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## CHARLIE BECK SWORN IN AS 56TH CHIEF OF POLICE

With City Hall in the background and the Department's concert band playing traditional festive tunes, Charlie Beck was sworn in as the 56<sup>th</sup> Chief of Police of the Los Angeles Police Department. The ceremony took place in the court yard in front of the New Police Administration Building on December 3, 2009, and was attended by City officials, surrounding law enforcement entities, Department rank and file, and former Los Angeles Police Chiefs William J. Bratton and Darryl F. Gates.



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Chief Beck was surrounded by family and friends, pride and respect was evident on their faces as he was sworn in by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa. The Mayor praised Chief Beck by describing him as a progressive reformer, and a man of great character and integrity. Villaraigosa further stated, "Chief Beck is a man who understands the past, is an important part of the present and is the right man at the right time to shape the LAPD in the future."

Chief Beck was appointed Chief of the Los Angeles Police Department on November 17, 2009, when the City Council unanimously approved his nomination. He is now responsible for overseeing the third largest police department in the United States, which includes 9,963 sworn officers and

approximately 3,000 civilian employees. He joined the LAPD in March 1977. In June 1984, he promoted to Sergeant, Lieutenant in April 1993, Captain in July 1999, and Commander in April 2005. In 2006 he reached the rank of Deputy Chief. Chief Beck's family is deeply rooted in the Department, his father George Beck is a retired LAPD Deputy Chief. His sister is a retired detective, his daughter and son are current patrol officers.

Chief Beck concluded the ceremony by thanking his family, city officials, his mentors and the entire LAPD family for giving him the opportunity to lead the LAPD. "Thank you for the opportunity, thank you for the partnerships of the future and the partnerships of the past."

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**Chief Beck being sworn in by Mayor Villaraigosa**



## Chief's Message... Charlie Beck, Chief of Police



For my family and I the holiday season has always been a time to reflect on our many blessings, enjoy spending time with each other, our friends and colleagues. As we celebrate the holiday's and look to the New Year, I want to take the time to reflect on all of our accomplishments and experiences in 2009. It is ironic that during the year when we were celebrating 140-years of LAPD history, we were living through a year in which substantial change came to the organization, change that in itself is history making.

In 2009 we were released from the Consent Decree. While Federal oversight is no longer required, that the reforms brought about by the Consent Decree must become the way we do business, the very best practices of this Department. It was also a year of grand openings and moving into several new state-of-the-art

facilities. We opened the Real-Time Analysis and Critical Response Division, Emergency Operations Center, our 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Area stations, Olympic and Topanga, and new Hollenbeck and Harbor stations. We also moved the granddaddy of them all, our new Police Administration Building.

In 2010 we will continue to work hard to drive crime down while continuing to police in a constitutional manner, and we will do all that we can to prepare for and prevent acts of terrorism. Our jobs will be made more difficult because of the current and future budget shortfalls the city faces. Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and our elected officials have committed to continue to hire to attrition, but we have to do our part. The people of this city expect us to give them the best policing value possible for the precious dollars they are spending. We have to make maximum use of all of the money we are given before we ask for more.

During this holiday season please also take time to remember the 48 Los Angeles Police Department employees that continue to serve in the United States armed forces. Many of them have not been with their family and friends for the holidays for several years.

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 Chief of Police

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I am struck by the extraordinary sacrifices they and their families make to serve our country on foreign soil and here in our communities.

**USMC**

- Officer Francisco Argueta 38829
- Officer Micheal Bain 38932
- Officer Ismael Chaparro 38731
- Officer Robert Cottle 29940
- Officer Cesar Espinoza 37930
- Officer Dominic Evans 38564
- Officer Ramon Garcia 39097
- Officer Evan Guevara 34091
- Officer Mell Hogg 35351
- Officer Brian Indreland 37296
- Sgt Jonathan Kirkpatrick 27400
- Officer Erik Loomis 38329
- Officer Victor Lopez 35269
- Officer John Miller 39293
- Officer Raul Olivares 38917
- Officer Noah Pippin 39064
- Officer Jonathan Rocha 38919
- Officer Jose Salgado 39307
- Officer Francisco Serrano 34668
- Sgt Hector Villanueva 35500
- Officer Christopher Phelan 39661

**ARMY NATIONAL GUARD**

- Officer Micheal Almasy 31030
- Officer Christine Bulicz 34690
- Sgt David Craig 31411
- Officer Peter Galan 31808
- Officer Kevin Marshall 38399
- Officer David Sanchez 38115

- Sgt Martin Spann 25923
- Officer Timothy Ledingham 32869

**ARMY**

- Sgt Thomas Bojorquez 30872
- Officer Issac Gonzalez-Clemente 38092
- Officer Eric Jimenez 39222
- Officer Eui Joung 39150
- Officer Edward Palacios 36023
- Officer Edward Petterez 34154
- Officer Thomas Ralph 35104
- Sgt Robert White 32998
- Officer Viengkham Ounsombath 37351

**AIR NATIONAL GUARD**

- Officer Christine Bulicz 34690
- Detective James Hayes 23916
- Officer Eric Hermann 35481

**COAST GUARD**

- Officer Manuel Huezo 33990
- Officer Brian Putnam 33871

**USAF**

- Sgt Michael Johnson 31570
- Officer Brady Lamas 37904
- Sgt Chad Lewis 30713

**US NAVY**

- Officer John Seffel 35330
- Officer Bruno La Hoz 39050

This year we sadly said good bye to co-workers, partners and friends who passed away. As

members of our LAPD family, we keep them alive in our hearts.

**Ruben Baca**

Police Officer I  
 Southeast Area,  
 End of Watch – 2/6/2009

**Kenneth Otto Garner**

Deputy Chief  
 Operations-South Bureau,  
 End of Watch – 3/1/2009

**Joyce Diane Corrales**

Police Service Representative II  
 Newton Area,  
 End of Watch – 3/4/2009

**Darlene Goya**

Commission Executive Assistant  
 I Police Commission,  
 End of Watch – 3/11/2009

**Kelvin M. Lee**

Garage Attendant Motor  
 Transport Division,  
 End of Watch – 3/11/2009

**Janine Manji**

Detective I  
 Wilshire Area,  
 End of Watch – 4/13/2009

**Gail Bealey**

Senior Clerk Typist Detective  
 Support & Vice Division,  
 End of Watch – 5/12/2009

**Susan J. Clemmer**

Detective II  
 Gang and Narcotics Division,  
 End of Watch – 7/6/2009

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Bianca Brown-Greene  
Senior Clerk Typist  
Communications Division,  
End of Watch – 7/23/2009

Maria Victoria Castro  
Management Analyst II  
Commission Investigation  
Division,  
End of Watch — 8/13/2009

Byung Sun Lee  
Auditor I  
Internal Audits and  
Inspections Division,  
End of Watch – 9/16/2009

Yvette Jean Pierre  
Police Service Representative II  
Rampart Area,  
End of Watch – 9/23/2009

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Photographer III  
Scientific Investigation Division,  
End of Watch – 10/23/2009

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Police Officer III  
Hollywood Area,  
End of Watch – 10/26/2009

Max Kerstein  
Reserve Officer  
Olympic Area,  
End of Watch – 11/17/2009

Kenneth C. Aragon  
Police Officer II  
Northeast Area,  
End of Watch – 12/3/2009

At this time of year many of us reflect on our own lives and renew our commitment to each other and the causes we believe in. We look for opportunities to give thanks and help those who need it most. I encourage everyone to support the LAPD Angels Community Toy and Book Drive by donating a toy and a new or gently used book. Every little thing we can do to

make the holidays brighter for children in our communities helps to make a difference in their lives. Each station will mark the holiday season by hosting a party, and inviting those families in their area that are in special need. Your donation will go towards these generous efforts. I also extend an invitation to everyone to attend the annual Department Holiday party on Saturday December 19 at the Los Angeles Downtown Marriott Hotel.

As we say good bye to 2009, I thank each one of you, sworn and civilian, for all that you do to make us the best law enforcement agency in the world. From my family to yours, I wish you and your families a safe, healthy and happy holiday season.

### IN MEMORIAM (reported deaths)

**Rocky M. Sato**  
Detective II  
Retired  
Serial No. 25117  
EOW 12/05/09

**Kenneth Klein**  
Police Officer II  
Retired  
Serial No. 22042  
EOW 12/14/09

**Kenneth C. Aragon**  
Police Officer II  
Northeast Area  
Serial No. 27561  
EOW 12/04/09

## CHIEF BECK CELEBRATES WITH HIS TROOPS AT THE POLICE ACADEMY



Chief Beck and his wife were welcomed with a standing applause by the men and women of the Los Angeles Police Department as they walked hand in hand across the Elysian Park Police Academy field.

After his public swearing in ceremony on December 3, 2009, Chief Beck relaxed at the Police Academy with the rank and file of the Department. Chief Beck humbly walked around the tables shaking hands and thanking his personnel for attending the meet and greet event.

After greeting hundreds of troops, Chief Beck took the podium for the first time to address his personnel. He thanked the men and women for attending the barbecue and stated, "I have attended a couple of events but this is the one that matters the most to me, being with the men and women of the Department."

After thanking his classmates, class 3-77, he was welcomed by a loud hoorah. As the new kids on the block, he acknowledged recruit class 6-09, his son's class, jokingly stating he was very familiar with the class saying, "I think I have shined some of their gear."

He thanked the individual LAPD organizations that participated in the barbeque which included the 10<sup>th</sup> District, Los Angeles Police Relief Association, Los Angeles Police Protective League,

Hispanic Law Enforcement Administrators, Association of Black Law Enforcement, Latin American Law Enforcement Association, Oscar Joel Bryant Foundation, Los Angeles Women Police Officers and Association, Los Angeles Police Revolver and Athletic Club, Law Enforcement of Asian Pacific's.

"I want to thank you in advance because I am going to be asking a lot from you. I know we're going to make a difference, that's what cops do, make a difference," the Chief said. He ended his speech the same way he began, thanking the men and women of the Los Angeles Police Department.



Chief Beck with LAPD Explorers



# LAPD 2009 HOLIDAY PARTY



What an exciting time. As Chief Charlie Beck accepts his newly appointed position as our 56<sup>th</sup> Chief of Police he ended the year with a celebration with the men and women of the Los Angeles Police Department at the annual Chief's Holiday Party.

On December 19, 2009, at the Los Angeles Downtown Marriott hotel, the gentleman arrived decked out in their black and white tuxedos while the ladies dressed in their glamorous gowns. The Chief's Holiday Party is a time for people to gather together to enjoy fine food, drinks, dance and socialize with friends as they end the year.

The evening began with social hour and complementary photographs. Mr. and Mrs. Clause walked around and welcomed everyone to the special night, as Chief Beck posed for holiday photos with guests.

Dinner was served in two separate rooms, lined with tables of food. One ballroom included a Mexican buffet while the other catered to a more traditional style feast. A live band dubbed ACE entertained the crowd playing a wide range of music. A second band preformed Latin music allowing the crowd to swing the night away salsa dancing.

After eating and dancing, guests were able to enjoy various types of delightful desserts, ranging from fondue chocolate covered strawberries to individual pastries.

The night ended with great door prizes to the lucky winners and everyone went home with a gift bag filled with goodies. Many thanks to the Los Angeles Police Foundation for sponsoring this unforgettable night.

*Happy Holidays.*



L-R Chief Beck, Officer Tenesha Dobine, and retired Lieutenant Otis Dobine



# Seasons Greetings



## HISTORIC CEREMONY FOR RECRUIT GRADUATING CLASS 06-09

The fields of Elysian Park academy witnessed a historic event as Chief of Police Charlie Beck presided and inspected recruit officer class of June 2009 as they graduated from the Los Angeles Police Academy. The graduation ceremony was historic since it was the first under the leadership of Chief Beck. Making the ceremony particularly special and personal was the fact that his son Martin was a member of the graduating class.

On December 4, 2009, during a memorable ceremony Chief Beck along with Command staff conducted a formal inspection of the class composed of 32 recruits. Chief Beck addressed the several hundred family members and friends who were present at the ceremony. "Today as these recruits graduate, you become part of our family, they become



part of the family of the Los Angeles Police Department."

Focusing his attention on the new officers, Chief Beck reminded them, "What you do now is not only a reflection of you and your family, but it is also a reflection of the Los Angeles Police Department, and the City of Los Angeles." He further emphasized to the recruits, "Cops count, character counts, do the right thing."



Adding to the Beck's family legacy with the LAPD, Martin walked up to his father to receive his diploma. The diploma signifies each recruit has completed six months of rigorous and strenuous training at the academy, and are now sworn LAPD officers. Martin walked up to his father and the two embraced, Chief Beck expressed tremendous joy as he handed his son his diploma.

**Chief Beck presents graduation diploma to his son Martin Beck**



**Beck family, City dignitaries and LAPD Command Staff at recruit graduation**

## 9th ANNUAL LAPD ANGELES COMMUNITY BOOK AND TOY DRIVE

Surrounded by children from the Heart of Los Angeles (HOLA) Youth Development Center, Chief Charlie Beck kicked off the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Angels Community Book and Toy Drive. Each December, in the spirit of the Holidays, the Department holds this event in an effort to provide less fortunate children with the some of the joys of the holiday season.

With hundreds of toys and school supplies donated by JAKKS Pacific, Inc and books donated by the Ella Fitzgerald Charitable Foundation and



children’s book author Alise Cayen, there was plenty of Holiday cheer to go around.

“We are asking that you bring a new, unwrapped toy or a new or gently used book to one of our 21 area police stations and we will be sure to get them into the right hands. Those who could use them most this time of year,” said Chief Beck.

Members of the LAPD Centurions Baseball Team assisted Chief Beck in handing out toys and books to the children of HOLA. This was the first year the kick-off event was held at the youth center which provides a wide variety of services and experiences to disadvantaged inner-city Children including the culinary arts, leadership, athletics, counseling, engineering, and the arts.



L-R Alise Cayen, members of LAPD Centurion Baseball Team, children from HOLA and Chief Beck

### CRIME WATCH CITYWIDE (YEAR TO DATE—12/31/09)

Homicide	-18.2%	Burglary	-7.7%
Rape	-8.2%	BTFV	-4.7%
Robbery	-9.3%	Personal/other theft	-2.5%
Aggravated Assault	-12.4%	Auto Theft	-19.6%
<b>Total Violent Crimes</b>	<b>-10.8%</b>	<b>Total Property Crimes</b>	<b>- 8.0%</b>
		<b>Total Part I Crimes</b>	<b>- 8.6%</b>

**THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL WERE  
 COMMENDED BY THE COMMUNITY**

**LIEUTENANT II**

Jeffrey Paillet  
 Edward Pape

**LIEUTENANT I**

Nicolas Barbara

**DETECTIVE III**

Rudolf Pichardo

**DETECTIVE II**

Larry Burcher  
 Lisa Governo  
 Christopher Luna  
 Helen Papietro  
 Edward Ruffalo  
 David Torres

**DETECTIVE I**

Craig Piantanida

**SERGEANT I**

Salvador Apodaca  
 Juan Fernandez  
 Stacy Lim  
 Jeffrey Owen

**POLICE OFFICER III**

Timothy Borngrebe  
 Mynerva Gramillo  
 Steven Hollowell  
 Tony Hyong  
 Michelle Lopez  
 Oscar Lopez  
 Oscar Moreno  
 Bernard Romero  
 Wendy Wollin  
 Keith Penunuri

**POLICE OFFICER II**

Miguel Gomez  
 Nicholas Hartman  
 Eric Hurd  
 Adam Moore  
 Edward Morales  
 Daniel Rizzo  
 Kevin Shaw  
 Greg Shortle  
 Dennis Orris

**POLICE OFFICER I**

Daniel Hernandez  
 Hugo Fuentes

**CRIMINALIST III**

William Moore

**POLICE SURVEILLANCE**

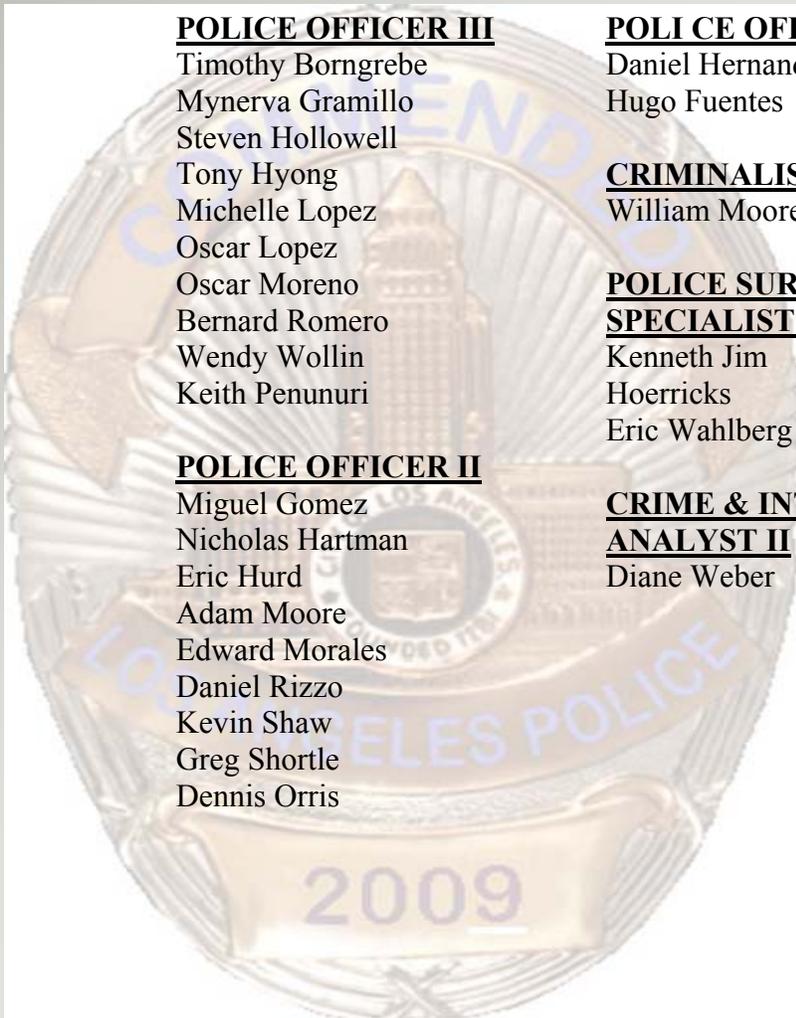
**SPECIALIST I**

Kenneth Jim  
 Hoerricks  
 Eric Wahlberg

**CRIME & INTELLIGENCE**

**ANALYST II**

Diane Weber



**ROLL CALL OF EVENTS**

**Annual Holiday Open House Luncheon**

December 4, 2009  
 1100 - 1500 Hours

Los Angeles Police Protective League  
 600 North Grand Avenue  
 Los Angeles, California 90012

**6th Annual Holiday Assembly**

December 17, 2009  
 1030 Hours  
 PAB Auditorium  
 100 West First Street  
 Los Angeles, California 90012

**2009 LAPD Holiday Party**

December 19, 2009  
 1900 – 2330 Hours  
 Los Angeles Downtown Marriott Hotel  
 333 South Figueroa Street  
 Los Angeles, California 90071

## RECENT ACTIONS BY THE POLICE COMMISSION

December 8 Received annual presentation from Van Nuys Community Police Advisory Board Captain Tia Morris and Jean Sinatra. Captain Morris provided an overview of the area highlighting some of the gang issues along with the aggressive crime reduction goals that have developed. Three issues that Van Nuys C-PAB is currently focusing on are: pedestrian safety, youth, and the rejuvenation of Van Nuys Boulevard.

Assistant Chief Earl Paysinger reported on the program that will replace the Law Enforcement Explorer Program . Entities which have already pledged funding for the program are The David Bohennett Foundation, Wells Fargo, Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center, and Former Police Commissioner Shelley Freeman.

December 15 Police Chief Charlie Beck informed the Board the Department in conjunction with 25 other local agencies, is taking part in the CRIME STOPPERS program which allows citizens to report information on crimes anonymously via telephone, text message or internet.

Commissioner Alan Skobin stated the LA LEY Foundation is going to be assisting the new cadet program by providing scholarships to each Geographic Division and also to the top cadet in each class.



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