

To the members of the community:

Presented here is the overview of the year 2005.

Our Department welcomed a newly elected Mayor, as well as newly appointed Police Commissioners. We are very fortunate to report there were no officers that were killed in the line of duty in 2005.

The Department's progress was marked with the addition of new technological systems and two new community police stations to better serve and improve the quality of life for the people of the City of Los Angeles.

The year was marked with many promotions and movement among command staff. Chief William J. Bratton stated they are "critical to keeping the Department moving in the right direction, to keep a sense of urgency among staff officers who are encouraged to continue to find more creative ways to fight crime, reduce fear, disorder and continue rebuilding community trust."

On July 7, 2005, Los Angeles, along with the rest of the world, was reminded of the continued threat of terrorism. On this day terrorists coordinated a series of bomb blasts that targeted London's public transport system during the morning rush hour. The Department had a panel to discuss changes in anti-terrorism strategies as a result of the London bombings. This was done to keep the public apprised of the lessons learned in London and their relevance to anti-terrorism efforts in the Los Angeles area.

The Department continued its efforts to stop piracy of movies, illegal reproduction of music CDs and motion picture DVDs throughout the City while maintaining its continued aggressive enforcement against street gangs.

The following are the highlights of 2005. (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

LAPD Announces Promotions and Movement Among Command Staff –

Captain III Charlie Beck was promoted to the rank of Commander. He left his position as Commanding Officer, Rampart Area, to become the Assistant to the Director, Office of Operations. (April 1)

Captain III Mike Downing, Commanding Officer of Hollywood Area, was promoted to Commander. He took over as the Assistant Commanding Officer, Operations-South Bureau. (April 1)

Captain III Jim Cansler took over as the Commanding Officer of Planning and Research Division from his temporary assignment as Assistant to the Director, Office of Operations. (April 1)

Rhonda Sims-Lewis, Assistant General Manager of the City of Los Angeles Personnel Department, was selected as the Commanding Officer of the Administrative and Technical Services Bureau for the LAPD. (June 29) (Beat August)

Commander Richard Roupoli was promoted to the rank of Deputy Chief. He took over as the Commanding Officer of Operations-West Bureau. (June 29) (Beat August)

Captain III Sergio Diaz, Commanding Officer of Southeast Area, was promoted to the rank of Commander. He took over as the Assistant Commanding Officer, Special Operations Bureau. (June 29)

Captain III Terry Hara, Commanding Officer of Training Division, was promoted to the rank of Commander. He became the new Commanding Officer of Training Group. (June 29)

POLICE COMMISSION

- **Los Angeles Police Commission Approves Flashlight Policy** – On Tuesday January 11, 2005, the Los Angeles Police Commission approved a policy relative to the officer' use of flashlights. (January 11)
- **Mayor Announces Police Commission Appointments** – The newly elected Mayor of Los Angeles announced his appointees to the Los Angeles Police Commission in mid- July. Shelly Freeman, John Mack, Andrea Ordin, Anthony Pacheco, and Alan Skobin, (Beat August).
- **New Police Commission is Seated** – At their first meeting on August 23, 2005, the members of the newly appointed Los Angeles Police Commission, elected John Mack, as President, and Alan Skobin and Vice-President, of the five member civilian panel that oversees the Department. (Beat October)

IN MEMORIAM

- **Officer Ricardo Lizarraga memorial unveiled at Newton Station** – On February 18, 2005, Newton Area erected a bronze and polished granite memorial in the rear courtyard of Newton Station honoring Officer Ricardo Lizarraga who was shot on February 20, 2004, when attending to a “Domestic Violence” dispute in 77th Division. (Beat April)

CONSENT DECREE

- **Consent Decree Report Online** – The 14th Quarterly Consent decree report of the Independent Monitor, including the Arrest, Discipline, Use of Force, Field Data Capture, and audit Statistics Report for the period ending December 31, 2004, is available on the Department's website. (March 11)

MILESTONES

- **More Officers for LAPD** – Chief Bratton stood next to Mayor James K. Hahn as the mayor signed a council measure to fund 278 more police officers over the next 18 months. (February 14)
- **Thousands of Pirated DVDs and CDs Seized** – On Saturday, May 14, 2005, Foothill Area Vice investigators seized over 36,000 pirated DVDs and CDs, cash, and master disks. Six members of a family pirating ring were also arrested. LAPD officers work closely with the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA) in the enforcement of counterfeiting laws. A representative from the MPAA estimated the street value of the CDs alone was more than \$300,000. (May 16)
- **LAPD Receives \$100,000 Grant from the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to Combat** – The Department received a \$100,000 grant from the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) for LAPD Vice Division. Grant monies will be allocated to investigate problematic ABC businesses as well as to educate bar, liquor store, and restaurant employees about current alcohol laws. (July 22)
- **Hundreds of Counterfeit Watches Confiscated** – On Friday, August 5, 2005, the Department's Hollywood Vice Unit along with private investigators from Investigative Consultants confiscated over 1300 counterfeit Rolex, Tag Heuer, Breitling and other brand watches valued over 1.5 million dollars. In addition, a large amount of cash was seized at the location. (August 5)
- **Radio Call Leads to Major Narcotics Bust** – On Wednesday August 17, 2005, patrol officers and officers from the Narcotics Enforcement Detail assigned to Mission Area, through good police work and investigative skills, arrested five narcotics suspects and seized a total of 282 pounds of narcotics, having a street value of over 10 million dollars. (August 22)
- **Community Volunteering at its Finest, Woman Invests 37 years of Service** – Eleanor Montañó received a Police Commission Distinguished Service Medal for 37 years of volunteer service to the LAPD in her efforts to improve the quality of life in and around the City of Los Angeles. (Beat September)
- **Service Pin Ceremony** – On Wednesday, November 16, 2005, the Department honored Department employees who have given 30 or more years of service. Of special note, Principle Clerk Police III, Marlene Greenfield received her 55-Year Service Pin. Ms. Greenfield is currently the most senior non-sworn member of the LAPD and has remained a dedicated and loyal professional, earning the esteem and gratitude of the residents of the City of Los Angeles and the men and women of the LAPD. (November 15)

CALLOBORATIONS

- **Denver Colorado Cop-Killer Dagnet Expands to Los Angeles Reward Offered** – On May 9, 2005, in Denver, Colorado, Raul Garcia-Gomez ambushed two off duty Denver

Police Department officers from behind outside a Denver banquet hall. Denver Detective Donnie R. Young was killed and his partner Detective John Bishop was released the next day. The search expanded to Los Angeles that resulted in the arrest and capture of Garcia-Gomez (May 12; May 14; May 16) (Beat July)

- **Vineland Boys Street Gang Dismantled in Massive Police Action Prompted by Murder, Weapons, and Narcotics Charges** – Twenty-three members of the Vineland Boys street gang were arrested over the last 24 hours pursuant to a federal racketeering indictment that accuses them of a host of narcotic, weapon and violent crimes, including the murder of a 16-year-old witness and Burbank Police Officer Matthew Pavelka. (June 21)
- **LAPD Vice Division and the Recording Industry Association of America Partner to Stop Entertainment** –The Department’s Vice Division and the Recording Industry Association of America, welcomed the media to attend a briefing before serving a search warrant. The search warrant focused on illegal reproduction of music CDs and motion picture DVDs. (July 20)
- **Multi-Agency Probation and Parole Searches Net Arrests, Drugs and Guns** – The Department, along with Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), California State Parole, Los Angeles County Probation Department, Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) conducted over 50 probation and parole searches in the Los Angeles, North Hills and Palmdale areas. A total of 23 gang members were arrested, 13 for felony charges, 10 were arrested for misdemeanor charges and two of the arrested were parolees at large. Three guns seized along with a sawed-off shotgun. (October 14)

TASK FORCES

- **Announcing the Multi Agency Cruiser Task Force** – Officers from the Department's Hollywood Area collaborated with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and the California Highway Patrol to focus on impacting cruising and gang activity on Sunset Boulevard. This took place every Friday and Saturday night from Friday, May 27, 2005 to September 3, 2005. (May 25)
- **Tagger Task Force Results in Six Arrests** – A multi-agency tagger task force served 37 probation compliance checks on known taggers and gang members in the San Fernando Valley Area, that resulted in the arrest of six juveniles. The task force was comprised of multi-agencies including the LAPD, the Los Angeles Unified School District Police Department and the Los Angeles County Probation Department. (June 30)
- **LAPD-FBI Arrest of William Vasquez News Conference** – Members of the LAPD-FBI Fugitive Task Force apprehended murder suspect William Vasquez who was wanted for numerous rival gang members murders, in Los Angeles and Santa Monica. (October 19)

TECHNOLOGY

- **LAPD Uses New Technologies to Fight Crime** – The Department utilized three new technological systems to fight crime in Los Angeles. Early in 2005, Rampart Area deployed a remote camera surveillance system in the MacArthur Park area. The second major technological innovation within Rampart Area involved facial recognition software. The third technological application to law enforcement within Rampart Area was an automatic license plate recognition system. (February 1) (Beat March)
- **West Valley's Eye in the Sky** – Officer Brent Rygh, West Valley Area, attached a digital camera to his radio-controlled airplane to map out tactical locations. (Beat March)
- **The LAPD Cold Case Homicide Division** – The Department's Cold Case Homicide Division solved four cold-case murders within a six-week period. (March 25, August 10, August 10, August 15, September 19)
- **LAPD Underwater Dive Unit Unveils Mobile Waterborne Command Post Boat for Counter Terrorism** – On Monday, May 23, 2005, a mobile waterborne command post boat and dive platform for the Department's Under Water Dive Unit was unveiled. The 34-foot customized boat will serve the Dive Unit's expanding needs to assist and support the Los Angeles Port Police to better protect the Port from potential terrorist attacks and criminal activities. The newly refurbished boat will be an essential tool in the protection of the Port of Los Angeles and America's West Coast. (May 19) (Beat July)
- **LAPD Unveils Surveillance Cameras in Fashion District** – The Motion Picture Association of America donated \$186,000 for the purchase and installation of ten surveillance cameras in the Fashion District. Cameras were previously installed in MacArthur Park and along Hollywood Boulevard. The surveillance system is equipped with video capabilities and intelligent software, which identifies human movement. Officers monitoring from Central Police Station can direct officers to suspicious activity. (May 27)
- **LAPD receives \$30,000 in Grants from Neighborhood Councils** – On Saturday, August 6, 2005, the Department received four grants totaling \$30,000 made to Harbor Station by local Neighborhood Councils -- Harbor City, Northwest San Pedro, Coast San Pedro, and Central San Pedro. The money was used to purchase three Yamaha 660 All Terrain Vehicles, and a 26-foot trailer for transportation. The vehicles are used by officers to better patrol local beaches and parks. (August 4)

NEW BUILDINGS

- **A New Station for West Valley Area** – On Thursday, April 14, 2005, the dedication of the new West Valley Police Station took place. (April 13) (Beat May)
- **Dedication of LAPD's Newest Community Police Station** – Mission Area Community Police Station is the first newly added police station in Los Angeles since 1978. It becomes the Department's 19th police station. The station will service 201,862 residents in a 28-square-mile area. The police station began active service on Sunday, May 1, 2005. (April 28) (Beat June)

POST 9/11

- **Training Course on Weapons of Mass Destruction Terrorism Awareness for Security Professionals** – On Thursday, May 19, 2005, the Department hosted the Sixth Annual Law Enforcement and Private Security (LEAPS) conference. This conference is a networking and training opportunity that continues to bring law enforcement and private industry security personnel together. (May 18)
- **LAPD's Response to Second London Bombings** – Two weeks to the day after the London terrorist bombings, a smaller incident occurred in London around 5:20 AM, Pacific Daylight savings time. Emergency contingencies were quickly activated locally, but there was no specific threat to the Los Angeles area. (July 21)
- **LAPD Terrorism Specialists to Discuss London Bombings** – On Friday July 29, 2005, the Department had a panel to discuss changes in anti-terrorism strategies as a result of the London bombings. This was done to keep the public apprised of the lessons learned in London and their relevance to anti-terrorism efforts in the Los Angeles area. (July 27)
- **Los Angeles Region Dodges a Bullet** – After announcing a federal indictment against members of a local radical Islamic organization, the United States Attorney Debra Yang revealed a plot by three Americans and one Pakistani national to attack U.S. military facilities, Israeli government facilities, and Jewish synagogues in the Los Angeles area. (August 31)
- **A Joint Statement from the Mayor of Los Angeles and the Chief of Police** – Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and Chief Bratton discussed with the FBI and Department of Homeland Security the statement of a self-avowed terrorist that aired on Good Morning America. In spite of the pronouncements, there is no known specific, credible threat to Los Angeles. (September 11)

EVENTS

- **209 LAPD Officers and Civilian Employees Honored at the 25th Annual Recognition Day Awards Ceremony** – On Monday, March 14, 2005, the Department honored 209 active and retired police officers, reserve officers, and civilian employees during the 25th Annual Recognition Day Awards Ceremony. Strict and demanding criteria governs these medals and commendations. Selected candidates must have distinguished themselves by acts of bravery, heroism, service, or by significant achievements above and beyond normal demands of duty. (March 12) (Beat April)
- **Department celebrates National Dispatchers Week** – The Department's Communications Division celebrated National Dispatchers' Week from April 10th through April 16, 2005. In 1992, then President George H. W. Bush proclaimed the second full week of April as National Dispatchers Week to honor the hard working and often overlooked police

dispatchers throughout the country who provide a vital service to their communities. (March 23) (Beat April)

- **LAPD Officers Participate in U.S. Sumo Open** – On Saturday, March 19, 2005, four LAPD officers participated in the 5th Annual U.S. Open, competing against National and American Sumo Champions. (March 16) (Beat August)
- **LAPD Honors our Local Heroes** – Several local and county police/sheriff and fire department personnel held a BBQ luncheon on March 23, 2005, to thank the community heroes and wonderful supporters for their help during the three-day rescue and recovery operation of the Metrolink Train derailment incident that occurred on Wednesday, January 26, 2005. (March 18)
- **2005 Sober Graduation Program** – On Tuesday, May 10, 2005, Southern California law enforcement agency representatives held a news conference to congratulate the graduating class of 2005 and encourage high school students to celebrate their proms and graduations without the use of alcohol and drugs. (May 9, 24)
- **2005 Los Angeles Police-Celebrity Golf Tournament** – The 34th Annual Police-Celebrity Golf Tournament was held at the Rancho Park Golf Course on Saturday, May 21, 2005. Hosted by actor Chris O'Donnell, celebrities from the worlds of film, television, music, and sports teed off to raise funds for the Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation. The golf tournament is a major fundraising event of the Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation, which assists LAPD personnel experiencing catastrophic circumstances, including injury, illness or death. Since its inception in 1972, the Foundation has granted more than \$8 million for medical, funeral and educational expenses. (May 11) (Beat March, July)
- **LAPD Goes to Washington for National Police Memorial Week** – Assistant Chief Sharon Papa lead a group of about two dozen LAPD officers who represented LAPD at the various ceremonies, participate a number of ceremonies and fundraisers in Washington, D.C. (May 11)
- **National Police Week Memorial Ceremony** – On Thursday, May 19, 2005, the Department commemorated National Police Week with a memorial ceremony. Officers from all ranks presented arms to those who have given the ultimate sacrifice. Officers killed in the line of duty and their families were memorialized during the ceremony. (May 17)
- **LAPD and Community Members Join to Honor Fallen Officers at the 1st Annual LAPD Candlelight Vigil** – On Wednesday May 18, 2005, the Department organized the first-ever Candlelight Vigil at the Ahmanson Recruit Training Center. The event grew out of the public's interest to participate in the Department's annual week-long memorial ceremonies. (May 17)
- **Police / Community Interfaith Day of Prayer** – The sixth annual Interfaith Day of Prayer in Los Angeles, was held at Saint Michael's Catholic Church to honor the commitment and

sacrifice of the men and women of the Department. This Interfaith prayer service is in culmination of National Police Memorial Week (May 15 through 21, 2005) (May 20)

- **LAPD's 'National Click It or Ticket' Seat Belt Enforcement Campaign** – The Department was awarded a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety to assist California in achieving a 92 percent seat belt compliance rate by June 2005. At the time, California was ranked number two in the nation for seat belt compliance. (May 13)
- **LAPD Holds Community Meeting Regarding Special Order 40** – On Friday May 20, 2005, the Department held its first working group meeting to begin clarifying the language of Special Order 40, a Department policy that prohibits officers from initiating police action with the objective of discovering the alien status of a person. (May 20)
- **Father and Son, LAPD Officers, Work Together on Father's Day** – Two LAPD officers, David McDowell (51 years) and his son, Joseph (23 years), asked to work together Father's Day. They were assigned to a patrol car from Northeast Police Station. (June 17)
- **Los Angeles Neighborhoods Unite for the 22nd Annual National Night Out** – On Tuesday, August 2, 2005, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., the Department and the communities we serve participated in "National Night Out." For the 22nd year, America's neighborhoods united with local law enforcement agencies to improve the quality of life and continue the effort to achieve a society free from the incidence and fear of crime. (July 25) (Beat July)
- **Project Safe Neighborhood: America's Network Against Gun Violence** – On Monday, July 19, 2005, the Department launched Project Safe Neighborhoods. This is a nationwide commitment to reduce gun crime and violence in America by networking existing local programs that target gun crime and providing those programs with additional tools necessary to be successful. (July 15)
- **LAPD Essay Contest** – The LAPD Essay Contest entered its second year, asking entrants if they were a Los Angeles Police officer, how would they help solve the problems in their neighborhoods or communities, in 350 words or less. (Beat August, November)
- **Counterfeit Ring Busted** – Central Area Vice and private investigators confiscated several hundred counterfeit name brand handbags, purses and a Rolex watch. Investigative Consultants estimated the counterfeit merchandise to have street value of 18 million dollars. More than \$11,000 in cash was seized. The investigators also recovered hundreds of designer name plates that were put on the counterfeit handbags and purses to make them look authentic. (August 19)
- **5th Annual LAPD-Celebrity Swing-A-Thon** – On Saturday, August 27, 2005, the Department's Baseball Team hosted the 5th Annual LAPD-Celebrity Baseball Swing-A-Thon. This one of a kind baseball festival and fundraiser is open to the public and features a charity baseball game and home run derby between LAPD Officers and celebrities. (August 24) (Beat October)

- **LAPD Historic Crime Scene Photos on display in Switzerland** – The show dubbed “The Art of the Archive” consists of about 100 photographs of crime scenes in Los Angeles from the 1920’s to the 1950’s. The first public showing took place in September 2001 at the Fototeka Gallery in Echo Park. (Beat September)
- **Women’s Leadership Conference** – On Thursday, November 10, 2005, the Department presented “Leadership through Vision,” the Women’s Leadership Conference, at the Hilton Los Angeles – Universal City. The annual Women’s Conference began in 1999 to assist, encourage, and support female Department employees in promoting into leadership positions. (Beat October)
- **News Conference Highlights Recovery of Merchandise Stolen from Local Stores** – Media was invited to film a partial display of stolen property valued at over \$150,000. The clothing and housewares were recovered from a single residence in Watts, where detectives responded to conduct an investigation following an attempted burglary at Mervyn’s Department Store in Westchester. (November 30)
- **12 Annual Fight for Life** – On Friday, November 12, 2005, this charity event that puts LAPD officers and Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department and the Los Angeles County Fire Department in the boxing ring to raise funds for the City of Hope cancer center took place at the Grand Olympic Auditorium. (December 2005)
- **Operation Sleigh Trails** – On Tuesday, December 6, 2005, a caravan of LAPD personnel delivered gifts to the wounded men and women of the Armed Services who have served in the Iraq War. The caravan's first stop was Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Station and continued to Balboa Naval Hospital, delivering gifts to the families and toys for the children. This is the LAPD's way of saying thank you to the men and women of the Armed Services. (December 1) (Beat February 2006)
- **Chief of Police Kicks - Off 5th Annual Toy Drive** – On Wednesday, December 7, 2005, at Harmony Elementary School, Chief Bratton kicked off the 5th annual “LAPD Angels Toy Drive.” Chief Bratton asked community members wishing to donate unwrapped toys or books may do so at any of the Department’s 19 community police stations. Chief Bratton asked that book donations include an inspirational message written on the inside front cover of each book, wishing the child a happy and prosperous New Year. (December 6, 7)
- **New Multi-Agency CLEAR Anti-Gang Program Site in South Los Angeles Opens** – On Monday, December 12, 2005, Chief Bratton along with city officials opened the Los Angeles City/County Community Law Enforcement and Recovery (CLEAR) Program. The purpose of this program is to facilitate the recovery of gang-impacted communities. CLEAR promotes effective collaboration of all law enforcement organizations in designated communities, thus decreasing the criminal activity of targeted gangs and reducing the negative toll they take on our neighborhoods. (December 8)
- **New Year's Eve Gunfire Reduction Campaign** – Chief Bratton joined Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca, and Los Angeles City Attorney Rocky

Delgadillo to remind local residents to keep New Year's Eve celebrations safe by not engaging in celebratory gunfire. (December 30)

- **Crystal Angel Awards** – For the sixth year, the Los Angeles Police Foundation awarded the Crystal Angel Award to members of the LAPD who exemplify the best community policing. (Beat December)

AWARDS

- **Deputy Chief Honored by Boy Scouts of America** – On Thursday, January 27, 2005, the San Gabriel Valley Council of the Boy Scouts of America honored San Gabriel resident Gary Brennan with the 2005 Distinguished Scouter Award. Mr. Brennan is a 32-year veteran of the Department and the current Chief of Detectives. (January 27)
- **Hollywood Honors LAPD Officer at the 12th Annual Hollywood's Women of Distinction Luncheon** – On Wednesday, May 11, 2005, the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce Community Foundation honored Los Angeles Police Officer Tracey Angeles at the “Hollywood's Women of Distinction” awards luncheon. The Hollywood Chamber Community Foundation supports educational, charitable, cultural, and economic interests of the Hollywood community by developing leadership with a dynamic and innovative vision of the future. (May 6)
- **LAPD Hazmat Unit Honored by City Council** – In recognition of its hard work and dedication to guarding the environmental safety of the citizens of Los Angeles, the Department's Hazardous Materials/Environmental Crimes Unit received a Special Resolution from the Los Angeles City Council on Wednesday, June 15th. (June 4)
- **LAPD Women's Basketball Three Time World Champions at the 2005 World Police and Fire Games** – The LAPD Women's Basketball Team made history winning the Gold Medal for the third time in a row at the 2005 World Police and Fire Games in Quebec City, Canada. (Beat September)
- **LAPD Honored by Department of Defense** – The Department was one of 15 employers selected in July from nearly 1,500 nominations from National Guardsmen and Reservists for the 2005 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award from the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. (Beat November)
- **City Council Acknowledges LAPD Community Policing Award** – On Friday, November 18, 2005, the Los Angeles City Council presented a resolution to Chief Bratton, acknowledging the Department's receipt of a National Community Policing Award. This award was conferred at a special ceremony in Miami on September 25, 2005, as part of the International Association of Chiefs of Police annual conference. (November 3)

HIGH PROFILE MEDIA CASES

- **LAPD Honoring our Local Heroes** – On Wednesday, January 26, 2005, about 6:00 a.m., emergency personnel from various local, county and state agencies responded to the Metrolink Train derailment incident, which occurred on the border of the City of Los Angeles and Glendale. During the three-day rescue and recovery operation, hundreds of law enforcement and fire fighting personnel were deployed at the multi-agency command post. (March 18)
- **Theft of Science Exhibit Specimen** – On March 26, 2005, a specimen from the *Body Worlds* exhibit was stolen from the California Science Center in Exposition Park. The specimen was a plastinated (preserved in plastic) 13-week-old fetus. (April 20)
- **Stolen Violin Turned In** – On Wednesday, April 20, 2005, a citizen walking his dog turned in a violin and bow to the West Valley police station. The violin was valued at \$500,000 and the bow at \$350,000. Both items were in good condition. (April 21)