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Year-End Review
2016

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Chief Beck’s Statement on the 2016 Use of Force Report

A Los Angeles police officer never comes to work hoping to become involved in a use of force but, unfortunately, on rare occasions, it happens. And when it does happen, the LAPD critically examines every aspect of the incident to make sure that our officers use force only when necessary and consistent with the Department's deeply held values of preserving life and protecting the communities we serve.

Last year, the LAPD released its first-ever comprehensive Use of Force Report which contained an unprecedented amount of information, context and analysis regarding uses of force by Los Angeles Police officers during 2015. The report was widely distributed and held up by many as a model for increased transparency and accountability in policing.

We are now presenting our 2016 Use of Force Report which will provide even greater depth and analysis of the uses of force that occurred last year. The report also describes the many ongoing efforts to further enhance our training, improve our analysis of use of force incidents, and changes in operational procedures to reduce the necessity to use force in both deadly and non-deadly encounters.

For example, we enhanced our tactical de-escalation training and directives, expanded our mental health intervention training, and continued our scenario-based training on decision-making and tactics for deadly force and non-deadly encounters. In addition, we increased deployment of less-lethal options such as additional TASER's, 40 mm launchers, and bean bag shotguns that are easier to access in the front passenger area.

Although it is too early to draw any conclusions from the effectiveness of our new efforts, the Department did experience a significant decline of 17% in officer-involved shooting incidents, a 52% reduction in rounds fired per officer, while facing an 18% increase in suspects possessing firearms during officer involved shooting incidents.

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As you will see in the report there is a significant amount of information regarding the uses of force by LAPD officers who face daunting challenges in policing the second largest city in America. It is important to note, however, that a use of force, especially deadly force, is exceedingly rare.

Last year, LAPD officers had more than 1.5 million contacts with members of the public, responded to 937,024 requests for police service, and made more than 100,000 arrests. In only 2,011, or .13%, of those public contacts did an officer have to use any level of force, and in 40 instances, or .003%, did an officer use deadly force. This very low ratio of uses of force to contacts is all the more important given the use and prevalence of firearms in the streets of Los Angeles, the level of violent crime in some parts of the City, and the number of dangerous and volatile encounters that officers face every day.

Despite the low levels of force when compared to the number of contacts, arrests, and calls for service, every use of force is an incident that requires scrutiny and analysis to ensure accountability and identify opportunities to reduce the necessity of force in the future. This 409-page report is part of our effort to examine when force was used, what were the circumstances, and how we can continue improving our efforts to protect and to serve the community of Los Angeles.

Please click below to view the full report.

2016 Use of Force Report
National Law Enforcement Week

As communities celebrated National Law Enforcement Week, the LAPD hosted events to remember the 208 LAPD officers who made the ultimate sacrifice.

On Thursday, April 27, 2017, Area Captain Ruby Flores welcomed honored guests and members of the community to the unveiling of the fallen officer memorial at Hollenbeck Station. The Memorial is in honor of two beloved LAPD officers that died in the line of duty while assigned to Hollenbeck Station, Jerry W. Maddox and Steven Gerald Gajda.

The Memorial is located in Hollenbeck’s front plaza where two pathways converge, in front of a tree. The artist, Nijel Binns, created the Memorial to be emotionally experienced, mourning loss while also uplifting and inspiring.

The top of sculpture is a female shaped figure named Lamentation. Nijel Binns decided to create a female figure because every fallen officer has a mother (present or past) lamenting a profound loss. The figure wears a covering over her head in mourning. Her head is covered and tilted, and her hand covers a face of pain and sorrow that represents every ethnicity in the human family. She is every mother, every wife, child, comrade, or loved one who has ever grieved a fallen officer. There is no need to focus on the pain that her eyes or her mouth might reveal, and instead the artist draws attention to her right hand and the American flag that it holds tightly to her bosom. The folded bronze flag is painted with red, white, and blue to underscore the ultimate sacrifice an officer gives to safeguard our nation.

Lamentation stands on a “Blue Pear” granite base that allows greater ease for the public to approach and experience the Memorial, and includes engravings and bronze elements.

Two laurel wreaths are engraved at the bottom of the base’s front side, and engraved in the center of the base’s two sides are vertically positioned medieval swords to symbolize the benevolent knighthood tradition.

There are also several bronze elements affixed onto the granite base. Two bronze nameplates are on its front, one for each Hollenbeck officer who has fallen in the line of duty.

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In addition, above their names plates is a bronze replica of the LAPD badge, known as a “shield,” representing every officer while also referencing the engraved swords and thereby reinforcing the concept of the proud knight. At the very bottom of the front of the base is a bronze Officer’s seal. Finally, on the sides of the base and above the engraved swords, are two bronze portrait medallions, one of Jerry Maddox and one of Steven Gadja, sculpted by the artist with the utmost consideration using photographs of the officers.

Jerry W. Maddox  
**End of Watch: Tuesday, August 19, 1969**  
On August 19, 1969, Hollenbeck Area Policeman Jerry Maddox was assigned to patrol in the Pico Gardens Housing Project. Policeman Maddox stopped to investigate a large party, which was attended by 18 to 24 youths. As the officers approached the location, one of the party goers ran from police. Policeman Maddox chased the suspect down a narrow driveway and while handcuffing the suspect he was shot in the back and died. Responding officers arrested the suspect at the scene.

Steven Gerald Gajda  
**End of Watch: Thursday, January 1, 1998**  
Officer Gajda died on January 1, 1998, after being shot in the head while assigned to stop people from shooting guns in the air on New Year’s Eve. Officer Gajda and other officers stopped at a party which seemed out of control to issue a warning. While they were approaching several gang members fled and were pursued by the officers. Officer Gajda chased one man who appeared to have a weapon in his waistband and was shot in the ensuing struggle. Two officers on the scene returned fire, killing the 17-year-old suspect who had been wanted for murder since March of 1997. Officer Gajda is survived by his wife and two children.
LAPD Announced the Launch of the LGBTQ Guide And Safe Place Program

The Los Angeles Police Department is committed to building bridges, strengthening relationships, and protecting our residents, and that is why we are proud to announce a pilot program aimed at creating a safer community. The LAPD Safe Place initiative declares participating brick and mortar establishments a safe-haven for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community.

On May 31, 2017, LAPD Representatives and Community leaders revealed details about the campaign during LGBT Heritage Month Celebration at Los Angeles City Hall. The LAPD also unveiled the newly created LGBTQ Resource App, which will make it easier to access LGBTQ resource information from smart phones and Resource Brochure, available at Safe Place locations.

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The pilot program is a product of the LAPD LGBTQ Working Group which was formed by Chief Charlie Beck in 2010 to create more culturally sensitive policies for the City’s law enforcement officers.

LAPD Safe Place is modeled after a Seattle program, which involves collaboration between Police and local business owners. LAPD Safe Place is free and voluntary for businesses, who will post signage in their storefront windows acknowledging their participation in the program. Business owners agree to provide a “safe place” for the LGBT community, and provide a temporary safe-haven for anyone who might be seeking refuge from a hate crime or incident. The program will roll out in the Hollywood and Northeast Areas of the Los Angeles Police Department.

Displaying the LAPD SAFE PLACE symbol at their premise carries some important responsibilities that will greatly assist in protecting Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning (LGBTQ) victims of crime.

These LGBTQ victims will recognize the LAPD SAFE PLACE symbol of safety that indicates the business, organization, school or premise is willing to assist and protect these victims. To make this concept effective the Los Angeles Police Department would like businesses to instruct their staff, employees, supervisors, managers, volunteers and counselors, etc. of the following protocol:

The mission of the LAPD SAFE PLACE is to provide the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning (LGBTQ) community with signage and resources that provide easily accessible safety information.
LAPD and Ford Corporation Leading the Way to Global Electric Vehicles

On Monday, April 20, 2017, LAPD Chief Charlie Beck and Ford Executives held a news conference to introduce the partnership between the Department and Ford Corporation and the use of electrified vehicles. The City of Los Angeles has also dedicated itself to explore and utilize alternative uses of fuel. Under the direction of LAPD Chief Charlie Beck, the Los Angeles Police Department is actively investing in the future of transportation.

"Our mission for creating safe and healthy communities in Los Angeles," said Chief Beck," is achieved through sustainable approaches towards community policing, and that includes embracing new technologies. The patrol vehicle is a police officer's office and the LAPD expects that policing tool to not only be economically and environmentally efficient, but also an effective tool for fighting crime in a major metropolitan area."

Riders Urged to Get Trained and Ride Safe During May

Improving Motorcycle Safety Aim of Los Angeles Police Department Operations

The Los Angeles Police Department joined law enforcement agencies across the United States in support of National Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. During the month of May, law enforcement conducted special enforcement operations. Over the course of the past two years in Los Angeles, motorcycle-related collisions have resulted in over 1,700 fatal and injury traffic collisions. Increased enforcement and training are aimed at eliminating motorcycle deaths.

During the month of May, extra officers patrolled areas frequented by motorcyclists and where motorcycle traffic collisions occur. Officers focused on violations made by drivers and riders alike that can lead to motorcycle collisions. The focus was on both those operating regular vehicles and motorcycles who are under the influence of drugs or alcohol, speeding, making illegal turns, or any other dangerous violation. The LAPD conducted specialized Motorcycle Safety Enforcement Operation on various dates.

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In support of motorcycle safety, the California Motorcyclist Safety Program (CMSP) offered special, low cost rider training classes during the month of May. The CMSP offered “Total Control Refresher Training” course, which is a four-hour riding class designed for experienced riders with a current motorcycle license. Riders used their own street-legal motorcycle and were taught by CMSP-certified Instructors.

News Riders are urged to get basic training through the California Motorcyclist Safety Program. Information and training locations are available at http://www.californiamotorcyclist.com/ or 1-877 RIDE 411 (1-877-743-3411).

World Police & Fire Games Partners with Oscar De La Hoya And Golden Boy Promotions

Los Angeles hosted the World Police & Fire Games (WPFG) from Monday, August 7 to Wednesday, August 16, 2017 and had the opening ceremonies at the LA Memorial Coliseum. More than 8,000 athletes, all active or retired Police Officers or Firefighters, from over 70 countries competed in more than 65 different sports and disciplines, and draw up to 50,000 spectators.

According to Chief Charlie Beck, a veteran competitor and athlete in the 2017 Games, "The World Police and Fire Games not only help to promote physical fitness through intense competition, it also builds camaraderie and life-long friendships among first responders. The opportunity to showcase our great city is great, but the fortuity to bring athletes from around the world together with our diverse communities to share in the passion of sport, that's something special."

In addition, the WPFG is proud to announce the partnership with 1992 Olympic Gold Medalist, 10-time world title champion and local legend, Oscar De La Hoya and Golden Boy Promotions. "Boxing has always been a premier and well attended event of the World Police & Fire Games, but with Oscar and Golden Boy Promotions as a Presenting Sponsor, it's sure to take the Games to an even higher level of competition. Said Chief Beck," “All over the country, our police officers and firefighters work tirelessly to keep us safe.”

Golden Boy Promotions Chairman and CEO Oscar De La Hoya said, "We are proud to honor their service and help provide support as they demonstrate their athletic abilities in Los Angeles."
IN MEMORIAM

APRIL

Wayne Charles Blandin
Detective III
Retired
Serial No. 23748
EOW 4/7/17

Gary A. Twiford
Sergeant I
Retired
Serial No. 12271
EOW 4/9/17

Gary L. Brutsch
Detective III
Retired
Serial No. 12293
EOW 4/11/17

MAY

Charles Edward Slater IV
Sergeant II
Hollywood Area
Serial No. 26164
EOW 1/16/17

Lawrence “Larry” Moore
Sergeant II
Retired
Serial No. 15466
EOW 4/16/17

John T. Moroney
Detective III
Retired
Serial No. 10505
EOW 4/21/17

Wesley E. Toles
Detective III
Retired
Serial No. 11002
EOW 4/24/17

Louis V. Malnar
Sergeant
Retired
Serial No. 5860
EOW 4/27/17

Michael W. Schneider
Lieutenant I
Retired
Serial No. 21595
EOW 5/2/17

Jeremiah A. Dauer
Police Investigator I
Retired
Serial No. 11481
EOW 5/8/17

Richard B. Will
Police Officer III
Retired
Serial No. 13813
EOW 5/9/17

Vincent Rubino
Sergeant
Retired
Serial No. 7026
EOW 5/15/17

JUNE

Roy V. Bean
Sergeant
Retired
Serial No. 2483
EOW 6/2/17

John J. Flower
Police Officer III
Retired
Serial No. 25547
EOW 6/11/17

Hector Alarcon
Police Officer II
Retired
Serial No.23596
EOW 6/14/17

Bruce “Sam” Bass
Police Officer III
Retired
Serial No.13187
EOW 3/13/17

James S. Smith
Police Officer III
Retired
Serial No.10241
EOW 3/16/17

Beauford “Bert” Phelps
Sergeant
Retired
Serial No.5662
EOW 6/16/17
**Recent Actions by the Police Commission**

**May 2:**
Chief Beck commented the May Day event was attended by a well-behaved crowd of approximately 15,000 people.

Chief Beck attended the City Budget hearing which included MTA contract for Police Service and funds for community surveys for the Department.

**May 16:**
Police Administrator to the Office of Constitutional Policing and Policy, Arif Alikhan provided verbal and discussion presentation relative to the policies and procedures regarding interaction with the immigrant community.

**June 6:**
Assistant Chief Moore provided the Report of the Chief of Police. Chief Beck and senior staff members attended the Major City Chief’s meeting in Las Vegas. The agenda discussion included immigration and the expectations of local law enforcement in relation to immigration laws.

**June 13:**
Chief Beck reported ten shootings occurred over the weekend. Four of them occurred in Operation South Bureau, three in Operation Central Bureau, two in Operation Valley Bureau and one in West Bureau.

**June 27:**
Police Commissioner President Matt Johnson requested the Office of the Inspector General to conduct a review of the Department’s Cadet program with an inspection into the following areas.

- Review the policies and procedures in each of the 21 divisions relative to the accountability of checking out and in department equipment by personnel to ensure adequate safeguards are in place and recommend any changes in those processes.

Chief Beck informed the Department –wide cadet inspection held on Saturday, June 24, 2017 was attended by approximately 1,300 cadets and several thousand parents.

Commissioner Goldsmith requested a status report from the Department on the impact of increased immigration enforcement by the federal government on crime reporting and cooperation; the status on any changes in state or federal law regarding immigration enforcement; whether any existing policies or procedures including notices in manual of provisions should be modified to ensure consistencies and to reflect changes in the law or to further enhance community outreach and partnerships with immigrant communities within 60 days.

Review the policies and procedures in each of the 21 divisions relative to the accountability of checking out and in department equipment by personnel to ensure adequate safeguards are in place and recommend any changes in those processes.

Review the process the Department utilizes to recruit, select, supervise and oversee the individuals in the cadet program and any recommended changes in those processes.

Review the policies, procedures and guidelines that outline the responsibility of all department personnel relative to interaction and relationships they may have with Cadets.
### CRIME WATCH CITYWIDE YEAR TO DATE 4/29/17

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ROLL CALL OF EVENTS

**Chicago Police Department vs. LAPD Football Game**
Saturday, April 9, 2017
2:00 p.m.
East Los Angeles College
1301 Avenida Cesar Chavez, Monterey Park, CA 91754

**Epic Series Obstacle Challenge**
Sunday, April 23, 2017
8:00 a.m.
Los Angeles Police Academy
1880 Academy Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90012

**2017 Gun Buyback Program**
Saturday, May 13, 2017
8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**South Los Angeles**
Los Angeles Sports Arena
3939 South Figueroa Street
Los Angeles, CA 9003

**San Fernando Valley**
Facey Medical Group
11165 Sepulveda Boulevard
Mission Hills, CA 91345

**39th Annual Memorial Run**
Saturday, May 20, 2017
7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Los Angeles Police Academy
1880 Academy Drive, Los Angeles CA, 90012