

To the members of the community:

Presented here is the overview of the year 2004. The men and women of the LAPD began the year with the painful loss of Officer Ricardo Lizarraga, Newton Division, as he was killed in the line of duty. At the end of the year, the Department mourned the passing of Former Chief of Police Tom Reddin.

In efforts to put more police officers out in the field, Chief William J. Bratton redeployed officers assigned to administrative assignments to each of the 18 community police stations and revitalized recruitment efforts for reserve officers.

The Department began efforts to stop piracy of movies and music and to eliminate the use of motor mini-bikes that appeared throughout the City. The Department also banned the use of silly string on Hollywood Boulevard on Halloween night.

The Department maintained and developed its counter-terrorism preparedness by participating in multi-agency homeland security exercises. It also continued its aggressive enforcement against street gangs.

Technology played a big role in improving the quality of life for the people of the City. The LAPD opened the Valley Communications Dispatch Center. Hi-tech cameras were utilized by Rampart Area in clean-up efforts of Alvarado Corridor/MacArthur Park and Senior Lead Officers received Blackberry communication devices to stay better connected to each other and community members in their patrol areas.

The following are the highlights of 2004. (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

- **Michel R. Moore promoted to Deputy Chief** – Chief William J. Bratton promoted Commander Michel R. Moore, a 23-year veteran of the Department, to Deputy Chief. On September 5, 2004, Deputy Chief Moore assumed the command of Operations-West Bureau. (August 31) (Beat October)

POLICE COMMISSION

- **Los Angeles Police Commission Significant Accomplishments 2004** – The Board of Police Commissioners made major accomplishments in 2004, amongst them, eliminating code two high dispatch, revamping the reserve corps, substantial compliance with Consent Decree. For a full list, please refer to the March 2005 Beat newsletter. (Beat March 2005)
- **Police Commission Appoints Richard Tefank to Executive Director Position** – On Thursday, May 27, 2004, the members of the Los Angeles Police Commission selected Richard Tefank as the new Police Commission Executive Director. (May 26) (Beat July)

- **Los Angeles Police Commission to Present First “Level II” Badges to LAPD Reserves** – As part of the revitalization of the Reserve Corps (May 13), the “Level II” designation is being activated. Level II Reserve Officers complete 250 additional hours of academy training over the initial 205 hours required for entry level Reserves. (June 4)
- **New Burglar Alarm Ordinance Becomes Effective** – On Monday, November 8, 2004, the Ordinance portion of the Los Angeles Police Commission’s effort to change the way in which the Department responds to burglar alarms went into effect. These changes were a result of the substantial drain of public safety resources caused by excessive false alarm calls in the City of Los Angeles. (November 4)

IN MEMORIAM

- The Department mourned the loss of Officer Ricardo Lizarraga, Newton Division, was shot when attending to a “Domestic Violence” dispute in 77th Division. (February 23, February 25, February 26, April 1) (Beat March)
- **Former Chief of Police Tom Reddin Dies** – Chief Reddin began his career in 1941 and was appointed Chief on February 8, 1967, and served in that capacity until May 5, 1969. He was eighty-eight years of age and at his home in Los Angeles at the time of his passing on December 4, 2004, at 8:30 a.m. (December 4, December 7) (Beat January 2005)

CONSENT DECREE

- **Department’s Community Partnership Meeting & Consent Decree Update** – On June 15, 2001, the City and the United States Department of Justice officially entered a legally binding agreement known as the Consent Decree. As a part of that contract, the Department agreed to further enhance its community outreach by holding community meetings to inform the public about the Consent Decree. (January 13, February 25)
- **Field Data Collection Update** – The 3rd Report of Field Data Reports gathered between July 2003 to December 2003 was posted on the Department’s official website for public viewing. The Decree requires the Department to collect vehicle and pedestrian stop data as of November 1, 2001. Additionally, the Department is required to publish, on its website, semiannual public reports which must include the pedestrian and vehicle stop data. (March 2)

MILESTONES

- **Assaults Against Police Officers On The Rise – Motion To Increase Reward Amounts** – On Wednesday, April 14, 2004, the City Council announced that rewards to persons providing information leading to the arrest(s) of suspect(s) committing crimes against public safety personnel would increase from \$25,000 to \$75,000. (April 13) In 2002, there were 33 incidents of LAPD officers being shot at. In 2003, that number increased to 40 incidents in which a total of 84 officers were fired at. (February 5)
- **Announcement of Funds for Housing Authority Communities** – The City dedicated more than \$2 million to pay for almost 40,000 hours of Department time devoted to Housing

Authority communities. It was announced that the vigorous enforcement of the Housing Authority's Zero-Tolerance Policy could lead to eviction for people committing crimes that effect the quality of life. (April 7)

- **Force Multiplier Announced** – On March 25, 2004, Chief William J. Bratton deployed officers and detectives assigned to administrative positions to be available to work in the field in one of the eighteen community police stations. (April 13)
- **Change In Dispatch Policy For the LAPD** – On Sunday, May 16, 2004, the Department changed the policy in which radio calls are dispatched to patrol officers. The Department removed Code Two High classification and the categorization of calls as either Emergency or Urgent, that will result in a more effective management of calls for service. (May 17)
- **Movie Piracy** – The Department continues an aggressive enforcement attitude towards the counterfeit trade of the movies and music in the City. (April 29, May 2, May 21, July 14, October 27, December 2)
- **Illegal Use Of Motor Powered Scooters and Mini-Bikes** – Due to the popularity of mini-motorcycles, the Department began to inform the public of the dangers involved in the unlawful use of motorized scooters and mini-bikes on the street of Los Angeles. (June 24)
- **10 Year-Old Homicide Solved through DNA** – On Friday, July 16, 2004, Detectives announced they had under arrest a suspect in the homicide of Mrs. Rosemary Hom, a prominent member of the Chinese American community. Mrs. Rosemary Hom was murdered in the Chinatown area of downtown Los Angeles on November 5, 1994. (July 15)
- **Silly String Banned In Hollywood This Halloween** – The Department began to enforce a new City ordinance (LAMC Section 56.02) that calls for a maximum \$1000 fine and/or six months in jail for use, possession, sale or distribution of silly string in Hollywood from 12:01 a.m. on October 31 to 12:00 p.m. on November 1. (October 28)
- **Announcement of Mara Salvatrucha (MS) Gang Injunction** – On Thursday, March 25, 2004, Chief William J. Bratton joined elected city officials to announce a gang injunction against the MS street gang to abate public nuisance. The lawsuit alleges that the criminal activity of the MS gang constitutes a public nuisance based on evidence ranging from murders, robberies, and drugs to drinking in public. (March 24)

CALLOBORATIONS

- **The FBI And LAPD Co-Host Gang Violence Meeting** – The FBI's Office of Law Enforcement Coordination and the Los Angeles Police Department co-hosted a two-day meeting to recognize, discuss and define issues regarding gang violence and its effect on society nationwide. (January 9)
- **LAPD And FBI Crack Down On Violent LA Street Gang** – The Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation announced the arrests of individuals with ties to the "Bounty Hunter Bloods," a vicious Los Angeles based street gang. (January 20)

- **Safe and Sober Graduation Program** – On Tuesday, May 11, 2004, Chief William J. Bratton, along with California Highway Patrol and Mothers Against Drunk Driving, congratulated the graduating class of 2004, and encouraged students to celebrate their proms and graduations without the use of alcohol and drugs. (May 11)
- **2004 National Executive Session on Gangs** – On Wednesday, July 14, 2004, the Department, Mayor’s Office and the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department in conjunction with the Department of Justice, Community Oriented Policing Services, hosted a three-day high level meeting to identify, discuss, and define the issues regarding gang violence. (July 16)
- **Joint Police and Community Efforts Help Better Lives** – On Monday, September 13, 2004, the Department’s West Valley Community-Police Advisory Board presented a check for \$1,500 to assist Holy Cross Hospital’s Tattoo Removal Program. This program helps members of the community change their lives by having their tattoos removed and enhance their ability to obtain a job.
- **Keeping Kids Safe, LAPD/LAUSD Safe Return to School** – The Department and the LAUSD collaborated to implement numerous programs to promote a school safety plan. The priority is “Keeping Kids Safe,” including the importance of ensuring the safety of children as they attend schools throughout the LAUSD. (September 2)
- **Multiple Agency Cocaine Bust** – The Department's Narcotics Division, Los Angeles Interagency Metropolitan Police Apprehension Crime Task Force (LA IMPACT), Los Angeles City Fire Department and Vernon Police Department joined forces to arrest narcotics suspects, believed to be responsible for a major cocaine trafficking operation. Detectives recovered 90 kilos of cocaine with a street value of approximately \$21 million. (December 19)

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. (17 news releases)

TECHNOLOGY

- **Blackberry Devices Enable Senior Lead Officers (SLOs) to Increase Focus on Community Policing** – The Department’s SLOs received a donation of 200 Blackberry Wireless Handheld Communication Devices. As ambassadors of the Department, and liaisons to the community, these communication devices will allow SLOs to have mobile access to e-mail and telephone services that will benefit their jobs by increasing productivity and responsiveness to the community. (February 23)
- **Returning the Alvarado Corridor/MacArthur Park to the Community** – The Alvarado Corridor project directed the efforts of Rampart’s narcotics squad, gang unit, footbeats, and

bike unit on the rehabilitation of MacArthur Park. A big factor in the culture shift has been the Park Camera Project. These cameras surround the Park with pan, tilt, and zoom capable closed circuit television cameras that link to Rampart Station through the Internet. (March 10) (Beat April)

NEW BUILDINGS

- **Grand Opening of the Valley Communications Dispatch Center** – On Monday, February 23, 2004, the Department’s Planning and Research Division hosted the grand opening ceremony of the Valley Communications Dispatch Center. The Valley Communications Dispatch Center will provide police service to more than 1.3 million people, who reside in the 223 square mile area of the San Fernando Valley. (February 4)

POST 9/11

- **Department participates in Homeland Security Exercise** – On August 5-6, 2004, the LAPD participated in the Asymmetric Warfare Initiative Exercise for 2004: Determined Promise '04. The event exercised military, city, county, state, and federal authorities and a small section of the private sector in a maritime/coastal terrorism context. (Beat August)
- **“Letters From Los Angeles” News Conference** – The Department kicked-off a signature gathering campaign, “Letters from Los Angeles” in support of employees who have been called to serve in our Armed Forces. This campaign was done in conjunction with the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department and the Los Angeles School Police Department. (April 26)
- **Counter Terrorism And The LAPD** – Since 9/11, the focus of the Department’s preparedness has been on terrorism. Great stride’s have been made in improving the Department’s ability to investigate, interdict, and respond to acts of terrorism. These efforts have been greatly enhanced through the use of funds provided by the State Homeland Security Grant Program and the Urban Area Security Grant Initiative. (July 8)
- **21st Annual National Night Out and a Special Tribute to Members of the Armed Forces** – This annual event heightens awareness and strengthens participation in local anti-crime efforts and promotes police-community partnerships. This event began with a candlelight vigil, peace march and special tribute to members of the Armed Forces. (August 1)
- **Los Angeles Police Department to Participate In Multi-Agency Emergency Exercise** – On Thursday, October 28, 2004, the Department’s management level personnel attended a multi-agency emergency exercise sponsored by Kaiser Permanente Hospital, Children’s Hospital of Los Angeles, and Hollywood Presbyterian Hospital. The focus of the exercise was to evaluate the impact on the Tri-Hospitals in the event of an incident resulting in mass casualties. (October 27)
- **LAPD Supports Wounded Troops** – On Wednesday, December 22, 2004, LAPD Assistant Chief James McDonnell and Deputy Chief Michael Hillmann, along with LAPD SWAT and Patrol Officers drove to Camp Pendleton to present gifts to the wounded troops. (December 20)

EVENTS

- **LAPD Makes A Dream-Come-True For Young Cancer Patient** – Nicole Bertini diagnosed with a rare case of Sarcoma had her wishes fulfilled when she was made an honorary Los Angeles Police Officer for a day on Friday, January 9, 2004. Nicole joined Air Support Division officers as they took to air patrolling the City. (January 8)
- **NBA All-Star Game** – On Sunday, February 15, 2004, the National Basketball Association (NBA) All-Star Game was held at the Staples Center. The Department's NBA All Star Planning Task Force prepared for the thousands of visitors to the daily "Jam Sessions" at the Los Angeles Convention Center from February 11, 2004, through February 14, 2004. (February 11)
- **LAPD Recognition Day Awards Police Officers and Civilians** – On Thursday, February 26, 2004, the Department honored police officers and civilians in the 24th Annual Recognition Day Awards Ceremony. Chief William J. Bratton presented medals and awards to 182 recipients, acknowledging acts of outstanding bravery and service. The Los Angeles Police Department has been acknowledging and commending their employees during Recognition Day since 1980. (February 25)
- **National Police Week Memorial Ceremony** – On Monday, May 3, 2004, the Department commemorated National Police Week with a memorial ceremony. The Department paid tribute to the 194 fallen officers since 1907. (April 30)
- **Revitalization of the LAPD Reserve Corps** – The Department announced the revitalization of the LAPD Reserve Officer Program by introducing 20 initiatives to double the number of LAPD Reserve Officers. (May 13) (Beat June)
- **March on Crime Brunch** – On Sunday, October 10, 2004, the Los Angeles Police Foundation presented the prestigious "Crystal Angel Award" to four of the Department's finest at its 5th Annual March on Crime Brunch. (October 8) (Beat November)
- **LAPD, State of the Department Report** – On Thursday, October 28, 2004, Chief William J. Bratton introduced the *LAPD, State of the Department: A Plan of Action for the Los Angeles That Is and the Los Angeles that Could Be*. It describes what the Department is doing and planning to do with the resources they have in order to make Los Angeles the safest large city in America. (October 27)
- **LAPD Hosts 35th Annual California Homicide Investigator's Association Conference** – The Department was proud to host for the first time in over 20 years the Annual California Homicide Investigator's Association Conference (CHIA). The CHIA is a non-profit organization that was formed in the late 1960's when homicide detectives from San Francisco and Los Angeles met over dinner to discuss the "Zodiac Killer" investigation. This simple dinner gathering grew into an annual conference that now attracts over 600 homicide detectives, coroner investigators, and prosecutors from around the nation. (March 3) (Beat February)

- **Los Angeles Hosts the International Association of Chief's of Police Conference** – The Department and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department hosted the 111th Annual International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Law Enforcement Education and Technology Exposition at the Los Angeles Convention Center. This five-day conference provided delegates with over 40 educational seminars and the world's largest law enforcement related tradeshow with nearly 1000 exhibitors. Approximately 20,000 to 25,000 delegates, exhibitors, and their guests attended this international event. (November 4, November 14) (Beat September)
- **Chief Of Police To Kick-Off 4th Annual LAPD Angels Community Toy Drive** – Chief William J. Bratton announced the kick-off of the Fourth Annual "LAPD Angels Toy Drive." Chief Bratton asked for people to donate unwrapped toys or books to any of the Department's 18 community police stations. (December 2)
- **Scene of the Crime: Photographs from the LAPD Archive** – Police Chief William J. Bratton and author James Ellroy signed *Scene of the Crime: Photographs from the LAPD Archive* – the new book that provides a dark and harrowing trip through the LAPD crime scene photo archives. This unique, film noir-inspired book signing events took place at Book Soup and the Los Angeles Police Historical Society. (November 16) (December 14) (Beat November)

AWARDS

- **LAPD Officers Awarded for Bravery** – On Saturday, April 3, 2004, the Peace Officers Association of Ventura County held its 31st Annual "Medal of Valor" awards dinner and ceremony. The Medal of Valor and Medal of Merit was presented to 31 recipients including two Los Angeles Police Department Police Officers for exceptional Bravery. (April 2)
- **Two LAPD officers receive Bronze Medal for military service in Iraq** – Officer Thomas Deluccia, a staff sergeant in the U.S. Army, and Officer Jeremy Stafford, a staff sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps, were each presented with the Bronze Star by their respective military branch dignitaries. (Beat October)

HIGH PROFILE MEDIA CASES

- **Serial Killer Identified Through DNA Technology** – Detectives from the Department's Cold Case Unit of Robbery-Homicide Division presented to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office a case involving the most prolific serial killer ever identified in the history of the City of Los Angeles. Thirty-seven year-old Chester Dewayne Turner was identified through extensive DNA testing, to 13 murders that occurred in the City of Los Angeles between 1987 and 1998. (October 23)
- **Officer Involved Shooting Incident at the Mexican Consulate** – On the morning of Tuesday, November 9, 2004, the LAPD received a 911 call of a man with a gun attempting to take a female hostage inside the Mexican Consulate. As the armed suspect exited the building, he held the hostage tightly from behind. Sergeant Hector Feliciano, whose been with the Department for 22 years, fired one round from his handgun striking the suspect who

released the hostage and fell to the ground. The unfolding events were captured live by local television news crews. (November 10)