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.
As 2013 draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to say Thank You to the men and women of the Los Angeles Police Department. Your hard work and dedication has us on pace to achieve an eleventh straight year of crime reduction in the City of Los Angeles. This is a tremendous achievement. The people of our great City are the safest they have been in decades and that is thanks in no small part to you. Your professionalism and commitment to constitutional policing throughout the year have made all the difference.

Thank you for a job well done!

Excerpt from Chief’s December 2013 message

The Board of Police Commissioners sets policies for the Los Angeles Police Department and oversees its operations. Commissioners are appointed by the Mayor and approved by the Los Angeles City Council.

"We're going to keep up the momentum on crime to make every L.A. neighborhood safer and more prosperous," Mayor Garcetti said. "Job creation is one of my top priorities, but a strong L.A. economy isn't possible without public safety. When our streets are safe, businesses grow, tourists visit, and our communities and families thrive.” On August 14, 2013, Mayor Eric Garcetti announced his appointments to the Board of Police Commissioners.
Steve Soboroff
Steve Soboroff, chairman of the board of directors of the Weingart Foundation is a past chairman and CEO of Playa Vista, a state-of-the-art residential and recreational complex. Previously, he was the senior advisor to the California Science Center on its NASA project to bring the Space Shuttle Endeavour to L.A. He is chair of the Maccabiah Games Committee of 18, chair of the Leavy Center for the Study of Los Angeles at Loyola Marymount University, a senior fellow and member of the advisory board at UCLA's Luskin School of Public Affairs and a member of the USC Price School of Public Policy Board of Councillors. He served as Los Angeles Mayor Richard Riordan’s senior advisor and the Los Angeles Recreation and Parks Commission president.

Sandra Figueroa-Villa
Sandra Figueroa-Villa has been the executive director of El Pueblo del Centro since 1980. She is a member of the First 5 LA Commission and previously served on the Los Angeles Children, Youth and Family Commission, the Los Angeles Unified School District Redistricting Commission, and the board of the Mia St. John Foundation.

Kathleen Kim
Kathleen Kim is a professor of law at Loyola Law School. Previously, she worked for the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights in San Francisco, and in 2005, she became the inaugural Immigrants’ Rights Teaching Fellow at Stanford Law School. Kim currently co-directs the Anti-Trafficking Litigation Assistance and Support Team and was a gubernatorial appointee to the California Alliance to Combat

Robert Saltzman
Robert M. Saltzman was appointed to the Los Angeles Board of Police Commissioners in 2007 by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa. He previously served on the Los Angeles City Ethics Commission from 2005 to 2007. Saltzman has served as associate dean of the Gould School of Law at USC since 1988. He is currently on the board of directors for the Gay and Lesbian Leadership Institute and previously was a member of the board of directors of the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund.
LAPD Takes Back Unwanted Prescription Drugs in Conjunction with Kaiser Permanente

On April 27, 2013, the LAPD and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) gave the public another opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. The public was asked to bring medications to disposal collection sites throughout the City. The public service was free and anonymous, with no questions asked. In another collection event on Oct. 26, 2013, five Kaiser Permanente drop-off locations within the City of Los Angeles collected 1,177 pounds of prescription drugs. DEA collection events were also occurring at more than 4,100 other sites in October, with the help of state and local law enforcement partners. For the month of October, Americans turned in 647,000 pounds—324 tons—of prescription drugs. On the seven previous collection events combined, the DEA and its partners collected over 3.4 million pounds, more than 1,700 tons of prescription drugs. (NA – April 24)

2013 Gun Buyback Program

In 2013, there were two gun buyback events: one on May 4 and one on December 14. As a cooperative effort between LAPD and the Mayor’s Office of Gang Reduction and Youth Development, the events aim to reward voluntary surrender of firearms while engaging the community in a common goal of reducing gun violence. For both events, four neutral collection locations were established in Central Los Angeles, the Harbor area, Van Nuys, and South Los Angeles where individuals were able to surrender their firearms—no questions asked. Collection results yielded 1,172 firearms collected in May and 817 collected in December, for a grand total of nearly 1,989. (NA – May 3)

International PredPol Day of Action

On August 14, 2013, predictive policing (PredPol) technology in the LAPD took on international proportions with the announcement of a collaboration between the Department’s Foothill Division and the Kent Police Department in the United Kingdom. The collaboration also included other U.S. law enforcement agencies. The PredPol concept, developed by the Kent Police Department, focuses on zones within the division and has multiple facets: officers teaming with public safety and community groups, participation in neighborhood meetings and directed patrols, all of which utilize PredPol maps to identify targeted crime categories in the zones. The use of PredPol’s crime forecasting has assisted in bringing crime down in Foothill Area over the past two years. (NA – August 14)
LAPD and Los Angeles County District Attorney Announce Multiple Arrests in Hollywood Area

A major collaboration between the LAPD and Organized Crime Division of the Los Angeles County District Attorney’s Office to investigate gang members suspected of subjecting various Hollywood business owners to extortion resulted in over 25 arrests. As far back as 2007, the business owners had been forced to pay fees to gang members for “rent” and “taxes” or face dire consequences. On March 14, multiple warrants were served simultaneously within Hollywood and Los Angeles County, resulting in the arrest of all outstanding suspects related to the investigation. (NR – March 16)

LAPD Hosts Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning (LGBTQ) Community Forum

On April 11, 2013, LAPD hosted the LGBTQ forum for an opportunity to engage in open dialogue with members of the LGBTQ community within the City of Los Angeles. Chief Beck addressed the continuing efforts made by the LAPD to strengthen partnerships with the LGBTQ community in a spirit of respect and dignity. Other topics of discussion included LAPD’s jail policies, operations, police training and education. These forums continue into 2014 and will occur periodically, maintaining open lines of communication between the Department and LGBTQ community. (NA – April 9)

LAPD Hosts Muslim Community Forum

On September 19, 2013, Chief Charlie Beck, joined by numerous LAPD command staff members and LAPD Inspector General Alexander Bustamante, hosted a Muslim Community Forum. The event, which was directed to a group of Muslim business and community leaders, was designed to further the Department’s commitment of reaching out to the many diverse City communities in a spirit of openness and transparency. Muslim community forums have continued into 2014 to maintain open lines of communication between the Department and Muslim community. (NA – September 17)

Interfaith News Conference Promotes Unity and Faith

On September 27, 2013, intense international violence prompted LAPD Chief Charlie Beck to join City officials and Human Relations Commission members, along with local faith leaders to deliver a message of partnership, peace, solidarity and affirmation of religious freedoms and respect along all sectarian lines. It was a strong show of support with a simple message: no forms of bias, intolerance or violence directed at any of the City’s multi-religious communities and their members are acceptable. (NA – September 24)
The Anti-Defamation League to Honor Members of Law Enforcement Names LAPD Detective to Receive Award for Arresting Suspects Wanted for Local Hate Crime

At an Anti-Defamation League ceremony on March 12, 2013, Detective Ray Webb from LAPD’s Devonshire Division and Los Angeles Deputy City Attorney Ayelet Feiman were honored with the league’s Sherman Prize for investigating and prosecuting a hate crime incident that took place on April 2, 2012. During the incident, a Jewish family’s home was vandalized with human feces, swastikas and the word “Jew” drawn in maple syrup. The juvenile suspects were sent to a teen court program and the mother of one of the suspects was charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor. (NR – March 13)

The Anti-Defamation League, founded in 1913, is one of the nation’s premier human relations and civil rights organizations, fighting anti-Semitism and bigotry of all kinds. The league celebrated its centennial in 2013 with the theme Imagine a World Without Hate™. The Sherwood Prize recognizes law enforcement officials that go above and beyond their job descriptions in combating extremism, bigotry, and hatred. (NR – March 13)

President Barack Obama to Present LAPD Officers with the National Association of Police Organizations “Top Cop” Award

On May 11, 2013, President Barack Obama awarded 12 LAPD officers with the National Association of Police Organizations 2013 TOP COPS, recognizing their exemplary skill, courage and professionalism under pressure. The ceremony took place at the White House where LAPD officers from Rampart, Olympic and Metropolitan Division were recognized for the apprehension of a violent and dangerous carjacking suspect on September 11, 2012. (NA – May 13)

$1.5 Million Grant Promotes Traffic Safety Enforcement

In November 2013, the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, awarded the LAPD a grant for $1.5 million to fund a year-long program aimed at preventing deaths and injuries on City roadways through special enforcement and public awareness efforts. The grant awarded to the LAPD would supplement the Department’s ongoing effort to improve traffic safety and quality of life through enforcement and education. Specifically, the grant supports the following activities (NR – December 3):

- Specialized DUI and drugged-driving training such as Standardized Field Sobriety Testing, Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement and Drug Recognition Evaluation
- DUI Saturation Patrols
- Motorcycle safety enforcement
- Distracted driving enforcement
- Speed, right of way and pedestrian traffic enforcement
- Compilation of DUI “Hot Sheets” to identify the most egregious DUI offenders
Ceremony Honors Valley Traffic Division Officers Who Made the Ultimate Sacrifice

On January 24, 2013, LAPD’s Valley Traffic Division (VTD) hosted a memorial ceremony to honor seven VTD officers who were killed in the line of duty from 1973 to 1994. During the ceremony, a 20-foot-tall artistic monument was unveiled. Incorporated in the monument are glass squares with an inscription of each fallen officer’s name.

DEA/LAPD Conduct Massive West Coast Oxycontin Sweep

Early on the morning of February 28, 2013, the Drug Enforcement Administration and the LAPD, in conjunction with the Spokane Regional Drug Task Force (SRDTF), led a large-scale enforcement action relating to the distribution, possession and attempted possession of oxycodone hydrochloride, in violation of the Federal Controlled Substances Act. The enforcement action targeted a criminal organization spanning from Los Angeles to Eastern Washington. Hundreds of law enforcement officials, including federal agents and state and local officers executed 30 federal search warrants in Los Angeles and 17 in Washington state. As a result, 41 subjects were taken into custody on federal charges, 28 of which were in Los Angeles (two of the 28 were already in California State custody). Additionally, LAPD arrested three subjects pursuant to California State arrest warrants in a separate but related investigation.

LAPD Internet Crimes Against Children Taskforce Arrests Suspect for Substantial Distribution of Child Pornography

In early May, the LAPD Juvenile Division’s Los Angeles Internet Crimes Against Children (LA ICAC) Taskforce arrested Alvaro Rosas, a suspect wanted for distributing child pornography. The suspect was discovered trading large amounts of child pornography on the Internet, with digital evidence containing hundreds of files depicting child sexual exploitation found at his residence. Investigators were able to confirm that dozens of the videos and photos they uncovered were juvenile pornography.
The Dorner Incident

On February 3, 2013, a man and woman in Irvine, California, who were romantically involved, were found senselessly murdered near the condominium where they resided. Little did anyone know at the time that their tragic fate was the beginning of what Chief Beck would describe as a “reign of terror.”

And so was the genesis of a murderous rampage by ex-LAPD Officer Christopher Jordan Dorner, certainly one of the most disturbing and challenging series of events the LAPD has ever faced. Before Dorner would no longer be a threat, he would fatally shoot Keith Lawrence and Monica Quan of Irvine, Riverside Police Officer Michael Crain and San Bernardino Sheriff’s Deputy Jeremiah MacKay. With gunfire, he would also graze an LAPD officer and seriously injure a Riverside Police Department officer and a San Bernardino Sheriff’s deputy.

Task forces were created that included the Irvine Police Department, Riverside Police Department, San Bernardino Sheriff’s Department, Federal Bureau of Investigation and the U.S. Marshal Service. As law enforcement agencies pooled their resources together, Chief Beck vowed that Dorner would be “held accountable for his evil actions.” A manhunt, unlike anything seen in recent times in the area, was in full operation, with Southern California law
enforcement personnel and ordinary citizens alike on edge. Even a reward from the Mayor’s Office to the tune of $1 million was on the table.

Finally, on February 12, 2013, in the midst of a huge perimeter and surrounded by dozens of officers from multiple agencies, Dorner barricaded himself inside a San Bernardino mountain cabin and would never be seen alive again. As a fire began to consume the cabin, a single gunshot rang out, and a charred body, later identified as Dorner’s, was discovered inside.

“The families that have been devastated by his actions will never be the same,” said Chief Beck. “By all accounts, the Los Angeles Police Department has made tremendous strides in gaining the trust and confidence of the people we serve. Dorner’s actions may have caused a pause in our increasingly positive relationship with the community, but they will not stop our commitment to provide courteous, professional and constitutional policing to each individual this Department makes contact with.”
Parker Center Officially Closes

On January 15, 2013, a nostalgic ceremony took place in front of Parker Center at 150 N. Los Angeles Street to formally close the doors of the outdated facility that opened in 1954. It was a festive event, with theme songs of Dragnet, Hawaii Five-O and Adam-12 playing in the background and special displays that included classic police vehicles and historic uniforms. Those who gathered to say goodbye included many Department personnel, city officials, members of the media and others. (NA – January 14)

Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program (D.A.R.E.)
Officer Graduation

On May 24, 2013, at the Ahmanson Recruit Training Center (ARTC), LAPD proudly renewed its partnership with DARE America with the first LAPD DARE Officer graduation in ten years. Because of his commitment to youth, Chief Beck made a conscious decision to renew the original partnership that began the movement. As a result, 29 LAPD officers recently received 80 hours of advanced DARE Officer Training and would soon be assigned to various schools throughout the greater Los Angeles region providing valuable instruction to young people concerning the best way to live productive lives and make important contributions to their communities. (NA – May 24)

LAPD Responds to and Ultimately Prevails over Court’s Directive on Special Order #7

In a decisive move on September 27, 2013, Chief Beck directed all sworn officers in the Department to immediately discontinue impound procedures established by Special Order #7, which the Department had implemented in April 2012. Under the policy, unlicensed drivers stopped for minor traffic infractions who had auto insurance, valid identification and no previous citations for unlicensed driving would have their cars impounded but would not face a 30-day hold, even though state law mandates 30-day impounds for unlicensed drivers. Officers were also able to forgo impounding if a licensed driver was immediately available and had the permission of the registered owner to drive the vehicle away. Chief Beck had advocated for the change, arguing that 30-day impounds placed an unfair burden on illegal immigrants who could not get a driver's license in California. “I am disappointed in this court's decision and believe it inappropriately undermines the police departments’ authority to lawfully direct the conduct of its officers,” stated Chief Beck. Then on October 16, 2013, the State of California Court of Appeals reversed the moratorium from the previous September, and Special Order #7 was indefinitely reinstated. (NR – September 28)
Department Outreach Reminds the Public: “If You See Something, Say Something”

In October 2009, the LAPD unveiled iWatch, the community reporting component of “If You See Something, Say Something.” Referred to as the “21st century version of Neighborhood Watch,” iWatch is designed to better enable the public to protect their communities by identifying and reporting suspicious behaviors and activities known to be used by terrorists. In early April 2013, the Department reached out to all Los Angeles residents to remind them of the importance of iWatch. Not only does iWatch provide residents a venue to report suspicious behaviors, but more importantly, it involves and educates the public about suspicious activities and behaviors, as opposed to personal characteristics, that may be associated with terrorist activities. All reports are reviewed by trained detectives and kept confidential, and reporters can remain anonymous if desired. Individuals who want to submit a report can call the threat line at 1-877-A-THREAT (1-877-284-7328) or go to www.lapdonline.org/iwatchla to file a report. At the website, more terrorism related information is also available by viewing short educational films and public service announcements. (NR – April 3)

Counter Terrorism Capabilities Demonstrations

On the morning of June 6, 2013, at downtown’s legendary Bonaventure Hotel, LAPD hosted demonstrations to showcase the Department’s Counter Terrorism and Special Operations Bureau. The event included a demonstration involving Multi-Assault Counter-Terrorism Action Capabilities, known as “MACTAC,” and the deployment of the Stabilization Team Los Angeles in response to a hypothetical weapon of mass destruction device. The demonstration also included officer deployments from a helicopter and the utilization of blank ammunition. (NA – June 5)
Crime Fighting Surveillance Camera System Goes Live in the West San Fernando Valley

On January 17, 2013, the LAPD’s West Valley and Topanga Areas unveiled a new camera surveillance system. Of the Department’s surveillance camera systems that are located throughout the City, it is the only system in which the video signal is transmitted wirelessly through Verizon 4G technology. (NA – January 16)

Valley Traffic Division Officers Demonstrate New Handheld Laser Devices During Speed Enforcement Operation

On February 7, 2013 Valley Traffic Division motorcycle officers demonstrated new laser devices that pinpoint a vehicle within dense traffic, measure the violator’s speed, record the violation in real time and capture an image of the license plate. The Department purchased ten of the devices, known as LTI 20/20 TruCAM lasers, which are capable of measuring the speed of a moving vehicle up to 1,000 feet away. All of the accumulated data is stored and can be replayed back to the violator at the scene. (NA – February 5)
Programs Help Seriously Ill Children in Hopes of a Brighter Future

The Sunshine Kids 5k Run/Walk event, promoting awareness and assistance for children battling cancer, was held on March 16, 2013, at the Dodger Stadium parking lot. After the run, children were escorted in police vehicles to the Elysian Park Academy athletic field for food, fun and athletic festivities. (NA – February 27)

Also on March 16, the LAPD joined forces with the Los Angeles Fire Department for the tenth consecutive year to host the St. Baldrick’s Foundation’s signature head-shaving event at Fire Station 89 in North Hollywood. The purpose of the event is to raise funds and awareness for lifesaving childhood cancer research. With a goal of raising $100,000, more than 200 participants had their heads shaved to support the Foundation’s mission to “conquer childhood cancers.” (NA – March 14)

Sober Graduation Program – “Don’t Be A Statistic”

LAPD’s Valley Traffic Division announced their 2013 Sober Graduation Program initiatives for the San Fernando Valley to ensure the safety of teenagers on the road. Sober Graduation targets high school seniors and raises their awareness of the dangers of drinking and driving, as well as distracted driving. Traffic officers visit more than 50 schools in the San Fernando Valley in an attempt to re-enforce driver and peer responsibility. (NA – April 4)

LAPD Cadets “Fishing Day” Gives Inner-city Children a New Experience on Fishing Excursion

On the morning of August 7, 2013, the Marina Del Rey Anglers and A Chance for Children Foundation, in conjunction with the LAPD, hosted 30 inner-city youth on a guided fishing excursion. The unique four-hour program was designed to help less fortunate kids simply go fishing, delight in the passing of a pod of dolphins and learn about beaches, oceans and the importance of protecting the environment by promoting a healthy marine eco-system. (NA – August 6)
Celebrity Poker Tournament Gala Raises Funds for the Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation

Hollywood’s hottest stars from film, television, music and sports came together on the red carpet to show their support for the men and women of the LAPD as they helped raise funds for the Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation. The Celebrity Poker Tournament, held at the historic Beverly Hills Saban Theatre, was hosted by actor James Gandolfini. (NR – April 26)

LAPD Joins FBI for Community Cleanup

In an effort to reduce residents’ fear of crime, especially gang crime, and move young people away from violence and delinquency into productive lives, the LAPD partnered with the FBI for an “aggressive” community cleanup initiative on November 22. Following mostly federal and state arrests of prominent gang leaders, the endeavor also had the support of the Los Angeles City Council and the City Attorney’s Office Abatement Process, which aims to remove public nuisances. Often times, these nuisances are related to property issues where prostitution, narcotics and other illegal activities are occurring. The cleanup targeted approximately 50 South Los Angeles alleys and consisted of graffiti and trash removal, bulky-item pickup, removal of overgrown brush and assistance from an outside agency with homeless encampments. (NA – November 21)

LAPD Hollenbeck Police Activities League Awards Gala Honored Larry King, The Good News Foundation, and Wells Fargo

On May 30, 2013, the Hollenbeck Police Activities League (PAL) hosted its 7th Annual Awards Gala to raise funds to provide Hollenbeck Area youths and their parents with resources, services and the support needed to help raise healthy and successful children. Guests included former Los Angeles Mayor Richard Riordan, City of Los Angeles councilmembers, Long Beach and Pasadena police chiefs and many others. The goal of the event was to raise $250,000 and benefit up to 1,000 children. (NA – May 30)
Happy Birthday Loretta Johnson

On August 23, 2013, Loretta Johnson, a homeless resident of downtown’s skid row, was awakened in the early morning hours by LAPD Sergeant A. Walker, Officer–in-Charge of the Central Area Eastside Detail (ESD). The ESD is a specialized unit from Central Station that’s responsible for enforcement of the Los Angeles Municipal Code sections that prohibit sitting, sleeping or lying on The sidewalk before 9 p.m. and after 6 a.m. When Sergeant Walker approached Ms. Johnson (a.k.a. “Grandma”) and woke her up, she informed him it was her 78th birthday. Shortly after receiving this information, Sergeant Walker returned to Ms. Johnson’s makeshift tent with a dozen roses and four members of his detail, all singing Happy Birthday. “It was apparent that we made her day, which in turn made our day,” said Sergeant Walker. “The best part was when Ms. Johnson, with tears in her eyes, said she would never forget this day.” (NR – August 30)

Officers Spot and Arrest Fugitive Who is First Woman to Successfully Escape from a Louisiana Prison

LAPD Central Division officers who had studied a flyer describing a dangerous prison escapee from Louisiana were able to spot her on the street and take her into custody. The fugitive, who had been on the U.S. Marshal’s list of top 15 most wanted criminals, was a murder suspect who had been on the run for about three months and had eluded capture in several cities, including Mexico. Her downfall was coming to Los Angeles where she arrived by bus less than 24 hours before her arrest. (NR – March 26)

Arrest of Auto Theft Suspects Saves a Marriage Proposal

On December 15, 2013, LAPD’s West Los Angeles patrol officers received a call about two men who were burglarizing cars. Officers who arrived at the scene saw the two suspects, briefly pursued them on foot and were able to take them into custody. They also retrieved some stolen property, including a ring. During the officers’ contacts with victims who owned cars that had been burglarized, they encountered a man who was very concerned about an engagement ring missing from his vehicle. In fact, that very evening, he was going to propose marriage and present the ring to his betrothed, an event he was able to carry out, because the officers had recovered the missing ring. (NR – December 18)
Officers Perform Life-saving Rescues

LAPD officers are confronted with all conceivable types of emergencies, some of which pertain to rescuing people from potentially deadly circumstances. For example, early on the morning of February 28, 2013, LAPD Central Division officers pulled a woman out of a tent fire just moments before it was completely engulfed in flames. (NR – February 28)

On March 2, 2013, LAPD Topanga Division officers were flagged down by a pizza restaurant employee on Topanga Canyon Boulevard. The employee told the officers that a woman was choking inside the restaurant. Once inside, the officers saw an elderly woman on the floor, unconscious and nonresponsive, and began administering CPR until Los Angeles Fire Department personnel arrived. Fortunately, the woman was eventually taken to a local hospital where she was able to recover. The officers’ actions were pivotal to her survival. (NR – March 4)
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