



# Department's View

Chief Charlie Beck

I want to start the new year by once again telling you what an honor it has been to be your Chief for the past three years. All of you continually prove to me how fortunate I am to be a member of and lead the finest law enforcement agency in the entire world.

During the last three years your dedication and hard work resulted in an 11-percent decrease in overall crime, with violent crime down 24 percent. You have faced numerous special events, including Lakers and Kings celebrations along with Occupy L.A. marches and have risen to the occasion every time. This includes not just those employees who were directly involved, but also those who remained in their regular assignments making do with less because of these deployments.

The pains that our civilian brothers and sisters have experienced as a result of furloughs and the constant fear of impending layoffs reverberates through all of us. Civilian and sworn, no matter what your rank or position, you come to work every day, and through adversities you pull together to provide a level of service to which other agencies can only aspire.

## LAPD heroes: Foothill Area

Although the incident I am about to discuss occurred in late November 2012, I would be remiss if I did not recognize the lifesaving efforts of two very heroic Los Angeles Police Officers: Sgt. I Roland Fogel and PO II Leroy Alley.

On the morning of Nov. 27, 2012, Sgt. Fogel and Ofcr. Alley responded to a 911 call at a residence located in the 8200 block of Laurel Canyon Boulevard. As Sgt. Fogel and Ofcr. Alley approached the location, a female ran from the residence holding an unconscious baby in her arms, screaming and begging for the officers to save her baby's life.

Sgt. Fogel and Ofcr. Alley observed the child's body to appear limp and her skin color was blue. The young mother managed to tell the officers that the baby had fallen, head first, into a toilet and was near death by the time she was able to pull the child to safety. The mother attempted CPR on the baby to no avail.

Sgt. Fogel requested an RA Unit as he and Ofcr. Alley began vigorous lifesaving efforts on the baby. As a direct result of Sgt. Fogel and Ofcr. Alley's actions, the baby regained consciousness and began crying. The officers remained at the scene, comforting the baby and the young mother, until the arrival of the RA Unit.

This story is nothing short of amazing and I want to acknowledge and thank these two officers for their heroic actions. These officers are an example of the outstanding police work that each of you perform every single day.

## History of 77th Street Area

In June 1925, 77th Street Station was established at 235 W. 77th Street. In March 1995, 77th vacated the historical

station house and relocated to 6000 South St. Andrews Place. At 70 years old, "the old brick house" has lived a storied life, but it was time to move on and build a safer and more practical station for the personnel at 77th Street Area.

In September 1997, the new state-of-the-art facility opened its doors to the public. The station also houses Operations-South Bureau, 77th Street Jail and the "Randy Champe and Gary Howe Memorial Heliport."

At present, 77th Street officers provide service to an estimated total population of approximately 178,200. The Division measures 11.9 square miles with 39 reporting districts and 11 Basic "A" cars.

## Fallen heroes of 77th Street Area

Reserve Ofcr. G.B. Mogle (serial number unavailable) EOW: 08/07/1946

Policeman Roland White, Serial No. 5049 EOW: 05/11/1950  
Policeman Harry M. Miller, Serial No. 4227 EOW: 09/07/1956

Policeman Richard D. Kent, Serial No. 7169 EOW: 12/08/1960

Policeman Charles F. Hallenbeck, Serial No. 10733 EOW: 07/26/1962

Policeman Michael Edwards, Serial No. 15444 EOW: 05/11/1974

Police Ofcr. Daniel Pratt, Serial No. 23800 EOW: 09/03/1988

## Significant events in 77th Street Area

In April 1992, after the reading of the acquittal verdict of the officers involved in the Rodney King case, the city of Los Angeles was to experience a massive civil unrest that would affect the entire city and cause millions of dollars in damage. Fires were set, flames engulfed the city, stores were looted and the brutal beating of a trucker named Reginald Denny in the

intersection of Florence and Normandie, more commonly referred to as the "flash-point of the riots," were moments that will live forever in our city's history.

## Ask the Chief

Since becoming your Chief I have made a point to reach out to you, the rank and file, in an effort to understand your concerns. I have held vertical staff meetings and divisional coffee with the Chief and I have worked patrol in all bureaus and in nearly every single division in the city. During the past three years, I have talked with many of you and have heard your concerns and recommendations. I'm interested in finding out what is on your mind and how I can help make your job better.

So, beginning with the February 2013 Chief's Message, I am asking you to send your questions or concerns directly to me via email at [chiefcharliebeck@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:chiefcharliebeck@lapd.lacity.org). Each month I will answer some of your questions regarding the Department at the end of my article. I look forward to hearing from you.

## Closing

This year our Department will be faced with one of the biggest challenges we have had to deal with in recent memory. It is expected that the new year will bring with it a certainty that at least 90 civilian positions will be eliminated in the coming months. Our support and thoughts are with our civilian brothers and sisters during this harrowing time. We have deep empathy for what they are facing and are thankful for all they do to help make our job easier.

As I have said in the past, this situation is fluid and all we can do at this point is support our co-workers and pray for a positive outcome.

Be safe,  
Charlie ❖

# Support Groups

## ADDICTION PREVENTION UNIT

The Addiction Prevention Unit (APU) is housed under Behavior Science Services (BSS). It consists of sworn Department employees who have specialized training and education in addiction and recovery. APU counselors, who are in recovery themselves, provide education, support and assistance to Department employees and their family members who misuse alcohol and/or prescription medication. Contact us for 12-Step Program information, including Peace Officer Fellowship meetings. Our mission is to help those who help others.

**Contact:** Sgt. Dan Thompson: (213) 840-4864 or [27452@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:27452@lapd.lacity.org); Det. Mike Margolis: (213) 479-5663 or [30110@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:30110@lapd.lacity.org)

## LAPD CHILDREN'S SUPPORT GROUP

The Children's Support Group was founded on the belief that every child and teen deserves the opportunity to grieve in a supportive, understanding and compassionate environment. It is our mission to provide peer interaction and bereavement support to the children and teenagers of law enforcement officers who have died or been killed while on active duty. CSG sponsors events, seminars and speakers working in conjunction with the LAPD Employee Assistance Unit.

**Meetings:** Quarterly on the last Saturday of the month at 10 a.m.

**Next Meeting:** Jan. 26, 2013.

**Location:** LAPD Academy training rooms

**Contact:** Jeanette Ravega: (626) 221-8774

**Email:** [info@lapdcs.org](mailto:info@lapdcs.org) or [lapdcs@gmail.com](mailto:lapdcs@gmail.com)

**Website:** [www.lapdcs.org](http://www.lapdcs.org)

## LAW ENFORCEMENT MILITARY SUPPORT GROUP

Come to share experiences, learn about resources, receive education and meet with other veterans. Bring your friends, family and loved ones so they can learn what's available for them, too.

**Contact:** Det. Teresa Irvin

**Email:** [lemilitarysupportgroup@hotmail.com](mailto:lemilitarysupportgroup@hotmail.com)

## LAPD CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Since 2005, LAPCSG's mission has been to provide the law enforcement community with hope, support, education and a place to start when diagnosed with cancer. Officers can now contribute to the LAPCSG via payroll deduction. Contact Police Relief for details at (213) 674-3701 or (888) 252-7721.

**Meetings:** Fourth Thursday of every month, 11:30 a.m.

**Contact:** Department Wellness Coordinator Mary E. Kite: (213) 944-6819

**Email:** [27859@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:27859@lapd.lacity.org)

**Website:** [www.lapcsg.org](http://www.lapcsg.org)

## LAPD WIVES ASSOCIATION

Founded in 2005, the LAPD Wives Association offers support to LAPD wives through friendship, education and experience. They have educational meetings and workshops, as well as pizza nights — and occasionally sponsor and support various social and Department events, such as the annual Memorial Run, recruitment days, golf tournaments and family days at the Academy. Wives interested in joining can visit the website and fill out the membership application. There is a one-time membership fee of \$30 for new applicants.

**Meetings:** Meetings are quarterly, but vary.

**Contact:** Lynn Caprarelli: (818) 399-6886 or

Alice Sturdy: (626) 523-8277

**Email:** [lynn@lapdwives.org](mailto:lynn@lapdwives.org)

**Website:** [www.lapdwives.org](http://www.lapdwives.org)

## FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

Founded in 1983, FSG is composed of widows and widowers who provide emotional support and grief recovery to those who experience the loss of a police officer. FSG sponsors events and speakers and provides grief counseling, working in conjunction with the following groups: Employee Assistance Unit, LAPD Memorial Foundation and Concerns of Police Survivors.

**Meetings:** Last Tuesday of every month, 5 p.m.

**Contact:** Marijo Johnson: (714) 336-6600

**Email:** [marijojohanson@lapdfsg.org](mailto:marijojohanson@lapdfsg.org) or [info@lapdfsg.org](mailto:info@lapdfsg.org)

**Website:** [www.lapdfsg.org](http://www.lapdfsg.org)

## EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE UNIT

EAU provides many resources, including funeral planning. It houses the Peer Support Group, which is a group of 278 peer counselors who are trained to listen and who are armed with an extensive list of resources; the financial counseling team, which is available to assist officers with very serious financial issues and/or those seeking financial planning; and the Department Honor Guard.

**Contact:** (213) 486-0190

## LOS ANGELES POLICE AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP

Launched in 2008, LAPASG provides the law enforcement community, including their families, with a place to start when diagnosed with autism or a related autism spectrum disorder. LAPASG offers understanding and support through personal experience, education and resources on dealing with autism, as well as discussions from experts.

**Meetings:** Second Wednesday of every month, 10 a.m. (Third Floor Conference Room, Metropolitan Communications Dispatch Center).

**Contact:** Sgt. Bob von Voigt: (323) 846-6504

**Email:** [lapautismsg@gmail.com](mailto:lapautismsg@gmail.com)

**Website:** [www.lapasg.com](http://www.lapasg.com)

## PEER SUPPORT GROUP

Over the years, Department members of PSG have helped hundreds, if not thousands, of employees with personal and work-related problems. This group is open to all active LAPD employees, both sworn and civilian. The core of PSG is being able to appropriately respond to people in need in order to help them through life's difficult times. Currently, there are approximately 150 certified peer support members, sworn and civilian. Services include help with overwhelming situations at work or home, relationship issues, substance abuse issues, health concerns, issues regarding grief or loss, financial or legal problems, depression, suicidal thoughts and other self-destructive thoughts or behaviors.

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