2014 ABOVE & BEYOND
MEDAL OF VALOR & PURPLE HEART AWARDS CEREMONY
Medal of Valor and Purple Heart Ceremony

On Thursday, September 4, 2014, Chief Charlie Beck presented the Department’s highest honors to 25 recipients at the “Above and Beyond“ Medal of Valor and Purple Heart Awards Ceremony. The event took place at the Ray Dolby Ballroom in Hollywood. Actor GW Bailey narrated and brought to life this year’s stories of bravery and heroism.

**Policeman Norbert Huseman**  
*Purple Heart*

On December 22, 1945, Policeman Huseman was working Newton Division patrol when he and his partner responded to a disturbance call involving two men arguing over the ownership of a baby carriage. As Huseman walked to the location he ordered anyone inside to come out.

A suspect began shooting from inside the hallway. Huseman was critically wounded during this violent encounter. The suspect was eventually shot and taken into custody.

Unfortunately, Policeman Huseman succumbed to his gunshot wounds 9 days after the incident. He was survived by his wife and four children.

**Detective Charles Monaghan**  
**Detective Robert Endler**  
*Purple Heart*

On February 1, 1964, Detective Charles Monaghan and his partner, Detective Robert Endler, were assigned to Wilshire Division. They heard that a fellow officer was going to walk to a Sears store located next to the police station to pick up a forgery suspect. Both detectives decided to join the officer on this “routine” call.

The three walked into the store and were directed to the security office. As they headed to the office, they saw the suspect seated without handcuffs.

While Endler walked into the room and stood the suspect up to pat him down, the suspect turned towards the office and asked “Are you the police?.” When advised that they were the police, the suspect pulled out a revolver from his waistband and began shooting. Endler was struck in the face, and Monaghan was also hit.

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During the gunfire, Detective Monaghan saved a Sears employee by pushing him to the floor and out of the line of fire. Although gravely wounded, Monaghan managed to raise his gun and shoot at the fleeing suspect who fired back, hitting Monaghan directly in the head.

Detective Robert Endler and Detective Charles Monaghan both died that day from the injuries received in the line of duty.

Officer Richard Beardslee
Officer Jack Rand
Purple Heart

On January 30, 1973, Officer’s Richard Beardslee and Jack Rand were assigned to Wilshire Area. Officer Beardslee was a training officer and Officer Rand had just graduated from the academy and had worked a couple of shifts with Beardslee.

In the early morning hours, the officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle. The three males where ordered out of vehicle, when the officers attempted to order the female out of the vehicle, one of the males lunged towards Beardslee and a fight ensued with both officers.

During the struggle, the female removed a gun from under her shirt and shot Beardslee in the chest. Officers Beardslee attempted to shot the female suspect but one of male suspects was holding onto the barrel of his gun. The female shot Beardslee again in the abdomen, enabling the male suspect to take away Beardslee’s gun. Beardslee used his baton to distract the suspect and move behind a car.

Officer Rand was also shot in the abdomen by one of the suspects. With both officers down, the suspects fled in their vehicle.

Responding officers conducted a follow up investigation to the female’s residence. The investigation ended with all four suspects being arrested.

Officer Beardslee recovered from his injuries, returned to work and retired from the Department. Officer Rand also recovered from his injuries, returned to the Department and was later hired by the Huntington Beach Police.
Chief’s Message

Historic Notes Elysian Park Academy
As you know our iconic police academy is currently being renovated, prompting many of us to look back at our own personal memories and appreciate its rich history. I found some interesting historical notes I wanted to share with you.

Approximately 33,210 sworn men and women have graduated from the Academy grounds. The first police recruit graduated in 1936. All officers received their formal training at Elysian Park until the opening of the Ahmanson Recruit Training Center in 1998.

The mural on the athletic field represents men and woman of all backgrounds. It is a tribute to all who represent the LAPD family and a gift from the Class of 2-81. The mural replaced the Olympic Rings that were mounted for the 1932 Olympics.

In 1925, the Los Angeles Police Revolver and Athletic Club was formed by a private organization of sworn members of the Department who opened an onsite pistol range, restaurant and café. In 1973, the Rock Garden was listed as No. 110 on the list of “Historic-Cultural Monuments” in Los Angeles, providing official recognition and protection for Los Angeles’ most significant and cherished historic resources.

Patrol Shifts, Vertical Staff Meetings and Coffee with the Chief
Since I’ve been Chief, I have remained committed to meeting with you and working side by side with you to gain insight from where you sit and work everyday. I need to know what’s important to you and what your likes and frustrations are when it comes to work efficiency or past practices. I find there is so much value in these meetings, which often prompts great suggestions. I will work on that to improve your job effectiveness and ability to do your work.

Safety
Making sure you go home safely is my most important job. When out on patrol, you use good judgment that guides you in dangerous situations. Anything that makes our job less safe must be eliminated and replaced with good solid tactics that become routine and second nature to you. This means wearing your seatbelt and reminding your partner to do the same. Remember, distracted driving is anything that takes your focus away from the road. Lastly, remember the on duty training we have provided you and apply it off duty to keep you and your loved ones safe. When things are in order at home, you will have less to worry about while at work.

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Lastly, in 2013 the City allowed hiring for some of our civilian workforce and this should continue into 2014. I will continue to push for these new hires, upgrades and certification of eligible lists via the Managed Hiring Committee.

In closing, I do appreciate the candid and healthy discussions we've had in our meetings so expect I will be at your division soon. The offer still stands for each of you to send me a personal email if I miss you at your workplace. I answer my own emails and I will get back to you as quickly as I can.

Be safe and thank you for all you do,
Charlie

AUGUST

Mid-Year City-wide Crime Statistics

As we have passed the yearly half way mark, we should take a moment to reflect on the accomplishments of your hard work and the difference it has made in keeping crime levels down. You have faced and overcome unprecedented challenges during one of the largest fiscal crisis the Department has ever experienced, while still reducing crime. Each member of this Department has much to be proud of.

In comparison to the first six months of 2013, property crimes have decreased 7.0% and Part I crimes are down 5.4%. During this period, we have experienced a slight increase by 2.9% in violent crimes. One of the reductions I am most proud of is our reductions in gang crime.

This City, not very long ago, was known as the gang capital of the United States. We were also the murder capital of the United States, due to gang murders. Over the past five years we have reduced gang crime in the City of Los Angeles by more than 52%. We've reduced it by more than half. We've done this with effective policing and the great police work by our gang officers and detectives. But we also know we cannot do this alone. We've saved lives with the support of the City's programs and its partnerships that understand every aspect of how they can make a difference in reducing gang violence with an emphasis on intervention and prevention. This offers a community solution with smart and fair policing by our officers, with a solution that entails a route back into society with successful reintegration. I am extremely proud of you for engaging and embracing the challenges that come along with fighting gang crime. Ultimately your consistent and unrelenting commitment as officers to effectively improve the quality of everyday life in our neighborhoods has saved countless lives. This is evidenced by the crime reductions and the successes of smart community programs. When we review year to date gang-related aggravated assaults, they are down 9.1%, gang-related rapes are down 59.1% and total gang crime has been reduced 13.1%.

As always we must remember that these numbers represent people. Our level of high
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quality policing has ensured there are less people who have been victimized in our City. Our quality of policing, predictive policing and the positive relationships we maintain with our communities, has enabled us to keep crime down to historic levels for many years. Let us continue working together toward the end of 2014.

National Night Out

On Tuesday August 5, 2014, in a strong show of support, communities across the country will join their local law enforcement agencies in unity against crime and drugs to celebrate the 31st Annual National Night Out. This annual event is celebrated nationwide the first Tuesday of August as neighbors come together and take a unified stand in declaring their neighborhood crime and drug free. Throughout the City our area stations will host open houses and block parties. Our police officers will lead vigils and community walks that promote neighborhood camaraderie and strengthen our police-community partnerships. Please lend your support to this great anti-crime effort.

LAPD Safe Summer Tipoff Recap

Congratulations to the LAPD basketball team as they emerged victorious 55 - 44 over the Los Angeles Fire Department team for a fifth consecutive championship title. This annual youth safety festival has served as a great way for kids across the City to kick off their summer vacation. It was great to see the positive effect our police officers have when interacting with so many kids and their families. A very special thank you to our event host Arsenio Hall for his energy and humor that made this event memorable and fun for everyone in attendance. I would like to give special recognition to Officer Sara Faden, Media Relations Section, for her remarkable efforts in organizing and making this event come together seamlessly for a fifth successful year in a row. Lastly, I cannot forget our gracious community sponsors who once again made this festival a huge success.

The United States Police and Fire Championships

In late June, almost 5,000 police and fire department personnel from across the country traveled to San Diego to compete against one another in more than 55 sporting events. These competitive matches took place in more than 35 venues. This year 387 LAPD personnel competed, more than any other agency. Our Department employees had great success by capturing 95 Gold medals, 62 Silver medals, and 32 Bronze Medals. I am very proud of our police officers for their dedication, commitment to personal training and diet regimens they maintain all year long, and for representing the Department in this annual national competition. I know it takes a lot of sacrifice and work to maintain a competitive level of skill and fitness, which makes me proud to see you representing this world class Department. I always look forward to supporting you and watching you compete at the events.

Labor Negotiations

At the time of this writing, the tentative contract agreement failed to be ratified by the majority rank and file. It is important to recognize that union and City leaders will continue working together to reach an agreement that is fair and equitable to everyone. In the days following the ratification meetings, I had the chance to attend several roll calls, listen to your concerns and pledge my support for this great Department and its members. I was very pleased to see the level of professionalism and respect demonstrated by all of you during uncertain times.

Again, I reaffirm my most sincere appreciation for each and every one of you. I expect we will move through this process as professionals and continue to carry out your duties with the same regard you always do. Most importantly, I ask that you discuss your
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differences of opinion in a respectful manner without allowing your personal viewpoints to create animosity or division in the workplace.

Be safe, Charlie

**SEPTEMBER**

Police work is never easy, never predictable, and always dangerous. The inherent dangers of our line of work clearly exist, and sadly have been become more evident this past year for our Department. Across the country, police officers are often confronted with violent armed suspects, and tragically, some of these incidents result in serious injury to our officers. When I meet with our officers following these traumatic incidents I am always grateful to learn how their training, tactical skills and equipment have protected them from these violent assaults. But more importantly, I am in awe of the personal courage these officers display and their will to survive. We can provide them with hours of training and give them the tools to protect themselves and the community, but we can’t teach them how to be brave, that comes from within. These brave men and women truly embody the essence of what heroes are made of.

This year’s Above and Beyond Medal of Valor and Purple Heart Awards will be held on September 4th at the Hollywood and Highland Center’s Grand Ballroom. The ceremony will recognize twenty-six officers for their bravery, heroism, and courage. These humble men and women have gone above and beyond to serve this great City and this will be our day to honor them. I invite each of you to join us as we pay tribute to their extraordinary service and recount their heroic acts.

Congratulations to this year’s Medal of Valor and Purple Heart recipients.

**Thank You…**

This coming March will mark my 40th year as a member of the Los Angeles Police Department. I have been immensely proud to serve as your Chief for the past five years and I look forward to the opportunity to continue in this role for the next five. The reappointment process has been very difficult and personally challenging. It has created division and conflict within the Department far beyond what I had envisioned. Now is the time for us to come together in support of not only our mission but of each other. We have important work to do. We have a great City to police, one that deserves to be the safest big city in America to be policed effectively and constitutionally. Most of all, it deserves to have the best police department in the world.

I thank the men and women of this Department for the successes and the strides we have made over the years. You have worked hard and truly deserve to be recognized as members of the world’s finest police department. As we move forward, I am eager to work with you towards achieving the goal of making Los Angeles the safest big City in America. This begins with each and every member of this Department, in the way we act every day. Let’s demonstrate our professionalism and pride of this world class organization by the way we treat each other moving forward.

Be safe and take care of each other, Charlie
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Detective Gerald Sawyer
Purple Heart

On November 6, 1973, Detective Gerald “Blakie” Sawyer was assigned to the Narcotics Division as part of a special task force with the Drug Enforcement Administration. Working undercover, Sawyer went to the Santa Monica hotel to buy 20 kilos of cocaine from a known drug dealer who had been introduced to the detective by an informant.

Sawyer, the drug dealer and the police informant met in the hotel room to complete the narcotics transaction. Once Sawyer handed over a briefcase containing cash, the dealer brandished a handgun and shot Sawyer multiple times. Officers in the adjoining room who monitored the transaction rushed into the room and took the drug dealer and the police informant into custody. Detective Sawyer died as a result of his injuries and was the Department’s first undercover drug officer killed in the line of duty.

Officer William Skiles
Purple Heart

On the predawn hours of September 28, 1982, Officer Skiles and his partner were on patrol when they came upon a suspect attempting to break into a vehicle. The Officers tried to communicate with the suspect.

The suspect refused to obey the commands and fled on foot. The Officers caught up to the suspect and a physical altercation ensued. Skiles moved to handcuff him, but the suspect produced a handgun, firing two rounds at Skiles at point blank range. Skiles shot back at the suspect.

The suspect turned away and fled again, despite his serious wounds, Skiles rose to his feet and joined his partner in the foot chase. Having chased the suspect several blocks and engage in a lengthy gun battle, Skiles eventually lost consciousness. The suspect was ultimately taken into custody after suffering multiple gunshot wounds.

As a result of this incident, Officer Skiles lost the use of his wrist and had for one year. Two years later he accepted a medical retirement due to his injuries.
Officer Rick L. Webb
Purple Heart

On August 27, 1985, Officer Rick L. Webb and his partner were assigned to Van Nuys patrol when they received a radio call of a kidnap investigation at an apartment complex.

Upon entering the complex, the officers were confronted with escaping hostages and an armed suspect who was firing his weapon in an attempt to regain control of his captives. Both officers instinctively drew the attention of the suspect away from the hostages and came under fire.

The officers exchanged fire with the assailant. During the gun battle, Webb glanced around the corner of a wall to engage the suspect and was shot in the head.

After being momentarily stunned, Webb reengaged the suspect and continued to exchange fire. The suspect sustained numerous gunshot wounds throughout the encounter, he refused to surrender and continued to fire his weapon at the officers. Webb and his partner were able to place the suspect in custody.

A number of officers responded to the “help call.” Fellow officers transported Webb to the hospital in a police vehicle. Miraculously, Officer Webb recovered from his injury and returned to full duty less than six months after the shooting.

Officer Christopher Walter
Purple Heart

On the evening of October 23, 1993, a suspect stole a vehicle from a used car lot in South Los Angeles, crashing it through a gate in order to flee.

Later that evening a sergeant observed the vehicle speeding down a busy street and initiated a pursuit. Officer Walter and his partner, who had joined the pursuit exited their vehicle and started to chase the suspect. Walter observed the suspect climb over a gate into an alley. Walter saw that he was holding a weapon in his hands, grabbed onto the suspect’s shirt and pulled him to the ground. The suspect fell onto his back and Walter positioned himself on top of him for an arrest.

The suspect pulled a handgun from his waistband and fired a round striking Walter in his left hand. Knowing he had been hit, Walter continued the struggle to gain possession of the suspect’s weapon.

Walter, fearing for his own safety, drew his service pistol and shot the suspect who continued fighting for a short time before collapsing. Officer Walter suffered a shattered bone, severed tendon and severe nerve damage as a result of the gunshot wound to his left hand.

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**Officer Alejandro Valencia**

*Purple Heart*

On the evening of July 10, 2010, Officer Alejandro Valencia and his partner were on patrol in Foothill Division.

The officers saw a driver throw what appeared to be a beer can out of the car’s window. Believing the driver was under the influence the officers initiated a traffic stop, the driver failed to stop and sped away. The officers continued their pursuit until the suspect suddenly stopped.

Before the officers could even come to a stop, the suspect exited his vehicle and fired a semi-automatic handgun at them. The bullets ripped through the police vehicle striking Valencia in his right forearm. Valencia flung open his door and returned fire.

During the gun battle Valencia’s partner lost his footing and fell to the ground. Valencia saw his partner fall and thought he had been shot. Putting his partner’s well-being before his own, Valencia engaged the suspect with his wounded arm until he felt he was no longer a threat.

His partner saw the suspect making movements and believing he was still a threat, he re-engaged the suspect until he was rendered immobile. Other officers arrived and took the suspect into custody.

**Officer Phillip Scallon**

**Officer Sean Schneider**

*Purple Heart*

On the evening of October 1, 2011, Officers Phillip Scallon and Sean Schneider were working undercover narcotics surveillance inside an unmarked van when they saw three people exit a nearby apartment building and walk past their van.

As the three men were passing their van, another vehicle abruptly drove up and came to a stop behind their van. Three people jumped from the vehicle and ran towards the three individuals on the sidewalk. Within seconds an argument ensued between the two groups of men.

Scallon saw a fourth person hiding next to a tree holding a shotgun. Scallon notified Schneider and they both drew their weapons and scanned the area for additional threats.
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One of the men in the vehicle pulled up his shirt exposing a handgun in his waistband. Then simultaneously the officers heard two rapid gunshots and saw the muzzle flashes where the suspects were standing. Believing the suspects were firing at them, Scallon fired at them with the suspects returning fire shattering the window of their van. Flying glass and pellets from the shotgun blast struck both officers, with Scallon taking the blunt of the weapon’s firepower.

Scallon’s left eye immediately swelled shut from being struck by shotgun pellets and although both officers were wounded from gunshots they remained focused and stayed in the fight. Scallon knocked glass out of the window to give himself a better view of the suspects attacking them. The officers realized they were in a vulnerable and confined position so they exited the van as Schneider called for backup.

The suspects fled on foot, but because of the detailed information the officers were able to provide about them, responding officers apprehended two of the suspects after a massive manhunt through Koreatown. Thanks to the relentless follow-up of detectives on the case, all suspects were arrested and brought to justice.

Medal Valor Recipients
Officer James Brown
Officer Canaan Bodell
Officer Michael Messenger

During the early morning hours of November 23, 2011, Operations-West Bureau homicide detectives attempted to arrest a suspect wanted for murder during a robbery, but he escaped. Detectives learned the suspect had stated he was going to have a “shoot out” with the police. Based on the severity of the suspect’s crime and his propensity for violence, SWAT’s assistance was requested.

A contingent of SWAT resources, including a K-9 team, was directed to a house where the suspect was last seen entering. As the LAPD pieced together intelligence, it became apparent that the suspect was holding the family hostage inside the house.

Initial attempts to negotiate with the suspect failed and officers were directed to breach the house in order to confirm the location of the hostages. As the officers tried to breach the front door, the suspect began to shoot at them through the door. Officers were able to partially open the door, entered, and returned fire at the suspect.

Without hesitation the team rapidly moved through the partially opened door and the smoky interior of the house. They could hear children screaming from the rear of the residence. Without regard for their personal safety, each officer who had entered the house went to look for hostages. As Officers Bodell and Messenger moved towards a rear bedroom, they saw the suspect leaning into a closet with a gun in his hand.

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Inside a closet was a father with his two children. The suspect grabbed hold of one of the children in an attempt to take the child from the father. The officers realized the imminent danger of the hostages and quickly went into the room. The armed suspect charged at the officers and a gun battle ensued.

Messenger was shot in a lower extremity but the officers were able to shoot and mortally wound the suspect, putting an end to the hostage nightmare for the frightened family members.

**Medal Valor Recipients**

Officer Mark Austin  
Officer Clinton Perez  
Officer Juan Garcia  
Officer Hans Almaraz

Officer David Blake  
Officer Joseph Arevalo  
Officer Joseph Broussard

Officer Ryan Nguyen  
Officer Brad Gorby  
Officer Sean Schneider

On September 11, 2012, a victim was carjacked at gun point by a suspect carrying a black guitar case, within 30 minutes, Rampart officers located the suspect driving the vehicle and called for a police pursuit. During the pursuit, officers identified the person known as a homicide suspect notorious for carrying an AK-47 rifle concealed in a guitar case. He had vowed to shoot it out with the officers if ever confronted by them, just as his brother did in a 2010 shootout with LAPD officers.

The pursuit came to a sudden end at a busy intersection in downtown Los Angeles with the suspect colliding with another vehicle. After the collision officers saw him, armed with an AK-47, emerged from the car and move to conceal himself behind the crashed vehicles.

Officers Mark Austin, David Blake, Ryan Nguyen, Clinton Perez, Joseph Arevalo, Brad Gorby and Juan Garcia took cover and engaged the suspect in a fierce gun battle. The initial volley of gunfire wounded the suspect and knocked him to the ground, but he recovered and continued shooting.

The suspect was sitting low on the ground and the officers could not see him as he indiscriminately shot towards them and at innocent bystanders. As Officers Broussard and Schneider arrived at scene, Schneider assumed the brunt of the gunfire was directed towards Officer Almaraz and his K-9 partner Pecco. Without regard for their own safety, Schneider moved across open ground to provide assistance to Almaraz while Broussard attempted to save a bystander stuck inside his vehicle in the middle of the intersection.

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The suspect fired at Broussard who responded by firing two rounds back and saw him collapse. Schneider ran from cover to aid his partner and together they were able to move the citizen from his car to safety. The suspect lay on the ground firing, Austin, Nguyen and Almaraz engaged the suspect. Unsure if he was still able to use his weapon, officers directed him to give up. He defiantly answered with a derogatory refusal.

Almaraz released K-9 Pecco onto the suspect, leaving him distracted and trying to defend himself, which allowed officers to move in, disarm and safely secure the suspect.

**Medal Valor Recipients**

**Officer Don Thompson**

On Christmas Day 2013, Officer Don Thompson was driving southbound on the 405 freeway in a bomb squad utility truck to start his shift at the Bomb Squad’s LAX office. While Thompson was driving he saw a vehicle on the northbound 405 collide with the concrete center divider and burst into flames. With the inferno building at the rear of the car, the vehicle continued northbound for another 350 feet before finally coming to a stop.

Without a moment’s hesitation, Thompson pulled over to the center divider a short distance from the burning vehicle and jumped two concrete freeway dividers to reach the vehicle. When he reached the car, Thompson noticed that the driver was unconscious and the fire, which had already engulfed the entire rear portion of the vehicle was quickly travelling forward into the driver’s compartment.

Thompson, without regard for his own safety rushed forward to pull the unconscious driver out of the car. However the vehicle’s front door and fender were badly damaged in the collision and were blocked by the concrete, making it harder to pull open.

Thompson attempted to release the driver from the seatbelt but the smoke and heat were intense. Realizing that his life and the victim’s life were in danger, Thompson made one last attempt to release the seatbelt. Through the thick smoke and searing heat, he was able to finally unbuckle the seatbelt and then bearing the full weight of the 200 pound unconscious driver, pull him out of the car.

Two bystanders had pulled over to help reached over the concrete barrier to grab the unconscious driver from Thompson and pull him to safety. The car then became completely engulfed in flames seconds later.

Thompson was treated for first and second degree burns to his arms and face and deep abrasions to his knee.
### IN MEMORIAM

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On July 9, 2014, Chief Charlie Beck and Mayor Eric Garcetti held a news conference at 77th Station to announce the mid-year crime statistics.

The crime statistics reflect a reduction in every LAPD bureau in the City, making Los Angeles safer than it’s been since 1949. Mayor Garcetti credited the reduction in crime to smart, data-driven policing, a focus on prevention as well as enforcement and a police department that works with the communities it serves.

For the first six months of 2014, the total number of citywide Part I crimes was down 5.4% compared to the same time period last year. Property crimes was down 7%, homicides are down 1.5% and gang-related crime was down 13.1%. Robberies dropped 5.7%, burglaries 14.6%, motor vehicle thefts 7% and larcenies 4.8%.

The first-ever Los Angeles Police Academy graduation ceremony took place at the LAPD Administration Building plaza on July 11, 2014. Previous graduations were always held on the Los Angeles Police Academy’s athletic field in Elysian Park. However, major renovations at the academy are expected to take about two years and have necessitated relocating the ceremonies.

All recruits completed 920 hours of training over the course of 24 weeks and proudly stood before Department command staff, dignitaries, including Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, and hundreds of spectators composed mostly of family and friends.

Recent court decisions have raised Constitutional concerns regarding detention by local law enforcement agencies based solely on an Immigration Detainer request from the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Until this area of the law is further clarified by the Courts, effective immediately the Los Angeles Police Department will no longer honor Immigration Detainer requests submitted by ICE unless one of the following conditions are met:

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1. Judicial Determination of Probable Cause for that detainer; or
2. Warrant from a Judicial Officer.

The Los Angeles Police Department endeavors to maintain a solid relationship with our Federal partners while simultaneously serving the citizens of Los Angeles regardless of immigration status in United States.

**LAPD Crime Lab Accreditation Ceremony**

On August 8, 2014 the Los Angeles Police Department’s Scientific Investigation Division, Criminalist Laboratory, received a Certificate of Accreditation as a Forensic Science Testing and Forensic Science Calibration laboratory from the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board.

The Criminalistics Laboratory was first accredited in 1998, and re-accredited in 2005 and 2009, as a forensic laboratory, under the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLD/LAB) Legacy Program. The term of accreditation is typically five years and, in the most recent 2014 cycle, the lab was accredited under a new set of standards. As of May 29, 2014, ASCLD/LAB conferred upon the LAPD Scientific Investigation Division, Criminalistics Laboratory, Certificates of Accreditation in the fields of Forensic Science Testing and Forensic Science Calibration. In order to achieve these certifications, the laboratory met or exceeded over 800 requirements.

**Chief Charlie Beck Reappointed for Second Term as Chief of the LAPD**

On August 12, 2014, the Los Angeles Board of Police Commissioners appointed Chief Charlie Beck to a second five-year term as Chief of Police.

“I am honored that after a thorough evaluation of my work as Chief of Police and the many accomplishments of the Department over the past five years, the Police Commission has given me the opportunity to continue the important work of keeping Los Angeles safe,” said Chief Charlie Beck.

“I am immensely proud to lead the men and women of the LAPD who work tirelessly every day to earn the trust of our communities and who risk their lives to protect those that live, work and visit the City of Angels.

The dedicated sworn officers and civilian personnel of the Department perform this mission effectively, constitutionally, and with the professionalism that the community expects. I thank the Mayor, the Police Commission, the men and women of the LAPD, and the community for supporting me through this process and their vote of confidence in my continued leadership of the finest police department in the world.”

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LAPD Safe Summer Tipoff Recap

Congratulations to the LAPD basketball team as they emerged victorious 55 - 44 over the Los Angeles Fire Department team for a fifth consecutive championship title. This annual youth safety festival has served as a great way for kids across the City to kick off their summer vacation. It was great to see the positive effect our police officers have when interacting with so many kids and their families.

A very special thank you to our event host Arsenio Hall for his energy and humor that made this event memorable and fun for everyone in attendance. “I would like to give special recognition to Officer Sara Faden, Media Relations Section, for her remarkable efforts in organizing and making this event come to together seamlessly for a fifth successful year in a row. Lastly, I cannot forget our gracious community sponsors who once again made this festival a huge success”, Chief Beck stated.

9/11 Remembrance Ceremony


Event participants honored the importance of never forgetting the tragic destruction of the World Trade Center in which thousands of victims were injured or killed. Along with guest speakers, the event included static displays, helicopter flyovers and the traditional bell-ringing ceremony.
RECENT ACTIONS BY THE POLICE COMMISSION

July 8: The final community meeting was held on July 8, 2014, to obtain input on Chief Charlie Beck’s request for reappointment to a second term. The meeting was held at the Lincoln Heights Senior Center and approximately 200 people attended. Forty community members expressed their varied opinions regarding Chief Beck’s reappointment. Commissioner Steve Soboroff expressed the Commission’s appreciation to all who attended and shared their thoughts. The input of the community is a major component of the Commission’s process in responding to the Chief’s request, either positively or negatively.

July 15: Assistant Chief Moore presented the Modified Policy and Procedure for Immigration and Custom Enforcement Detainer Request which was approved. He explained Immigration Detainer Notices of Action from Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) will no longer be honored unless: 1) there is judicial determination of probable cause, or 2) there is a warrant from a judicial officer. Commissioner Kim asked the Department return in the near future with an update on this effort citing how many ICE requests have been received and what decisions have been made on those request.

July 22: Chief Beck reported he was pleased the Department will be able to pay cash overtime for at least the next six months. He also reported funding is available to appropriately compensate recently hired officers.

July 29: Commissioner Sandra Figueroa-Villa acknowledged the extensive LAPD participation coordinated by Lieutenant Al Labrada at the recent National Council of La Raza Convention. Approximately 10,000 people attended and the LAPD was well represented.

August 5: Commissioner Robert Saltzman thanked the Department for the quick apprehension of the suspects in the USC graduate student murder case.

August 5: Commissioner Steve Soboroff noted the Los Angeles City Charter gives the responsibility and obligation to the Police Commission for the reappointment of the Chief. The Commission has obtained community input through community meetings, electronically, through written correspondence, and in person at Commission meetings. The input has been both positive and negative. Commissioner Soboroff referred to the process as “an opportunity to make great things happen.”

August 26: Commissioner Steve Soboroff reflected on the community meeting held last week at Paradise Baptist Church. He said it was a moving experience that demonstrated to him that the LAPD does an excellent job at community policing, and there is always more to do. He places the responsibility to build bridges on the Department not on the community.

The Police Commission approved the Inspector General’s review of the Early Warning System with direction to the Department to return with quarterly updates on the progress of making the system more relevant. Alex Bustamante explained the origins of the Early Warning System and how it was an important component of the Federal Consent Decree. The system was designed to detect and alert supervisors of potential issues with personnel. It is a data collection of all employee information in one location. The Inspector General looked at 748 sample “action items” generated by the system to determine if it is functioning as it had been intended. The result was that the system is not broken, but definitely not as relevant as it could be given and it has not been updated in five years. Assistant Chief Sandy Jo MacArthur and Police Administrator Maggie Goodrich agreed that it is time to review the system for efficacy and to that end, a consultant will be obtained to evaluate and revise the system.

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**September 9:** The Commission received an update from the Southeast Community Police Advisory Board from Co-Chairs Theresa Martinez, Captain Phillip Tingirides and Officer Dawson Hill. The Southeast National Night Out was a huge success with approximately 3,500 to 4,000 attendees. Captain Tingirides outlined how Southeast works with numerous community-based organizations as well as the local schools and the Housing Authority to improve the quality of life and reduce crime in this area. Station officers work closely with the Girl Scouts, Watts Bears, and Operation Progress among other organizations.

**September 23:** Co-Chairs Margarita Amador and Captain Baeza presented the status report on Hollenbeck Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB). The CPAB focuses on community-based issues to produce the biggest impact: ABC licenses, youth programs, community service projects and recruitment of new members. The CPAB’s success is attributed to collaborations with other organizations such as the Police Business Associations such as the Police Business Association of Hollenbeck, the Boys and Girls Club and Speak Out Against Bullying.

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The Following Personnel Were Commended By The Community

**JULY 2014**

**COMMANDER**
Robert Lopez

**CAPTAIN III**
Joan Wakefield

**DETECTIVE III**
Eric Bixler
David Kennedy
James Williams

**DETECTIVE II**
Jose Chavez
Travis Coyle
Ryuichi Ishitani

**DETECTIVE I**
Barrett Halcromb
Juan Rodriguez
Dondee Stout

**SERGEANT II**
Jeffrey Bratcher

**SERGEANT I**
James Merle
Gregory Morgan
James Sterling

**POLICE OFFICER III**
Christopher Ercolano
Keith Gonzales
Rex Ingram
James La Force
Ken Lew

**POLICE OFFICER II**
Todd Bostrom
Michael Briones
Victor Campbell
Efrain Cedillo
Santiago Cervantes

**SERGEANT**
James Cho
Kenneth Curtis
Brenda Escobedo
Mark Flores
Concepcion Guzman
Christopher Horn
Matthew Mendez
Gerardo Montano
Robert Munoz
Adolfo Pacheco
Brett Ramirez
Richard Torres
Christabel Youssef
Ayda Zavala

**POLICE OFFICER I**
Barrett Halcromb
Juan Rodriguez
Dondee Stout

**AUGUST 2014**

**LIEUTENANT II**
Patrick Butler
Juan Gonzalez

**LIEUTENANT I**
Alfred Labrada

**DETECTIVE III**
Frances McBride

**DETECTIVE II**
Ryuichi Ishitani
Richard Lozano
Scott McNeil

**DETECTIVE I**
Barrett Halcromb
Juan Rodriguez
Dondee Stout

**POLICE OFFICER IV**
Jeffry Phillips

**POLICE OFFICER III**
John Doucet
Wendy Gamble

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ROLL CALL OF EVENTS

LAPD Central Community Police Station Host
“National Night Out”
Tuesday, August 5, 2014
5:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.
Arts District
3rd Street and Traction Avenue
Los Angeles, California 90013

Muslin Community Forum
Thursday, September 18, 2014
6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.
Masjid Omar ibn Al-Khattab Foundation
1025 West Exposition Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90007

Community Forum Regarding AB60, New Law to License Undocumented Residents
Wednesday, September 24, 2014
6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.
Casa Cultura Maya
501 Bixel Street
Los Angeles, CA 90017

LAPD Partners with The Sunshine Kids for a Once-in-a-Lifetime Experience
Thursday, September 25, 2014
9:45 a.m.–10:15 a.m.
Sheraton Universal Hotel
333 Universal Hollywood Drive
Universal City, CA 91608