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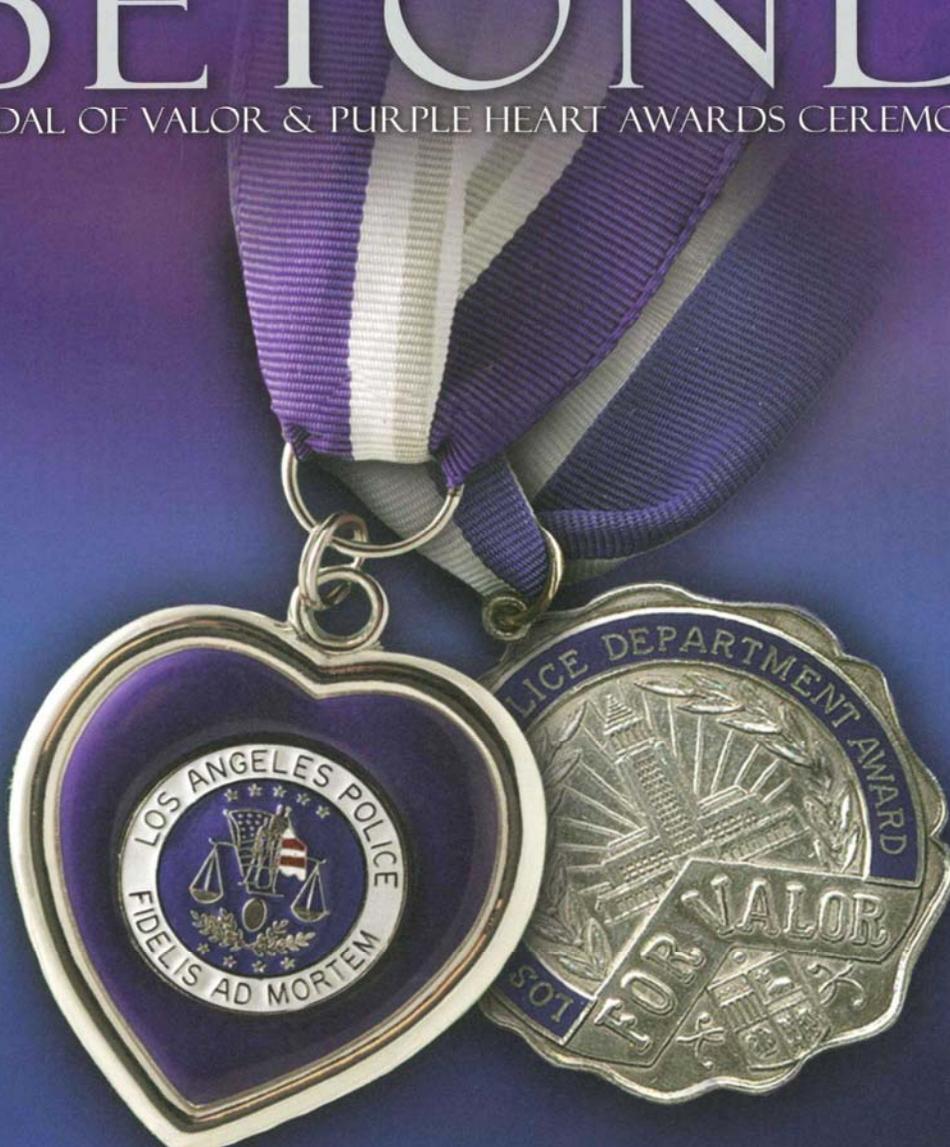
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MEDAL OF VALOR & PURPLE HEART AWARDS CEREMONY



Above and Beyond Medal of Valor and Purple Heart Ceremony

On Thursday, May 10, 2012 Chief Charlie Beck presented the Department's highest honors to 15 recipients at the "Above & Beyond" Medal of Valor and Purple Heart Awards Ceremony. Returning as this year's mistress of ceremonies was acclaimed actress Jamie Lee Curtis as she vividly narrated and brought to life this year's stories of heroism.

The Los Angeles Police Foundation hosted the "Above & Beyond Ceremony" and is the largest source of private funding for the LAPD. The Foundation's mission is to create partnerships to provide resources and programs that help the police. For more information regarding the Foundation, please visit: www.lapolicefoundation.org, or call 213-489-4636.

2012 Medal of Valor Recipients:

Detective Craig Marquez
Officer Kevin Cotter
Officer Fernando Sanchez
Officer Alejandro Valencia

2012 Purple Heart Recipients:

Sergeant Michael Flanagan
Sergeant Stacy Lim
Officer Franck Peter
Detective Lovie Nettles (*retired*)
Detective Norman Eckles (*awarded posthumously*)
Officer James Veenstra (*retired*)
Officer Felix Vera (*retired*)
Officer Jack Storey (*awarded posthumously*)
Officer Joseph Ortega (*awarded posthumously*)
Officer Oscar Joel Bryant (*awarded posthumously*)

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Sergeant Michael Flanagan**



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Purple Heart

**Policeman Felix Vera
Policeman Joseph Ortega
Policeman Jack Storey**

On January 25, 1949, Officers Ortega, Storey and Vega were working Central Area Vice. They responded to a call of a child molester who they did not know was armed. While attempting to detain the suspect a gun battle ensued. The suspect shot Officer Vega in his hand and Officer Storey in the leg. The suspect fled but was later located hiding in a shed in a residential yard. When ordered to surrender, the suspect shot Officer Ortega in the leg.

Officer Oscar Joel Bryant

On May 13, 1968 Officer Bryant, assigned to University Division, was taking a report when he was approached by a citizen who saw three men and a woman enter a business and placed a closed sign on the window. Officer Bryant ordered the suspects to come out and lined them up against a wall.

The suspects turned around and fired several rounds at Officer Bryant. Officer Bryant returned fire and wounded two of the suspects. Officers Bryant sustained three gunshot wounds, one of which was fatal. All four suspects were arrested and prosecuted.

Detective Lovie Nettles Detective Norman Eckles

On December 1, 1983, the detectives served a search warrant at a drug dealer's apartment, located in 77th Division, who was supplying large amounts of narcotics to a notorious street gang. While at the front door the suspect shot at the Detectives from inside the house. Detective Eckles was struck by a bullet which lodged in his spine. A second shot erupted through the front door hitting Detective Nettles in the head. Support officers made entry into the house and took the suspect into custody. Detective Nettles recovered from his injuries. Detective Eckles was paralyzed and relegated to a wheel chair. The trauma of the gunshot wound took its toll on Detective Eckles and he passed away in 1989.

Officer Michael Flanagan

On July 10, 1989, Officer Flanagan and his partner were providing extra patrol in the Jordan Downs Housing Development in Southeast Area. They were unaware they drove into a planned ambush by four gang members. One of the gang members fired two rounds from a 12 gauge shotgun into the patrol car. Officer Flanagan was struck several times but managed to drive away. As he drove around the corner a second suspect began firing numerous rounds from a high powered assault weapon. A third suspect who was waiting down the street, who also fired at the Officers. By making a left turn Officer Flanagan avoided a fourth suspect armed with a high powered rifle.



Chief Beck, Actress Jamie Lee Curtis with Medal of Valor and Purple Heart recipients

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Sergeant Stacy Lim

On June 9, 1990, Officer Stacy Lim was followed home by four gang members who intended to carjack her truck. Fearing she had been followed she readied her service weapon. When she exited her truck she was met with the barrel of a .357 magnum. The suspect shot her in the chest from five feet away. Critically wounded she chased after the gang members, fired at them and prepared to engage additional suspects before she collapsed. A couple of weeks after the attack Officer Lim walked out of the hospital on her own and returned to patrol duty eight months later.

Officer Franck Peter

On August 19, 2004, Officer Peter noticed a stolen car with a suspect inside. He took a position of cover and waited for additional units to respond. One of the responding police vehicles travelling at a high speed hit the curb and jumped onto the sidewalk. The police car struck a steel pole with an attached stop sign. The steel pole struck Officer Peter on the top of his head. This knocked him unconscious and caused him to bleed profusely from a laceration that exposed and fractured his skull. Officer Peter sustained significant traumatic injury, but recovered well enough to return to duty as a police officer three years later.

Officer James Veenstra

On February 6, 2008 SWAT officers responded to a house where a barricaded suspect had shot several of his family members. Officer James Veenstra and his partner Officer Randy Simmons formulated a tactical rescue plan to use SWAT officers to rescue the victims inside the home. As Officer Veenstra went through the front door, SWAT officers were met with an onslaught of gunfire from the suspect. Officer Veenstra and Officer Simmons were struck by the suspect's gunfire. A third SWAT officer, Officer Michael Odle, was

struck by bullet fragments. Officer Veenstra received extensive lifesaving surgery for a gunshot wound to the face. Tragically Officer Randy Simmons did not survive his wounds.

Medal of Valor

Officer Fernando Sanchez Officer Alejandro Valencia

On July 10, 2010, both officers initiated a traffic stop when the driver failed to stop and sped away. The suspect suddenly stopped, exited the car and fired his semi-automatic handgun at the officers. Officer Valencia was struck in the right forearm but managed to return fire. He lost his footing on the shard of broken glass and fell to the ground, breaking his wrist. Officer Valencia thought his partner had been shot and got out of the car and began providing cover for his partner. Both officers then engaged the suspect until he was no longer a threat.

Detective Craig Marquez Officer Kevin Cotter

On December 9, 2011, a man armed with a handgun began shooting passing vehicles and pedestrians at the intersection of Sunset and Vine. Responding from separate locations, Detective Marquez and Officer Cotter reached the intersection at the same time and immediately recognized each other, having known each other for 14 years. Detective Marquez and Officer Cotter ordered the suspect to drop the knife and gun. The suspect refused the officers' commands to submit to arrest and ran toward them with a knife. Both officers fired their weapons, striking the suspect and causing him to fall to the ground.

Chief's Message



APRIL 2012

In the business of law enforcement, success and failure often hinge on the commitment of the organization to its goals, the employees which serve, and the collaborative efforts within the community. As a Department we could not achieve our successes without the help from our community and the dedicated service of our sworn and civilian employees. There is one unique way, however, in which community and police work come together and have a tremendous impact on the lives that we protect and the community that we serve. I'm referring to our Reserve Officers.

Since their early days during World War II,

Reserve Officers have been woven into the fabric of our Department as they serve alongside our officers, with pride and distinction. Reserve Officers volunteer their time while performing many of the same duties and taking many of the same risks as you. With a volunteer force of more than 700 officers, their commitment and service to the community is a valuable asset in our efforts to combat crime.

With April being Reserve Officer Appreciation Month, let us take the time to thank our Reserves for their service to our Department and our communities. The selfless acts they perform everyday are consistent with the proud traditions of our organization. I ask that you join me in thanking our Reserve Officers for a job well done.

20 Year Anniversary of the LA Riots

Twenty years ago this month the eyes of the world were on Los Angeles as civil unrest engulfed our great City. Images of buildings burning, stores being

looted, and innocent civilians being attacked by fellow Angelinos are permanently embedded in our minds. It was a dark moment in the history of our Department and our City.

Through that darkness however, we emerged a stronger and much more capable Department. We are now much better prepared to deal with situations, like civil unrest, through specific training which wasn't available back then.

Perhaps most importantly, our relationship with the community is much better and stronger than it was back in 1992. Your efforts to engage with the communities we serve and foster a relationship of trust and collaboration have taken us to unprecedented heights. Those of you who were on the job back then can also attest to the cultural changes which have improved our Department in many ways.

So as history goes, we

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must always remember our past but keep our eye to the future. Keep strong our relationships with the communities we serve and continue to foster goodwill through our everyday efforts to protect and to serve.

History of Southwest Area

The Southwest Area of the Los Angeles Police Department was originally known as University Division. The original location was near Jefferson Boulevard and Menlo Avenue which is now part of the University of Southern California campus. At that time, University Division was at the southern edge of the City. Everything south of the divisional borders was open pasture and grassland. University Division was first established in 1905 and its station in 1909. During the 1970's, University Division was renamed to Southwest Area and is approximately 13 square miles. It is a culturally diverse community with a population over 165,000 people. The area includes the communities of Baldwin

Village, Baldwin Vista, Crenshaw Community, Jefferson Park, Leimert Park, Crenshaw District, West Adams Community, and University Park.

Southwest Area is also home to some of the greatest landmarks in the City of Los Angeles, such as; the LA Memorial Coliseum, Sports Arena, University of Southern California, Exposition Park, Mount Saint Mary's College, Shrine Auditorium, West Angeles Church, First AME Church, and the Galen Center. Southwest Area has been instrumental in hosting high profile events, such as the Olympics, entertainment award shows, political events, and sport events. Southwest Area is also the proud host of the Annual Kingdom Day Parade, which celebrates the life and achievements of Doctor Martin Luther King Jr.

Fallen Heroes of Southwest Division

Fourteen Southwest Area officers have sacrificed their lives in the line of duty. This is the highest number of officers killed

in a single division in the Los Angeles Police Department. Their selfless acts protecting the people of our City cannot be overstated and their loss will live on in our Department's history forever.

Significant Events in Southwest Area

January 15, 1947 – Elizabeth Short (Black Dahlia) was found mutilated. Her body sliced in half at the waist. She was found in the Leimert Park Area. The Black Dahlia unsolved murder has been the source of widespread speculation, leading to many suspects, along with several books and film adaptations of the story.

“We have come a long way since the old days of the LAPD and we have earned our standing as a leader in law enforcement.”

December 14, 1963 – The Baldwin Hills Reservoir was a water

storage basin located on a low hilltop in Baldwin Hills. The water storage was built directly on an active fault line and underlying geologic strata that was considered unstable for a reservoir. In three hours the dam breached, releasing approximately 250 million gallons of water onto the surrounding neighborhood. In the process, 277 homes were destroyed and 5 lives were lost. The rescue efforts averted a greater loss of life. The reservoir is now part of the Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area.

July 28, 1984, Southwest Area held the opening ceremonies of the Games of the XXIII Olympiad at the LA Memorial Coliseum.

Baker to Vegas

The 28th Annual Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay is set to take place April 21-22. Many of you have been training for months as you and your teammates prepare for the grueling race through the desert. The miles you've run and

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the time invested have prepared you for this celebrated multi-agency law enforcement competition.

Keeping true to the spirit of competition, represent your Department proudly and give it your best. But most of all have fun. The time spent with your colleagues builds relationships and memories that will last a lifetime.

I also want to give a special "thank you" to the many organizers and members of the support teams who help out during the race. It is not easy making that slow-speed drive through the middle of nowhere and throughout the night. It is because of your unwavering commitment to teamwork and competition, that this extraordinary event can happen and for that reason all of the participants in the run are truly grateful.

Best wishes for a safe and successful race and I look forward to seeing you there and hearing of your triumphs upon your return.

In closing, be safe and

always take care of yourself and each other.

MAY 2012

Police Memorial Month

The month of May is recognized as Police Memorial Month. During this period, we take the time to honor those who've made the ultimate sacrifice to our profession and those who we've lost while serving in the Military.

To date, 204 Los Angeles Police Department officers have died in the line of duty; 53 have passed during my time as a police officer. Many of those who have passed are friends, all of them are family. It is important that we honor them through our remembrance.

Police officers are asked to do extraordinary things. Police officers are asked to risk their lives for those that they don't know, and for their law enforcement brothers and sisters. That risk is only worthwhile if we honor them. Take time to visit the Los Angeles Police Department's *Memorial To Fallen*

Officers, and recognize those who have given so much for so many.

Memorial Ceremony

On Thursday, May 3rd, we will host our annual Police Memorial Ceremony at the Ronald F. Deaton Auditorium at the Police Administration Building. This event will feature a reading of the names of the fallen officers, as an airship performs a fly over. Many of the family members of those who have been killed in the line of duty are scheduled to attend. This is an excellent opportunity for those of us who have survived to show our recognition for these fallen heroes. It is only through honoring them that their sacrifices are repaid.

During the month of May, let us show our support and pay homage for those who have died in the line of duty by wearing the mourning band on your badge. Please do so with pride and in tribute to our fallen comrades.

Above & Beyond

For the first time ever, the Medal of Valor and the Purple Heart Ceremonies will be combined at this year's *Above & Beyond, Medal of Valor and Purple Heart Ceremony*. The event is scheduled for May 10th, at the Grand Ballroom of the Hollywood and Highland Center. This is a great event that honors our heroes; those who have sacrificed so much, who have performed so brilliantly and have made our profession proud. This year's 15 recipients will etch their names in the history books alongside those who have displayed courage and embodied the heroism of the Los Angeles Police Department.

United States Police and Fire Championships

This year's United States Police and Fire Championships will take place June 16th – 24th, in San Diego, California. Approximately 10,000 police and firefighters will attend and participate in everything from badminton to bowling, motocross to softball,

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and basketball. This is a great way to show your pride in the Los Angeles Police Department, and pride in your own athletic accomplishments. I look forward to seeing many of you at the various sporting venues.

History of Hollenbeck

In 1927, Hollenbeck Station was named in honor of Mr. John Edward Hollenbeck and family. Mr. Hollenbeck was an influential businessman who purchased approximately 6,700 acres of land on the east side of the Los Angeles River and established a variety of businesses in the area. Hollenbeck Park, located on the corner of Saint Louis and Fourth Street, was erected from land donated to the City by Mr. Hollenbeck.

Hollenbeck's Fallen Heroes

Police Officer Steven Gajda, Serial No. 27686, was shot when he stopped to investigate a loud party on December 31, 1997. Officer Gajda died from his injuries on January 1, 1998.

Police Officer Jerry Maddox, Serial No. 14317, was shot and killed when he stopped to investigate a loud party on August 19, 1969.

Significant Hollenbeck Events

- Joseph Wambaugh, author of the *The New Centurions* and the *Onion Field*, retired from Hollenbeck Station.

- Kathleen Soliah (A.K.A. Sarah Jane Olson) placed a pipe bomb under a Hollenbeck detective's vehicle in August 1975. The device did not detonate.

- Officers assigned to the Hollenbeck Station arrested Richard Ramirez, the infamous "Night Stalker" in 1985.

- On October 16, 2010, to honor Rudy de Leon, the first Mexican American and Latino to hold the position of Captain at Hollenbeck, the station was retitled the "Rudy de Leon / Hollenbeck Community Police Station."

Closing

The things I speak of today; The Medal of Valor and Purple Heart, deaths in the line of duty, all these things transcend the financial burdens that are set upon us by the city's economic issues. It's been a tough couple of years, with the financial picture not looking any better in the coming year. As a result of these hurdles, the city will continue its struggle to meet the goals of public safety; but I have absolute faith in the men and women of the LAPD.

What I ask of you is simple; at the start of each shift always remember to *do the right thing*. Whether it's in your private or professional life, always make the best decision based on your training and experience, your morals and your heart.

JUNE 2012

With all that we have going on at work and in our personal lives, it seems as though the months fly by leaving us wondering where the time has gone. It's hard to believe that we are already six months into 2012. So, as we enter this half way point of the year I want to thank you for your continued dedication and sacrifices that you make for this Department and the citizens of Los Angeles, each and every day.

2012 Safe Summer Tip-Off Event

This year's Safe Summer Tip-Off basketball game is scheduled to take place on Saturday, June 9th at the USC Galen Center. Already in its third year, this collaborative event features the game itself, static displays of police and fire equipment, celebrity appearances, gift giveaways and a free BBQ lunch. Having won the game in both prior years, I fully expect the Department to turn out a "three-peat" victory as we face the Los Angeles City Fire Department in our annual battle of the

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badges basketball game. The basketball game is a lot of fun and a real showcase of the spirit of competition between the LAPD and the LAFD. I hope to see all of you there and please make sure to bring your friends and family to the event.

Summer Night Lights Program

This month kicks off the fifth year of the City's "Summer Night Lights Program." This extremely successful program involves 32 parks and gives youths, in some of our roughest neighborhoods, a safe haven where they can participate in a number of programs and activities during the summer months.

With your positive influence and generous participation, this year's "Summer Night Lights Program" is sure to be a repeat success.

LGBTQ Month

During the month of June we support our LAPD brothers and sisters who are proud members of the gay community. Their service within our sworn and

civilian ranks makes our organization a more authentic reflection of the communities we serve. Our diversity remains one of our primary strengths and we must remember that we are all one Department. One family.

This also gives me the opportunity to remind you of our new Transgender policy, which should be familiar to everyone by now. The policy's essence is simple; *Treat everyone with respect.* Familiarize yourself with the policy and put it into practice. You can find a copy of the Notice on the Department's LAN Homepage and on our public website, LAPDOnline.org.

History of Harbor Division

Located at the entrance of the Port of Los Angeles, Harbor Community Police Station encompasses 27 square miles of inland and coastal property which is patrolled by the LAPD. Harbor Division services Harbor City, Harbor Gateway, San Pedro, Vista del Oro, the Port of LA, Terminal Island,

Rolling Hills Highlands and Wilmington. In 1928 Harbor Division was originally located across the street of the Beacon Street City Hall complex, in San Pedro, California.

In the late 1950's plans were made to build a more modern police facility which was erected on Gibson street. In 1962, the station was completed and began providing service to the nearly 162,273 Harbor residents. The new Harbor Station opened in April 2009, the same year Harbor Area celebrated its 100th Year Anniversary. The 50,000-square foot Harbor Division Police Station and jail is located at John S. Gibson Boulevard which is at the site of the old Harbor Division headquarters. Some of the many features of this new modern facility are a helipad, a 400-space parking structure, and a 16,000-square-foot jail which can hold up to 300 inmates.

Notable Harbor Alumni

On February 25, 2012, Harbor Division Senior Lead Officer Joe Buscaino was sworn in as a Los Angeles City Councilman for District 15. A sixteen year veteran of the Department and a lifelong resident of Council District 15, Councilman Buscaino joined a small group of other LAPD officers who have gone on to become political leaders in the City of Los Angeles.

Always In Our Hearts

Let us never forget Harbor personnel who gave the ultimate sacrifice while serving the citizen of Los Angeles.....

Policeman Herbert Klade
 EOW: 02/08/1926

Policeman John V. Wicks
 EOW: 03/23/1927

Policeman Alfred C. Madon
 EOW: 06/16/1935

Policeman Glenn H. Clark
 EOW: 07/08/1950

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Policeman John E. Dunphy
EOW: 06/22/1954

Policeman Robert Sweet
EOW: 12/26/1956

Police Officer Robert Mata
EOW: 09/19/2000

Budget

By now you have all heard the news of the City's latest financial woes related to the budget for Fiscal Year 2012/2013. There are many tough decisions being made that will deeply impact our civilian brothers and sisters. The City's financial situation has not improved, as you well know, and there will be concessions that must be made as we enter the next fiscal year.

As I write this message in May, it is important that you are aware that the information coming from City Hall is all very fluid and seems to change from day to day. What I can tell you, with certainty, is that I will always be truthful with you. Unfortunately at times the truth is not pretty but at the very

least you will have the most current and up to date information, via the Department's LAN Homepage, on matters that affect you and your job.

You and Your Family

As you all know we work in a profession where we put our lives on the line on a near daily basis. Although crime is at historic lows, attacks on police officers have increased at an alarming rate. As part of overall employee wellness, I want to remind you to please make sure that your "house" is in order at all levels. I'm referring to matters involving living trusts, wills, health directives, beneficiary information, disability and health insurance.

Some of these are simple decisions to make, while others involve more thought provoking and difficult discussions with family members and professionals. In my thirty five years on the job, it has been my experience that random tragic life events, injuries and catastrophic illnesses can happen to anyone at

any time. I can assure you that taking care of business now will help make the grief and recovery process a little easier on your loved ones.

If you are unfamiliar with where to start, the Department has several resources to assist in navigating these types of matters. If you need assistance with links to resources, please contact the Department's Wellness Coordinators, Sergeant Mary Kite, at (213) 944-6819 or Sergeant Whit Pauly, at (213) 925-0963.

Closing

My appreciation to all of the officers who worked last month's May Day events. For the most part the demonstrations were orderly and the demonstrators were able to exercise their right to free speech in a peaceful and respectful manner. Unfortunately, the day's events were marred by a few cowards who came to the downtown area with the sole purpose of starting trouble and assaulting LAPD officers. During a confrontation at 4th

Street and Hill Street, one officer one officer was injured and was transported to hospital and several other officers were assaulted during two unprovoked attacks. Luckily, we were able to identify and arrest the suspect from one of the attacks and are working diligently to identify and arrest the outstanding suspects.

Assaults on our officers will not be tolerated and I assure you that I will do everything in my power to locate these suspects and bring them to justice. I thank you for always being the true professionals that you are and for showing tremendous restraint during these types of situations.

Remember to always keep the tactical edge; stay alert and aware of your surroundings and always watch each other's backs.

Be safe,
Charlie

Annual Memorial Ceremony

In a ceremony befitting a hero, the Los Angeles Police Department held its annual Memorial Ceremony in the Ronald F. Deaton Auditorium at the Police Administration Building in Downtown Los Angeles. In attendance were many of the surviving family members of some of the more recent officers to be killed in the line of duty along with Department command staff, rank and file officers, and members of the media.

The ceremony itself featured a video tribute to the 204 Los Angeles police officers to be killed in the line of duty or who were killed while serving on active duty in the United States military. Police Chief Charlie Beck also added his somber remarks as to what their sacrifice has meant to him personally as well as to the Department as a whole. An End of Watch broadcast completed the first portion of the ceremony.

The congregation then moved outside to the Memorial Wall located on the east side of the

building. Uniformed personnel, including Chief Beck and other command staff, lined up in platoon formation and saluted as a memorial wreath was placed at the wall. Four airships then flew overhead and performed a “Missing Man” maneuver which brought the ceremony to an end. Family members then had the opportunity to place a red rose on the name plate of their fallen loved one.

The month of May serves as Police Memorial Month which is observed throughout the entire country. Memorial services are held throughout the month to honor those who gave all while proudly serving their communities. Ceremonies such as the one held today are a way in which the Department can keep the memories and legacies of our fallen heroes alive and well.



BEATS AND PIECES

Dodger's Opening Day

On Tuesday April 10, Dodger fans were welcomed by a wave of blue LAPD uniforms as they attended the first home game of the season.

The Dodgers' "Opening Day" game is a well-celebrated tradition. LAPD officers often encounter a minority of fans who arrive at the parks surrounding the stadium hours before the game to consume alcohol. Such behavior greatly concerns the LAPD, not only because drinking alcoholic beverages in public parks is illegal, but because it frequently leads to altercations, rowdy behavior and other unsafe activities.



LAPD Develops Guidelines to Improve Interactions with Transgender Individuals New Procedures to Be Discussed at Special Community Forum



LAPD Chief Charlie Beck hosted a community forum along with Los Angeles Police Commissioners and LAPD Command Staff to introduce new Department guidelines for police interactions with transgender individuals. The new procedures are designed to promote greater understanding and ensure police contacts with the transgender community are professional, respectful and courteous.

Guidelines for the new procedures were to be disseminated at the forum and include an overview of what is considered respectful treatment (e.g., appropriate language, acknowledgment of an individual's preferred gender identity and expression, respect for privacy, detailed standards for conducting field searches, and the importance of not making the assumption a transgender person is involved in prostitution).

Additional topics of discussion included new revisions to the LAPD Jail Operations Manual that improve the processing, housing, custody and protection of transgender inmates.

Formally known as the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning (LGBTQ) Community Forum, was held in Los Angeles at the L.A. Gay and Lesbian Center Village at Ed Gould Plaza,

LAPD Academy Graduation

Congratulations to Class 11-11 that graduated on Friday April 20, 2012 and to Class 12-11 that graduated on Friday, May 18, 2012.

Recruit Graduating Class 11-11, consisted of 41 police officers and Class 12-11, consisted of 21 officers. Graduating officers completed 920 hours of training over the course of 24 weeks.

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Traffic and Pedestrian Enforcement Operations Gear Up for Expo Line Opening

On April 28, 2012, South Traffic Division's Motor Vehicle and Pedestrian Safety Enforcement Operation conducted efforts to promote pedestrian safety at rail crossings and to improve driver awareness. Students, parents and the general public need to be aware of the dangers the train poses, especially in school zones. Traffic enforcement officers will ensure motorists and pedestrians, including students, adhere to posted signage and yield the right of way to the train. The message is simple: Yield the right of way to the train and obey all posted traffic signs!

The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) Releases Joint Statement of Unity

On Sunday April 29, 2012, the Anti-Defamation League released a Joint Statement of Unity signed by a coalition of organizations in commemoration of 20-year anniversary of LA riots. The initiative brings together the LAPD and civil rights leaders representing the diverse communities of Los Angeles, including Korean American and African American communities, to stand in unity against hatred.

Off-Duty Officers Team Up with Voice For The Animals to Rescue Cats on Skid Row

Off-Duty LAPD officers rescue more than 50 cats and kittens living on Skid Row.

On April 28, 2012, members of the LAPD joined a local rescue group, Voice For The Animals (VFTA). The officers worked with community volunteers from VFTA in an effort to rescue a large group of cats and kittens who were being fed for many years by a church on Skid Row. When the church announced it would close its doors more than 50 adult cats and kittens would be forced to fend for themselves on the City streets.

Prior to closing, several of the cats were rescued from the location by VFTA leaving approximately 20-30 adult cats and two mothers with litters who needed rescue. The rescue operation began Saturday morning around 5 a.m. in the area of the church located at 7th and San Julian.

The rescue operation captured the cats and kittens using Have A Heart traps and then placed them into a "non-kill" shelter for evaluation. Efforts have been made to place the cats and kittens into loving homes.

Voice For The Animals is a non-profit 501(c)(3) animal protection organization. This rescue is being done with no cost to the city.



LA Organization Join Together in a Statement of Unity Reprinted with permission by the Anti-Defamation League

Twenty years after the riots that tore apart Los Angeles, ADL led a coalition of diverse civil rights organizations and LAPD that signed a [Joint Statement of Unity](#) and stood together against hatred on April 29 to commemorate the anniversary. The statement condemns bigotry and hate crimes and pledges to support concepts of community policing and pride in community diversity.

"As we commemorate one of the most divisive times in our city's history, it is of utmost importance to unite against hatred and express our commitment to our work together to create a harmonious community," said Amanda Susskind, Director of the ADL Pacific Southwest Region.

Speaking to a crowd assembled for the Korean American Coalition's "Diversity is our Strength" 4.29 Essay Contest at the Robert F. Kennedy School in Koreatown, Susskind discussed the importance of "leading by example" as she stood with Unity Statement co-authors and supporters representing the Korean and African American communities and LAPD.

Blair H. Taylor, President and CEO of the Los Angeles Urban League, called it a "day of reflection" and spoke of one of the good outcomes: LAPD engaging with communities of color.

Rev. Eric P. Lee, President and CEO of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference called upon Los Angelenos to continue with respect and for Los Angeles to "be a model city."

In a moving moment, Korean American Coalition Executive Director Grace Yoo called LAPD Assistant Chief Michel Moore to her side and thanked him for all of LAPD's work to build trust with the Korean American community over the past 20 years.

Asst. Chief Moore, visibly moved, talked about his adopted hometown of Los Angeles and the "richness of its diversity." Speaking on behalf of LAPD Chief Charlie Beck (one of the Unity Statement co-authors) he stated, "I promise you a better future. I am so proud to be here on behalf of the men and women of LAPD who want and need your trust."

Included in the Unity Statement is recognition of what took place twenty years ago, a summary of progress to "build bridges of understanding among our many diverse communities, and to reduce hatred and stereotyping of the communities we represent," and a pledge to stand up to bigots, haters and xenophobes; denounce hate crimes of all kinds; and work with law enforcement to promote high standards of community policing.

"It was important for us to include LAPD along with key community leaders as co-authors of this statement," said Susskind. "Once the basic concept was hashed out among the co-authors – taking realistic stock of events as they occurred 20 years ago and acknowledging the work that has been done and continues to be necessary -- the statement was distributed to a broader group of community leaders for support," she explained.

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JOINT STATEMENT OF UNITY

Whereas, on April 29, 1992, the trial of Los Angeles Police Department officers charged with assault and use of excessive force in connection with the arrest of Rodney King ended with the jury acquitting all four on the assault charge, and acquitting three and deadlocking for one officer on the excessive force charge;

Whereas, following the announcement of the verdicts, the residents of Los Angeles, especially in the African American community, expressed outrage;

Whereas, tensions between the African American and Korean American communities were already heightened following the trial of Soon Ja Du, a Korean American shop owner accused of shooting Latasha Harlins, an African American girl, in the back; the trial had resulted in a manslaughter conviction a few months earlier;

Whereas, these and other contributing factors, including decades of discrimination and neglect in the African American community and mutual cultural misunderstandings in the African American and Korean American communities, led to heightened tensions and a riot some described as an uprising;

Whereas, the riot involved looting and arson in the south and central parts of Los Angeles, and had a devastating impact on both the African American community and business owners in Koreatown;

Whereas, a delay in response and a breakdown in communication at the outset of the riots among the Los Angeles Police Department and City leadership led to a perception that law enforcement was unable to keep or restore order;

Whereas, early on the morning of April 30, 1992 a state of emergency was declared to restore peace and order;

Whereas, by May 1, 1992, 30,000 uniformed personnel including police officers, deputy sheriffs, the California National Guard, U.S. Army soldiers, Marines and specially trained federal law-enforcement officers were mobilized;

Whereas, by May 4, 1992, 53 people had lost their lives, 2,400 were injured and 12,000 were arrested; and an estimated \$1 billion in property damage from fires, theft, and vandalism had occurred;

Whereas, all communities suffered profound loss; the Korean American community was greatly impacted, with approximately half of the \$1 billion in losses;

Whereas, in the ensuing 20 years, Los Angeles has rebuilt and grown into one of the most diverse major cities in the country, with over 220 languages spoken by residents, hailing from more than 140 countries, and the Los Angeles Police Department has undergone significant reforms;

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Whereas, in the ensuing 20 years, the Anti-Defamation League, Korean American Coalition, the Los Angeles Urban League and the Los Angeles Police Department have worked individually and in coalition to build bridges of understanding among our many diverse communities, and to reduce hatred and stereotyping of the communities we represent;

Now, therefore, be it resolved: We the undersigned join together on this day April 29, 2012, to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the LA Riots, in the following Statement of Unity:

1. We recognize the tragedy of April 29, 1992, and honor those innocent victims who lost their lives as we pay respect to their families.
2. We recognize those who lost their property and livelihoods, honoring their efforts to rebuild and regenerate.
3. We recognize the work our respective civic organizations have done to rebuild and heal our community in the last two decades.
4. We recognize the work of the City of Los Angeles and LAPD to educate, reform and hold accountable their work force, to work collaboratively with civic organizations, and to implement community policing strategies all to the betterment and reduction of crime in Los Angeles.
5. We will continue to work together to create a harmonious community.
6. We will stand up to the bigots, the haters and the xenophobes in our community.
7. We will denounce hate crimes of all kinds because a hate crime targeting one segment of our community does harm to us all.
8. We will work together with law enforcement to continue to promote high standards of community policing, including reporting and assisting in the fight against hate and extremism while also holding law enforcement accountable to keep order.
9. We pledge that our children will understand that diversity in our community is a strength and a source of pride, not a cause for hatred and division.

Dated April 29, 2012
Los Angeles, California

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Rev. Eric P. Lee, Southern Christian Leadership Conference

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RECENT ACTIONS BY THE POLICE COMMISSION



April 4 : The Department's report, dated January 20, 2012, relative to the Operations Central Bureau narcotics enforcement detail command accountability performance audit (IAID No. 11-123), as given by Commander Matt Blake, was approved. Commander Blake stated 51 reports were reviewed with a 96% compliance rate. He added by saying there was 100% compli-

ance with regards to financial disclosure by officers.

April 25: The members of the Commission proudly awarded the Police Commission Distinguished Service Medal to Police Commissioner Alan Skobin as he leaves the Police Commission to join the Fire Commission. During his tenure he was responsible for numerous improvements such as enabling funding arrangements for new radios for all officers and the creation of the Purple Heart Award.

May 9: Executive Director Richard Tefank presented a recently

produced public service announcement video depicting some of the causes of false alarms with the intent of reminding viewers to learn the intricacies of their alarm system to avoid costly false alarms.

May 23: The Commissioners presented Principal Clerk Police Anna Gaines with a certificate upon 50 years with the Los Angeles Police Department. The 31 of those 50 years have been in the Commission Investigation Division where she has been an integral component of the police permit process.

June 6 : Received and approved presentation from Commander Rick Webb and Dr. Luann Pannell on the Biased Policing (BP) update, Quarterly Report, 1st Quarter 2012, and Supplemental Review of BP Complaint Investigations Recommendation. There is an increase in the number of biased policing complaints, as well in the number of discourtesy complaints, however the increase is believed to be related to the enhanced training to supervisors on how to accept and process these kinds of complaints.



In Memoriam

APRIL

Elizabeth A. Vandenberg

Sergeant I
Property Division
Serial No. 23894
EOW 3/18/12

Wayne Richard Bell

Sergeant
Retired
Serial No. 4277
EOW 4/10/12

Neal Lee Fine

Lieutenant I
Retired
Serial No. 16986
EOW 4/21/12

Joseph Carl Satow

Lieutenant I
Newton Area
Serial No. 24020
EOW 4/23/12

MAY

Steve Cordova

Detective I
Retired
Serial No. 22257
EOW 5/11/12

Americo Francescon

Police Officer III
Retired
Serial No. 13653
EOW 5/14/12

John Patrick Brennan

Lieutenant II
Retired
Serial No. 3866
EOW 5/17/12

Dean Cain

Police Officer II
Retired
Serial No. 15821
EOW 5/21/12

Ben Gering

Lieutenant I
Retired
Serial No. 20779
EOW 5/23/12

JUNE

Robert T. Watrous

Policeman III + I
Retired
Serial No. 4266
EOW 6/1/12

Thomas Hartkopf

Policeman III
Training Division
Serial No. 5624
EOW 6/10/12

Charles E. Valenti

Reserve Officer I
Central Area
Serial No. R0149
EOW 6/15/12

CRIME WATCH CITY WIDE YEAR TO DATE

CRIME WATCH CITYWIDE YEAR TO DATE 4/28/12			
Homicide	2.3%	Burglary	-5.5%
Rape	4.6%	BTFV	2.7%
Robbery	-13.1%	Personal/Other Theft	1.6%
Aggravated Assault	-5.6%	Auto Theft	-5.9%
Total Violent Crimes - 8.9%		Total Property Crimes - 0.8%	
		Total Part I Crimes - 2.3%	

CRIME WATCH CITYWIDE YEAR TO DATE 5/26/12			
Homicide	-3.3%	Burglary	-5.6%
Rape	7.1%	BTFV	2.8%
Robbery	-12.5%	Personal/Other Theft	3.2%
Aggravated Assault	-7.3%	Auto Theft	-5.3%
Total Violent Crimes -9.4%		Total Property Crimes -0.2%	
		Total Part I Crimes -2.0%	

CRIME WATCH CITYWIDE YEAR TO DATE 6/30/12			
Homicide	-0.7%	Burglary	-6.4%
Rape	3.6%	BTFV	2.7%
Robbery	-10.8%	Personal/Other Theft	2.6%
Aggravated Assault	-7.8%	Auto Theft	-7.3%
Total Violent Crimes - 8.8%		Total Property Crimes -1.0%	
		Total Part I Crimes -2.4%	

The Following Personnel Were Commended By The Community

APRIL 2012

COMMANDER

Robert Green

CAPTAIN III

John Peters

DETECTIVE I

Maggie Sherman

SERGEANT II

Lifernando Garcia
Valerie Gettis

SERGEANT I

Vincent Aguirre
Colin Braudrick
Andrew Chase
James Gaffney
Arman Jose

POLICE OFFICER III

Randall McCain
Gary Crump
Ronald DeWyke
Edward Griffin
Raymond Hernandez
Mark Mirales
Sergio Sanchez
Romeo Tamparong
Richard Wall
Brenda Wilson

POLICE OFFICER II

Robert Arellano
Christopher Baker
Yong Choi
Jose Garcia
Jamaal James
Terry Johns
Juan Lobo
Timothy Jang
Edward Morales

Jose Pleitez

Dana Smith

Jose Vazquez

POLICE OFFICER I

Nicholas Price
Carlos Villegas

MAY 2012

CAPTAIN III

Philip Fontanetta
John Incontro
Steven Sambar
Melissa Zak

CAPTAIN II

Ivan Minsal
William Sutton

LIEUTENANT II

Daniel Gonzales
Patrick Shields

LIEUTENANT I

Darius Bone
Andrea Grossman

DETECTIVE III

Richard Munguia

DETECTIVE II

George Diaz
Ryuichi Ishitani
Daniel Myers
John Simmons

DETECTIVE I

Kenneth Bryant
Barrett Halcromb
Marjan Mobasser
Cesar Ramirez
Juan Rodriguez
Dondee Stout

SERGEANT II

Lifernando Garcia
Daniel Gomez
Whit Pauly
Craig Valenzuela
Timothy Walters

SERGEANT I

Arthur Bedard
Brian Gallagher
Christopher Gomez
Sean Kinchla
David Krumer
Joel Miller
Rodolfo Ramirez
Thomas Stone
Michael Ventura
Clifton Yamamoto

POLICE OFFICER III

Oscar Bocanegra
Kristi Brandon
Tracy Fischer
Harvey Freeman
Stefanie Fryer
Ulysses Gasca
Steven Harper
Joy Haro
Benjamin Jones
Eddy Limon
Agustin Lopez
William Manlove
Alberto Martinez
Matthew Okubo
Rachel Rodriguez
Gabriel Ruiz
Leslie Salinas
Leonid Tsap
Angela Tumbeiro
Oscar Villarreal
Thomas Willers
Sam Yin

POLICE OFFICER II

Peter Abskharon

Juan Barillas

Samuel Blanco
Michael Brunn
Ossiola Cantrell
Vanessa Diaz
Keleigh Edwards
Brendan Flynn
Daniel Gaglione
Eduardo Garcia
Juan Garcia
Aaron Gland
Brad Gorby
Adam Gross
Gabriel Holguin
Mark Holland
David Hovey
Ali Kaspian
Justin Kravetz
Richard Kwon
John Lamberti
Mario Leonidas
Kurt Lockwood
John Makari
Mario Marquez
Holly Martin
Francisco Martinez
Richard Medina
Stephen Muther
Bradley Nielson
Arturo Ornelas
Michael Park
Jesse Pineda
Jose Ramirez
Raul Ramos
James Rousseve
Jesus Salcido
Paul Siegel
Kevin Shaw
Carina Umazor
Gabriel Valdovinos
Michael Watson
Tyler Whiteman
Michael Wilkin
Nicholas Wren

The Following Personnel Were Commended By The Community

Eiji Yamamoto
Mayda Zavala

POLICE OFFICER I

Arlon Benjamin
Christopher Dean
Miguel Sanchez

JUNE 2012

CAPTAIN II

Kelly Mulldorfer

LIEUTENANT II

Patrick Shields

DETECTIVE III

Richard Munguia

DETECTIVE II

Ryuichi Ishitani
Esther Reyes

DETECTIVE I

Todd Booth
Barrett Halcromb
Michelle Jacquet
Chris Marsico
Guillermo Mixer
Juan Rodriguez
Giles Smith
Dondee Stout

SERGEANT II

Randall Barr
Clinton Dohmen
Lifernando Garcia

SERGEANT I

Richard Duran
Anthony Espinoza
Irma Krish
Javier Macias
David Roward

POLICE OFFICER III

John Baker
Richard Boyd
Adriana Bravo
Romulo Frias
Alfred Herrera
Grant Hiramoto
David Kim
Korina Kozub
Matthew Lee
Richard Moberg
Oscar Moreno
Alessandra Moura
Matthew Okubo
Victor Pacheco
Yvette Perrodin
Lee Perry
Timothy Ruiz
Sandra Soloria-Macias

POLICE OFFICER I

Jamie Carganilla
Paola Molina
Jesse Rodriguez

SENIOR SYSTEM

ANALYST 2
Arnold Suzukamo

MANAGEMENT

ANALYST 2
Onesha Steward

**POLICE SERVICE
REPRESENTATIVE 2**

Monica Fairbanks

SR. CLERK TYPIST

Wendy Subt

ROLL CALL OF EVENTS

The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) Releases Joint Statement of Unity

Sunday, April 29, 2012
1:30 p.m.

Robert F. Kennedy School
701 South Catalina Street
Los Angeles CA 90005

Police Academy Magnet Schools Graduation

Saturday, May 2012
10:30 a.m.

Los Angeles Police Academy
1880 North Academy Drive
Los Angeles, California 90012

LAPD & LAPFD 2012 Safe Summer Tip-Off Event

Saturday, June 9, 2012
10:30 a.m.

USC Galen Center
3400 South Figueroa Street
Los Angeles, California 90089

LGTBQ Community Forum

Monday, June 25 2012
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

The Village at Ed Gould Plaza
1125 North McCadden Place
Los Angeles, California 90038

