Canoga Park** – The San Fernando Valley Coalition on Gangs is a community coalition of stakeholders, made up of schools, businesses, neighborhood organizations, city government agencies, and homeowner groups. The coalition was originally organized by the LAPD, recognizing that police departments cannot solve the gang problem alone. (October 24)

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## TASK FORCE

**Aggressive New Task Force-Animal Cruelty** – To break the link between animal cruelty and violent crime against people, the Department in collaboration with the office of Councilmember Tony Cardenas, launched the Animal Cruelty Task Force (ACTF). The task force represents a cutting edge strategy to prevent, reduce, and punish animal abuse including gang related blood sports such as dog and cock fighting. (Beat January)

**Crenshaw Cruiser Task Force** – The purpose of the task force was to enforce all laws, to apprehend violators and ensure public safety. The enforcement efforts were directed at all individuals involved in the cruising, whether they were active participants or spectators. (May 6)

**LAPD Internet Crimes Against Children Unit** – The City of Los Angeles was awarded a grant to operate the Los Angeles Regional Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Unit, which will operate out of LAPD's Juvenile Division. (June 13)

**LAPD Trick Task Force Operation** – LAPD officers arrested 13 persons related to prostitution activities near Sepulveda Boulevard and Rayen Street in North Hills. Undercover female police officers posed as prostitutes on the street and arrested violators who stopped and solicited them for sex. (September 9)

**LAPD Leads Multi-Agency Truancy Task Force in South Los Angeles** – The task force was formed to combat truancy and the crimes often committed by children who should be in school-vandalism, theft, burglary and robbery. Partnering with the City Attorney's Office, the Probation Department, the Department of Children and Family Services, and the Department of Mental Health, the operation also sought to address the underlying social issues that contribute to truancy. (November 8)

## TECHNOLOGY

**New Year, New Notebooks** – Laying the foundation for the future of Department technology, the Information and Communications Services Bureau installed 1,550 Dell Mobile Data Computers (MDC). These new notebook computers replaced Mobile Digital Terminals (MDT) in patrol and traffic vehicles including hybrids. (Beat January)

**E-Policing, New Web-bases Resource** – The Department launched an E-policing program to serve as a vehicle for mass communication and to strengthen Los Angeles communities. This new web-based resource brings community policing home with timely crime alerts, neighborhood watch information, town-hall meeting announcements, and other relevant news. (Beat March and November)

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**Tech-Driven Partnership Cuts Time, Cost** – Through a cooperative venture with DeVry University of Technology, Central Traffic Division set up a new DUI report maker computer program that cuts reporting time by about half an hour. (Beat March)

**Photo-Red Light Intersections Redux** – The Department announced the reactivation of ten intersections equipped with new Photo-Red Light monitoring systems, which record vehicle license plates that run red lights. (April 4, June 6 and 7, August 14 and 15, September 13, November 17) (Beat August)

**Shocking New Program sure to Make Hearts Race** – Striking more than 340,000 victims annually or nearly 1,000 people a day, sudden cardiac arrest remains among the leading causes of death in the United States. Recognizing this dire reality, the City kicked off the Public Access Defibrillation (PAD) program. The public safety campaign aims to save lives via use of Automated External Defibrillators. (Beat April)

**LAPD Unveils BLOG** – The blog will give real-time, unfiltered information directly to the public. Readers will be able to exchange their own ideas and opinions about the LAPD. The blog can be accessed directly at [www.LAPDBlog.org](http://www.LAPDBlog.org) (May 12) (Beat June)

**New Identification Badges for Security System Upgrade** – In keeping with the Department's security system upgrade, Facilities Management Division issued new Universal Identification cards to LAPD personnel - sworn and civilian. Improvements are being funded by a Homeland Security grant secured by Facilities Management Division. (Beat June)

**New Training Simulator Offers More Realistic Scenarios** – The Integrated Electronic System (IES) is the latest and most modern training simulator available to law enforcement today. The simulator allows the Department to create and customize its own tactical scenarios, simulating real-world field situations encountered by officers every day. (Beat September)

**Critical to Crime Fighting, DNA Faces Formidable Challenges** – Southern California law enforcement leaders gathered to tout the importance of DNA analysis in crime fighting at the 5<sup>th</sup> annual DNA Awareness Week symposium. The daylong conference, held at California State University, Los Angeles drew more than 500 attendees, including police officers, deputies, prosecutors, and physicians. (Beat October)

**LA Welcomes Department of Homeland Security, Hosts Unveiling of TRIPwire** – A new federal program aimed to improve information-sharing among local, state, and federal law enforcement. TRIPwire is designed to bring technical and operational information on terrorist tactics, Techniques and procedures to the desktops of officers and agents involved in bombing prevention. (November 2 and 3)

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**GPS Catches Sex Offender on School Property** – A Global Positioning Satellite System (GPS) led to the arrest of a high-risk sex offender who trespassed on an elementary school campus in violation of his parole. (November 11)

**LAPD Adds Podcasts to Website** – LAPD unveiled audio podcasting as a part of its website, LAPDOnline.org, and its blog. The first podcast added was Chief Bratton's news conference at which he addressed a spate of video-taped arrests. (November 16)

## NEW BUILDINGS

**Hollenbeck Station Closes Its Doors** – The police station will be demolished to make room for a new and improved state of the art police station. (March 30)

**New Jail Facility in the Works** – Construction crews broke ground at the corner of Temple and Los Angeles Streets for the new Metropolitan Detention Center (MDC). The new Detention Center will be approximately 179,000 square feet and will include state-of-the-art technology. (Beat March)

**LAPD Breaks Ground for the Mid-City Station** – The 20<sup>th</sup> LAPD Station, constructed with funds from Proposition Q, will be a modern state-of-the-art facility. This new station will provide police service to approximately 139,000 citizens in a square mile area encompassing the communities of Koreatown, Pico Union, Wilshire Center and the Country Club Park area. (May 1)

**Announcement for Ground Breaking of 21<sup>st</sup> Police Station** – LAPD's new 21<sup>st</sup> Police Station will serve the northwest San Fernando Valley area. (May 10) (Beat July)

**LAPD Mission Division Open Their Doors** – LAPD Mission Division celebrates the first year of service to the community. (June 9)

**Rampart Area Replacement Police Station** – Work on the \$38.8 million Rampart Area replacement police station continues. The new building, located on the old Central Receiving Hospital site, will replace the existing Rampart Station. (Beat June)

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**New Harbor Station “Topping Off Ceremony”** – A “topping off ceremony” is typically done by the contractor for personnel involved in the project. The name comes from when the building is about 50% completed, has a roof (top) and work can continue regardless of adverse weather conditions. Dignitaries and City officials signed their name on a piece of steel beam and the beam will be mounted to the structure. (September 27)

**Regional Crime Lab in the Works** – This state-of-the art facility offers investigators sophisticated equipment to handle the backlog of DNA samples taken from prisoners. (Beat October)

**New Harbor Station “Topped Out”** – A construction industry custom marks the moment at which the structure’s last steel beam is hoisted into place. The station will also house a 60 prisoner jail. (Beat November)

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**LAPD Sends Detectives to UK for Training** – Three LAPD detectives attended the United Kingdom’s Crime Academy, based at Hendon, for specialized training as Family Liaison Officers. The training provided the detectives with tools to help them more effectively deal with victims’ families. (March 28)

**LA Awarded \$80.6 Million Homeland Security Grant** – The U.S. Department of Homeland Security awarded the Los Angeles Urban Area, anchored by the City of Los Angeles, \$80.6 million in Urban Area Security Initiative grant funds. Funds will boost local efforts to better prevent, prepare, respond, and recover from acts of terrorism or mass disaster. (Beat August)

**Homeland Security Advisors Announce, Chief Among Them** – To circumvent foreseeable homeland security and disaster preparedness issues, the Mayor assembled an expert committee of diverse civic leaders, Chief Bratton among them. (Beat April)

**Reporting for Duty Sir!** – In keeping with his continuing efforts to support LAPD personnel serving in the Armed Forces Guard and Reserve, Chief Bratton meets one-on-one with employees prior to long-term military deployment. (Beat August)

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**Department Counters Regional Terrorism via Collaborative Intelligence** – With Southern California believed to be a primary terrorist target, the Department and other local, state and federal authorities took a pivotal step toward safeguarding the public with the introduction of one of the first regional intelligence centers in the nation. The Los Angeles Joint Regional Intelligence Center (JRIC), located in Norwalk, is designed to identify and address terrorism threats and other criminal activity. (Beat September)

**9/11 Remembered** – Civic leaders gathered at the Frank Hotchkin Memorial Training Center in Elysian Park to commemorate the fifth anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks. Chief Bratton, Fire Chief William Bamattre, Mayor Villaraigosa and Governor Schwarzenegger were among those at the remembrance ceremony. (Beat October)

**Holiday Cheer for Active Duty Military Personnel** – Department employees reached out to their law enforcement family members on long-term military duty around the country and throughout the world in the National Guard and the Armed Forces Reserves. Employees wrote letters and visited family members, letting them all know they are on our minds during the holiday season. (October Beat)

## E V E N T S

**35th Annual Police Celebrity Golf Tournament** – The tournament, which teams corporate sponsors with celebrities and officers, was a fun-filled day on the course for golf enthusiasts and celebrity watchers. (May 11) (Beat April and July)

**LAPD and LAFD Help Fight Childhood Cancer** – On Saint Patrick's Day, Los Angeles City Fire and Police Personnel participated in their third annual combined Saint Baldrick's Event. Participants, or "shavees" as they are known, collected pledges from friends and family in exchange for shaving their heads. The bald heads signify solidarity with the child victims of cancer, who often lose their hair while undergoing treatment. All money raised goes to the Saint Baldrick's Foundation, and is distributed to doctors and other researchers on the front lines of the war on childhood cancer. (March 15)

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**National Dispatchers Week** – In 1992, President George H. Bush established National Dispatchers' Week to honor police dispatchers for providing vital emergency services to their community nationwide. In 2005 Los Angeles Police Dispatchers, known as Police Service Representatives (PSRs) provided dispatching services for police officers and answered 3.5 million calls for service from the public. (March 30)(Beat April)

**22nd Annual Baker to Vegas** – 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. (Beat March and June)

**Progressive Partnership, LAPD Sponsors Gay Games VII** – Dedicated to creating a diverse and inclusive workforce, the LAPD has set precedent as the first major metropolitan police department to serve as a sponsor for the Gay Games which were hosted in Chicago. (Beat March)

**Police Unity Tour "We Ride For Those Who Died"** – In commemoration of National Police Week, a dozen riders from the Police Unity Tour's cross-country relay team rode bicycles from Los Angeles to Florham Park, New Jersey then to the sight of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C. (April 14 and May 15) (Beat April)

**LAPD Hosts 7<sup>th</sup> Annual LEAPS Conference** – The topic for this years Law Enforcement and Private Security (LEAPS) was "Self-sufficiency following a critical incident," the importance of being prepared following a disaster. (May 8)

**Candlelight Vigil to Honor LAPD Officers and Families of Fallen Heroes** – The men and women of the LAPD, family members of fallen officers and community members gathered at the Ahmanson Recruit Training Center to honor LAPD Officers killed in the line of duty. This was the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Candlelight Vigil. (May 17)

**KidCop 2006 in Wilmington** – Hundreds of first and second grade children got a taste of what it might be like to be a Los Angeles police officer at the first ever KidCop 2006 in San Pedro. Children from local elementary schools were fingerprinted, ran a mini obstacle course and took an oath to be a good citizen in the future. The kids met local police officers and explored police equipment on display. The Mounted Unit, SWAT, Air Support and bike officers were all on hand for the children. (May 25)

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**2006 Safe and Sober Operation** – Between June 20, 2006, and June 30, 2006, an estimated 27,000 students graduated from Los Angeles Unified School District. The Department encourages students to celebrate without the use of alcohol or drugs. In order to save the lives of underage individuals and curtail the availability of alcoholic beverages to them, the LAPD conducted the Minor Decoy and Shoulder Tap Operation at a number of Alcoholic Beverages Control (ABC) locations throughout the City of Los Angeles. (May 30)

**30 Years and Above Certificate and Service Pin Presentation Ceremony** – The achievement of 30 Years or more of service is an accomplishment that deserves special recognition. (May 30)

**Recognition Day** – Acts of bravery, heroism and service performed by Department employees, were honored at the 26<sup>th</sup> Recognition Day Awards Ceremony at the Los Angeles Sports Arena. More than 160 sworn and civilian, active and retired, received medals before an audience of City leaders, Police Commissioners, Department Command Staff, family and friends. (Beat June)

**Custodian Appreciation Day** – LAPD custodians enjoyed a luncheon in recognition of Custodian Appreciation Day. The luncheon was a show of gratitude for personnel who maintain the cleanliness and appearance of Parker Center. (Beat June)

**23<sup>rd</sup> Annual National Night Out** – National Night Out is an annual and national event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, the Los Angeles Police Department and several nation-wide law enforcement agencies. The initiative celebrates police-community partnerships, neighborhood camaraderie and public-safety successes. (July 20 and 25) (Beat September)

**LAPD Essay Contest** – Ten LAPD Essay Contest winners enjoyed a mid-morning awards breakfast in the Rock Garden at the Elysian Park Police Academy. The middle school students were recognized for writing thought-evoking works about how they as LAPD officers would curb criminal behaviors in youth. (Beat July)

**41st Medal of Valor** – Thirteen officers received the Department's highest honor, the Medal of Valor. This award is bestowed on officers who distinguish themselves by conspicuous bravery or heroism above and beyond the normal demands of police service. They were also honored at a Los Angeles Kings game and a Dodgers game. (September 1 and October 8) (Beat August, September, and October)

**Cops for Tots** – The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Cops for Tots Car Show took place at the Police Academy. The event benefits children's charities of Los Angeles. (Beat October)

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**Women's Leadership Conference** – This year's event featured several prominent guest speakers who shared creative insights on career development and leadership, among them was Chief of Police Gwendolyn V. Boyd, North Miami Police Department; Chief of Police Marilyn Diaz, Sierra Madre Police Department; and Sheriff Sue Rahr, King County Sheriff's Department, Washington. (Beat September)

**Jack Webb Awards** – Hosted by the Los Angeles Police Historical Society at the Sheraton Universal Hotel, four honorees received this prestigious award which recognized sustained support for law enforcement. (Beat October)

**Chief Kicks-Off Annual LAPD Community Toy/Book Drive** – At the start of the holiday season, the LAPD and the communities we serve joined forces to donate unwrapped toys and new or gently used books for the many under privileged children in the Los Angeles area. (December 3 and 4)

**New Year's Weekend DUI Enforcement** – LAPD officers arrested 12,943 DUI drivers during 2005. During the same time period there were 2,583 collisions involving DUI drivers. 119 DUI victims were either seriously injured or killed in the City of Los Angeles. (December 27)

**New Year's Eve Gunfire Reduction Campaign** – The LAPD and LASD remind local residents to keep New Year's Eve celebrations safe by not engaging in celebratory gunfire. A steady decline in gunfire started 15 years ago with a change in the law, which made it a felony for anyone to recklessly shoot in the air. The change gave police the power to arrest the alleged shooter even though the officers did not see the actual gun fire. (December 28)

**Crystal Angel Awards 7<sup>th</sup> True Blue Event** – Four Los Angeles police officers were recognized at the Los Angeles Police Foundation's Annual True Blue fundraising event at Paramount Studios. The officers were awarded the Crystal Angel Award, an acknowledgement earned for demonstrating superior work in community policing. (October 18) (Beat December)

## AWARDS

**LAPD Lauded for Making L.A. Second Safest U.S. City** – The Department kicked off 2006 with the lowest crime rate in 50 years. The 19% decline in Part I Crime, experienced over a three-year period, makes Los Angeles the second safest largest city in America, of cities with populations greater than one million. This is after adopting the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting guidelines. (Beat February)

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**1<sup>st</sup> Annual Italian American Achievement Awards** – San Pedro’s La Piazza Italian Cultural Center hosted its first Italian-American Achievement Awards Ceremony. The LAPD’s Assistant Chief Sharon Papa and actor Joe Mantegna were honored for their contributions to Los Angeles Italian American community. (Beat February)

**Canine Handlers Top Dogs** – Recognizing the value of this workforce, the Department has partnered with the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) via the National Explosives Detection Canine Team Program. (Beat August)

**LAPD Motorcycle Officers Shine at State-wide Competition** – The LAPD motorcycle team captured the gold and bronze medals at the California Police Motorcycle Rodeo and Skills Competition. (October 13) (Beat November)

**Governor Awards State’s Highest Award to LAPD Officers** – Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger awarded six California peace officers with California’s Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor, the state’s highest award for valor. Four of the six officers honored were Los Angeles police officers. (November 29)

**Police Foundation Awarded Grant from Annenberg Foundation** – The Los Angeles Police Foundation received a \$1 million grant from the Annenberg Foundation. The grant advance the creations of the Los Angeles based, anti-terrorism academy for law enforcement officers and serves as seen funding for virtual leadership training. (Beat November)

## HIGH PROFILE MEDIA CASES

**Exhibition of Thousands of Stolen Jeans** – A commercial burglary occurred where approximately \$100,000 worth of 501 Levi Jeans (4,000 pairs) were taken. (February 15)

**Protecting the Protectors** – Suspects shot at police officers in the City of Los Angeles five times in the first few weeks of the year. Arrests were made in three of the five incidents. A number of similar incidents occurred across the county and the state. (February 23) (Beat April)

**Weekend Assaults on LAPD Officers** – LAPD officers were assaulted with guns in three separate incidents in Watts. Officers fired at suspects in two of the incidents, hitting one gunman. (May 24)

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**LAPD Officer Kristina Ripatti Critically Injured in shooting with Armed Robbery**

**Suspect** – Officer Ripatti and her partner Officer Joe Meyer were in the area of La Salle and Leighton Avenues when a man ran directly in front of their patrol car. The officers slowed their vehicle to avoid hitting him, exited the vehicle and followed the suspect, 52 year-old James McNeal. As McNeal reached the front porch of a nearby residence, he turned and pointed a gun at officers and fired. An officer involved shooting occurred. McNeal was struck in the torso and died at the scene. Officer Ripatti was hit twice by the suspect’s gunfire. One bullet went through Ripatti’s arm, and the second one entered her chest near the armpit, above her ballistic vest. There were numerous fundraising events in support of Officer Ripatti, including the unveiling of a new home completed by Extreme Home Makeover. (June 4, June 6, June 13, and December 11) (Beat July, August, October, and November)

**LAPD Unveils 20 Murder Convictions** – Chief Bratton highlighted 20 of the most prominent arrests and convictions for murder. The 20 men’s sentences totaled over 800 years in State prison. The average age of the 20 men was 22 years. The oldest defendant was 32 years old at the time of his crime and the youngest was 16 years old. Two of the defendants received life sentences without the possibility of parole. (June 9)

**Northeast Area Crime Trend Spirals Downward** – Focusing on some of the most prolific criminals in the City, Northeast Area police officers and detectives slashed crime by 16 percent following the apprehension of four career criminals. (August Beat)

**More than Just Stolen Property** – Detectives served a search warrant at a single-family residence in the 800 block of East 112<sup>th</sup> Street, known as the neighborhood “candy store.” It was a neighborhood department store with stolen and illegal property inside of it. Investigators walked into the backyard, saw a small department store type setup with isles of tools, fake designer clothing, televisions, stereos, video games and other electronic equipment. In addition, a shelved snack bar stocked with candy and chips had liquor and 50 small plastic bags of marijuana displayed for sale. (July 19 and 21, October 30)

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**Police Ambushed, One Officer Shot** – The passenger in a black Honda charged police officers, as he fired at them with an AK-47 assault rifle. One officer was seriously injured, while the second officer returned fire, injuring the gunman. The gunman and the driver were both arrested. Officers involved were John Porras and James Tuck from Hollenbeck Division. (August 13 and 14) (Beat September)

**Detectives Nab Burglary Ring** – A number of arrests were made in connection with residential burglaries that occurred in the Van Nuys and West Valley areas of the San Fernando Valley. Detectives from the LAPD Commercial Crimes Division Field Enforcement Element (FEE) learned of the burglaries and developed information indicating gang members from south Los Angeles were committing the crimes. (September 29)

**Dumping of Hospital Patients on Skid Row** – Video footage was shown which documented the issue of individuals being dropped off in the Skid Row area. (October 24)

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