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## TRUE BLUE GALA

On Saturday, November 7, 2009 the Los Angeles Police Foundation hosted their annual True Blue Event. True Blue is the Police Foundation's signature event and the largest annual fundraiser that raises money in order for the Police Foundation to continue to provide funding for LAPD's equipment and programs not provided for in the city budget.

This year's True Blue Gala marked the grand opening of the new Police Administration Building and LAPD's 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary. As guests arrived

they enjoyed thrilling LAPD demos and interactive displays including Bomb Squad, K-9, Mounted Platoon, SWAT, Scientific Investigation Division, On-line Unit and a LAPD helicopter. The event was held in a 1940's Coconut Grove-style themed tent, located in the back of the Public Administration Building. The Foundation honored former Chief William J. Bratton with speeches from colleagues and a video tribute.

While Conan O'Brien, the master of ceremonies, entertained the

guests enjoyed catered food provided by Wolfgang Puck. The evening concluded with dancing from the music of a fabulous live band, Haute Chili.

The guests included business, entertainment, community leaders, police officers, city officials, friends and supporters of the Los Angeles Police Foundation.



Photo by Bill Rich

**Former Chief of Police William J. Bratton and Chief Charlie Beck**



Photo by Noe Montes

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



Each morning when I wake up and put on this uniform, I am proud to be a member of the LAPD family, and now I'm honored to have been selected as the leader of this extraordinary family, its 56<sup>th</sup> Chief of Police.

To be a part of the history of this great organization in the capacity of Chief is humbling and I can honestly say, a bit overwhelming. But I would not have even considered applying for and pursuing the position had I not felt deep in my heart that I am truly the right person at the right time for this organization. I have been entrusted with the critical job of continuing to ingrain the many changes we have experienced over the past 7 years into the very DNA of this organization.

Change does not only take place at the top levels of any

organization, but must also be embraced from the roots up, and in this Department, that means by the boots on the ground. I want to take the culture change that has occurred in the upper echelons of the Department and make it the core of our rank and file. I also believe that the only way an organization truly changes is by giving people the resources they need to do their jobs and then hold them accountable. That means putting more officers into the Areas. I want to give the Area Captains their own ability to manage their resources, put the authority where the accountability is.

The progress and transparency that has taken place over the past several years must be maintained and expanded. Although the leader is important to the LAPD, it takes a team of people to do the job. It is much too complicated for just one person. Chief Bratton did a tremendous job of building a team, but that doesn't mean we can't build something better. Think of it in these terms; expect an evolution, not a revolution. The selection of the Chief of Police is just that, a selection, it's not an election. The other candidates have not gone away and I intend to continue to utilize their talents and energies.

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I will also work hard to convince our many diverse communities that their talents and energies are also critical to our success. The recent Harvard and LA Times polls make it clear, the people of Los Angeles like their Police

Department and think you are doing a great job. That's the way it should be. The people of this City should be proud of and feel as if this is *their* Department. As your Chief, I will have an open line of communication with the different communities of this City to gain a better understanding of the views and opinions of how we protect and serve. I will also continue the cause of increasing the size of this Department. We can never go back to the way we used to police, that thin blue line that focused only on response and enforcement. This needs to be the way we do business:

collaboration and transparency. We must work with all of our communities and address their problems. I believe it starts at the patrol level, that is the primary service delivery vehicle and that is who shows up first.

I also care about your views and opinions. I want each and every one of you to do well, to feel the same pride that I do to be a member of this policing family. I have 32 years of working the streets of this City and have learned that by visiting each of the stations, and talking to officers one on one; I can gauge

your thinking about the future of the organization and your place in it. I don't want you to have to go through an extended learning curve like I did. I want each of you to progress and develop your careers through compressed evolution. I want to create and maintain a common framework and shared vision that will include every Department employee, both sworn and civilian.

I know the ghosts of this Police Department's past, I lived them. In the 90's we did not always rise up to our abilities. We did not do what we should have done in some instances. Feeling the mixture of the pain and pride of our past, I want to convert former Chief Bratton's legacy into our Department's destiny. As an organization we are the bridge between our own past and our future.

This is not just a job to me, this is who I am. My father joined the LAPD in 1950 and retired as a Deputy Chief. I joined the Department in 1977. My sister was one of the greatest detective's I have ever worked with. My wife was a narcotics canine handler for the LA County Sheriff Department. My daughter is currently a patrol officer in Hollywood and my son will graduate from the Academy on December 4, that graduation will be the first time that I will

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## HONORS ONE OF LAPD'S FINEST

On October 28, 2009 the Los Angeles Union Rescue Mission held their semi-annual Heroes for Hope fundraiser luncheon. The fundraiser gives people the opportunity to donate to their non-profit organization. Proceeds that are received go to support their programs, services and to restore self-sufficient living to the poor and homeless women, men, children and the elderly. For 118 years it has grown into one of the largest and oldest rescue missions in the nation. The luncheon was held at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in Los Angeles.

Created in 2009 by the Union Rescue Mission, the Heroes for Hope award recognizes a person from the community who demonstrates a singular

commitment to embracing people experiencing homelessness with the compassion of Christ – giving hope and healing for a changed life – helping them find their way home.

This year the mission honored Officer Deon Joseph, Senior Lead Officer in Central Area with the award for “Outstanding Community Service.” The award was for assisting the mission continuously with clearing gang members from their location and speaking in favor of the Hope Gardens Project. This eventually allowed women and children to occupy a new shelter in the Sylmar area away from Skid Row. He assisted the mission in getting individuals in severe need of shelter. Officer Joseph developed

“Just like U kids” program at the mission which has been on-going for 2 1/2 years.

Joseph has made it his personal mission to get to know each person who is homeless and because of this effort, he has made a remarkable difference in a community that many choose to ignore. He is a deserving Heroes for Hope recipient and outstandingly represents how law enforcement plays a vital and lead role on Skid Row.

During the fundraiser event, the mission showed a short documentary on the hard work and positive outcome of Officer Joseph’s persistent caring for citizens on Skid Row.



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preside over a ceremony as the Chief of Police of this City. I can't argue when people say my blood runs LAPD blue. That is why I do this job.

Together, we will continue our commitment to reduce crime and the fear of crime, and making this City the safest in America.

Through your continued exemplary hard work and commitment, we will achieve great things as we move forward. My message to you and what I always want you to remember is this, cops count - character counts; do the right thing and you can be the difference.

One last thing before you go to work tonight or today. For now on, when you're in a class C assignment, you can wear long sleeves with no tie.

Thank You.

## ROLL CALL OF EVENTS

### LAPD Hosts "A Salute to Kids"

November 21, 2009  
0900-1600 Hours  
Woodley Park  
6350 Woodley Avenue  
Van Nuys, California 91436

### 10th Annual "True Blue" Gala

November 7, 2009  
0100 Hours  
Police Administration Building  
100 West First Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

### 17th Annual Chaplin Banquet

November 16, 2009  
1730 Hours  
Shaarey Zedek Banquet Hall  
12800 Chandler Boulevard  
Valley Village, California 91607

## RESEDA HIGH SCHOOL POLICE ACADEMY CADETS DISTRIBUTE HUNDRED'S OF BOOKS TO VALLEY BUREAU STATIONS

On Monday, November 9, Alise Cayen, Reseda's Police Academy Magnet Coordinator joined by Officer Joel Frias, four Police Academy Magnet cadets and staff members of a non-profit organization called Turning Kindness On (TKO) loaded crates full of children's books in a police van and headed out to Van Nuys Division. The event had been planned since Alise Cayen attended the grand opening of Topanga Area Station and saw the station's children's room.

During the visit to the children's room, Ms. Cayen was so in awe over the room's aesthetics and so moved by the story behind the mural she promised to donate a copy of a her children's book to each Valley Division's juvenile soft room. The Ella Fitzgerald Foundation found out about her book donation plan, and they joined in, donating more than 300 additional books. The cadets artistically decorated crates for every Valley Bureau's children's room, and filled them with books donated by the Foundation.

Ms. Cayen and Officer Frias made the experience teachable by taking four of their cadet leaders and representatives from the TKO Organization along to learn more about each station children's room. With the support of all the Valley Bureau Captains and Detectives, they were able to visit every Valley Division, meeting the Captains in charge, touring each room and taking photos. It was a very rewarding day that was a learning experience for everyone involved.

The TKO Organization would like to pursue efforts to raise money so that every station can have a mural and more resources to make their juvenile soft rooms more pleasant for the young kids who use them.



(L-R) Police Academy Cadets, Officer Frias, and Alise Cayen



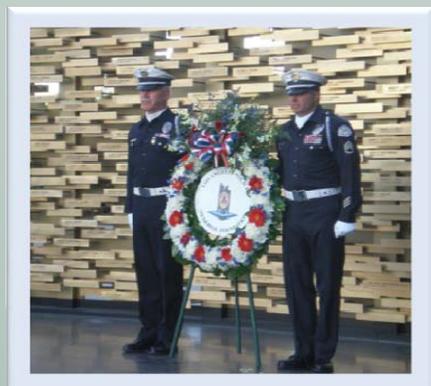
## COMMANDER PAUL GILLEN'S MEMORIAL SERVICE

In a small ceremony held in front of the Police Memorial at the new Police Administration Building, Commander Paul Gillen was memorialized for his service and sacrifice to the Department and City.

Family members including Commander Gillen's wife Margie, dignitaries, active and retired personnel and invited guests watched as Assistant Commanding Officer of Special

Operations Bureau, Commander Scott Kroeber unveiled the portrait of Commander Gillen which will be permanently displayed in the new Police Administration Building. Police Chief Charlie Beck also presented Commander Gillen's widow with the Purple Heart which is awarded to officers who are wounded or killed in the line of duty. The ceremony also included a helicopter flyover and a wreath laying at the Memorial.

Uniformed Services Group, and at the time of the crash, he was on board an aircraft that was involved in SWAT training.



On May 29, 1974, Commander Paul Gillen was killed in a Department helicopter crash. Commander Gillen was the commanding officer of



Chief Beck presents Commander Gillen's widow, Margie with the Purple Heart

### IN MEMORIAM (reported deaths)

**Frank A. Tosti**  
Sergeant I  
Retired  
Serial No. 11003  
EOW 11/10/09

**Jimmie R. Smith**  
Police Officer III  
Retired  
Serial No. 21229  
EOW 11/15/09



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

**DEPUTY CHIEF**

Michael Downing  
 Mark Perez

**COMMANDER**

David Doan  
 Andrew Smith

**CAPTAIN III**

John Egan  
 Phillip Tingirides  
 Kris Pitcher

**CAPTAIN I**

Thomas McDonald

**LIEUTENANT II**

Peter Zarcone  
 James Brady  
 Donald Brady

**DETECTIVE II**

Al Carbonara  
 Kevin Jenks  
 Meghan Aguilar

**DETECTIVE I**

Vivian Martin

**SERGEANT II**

David Keith Clark  
 Barbara Barrist  
 Paul Sanfillippo

**SERGEANT I**

Arthur Bedard  
 William Carty  
 Cesar Mata  
 Paul Sanfillippo  
 Richard Sanchez

**POLICE OFFICER III**

Maurice Brumel  
 Jose Camacho  
 Brett Clark  
 Leonard McKenzie  
 Christopher Jordan  
 Kevin McNamee  
 Sandra Platero  
 Manuel Sierra

Jose Guadalupe Lopez

Kathy Jennings  
 Justin Fuller  
 Eric Quach  
 Tiffany Eastman  
 Mark Mireles  
 Scott Dewitt  
 Phillip Sellers  
 Albert Franco  
 Melissa New  
 George Ryan  
 Eric Quach  
 Jose Lopez  
 Justin Fuller  
 Leonard McKenzie  
 Kathy Jennings

**POLICE OFFICER II**

Nicholas Cho  
 Diana Danley  
 Sean Foote  
 Antonio Gil  
 Robert Hargrove  
 Michael Knoke

Mario Leonidas  
 Stephen Muther  
 Rogelio Ramirez  
 Gilbert Rendon  
 Christian Rueda  
 Matthew Shafer  
 Rene Silva  
 Kurt Thurston  
 Jeffrey Wolman  
 Derrick Ybarra  
 Andalis Edgar  
 Gerald Harden  
 Irma Garibaldi  
 Frank Rodriguez  
 Paul Rodriguez  
 Jonathan Maldonado  
 Mario Jacinto  
 Gerald Harden  
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 Irma Garibaldi

**SECRETARY**

Leticia Mireles

**CRIME WATCH CITYWIDE (YEAR TO DATE—11/28/09)**

Homicide	-18.6%	Burglary	-7.4%
Rape	-8.9%	BTFV	-5.0%
Robbery	-8.0%	Personal/ other theft	-2.1%
Aggravated Assault	-11.3%	Auto Theft	-19.2%
<b>Total Violent Crimes</b>	<b>-9.7%</b>	<b>Total Property Crimes</b>	<b>-7.8%</b>
		<b>Total Part I Crimes</b>	<b>-8.2%</b>

## RECENT ACTIONS BY THE POLICE COMMISSION

November 3 Temporary Chief of Police Michael Downing stated he was honored to serve as Chief. He commented that he was taking the job very seriously and was looking forward to future challenges.

The Commission received a verbal presentation from Assistant Chief Earl Paysinger and Sergeant Joseph Kuns, concerning the status of the Law Enforcement Explorer Program. The Departments' plan is to transition the Explorer program away from the Learning for Life Organization to an independent program run entirely by the Los Angeles Police Department.

November 10 Commissioners Alan Skobin, Andrea Sheridan Ordin and John Mack all attended the Police Foundation's True Blue Gala and praised the Foundation's outstanding work in providing financial assistance to the LAPD. The event took place at the new Police Administration Building.

Captain Bill Scott and Melanie McShane presented Mission Area's Community Police Advisory Board annual report. Mission Area CPAB had three goals this year which were to increase community involvement, reduce illegal vending, specially around schools, and educate CPAB members on the functions of the LAPD.

November 24 Commissioner Mack, officially welcomed and congratulated Chief Beck to his first Police Commission meeting as Chief of Police and commented he was looking forward to working with him while moving into the 21st century.

Chief Beck stated that the process of his selection was rigorist, open and he was extremely proud to have been selected from amongst such a great pool of candidates. He commented Los Angeles should be proud of the manner in which the Commission, the Mayor's office and the City Council conducted the selection.



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