

To the members of the community:

Presented here is the overview of the year 2003. This year marked the one year anniversary of William J. Bratton as Chief of Police. The men and women of the LAPD welcomed the new members of Chief Bratton's leadership team as they prepared to lead the Department in a post 9/11 world.

The Department's progress was marked with the addition of enforcing new municipal laws against illegal street racers and prostitution. The year also marked changes to the deployment of police officers to business alarms. The Department was happy to announce its first female African American motor officer and launched a media campaign with Univision KMEX Channel 34 to help bridge the gap between the Department and the Spanish speaking community in the City.

In efforts help improve the quality of life for the people of the City, the Los Angeles Police Department collaborated with local law enforcement agencies on several operations with effort to reduce crime and improve the quality of life.

The following are the highlights of 2003. (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

- **ABC's John Miller and Former LA Police Commission President Gerald Chaleff Join LAPD Team** – Los Angeles Attorney Gerald Chaleff and former ABC news correspondent, John Miller, were appointed as new members of Chief Bratton leadership team. Chaleff, former president of the Los Angeles Board of Police Commissioners, will oversee implementation of the Court-approved Federal Consent Decree.

Miller, designated as the Special Assistant to the Chief of Police, will create a new Bureau of Homeland Security, which will include the Department's expanded anti-terrorism detection, prevention and response efforts. His duties will also include the assumption of the Department's intelligence functions. (January 10) (Beat February)

- **Two New Assistant Chiefs Sworn In** – On February 25, 2003, Sharon Papa and George Gascón were sworn in as the Department's newest Assistant Chiefs. Papa's appointment represents the first time in the Department's 127-year history that a female has achieved the rank of Assistant Chief. (February 24) (Beat April)
- **Cayler "Lee" Carter Jr. promoted to Deputy Chief** – On June 25, 2003, Chief William J. Bratton promoted Commander Lee Carter, a 30 year veteran of the Department, to Deputy Chief. Deputy Chief Moore assumed the command of Operations-West Bureau. (Beat August)

POLICE COMMISSION

- **Los Angeles Police Commission Appoints New Inspector General** – The Los Angeles Police Commission unanimously selected André Birotte, Jr. as the new Inspector General for the Department. Serving as the Police Commission's investigative arm, the Inspector General oversees the handling of complaints of officer misconduct, monitors the discipline process, conducts special investigations and projects, and fulfills the obligations created by the Department of Justice Consent Decree. (May 13)
- **New President and Vice President of Police Commission Elected** – In a unanimous vote, the five-member Los Angeles Board of Police Commissioners elected David S. Cunningham, III, as President, and Alan J. Skobin as Vice President. While both positions maintain equal voting power with the other Commissioners, the President has the responsibility of setting the agenda and chairing the meetings, and the Vice President accepts those responsibilities in the President's absence. (July 29)

CONSENT DECREE

- **Los Angeles Police Commission Announces Rampart Blue Ribbon Panel** – Ten individuals were recommended to the Blue Ribbon Rampart Review Panel. Attorney Connie Rice will head the Panel to probe Rampart Corruption Incident. The Panel will ascertain the extent to which the Department and City have identified and implemented the most important lessons of the Rampart corruption scandal. (July 18)

MILESTONES

- **Verified Alarm Response** – Los Angeles City Council supported the Police Commission's decision to verify alarms before dispatching the LAPD. This policy went into effect on April 15, 2003, after recommendations and input from a City Council-created task force were reviewed and considered by the Police Commission. When in effect, this new policy will instantly free up patrol resources. At the time officers spent 15% of their time responding to false alarms. (January 7, February 4, December 4) (Beat March)
- **Solicit a Street Prostitute; Lose Your Vehicle** – On February 9, 2003, the City of Los Angeles began enforcing the newly enacted Municipal Code Section 41.70, which provides for the seizure and forfeiture of vehicles used by persons who solicit or attempt to solicit an act of prostitution. Additionally, the law allows the seizure of vehicles used by persons who are caught loitering for the purposes of soliciting an act of prostitution. (February 4) (Beat April)
- **1st community COMPSTAT Meeting** – In keeping with Chief Bratton's commitment to develop an air of transparency within the Department, the LAPD hosted its first community COMPSTAT meeting on Thursday, April 3, 2003. COMPSTAT, an acronym for "Computer Statistics," is a computer-based technology that gives the Department's management team the ability to identify, track and define issues pertaining to crime and quality of life in "real" time. (April 2, April 4)
- **LAPD 10th Annual C-PAB Summit** – On Saturday, May 3, 2003, Community Police Advisory Boards (C-PAB) and the Department celebrated 10 years of partnership. C-PABs

were established in 1993 as way to promote more effective communication between the communities of Los Angeles and the Department. Many C-PABs feature sub-committees that address quality of life issues such as traffic, graffiti, and homelessness. (May 2)

- **Detective O'Toole honored for 50 Years of Public Service!** – On Friday, May 16, 2003, Detective John O'Toole was honored on his 50 year service anniversary at the Department's Historical Society Museum. Spanning a half-century career in law enforcement, Detective O'Toole has been a witness to events that have shaped the Department and City. (May 11) (Beat June)
- **Officer Bridgette Robinson: The Department's 1st female African American Motor Officer** – After two years of preparing for the position, the 5 foot, 4 inch 120 pound officer became the Department's first female African American motorcycle officer. (Beat July)
- **Detectives Make Breakthrough in 20 year-old LAPD Hit and Run Tragedy** – On July 17, 2003, Robbery-Homicide Division Detectives arrested a suspect who was a passenger in a hit and run collision that killed two LAPD officers on October 29, 1983. The passenger and driver of the vehicle fled the scene on foot after striking the police vehicle of Officers Arthur Soo Hoo and William Wong. (July 21)
- **Number of Police Pursuits Drop Dramatically In Los Angeles** – After a Departmental pilot program focused on new standards for initiating and managing police pursuits, a preliminary study revealed that the Department has responded to the implemented changes by having fewer vehicle pursuits. This had reduced the number of collisions that have injured officers, suspects, and third party individuals. (August 20)
- **Illegal Street Racers Beware** – Aggressively enforcing a new law (section 41.70.2 LAMC) that went into affect Monday, July 28, 2003, the Department will not tolerate illegal street racing in the City of Los Angeles. The LAPD announced its commitment to confiscating any vehicles engaged in street racing, as well as putting drivers and spectators in jail. (September 3)
- **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.

CALLOBORATIONS

- **LAPD partners with Univision KMEX Channel 34** – The Department and management of KMEX-TV/Univision 34 announced a partnership involving a yearlong informational campaign titled *Su Seguro Servidor* (Your Trusted Servant). The partnership will provide vital public safety information to the Hispanic community in Los Angeles and enhance the community's perception of the Department through monthly public service announcements and weekly appearances on their weekday morning show. (February 10) (Beat April)

- **Multi-Agency Task Force Cracks Down On Prostitution Ring** – On Tuesday, April 1, 2003, the Department’s Organized Crime and Vice Division (OCVD) detectives, after a one year investigation, arrested four suspects involved in running a prostitution ring in Los Angeles and Orange Counties. (April 2)
- **LAPD and LASD Confiscated Guns Removed from Streets – Permanently** – In the strategic effort in gun violence reduction, the LAPD and Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department engaged in the destruction of approximately 8000 guns. These weapons were melted and the molten material was used for making rebar. (July 3)

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. (35 news releases)

TECHNOLOGY

- **Run a Red Light -Smile, You’re on Camera!** – On Thursday, January 24, 2003, the sixteenth Los Angeles area intersection equipped with automated photo red light technology was placed into service at Sunset Boulevard and La Brea Avenue. (January 24)
- **Speeders Watch Out; Vehicles and Devices To Catch You** – In efforts to reduce speed related traffic collisions, Valley Traffic Division and Community Traffic Services Unit introduced two new hybrid enforcement vehicles and a hand held laser speed detection device. The new hybrid vehicles (black and white vehicle without a top mounted light bar), provide low visibility to enforce traffic in the community. (April 10)
- **New All Terrain Vehicles begin Beach Patrol** – On Wednesday, May 7, 2003, three Kawasaki Quad All Terrain Vehicles began deployment by the LAPD Venice Beach Patrol Units. The black and white All Terrain Vehicles units are marked with police insignia and full functioning emergency equipment. With over a million tourists and visitors enjoying the Venice Beach Area, the police units will provide a rapid response to emergency situations, as well as an excellent mode of transportation in a unique patrol area. (May 7)

POST 9/11

- **Armed Forces Family Appreciation Day Picnic** – On Saturday, May 31, 2003, the LAPD in conjunction with The Walt Disney Company, Occidental Petroleum, and Department employee support organizations co-sponsored the LAPD Armed Forces Family Appreciation Day Picnic. This family oriented picnic was held to show appreciation to the over 130 LAPD sworn and civilian members currently or having recently served on active duty in the U.S. military. (May 28)

EVENTS

- **10th Annual City of Hope ‘Fight For Life’ Boxing Event** – LAPD officers stepped into the boxing ring to help raise funds for the City of Hope Cancer Center. Celebrating its 10th year, this event has helped raise nearly \$350,000.00. (November 13)

- **Los Angeles Police-Celebrity Golf Tournament 2003** – The 32nd annual Police-Celebrity Golf Tournament was held at the Rancho Park Golf Course on Saturday, May 17, 2003. Hosted by actor Craig T. Nelson, 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. (May 7) (Beat July)

HIGH PROFILE MEDIA CASES

- **Long Arm of the Law Reaches Out and Finds Reputed Gang Member** – Timothy McGhee, 29, a reputed gang member, was arrested in Bullhead City, Arizona, on a fugitive warrant. Wanted by the LAPD in connection with as many as a dozen killings, McGhee had recently been named to the United States Marshals Service “15 Most Wanted Fugitive List.” (February 12)
- **Large Quantities of Illegal Firearms and Equipment Recovered** – On Friday, March 21, 2003, a routine traffic stop made by two LAPD officers in the Devonshire Area led to the discovery of four large 44-foot storage bins containing numerous military-type rifles, firearm components, and equipment. The bins contained thousands of parts to assemble Uzi assault rifles grenade launcher adapters and various other assault weapons with an estimated street value in excess of three million dollar. (March 25, March 28)

AWARDS

- **LAPD Receives \$400,000 Grant To Combat Drunk Drivers** – The Department announced the commencement of a \$400,000 driving-under-the influence educational and enforcement grant for the California Office of Traffic Safety. (June 30)
- **LAPD Officers Honored with Crystal Angel Awards** – On Sunday, October 12, 2003, three of the Department’s finest were honored for their exemplary service to the community by the Los Angeles Police Foundation at its annual benefit brunch and awards ceremony. Detective Bob Lopez of the Northeast Area, Officer Rebecca Reyes of the West Traffic Division, and Senior Lead Officer Philip Thompson of the Southeast Area received the Crystal Angel Awards for Community Service. (October 10) (Beat November)
- **LAPD Member Receives Fulbright Scholar Award** – Lieutenant Paul F. Geggie was awarded a Fulbright Scholar Police Executive Grant to do research at the London School of Economics during the 2003-2004 academic year. Lieutenant Geggie is the second member of the Department to receive this award, and the only person selected from the United States. Recipients of Fulbright Scholar awards are selected on the basis of academic or professional achievement and because they have demonstrated extraordinary leadership potential in their fields. (December 15)