

Los Angeles Police Department 140th Anniversary

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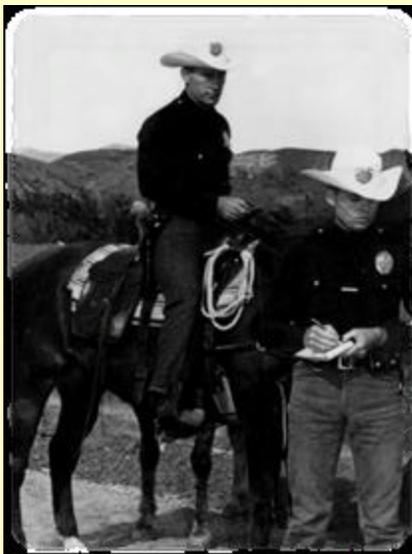
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The New Year not only welcomes another year but also a new decade in LAPD history. As 2009 marks the 140th anniversary founding of the Los Angeles Police Department. From its humble beginnings of a Department of six officers in 1869 to a force nearly 10,000 strong, the Los Angeles Police Department has indelibly left a mark in the history of policing.

As the Department celebrates its anniversary, 2009 will be a year-long commemoration of the LAPD legacy. Each month, the Department will highlight some of the LAPD's finest personnel and outstanding achievements. The new year also hails the opening of several new facilities, including the Department's 20th and 21st area stations, Olympic and Topanga, the Harbor and Hollenbeck replacement station, new Metro Detention Center and Property Division and the City's Emergency Operations Center. Most anticipated of all, the Department's anniversary celebration will culminate with the epic grand opening of the new Police Administration Building in November. Touted as the nation's most expensive and technologically advanced police facility, the new Police Administration Building will also serve as home to the new LAPD Officers' Memorial and host of the 10th Annual True Blue gala.



For 140 years, the Los Angeles Police Department has proudly served the City of Los Angeles, forging the way for modern day policing and developing a reputation world renowned for its professionalism, innovation and excellence. By implementing best practices, LAPD will continue to be second to none.



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Chief's Message (January)...William J. Bratton, Chief of Police

As we enter a new year, your hard work and dedication continue to drive the Department to the forefront of the law enforcement community. Through your innovative policing strategies and targeted crime fighting efforts, the City of Los Angeles has enjoyed an unprecedented seven straight years of crime decline. As the country deals with a major recession and the City faces major budget problems, Angelenos can at least feel assured that if the Department continues with its plan to hire 1,000 additional officers, you will be able to continue to drive down crime, particularly gang crime.

Your achievements over the past year give you much to be proud of. While the 2008 year end crime numbers have yet to come in, one thing is clear – you continue to have a major impact on crime. Since 2002, violent crime is down 49%, property crimes have decreased 28% and Part I Crimes have fallen 34%. In addition, there were over 1,600 fewer shooting victims this year in comparison to the same time period. Over the past year alone, homicides have dropped 8.7%. Without a doubt, cops count, police matter – you are the difference. These reductions are no aberration. They are the proud results of committed personnel dedicated to the communities it serves – personnel, both sworn and civilian, second to none.

Particularly impressive is your success in the battle against gang crime. With reductions in nearly every category thus far, you have been able to cutback gang homicides by 27%, aggravated assaults by 15%, shooting victims by 23%, and decrease gang crime overall by 11% since 2007. Anti-gang strategies such as the Department's enactment of gang injunctions, establishment of the Top Ten Most Wanted Gang Members list and South Bureau Criminal Gang Homicide Group, and the identification of the City's "Top Targeted Street Gangs" have proven to be highly successful. To date, gang arrests have increased 107% since 2002. The City's Summer Night Lights anti-gang youth program also delivered the communities surrounding the Summer Night Lights parks remarkable declines after the program's eight-week run. In partnering with the community and collaborating with our neighboring local, county, state, and federal colleagues, together, you have delivered remarkable results. With the announcement of the Department's new 2009 gang initiatives later this month, I fully expect the numbers to drop even more.

In the year 2009, we will celebrate the 140th anniversary founding of the Los Angeles Police Department. 2009 will be a year-long commemoration of the LAPD legacy, a legacy which you are all now a part of. Much like a spectacular fireworks show which slowly builds and intensifies into its grand finale, the Department's festivities will include monthly celebrations highlighting some of the Department's finest personnel and outstanding achievements, as well as the opening of the Department's 20th and 21st area stations, Olympic and Topanga, in January followed by the openings of the Harbor and Hollenbeck replacement stations, new Metro Detention Center and Property Division and City's Emergency Operations Center. This year will culminate in November with the long-awaited, history making grand opening of the new Police Administration Building, the most expensive and technologically advanced police facility in the nation.

What began as a small Department of six officers in 1869 has now grown to nearly 10,000 strong with a force world renowned for its leadership, accomplishments and professionalism. The LAPD has developed a reputation of excellence among the law enforcement community and is a Department of many firsts, including the first Policewoman, first African American officer, establishing the first municipal crime lab and first Special Weapons and Tactics Unit in the nation. For 14 decades the Los Angeles Police Department has faithfully and proudly protected and served the City of Los Angeles, and will continue to do so, leading the way as America's 21st century model for professional and successful policing.

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Chief's Message-February

As the Department continues its year long celebration of its 140th Anniversary, I'd like to talk with you this month about a number of issues. As a part of the Department's 140th Anniversary, the month of February celebrates the diversity of the Los Angeles Police Department.

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Olympic Area Community Police Station Grand Opening

If you build it, they will come. Came, they did! It was standing room only at the grand opening of the LAPD's newest and 20th community police station – Olympic Area on Saturday, January 17, 2009. The streets were filled with community members, leaders and dignitaries eager to partake in the historic event. Celebrating the diversity of the community which it serves, entertainment included folklorico dancers, Korean drummers and singers, as well as an array of ethnic cuisine provided by neighboring restaurants. Guests were also taken back in time with an extensive display of LAPD squad cars, dating as far back as the 1800's to the present. Participants of the prestigious ribbon cutting ceremony included City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo, Councilmember Ed Reyes, Councilmember Herb Wesson, Councilmember Tom La-Bonge, Deputy Mayor of Homeland Security and Public Safety Arif Alikhan and Police Commission President Anthony Pacheco.

Speaking of the dynamic personnel who make up the Olympic Area Community Police Station, Chief William J. Bratton boasted, "All 250 (plus) men and women, all volunteers. Every police officer working in this station volunteered to come here. They wanted to work in your community and most importantly, many of them are of your community."



Chief Bratton thanked the community for their support and noted, "This is a day of celebration. A new beginning for the new Los Angeles Police Department – of the community, for the community. A new beginning for this country on Tuesday. And this City intends to be first and foremost in leading that change that President-elect Barack Obama has talked about because we are already changing. We are showing that we can defeat the gangsters and we can reduce crime, and that we can all live together in peace and harmony and celebrate the differences, enjoy the differences . . . we are a grand mosaic. Let's celebrate that."

Funded through the voter-passed Proposition Q Public Safety Bond Program, the Olympic Area Community Police Station houses 293 patrol officers, support staff and detectives and serves more than 200,000 people in 6.2 square miles. Personnel that make up the division are as widely diverse as the community they serve, and with over 33 employees who are fluent in Korean, the station is certainly one of the top police facilities in the nation to have Korean-speaking representatives.



LAPD Online Point and Click Translation Feature

Chief William J. Bratton and the Los Angeles Police Department's Online Unit announced at a press conference on January 16, 2009, the exciting new addition of a "point and click" translation feature to the LAPD's website. Site visitors simply click on the flag of their nation and the website is instantly translated into their native language.

Dedicated to community policing and working with its neighborhood stakeholders, the LAPD is constantly seeking new means to better communicate with the diverse communities which it proudly protects and serves. The new translation device invites our foreign language speaking community members and worldwide audience to take an in-depth look at the inner workings of the LAPD and enables them to stay up to date on police matters and issues of interest and concern in their own native language.

On average, four million pages a month are viewed on LAPD's website. The new "point and click" feature enables viewers to translate more than 14,000 pages of information into 14 different languages, including: Spanish, Hindi, Portuguese, Japanese, Chinese, Arabic, Hebrew, Russian, Korean, Italian, French, Tagalog, German and Vietnamese. To experience firsthand the "point and click" translation feature, please visit www.lapdonline.org.

CRIME WATCH CITYWIDE (YEAR TO DATE—1/31/09)

Homicide	-10.5%	Burglary	-7.2%
Rape	13.1%	BTFV	-1.7%
Robbery	8.7%	Personal/ other theft	-10.3%
Aggavated assault	1.5%	Auto Theft	-17.7%
Total Violent Crimes	5.3%	Total Property Crimes	-8.6%
		Total Part I Crimes	-8.6%

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Recognized as one of the nation's most ethnically diverse law enforcement agencies with a language bank over eighty languages strong, the Los Angeles Police Department has truly become a Department more reflective of the communities it serves. And with the support of Mayor Villaraigosa to add 1,000 officers to our ranks, the LAPD aims to increase and diversify its ranks even further. The current breakdown of our sworn personnel closely mirrors the very diverse communities we protect and serve. For example, in comparing the City's demographics to the Department's overall sworn ethnicity, the City's population is comprised of 44.6% Hispanics versus 41.3% Hispanic officers, 31.1% Caucasians versus 37.5% Caucasian officers, 12.0% Asian-Pacific Islanders versus 8.6% Asian-Pacific Islander officers, 9.5% African Americans versus 12.1% African American officers and 0.8% Native Americans versus 0.5% Native American officers.

In reference to our continuing crime reduction efforts, at a time when cities across the nation struggle with surges in violent crime, 2008, thanks to your efforts, was the seventh year in a row that we have seen significant reductions in crime. In 2008, your hard work and dedication has driven homicides down another 4%. Angelenos have not seen numbers this low since the 1960's. Through your committed efforts violent crimes have dropped another 4% and Total Part I Crimes have decreased 2.5% since 2007.

Reported gang crime shows even more significant reductions. The Department's 2008 gang initiatives proved highly effective with reductions in nearly every gang category. Gang homicides have declined 25%, aggravated assaults are down 15%, and gang-related carjacking have gone down 27% for an overall 10% reduction in gang crime. There were also 300 fewer victims of gang-related shootings in 2008 versus 2007.

As your Chief, there is no more important mission than ensuring the safety of the men and women of this Department. To that end, in 2009, the command staff and I will increase our focus on reiterating and reinforcing the basic tenants of officer safety which are at the core of your training and day-to-day mission. Command officers will directly address this issue with their officers and each supervisor will discuss officer safety issues with their platoons. Supervisors will also be directed to immediately address officer safety concerns when they become apparent.

As part of our continuing efforts to improve officer safety, we will be doing a number of things. Through recent changes to the Use of Force Review and Adjudication process, the Use of Force Review Division identified notable tactical and officer safety issues during the adjudication of both Categorical and Non-Categorical Use of Force incidents. The following are some of the more serious trends and concerns that arise repeatedly and must be comprehensively and proactively addressed by all Department members.

GOING CODE-6

A review of Use of Force cases has revealed a disturbing trend of officers failing to go Code-6 on calls for service or upon self initiating field activity. While there may be occasions when there is simply no time to go Code-6, the majority of cases where failing to go Code-6 was identified as a serious issue, officers failed to do so when there was sufficient time. Additionally, in many circumstances where officers originally went Code-6, they then failed to update their location after moving to another location or changing locations to do a follow up investigation or make contact with a suspect. Failing to go Code-6, or to notify Communications Division of their updated location, exposes officers to serious jeopardy when and if they need help.

SECURING SUFFICIENT RESOURCES

When responding to calls or self initiating field activities or contacts, officers must ensure they have enough personnel and the appropriate tools to address the problem. When officers face a violent suspect without sufficient assistance or the proper tools, such as a baton, TASER or Bean Bag Shotgun, they may place themselves and their partners, as well as innocent civilians, at significant and avoidable risk.

Some examples include: failing to request additional units for a perimeter or to contain an armed suspect; or leaving an issued TASER in the trunk of the car when confronting a potentially violent suspect.

Bottom line – officers should make every effort to maintain a tactical advantage. Whenever you request additional officers or tools, Communications Division will find the resources you need - if not from your own area then from a neighboring area. We are also, this year, acquiring an additional 1,200 more modern TASERS for distribution to the patrol force, along with 10,000 ROVERS to be issued to each officer with individual ID numbers for emergency help identification.

WORKING ON SIMPLEX

Officers should NOT use simplex as their sole primary operating frequency. At least one officer should be on their base frequency or on a monitored Tactical Frequency. The Department has 14 individual Tactical Frequencies, including six assigned to each bureau. The issuing of individually assigned ROVERS will increase your ability to comply with this concern.

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While Simplex is a great resource, it is limited in range and is generally not monitored by Communications Division. In short, when you yell for help it is possible that no one will hear you. When involved in any tactical operation, or during day-to-day deployment, officers must have access to their designated base frequency or in the alternative, operate on a monitored tactical frequency when it is appropriate to do so.

REQUESTING BACK UP OR ASSISTANCE WHEN YOU NEED HELP

Another significant cause for concern is the trend for officers to mitigate their need for help. In several cases, officers broadcast a Back-Up or Assistance request – when the incident had clearly escalated to an emergency and HELP was urgently needed.

The policy on Help calls is currently being rewritten; however, current Department policy states that a *HELP* call must be broadcast when immediate aid is required by an officer. Ultimately, failing to broadcast a *HELP* call - when help is clearly needed - can cost lives. When in any doubt about "HELP" or back up, call for "HELP."

In summary, to increase your safety, officers are expected to:

Go Code-6 and continually update their location

Secure sufficient resources, whenever possible - prior to taking action or initiating contact with suspects. These resources may take the form of additional personnel or tools.

Work on a primary or other monitored duplex frequency and only use Simplex frequencies in limited tactical circumstances.

Lastly, do not minimize your need for help. When you are faced with an EMERGENCY – request *HELP*.

To be clear – officer safety and tactics is of paramount concern and will receive my full attention when I am reviewing Use of Force cases and other incidents. Furthermore, I have directed the Use of Force Review Division and Use of Force Review Board be vigilant for these and other officer safety practices, and to take these concerns into consideration when adjudicating the tactics portion of a Use of Force case.

Your safety is my primary concern and that of your union and our Department. We need each and every one of you. You count, you matter. Let's work together to make sure that everybody goes home safely at end of watch.

Central City CPAB Salutes, Central Area Officers and Personnel

The Los Angeles Police Department Central Area joined the Central City Police Boosters to honor Central Area Police Officers and personnel at a luncheon awards ceremony on Thursday, February 26, 2009, at the Wilshire Grand.

This year's keynote speaker was Shawn Parr, Go-Country 105 Radio Celebrity and LAPD Reserve Specialist. He was joined by master of ceremonies, Allan Reno of Let the Music Play. Guest speakers included Councilwoman Jan Perry, Ninth Council District, and Billie Greer, Director of the Los Angeles Office of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. They assisted the community in recognizing the fine men and women of the Department's Central Area and honor them for their commitment and dedication for 2008.

The luncheon provided the business and residents of the community a forum to recognize and support the LAPD in Downtown, Los Angeles. The community would like to thank the personnel at the Central Community Police Station for their extraordinary efforts to keep Downtown safe.

Captain III Blake Chow, Commanding Officer, Central Area and former Central

Captains Jodi Wakefield and Rick Wall were on hand to support and present awards to the following personnel:

Supervisor of the Year: Sergeant Peter Foster

Detective of the Year: Michael Lorenz III

Civilian of the Year: Iris Lockett

Volunteer of the Year: Satoru Uyeda

Officer of the Year: Police Officer III Anthony Suviate

Police Officer Of The Year : Anthony Suviate



Police Officer III Anthony Suviate is a 9-year veteran, who has been assigned to Central Area since January of 2002. Suviate has unselfishly made significant contributions to Central Area, the Department and the Downtown community. Officer Suviate's maturity and prior gang enforcement detail experience contributed to the officer's adaptability to work with any assigned officer, or handle any assigned task. Supervisor's quickly noted Suviate's technical knowledge and expertise, which was a valuable commodity whenever he worked with new probationary officers. He willingly shared his overall wealth of knowledge, with his fellow officers and supervisors alike.

The one major area of importance was Suviate's knowledge and tactical expertise as well his background with the Department's Community Based Policing Programs. As the Department moves forward into the 21st Century, a continued need exists to improve the "Quality of Life Issues" within the Downtown Community. Officer Suviate acknowledged this need, to further help the community. Suviate took the time to meet with his Watch Commander and supervisors and discussed the various facets of modifying the current deployment of officers that impact Central Area on their assigned watch. Suviate also suggested additional training methods to assist probationary officers with addressing quality of life issues, reducing the possibility use of force incidents. The recommendations suggested officers utilizing their "verbal judo" skills to alleviate possible negative contacts with homeless people within the "Skid Row" Area.

It is the Department's utmost responsibility to train these new officers with the finest officers available. Officer Suviate fills this need without question. Suviate has continued to be one of Central Area's overall top producers in the area of citations, along with both felony and misdemeanor arrests on a regular basis. Suviate has been commended verbally, as well as with written commendations, and positive comment card entries. Officer Suviate leads by example, and willingly follows any suggestions given by his supervisors. This has expanded Suviate's overall knowledge and expertise, which he willingly shares with his probationary partners. In return, Central Area has noted that probationary officers trained by Suviate have excelled, and progressed at a consistent rate, far above other probationary officers.

For these reasons, as well as his 9-year commitment to the Los Angeles Police Department, Central Area is proud to bestow upon Police Officer III Anthony Suviate the distinction and honor of being named Central Area's 2008 Police Officer of the Year.



Supervisor Of The Year: Peter Foster

An 18 year veteran, Sergeant Foster is currently assigned as the Officer-in-Charge of Central Area's Problem Solving Unit. During this year, Sergeant Foster continued to personify the characteristics of a proactive supervisor by addressing all issues impacting the Area. From the beginning of 2008, he hit the ground running, utilizing all available resources to do outstanding police work, proactive community policing, and to lead the officers he supervises by example. While supervising the Central Area Senior Lead Officers (SLO), he has started the Entertainment Detail, covering the LA Live area. He oversaw the construction of Central's new weight room, not only rebuilding the facility but also obtaining the exercise equipment, televisions and sound system currently in use. He also coordinated the Special Olympics' "Torch Run" and the "Tip a Cop" fundraiser,

CRIME WATCH CITYWIDE (YEAR TO DATE—2/28/ 09)

Homicide	-23.1%	Burglary	-1.9%
Rape	-9.7%	BTFV	-1.5%
Robbery	3.0%	Personal/ other theft	-5.8%
Aggravated	-5.6%	Auto Theft	-17.7%
Assault			
Total Violent Crimes	-1.7%	Total Property Crimes	-6.4%
		Total Part I Crimes	-5.4%

CRIME WATCH CITYWIDE (YEAR TO DATE—3/28 /09)

Homicide	-30.7%	Burglary	-3.7%
Rape	-8.8%	BTFV	-1.8%
Robbery	1.6%	Personal/ Other Theft	-4.0%
Aggravated	-10.4%	Auto Theft	-18.0%
Assault			
Total violent Crimes	-4.9 %	Total Property Crimes	-6.4%
		Total Part I Crimes	-6.0%



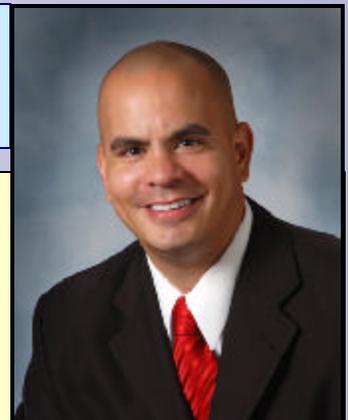
Volunteer Of The Year: Satoru Uyeda

The year was 1993, and a second generation downtown area businessman, Satoru Uyeda, recognized the need for a stronger relationship with the Los Angeles Police Department and the improvement of security issues within the area known as Little Tokyo. Faced with a soaring crime rate, blight, graffiti, and panhandlers, the longtime resident initiated a volunteer patrol that blossomed into an integral role within the Japanese community. The community is geographically located on the northeastern border of downtown Los Angeles. By year's end, over fifty volunteers were recruited and after years of hard work and tenacious effort, the area's streets were literally cleaned up.

Recognized as the first Community Based Policing program in downtown Los Angeles, Satoru (AKA Sats) spearheaded a public safety program now modeled in many parts of the City. The developed area substation, known as the Koban, is a center for assistance and information, and regularly produces safety seminars and training for residents, children, senior citizens, and local businesses. Providing bilingual assistance to residents as well as tourists, Sats implemented a Koban service, which features Department crime reporting to Japanese language victims. Working side by side with Department officers and Senior Lead Officers, Satoru has unselfishly committed thousands of hours towards patrol, surveillance, and maintenance services.

The efforts of Satoru Uyeda has been instrumental in reducing the crime rate in downtown Los Angeles and he is commended for his dedication to improving the quality of life in the neighborhood known as Little Tokyo.

Detective of the Year: Michael Lorenz III



Detective I Michael Lorenz is recognized as Central Area's 2008 Detective of the Year for his dedication, leadership, teamwork, and contribution to Central Area's efforts while assigned as an investigator on the Robbery Table.

Over the past year, Detective Lorenz investigated 237 robberies, arrested 60 suspects, and cleared 38 percent of his cases. He did all that while maintaining a zero backlog.

One case that stands out from others, but is typical of Michael's abilities, was the robbery-kidnap investigation of a man who was visiting Elysian Park. The crime was the third in a trend of gang-related robberies in the park. Michael identified the pattern and kept patrol units focused on the problem. After a plain-clothes unit discovered a lead at a store near to where the victim was left, Michael coordinated the rapidly developing investigation, writing multiple search warrants, and ultimately arresting three suspects. The robberies in the park abated completely.

Michael stands out by his dedication to his profession and a commitment to continuous improvement. He attended a half-dozen training course over the last year, and he was recognized as the top student in three: the Assault Crimes Course, the Homicide Course, and the ICI Course.

Michael's commitment continues outside the Department where he is active in coaching youth soccer. He holds three leadership positions in his church, where he was given the Valedictorian Award for the church's leadership course.

For these reasons, as well as his 9-year commitment to the Los Angeles Police Department, Central Area is proud to bestow upon Detective I Michael

Civilian of the Year: Iris Crockett



Public Service Representative Iris Lockett, a thirteen-year veteran of the Department was chosen as the Civilian of the Year for her dedication, teamwork, and hardworking demeanor.

Iris has been assigned to Central Area for the past nine year. In this assignment, she has worked Central Patrol Division as the Area Overtime Coordinator. Her contribution was second to none. Iris is an asset who unselfishly volunteered to take added responsibilities where she sees a need to enhance service to the public; improve patrol operations; and at the same time cultivate a prosperous environment between sworn and civilian personnel. She has been extremely diligent in her ability to be compliant with Central Area's goals as well as the Federal Consent Decree. Iris has also balanced Fair Labor and Standards Act violations and managed overtime issues without any negative audit issues.

Iris is a stellar employee. She is trustworthy and keeps information she may become privy to, in the strictest confidence. On a regular basis, Iris has changed her work days to meet the needs of the Area and the very stringent rules of Fiscal Operations Division. Iris also avails herself to other units, such as the Community Relations Office, Senior Lead Office, and Special Events. Iris coordinates fundraising activities for the Central Station Fund and volunteers her time on the planning committees for the Area picnic and holiday party.

On her own, Iris has learned the complicated Online Overtime system. This was done on her personal initiative in order to ensure a smooth transition for Central Area personnel. She diligently doubled-checked the unofficial time book against the daily worksheets and properly recorded the information on the DPS official timesheet and any modifications were documented without error.

Additionally, Iris has assisted with the front desk operations and ACC duties. Iris has and will continue to be instrumental to Central Area and the Angelinos of the Central City Limits. Iris has done a superb job and she truly has made an impact to improve the services at Central Area to enhance the quality of life in the community.

Medcat-LAPD's One-of-a Kind Rescue Vehicle



On February 5, 2009, Police Chief William J. Bratton along with members of the LAPD's Special Weapons and Tactics Unit, (SWAT), Department Command Staff and members from the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) showcased the Department's latest acquisition, the Medcat Rescue Vehicle. It is the first tactical "medi-vac" vehicle in the United States.

The Medcat is a unique and versatile vehicle that was custom designed in a collaborative effort between members of the LAPD SWAT Unit - Emergency Medical Technician Cadre, the LAFD, LAPD Reserve Officer Dr. Albert Phillips and a company that manufactures armored vehicles for the United States Military and Domestic Law Enforcement agencies.

What makes this vehicle so unique is that while it looks like any other armored vehicle, the inside is configured to resemble a rescue ambulance, complete with a full array of medical supplies and radios that allow paramedics to communicate directly with trauma centers and hospitals.

The Medcat will be used for potentially dangerous and critical rescues that will allow medical first responders to quickly and safely get into an active crime scene or crisis location to administer life saving medical support to seriously injured citizens and police personnel. It will also save precious time that was previously needed to transport a victim out of a crisis area in an armored vehicle and transferring them into a rescue ambulance before they could be transported to a hospital.



West Valley Memorial Celebration

On Friday, February 6, 2009, more than 150 people, including guest speakers Chief William J. Bratton, Councilman Dennis P. Zine, and Police Commissioner Alan Skobin gathered together for a dedication ceremony to pay tribute to four West Valley Area officers who made the ultimate sacrifice. A granite and bronze memorial monument was unveiled in front of the West Valley Area Community Police Station revealing the names of the four officers. Family members from all four families attended the unveiling.

Artist Cliff Tobin built a bronze uniform shirt that rests on top of a granite monument, with a picture of a United States flag blowing with silhouette of police officers standing next to the LAPD badge. The monument was built by Lexington under the direction of Scott Menlo. West Valley Area hosted a motorcycle ride last summer which raised money to build this monument.

Motor Officer II + 2 Martin Parker was killed in an on-duty motorcycle accident on September 14, 1961, while performing his duties as a traffic enforcement officer. Interestingly enough, his wife Bobbie married another LAPD Motor Officer. Upon his passing, Mrs. Bobbie Hembree donated their motor equipment to the LAPD Historical Society. Martin's wife and son have both past away. Martin is survived by his sisters Maryjo (80) and Frances (92), niece Gail Ordowski and great niece Erin Light who all live in Henderson, Nevada. Martin was a paratrooper in WWII and police officer with Nevada prior to joining the Department.

Detective II Thomas C. Williams was ambushed and assassinated on October 31, 1985, in West Valley Area. Detective Williams was on the investigative team that was working a North Hollywood Area robbery and homicide case that had gone to trial. A suspect involved in this case, while in jail, hired a hit man to kill Detective Williams.

This unfortunate and cowardly act occurred while Tom was picking up his son Ryan from school in West Valley Area. The shooter was later apprehended and sentenced to death, and two conspirators were sentenced to life without parole plus 25 years to life. Detective Williams was posthumously awarded the Medal of Valor for the actions taken by him to protect his son during the incident. Tom was survived by his wife Norma, daughter Susan, and son Ryan.

Motor Officer II + 2 Randol L. Marshall was killed on June 2, 1987, while conducting a traffic stop on his motorcycle. He was survived by his two daughters, Melissa and Jennifer, mother Bernice, brother Gregg, sister Pam, and uncles, aunts, nieces and nephews. Randol's ex-wife and Jennifer's husband are both LAPD officers.

SWAT Officer III + 1 Randal D. Simmons was shot and killed on February 7, 2008 as he and other members of the Los Angeles Police SWAT Team made entry into a home in an attempt to perform an emergency rescue of numerous downed victims. As the team entered, the suspect opened fire, striking Officer Simmons and a second officer, James Veenstra. Both officers were immediately transported to Northridge Medical Center, where Officer Simmons later succumbed to his wounds. The suspect was later shot and killed by another member of the SWAT team during the 12-hour standoff. Randy is survived by his wife Lisa, son Matt, daughter Gabby, parents, two sisters.



Chief's Message– March

For 140 years the Los Angeles Police Department has proudly served the City of Los Angeles. As our yearlong anniversary festivities continue, we dedicate the month of March to the legendary women of the LAPD. This month, we celebrate their achievements and the contributions they have made throughout the years. We pay homage to our pioneers: Alice Stebbins Wells, the nation's first policewoman, Terri Lincoln, the Department's first female command pilot, and Assistant Chief Sharon Papa, the highest ranking female officer in the LAPD. And we pay tribute to the selfless heroes who dedicated their lives to protect and to serve: Tina Frances Kerbrat, the first female LAPD officer to die in the line of duty, and most recently, Officer Spree Desha and injured Officer Kristina Ripatti. We applaud these women for their contributions and thank them for paving the way for future generations. Each serves as an inspiration to female officers around the world and is a significant and poignant part of the great legacy of our Department.

2009 Gang Initiatives

At a recent news conference, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and I announced our 2009 Gang Initiatives. Over the past year alone, thanks in large part to your hard work, gang homicides dropped 25% and gang crime declined overall by 10%. This year, I have no doubt that you will be able to continue the trend. Assistant Chief Earl Paysinger and Deputy Chief Charlie Beck have set a stretch goal of a further 15% overall reduction. Nobody knows better than you the negative impact of gangs that for far too long have plagued our City, terrorized our neighborhoods and instilled fear in our residents. In 2009, we will partner with our Federal, State, County and local law enforcement agencies to create a seamless web thoroughly committed and focused on dramatically impacting the violence caused by those gangs whose violent act draws attention and coordinated law enforcement response. If they stick their heads up, if they raise their profile and levels of violence, we will be watching and will move quickly to arrest and incarcerate them. Building on the trust we continually earn from the communities we serve, we will increasingly work together with many in those communities to keep control of the streets. You have shown with your dramatic positive impact on crime and gang activities that cops count, police matter.

Prevention

This year will also see a strengthening of the City's prevention efforts. Mayor Villaraigosa has pledged to direct resources to the communities most in need. From the expansion of the highly successful Summer Night Lights program to juvenile intervention programs and other alternative options for at-risk youth, we will help parents and caregivers recognize the early warning signs of gang involvement and provide them viable options to redirect their children away from a life of crime.

Intervention

As you have heard many in law enforcement say before, we cannot arrest our way out of gangs. Suppression is often necessary, but suppression alone will not ultimately succeed. Intervention is crucial to the rescue of those already involved and is an extremely valuable tool in the reduction of crime. For the first time, under the control of the Mayor, the intervention, prevention and many of the re-entry strategies will be directed and coordinated in his office. Gang intervention training will be provided to officers who deal with gang crime as part of their normal assignment and a supervisor in each geographic bureau will be designated as the liaison between the officers of the respective bureau and a gang intervention agency.

The Department will work to support Reverend Jeff Carr and the Office of Gang Reduction and Youth Development to ensure intervention workers receive timely and accurate information whenever a violent gang incident occurs. Reverend Carr has made great strides in bridging the credibility gap for gang intervention workers and he will have the Department's full cooperation and support in the development of the Gang Intervention Academy.

Suppression

Based on our significant success to date, we know that we can significantly reduce gang activity through innovative and effective law enforcement strategies. By concentrating on coordination of strategies, tactics, resources, and improved timely intelligence, we can expand the lines of communication with our law enforcement colleagues. The blurring of jurisdictional lines, which used to be a disadvantage for law enforcement, is now a significant and intentional advantage. Federal, State and local agencies will work together to determine not only what we need for a successful prosecution, but also which jurisdiction can get the toughest sentence. Other local police departments such as the Los Angeles Unified School Police, for example, can be of particular assistance in areas such as intelligence gathering, infrastructure protection, and truancy enforcement. Every agency will have a role.

Through coordination comes efficiency. Not only do we continually look to improve outside relationships, we took a good look in the mirror and figured out how we could do it better from the inside. Earlier this year, the Department combined Gang Operations Support Division and Narcotics Division to create the Gang and Narcotics Division. Recognizing the link between gangs, guns and drugs, this new Division, under the command of Deputy Chief Charlie Beck, will unite 300 detectives specifically focused on the reduction of narcotics and gun trafficking.

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I also recently promoted Michael Williams to the newly designated Strategic Operations Commander position under the Office of Operations. As over 60 % of gang crime occurs at night, Commander Williams will be assigned during the evening hours and will work with RACR to identify gang trends or incidents as they occur and move resources quickly throughout the City to address them.

This year, you will see the continuation of successful programs such as the Top Ten Gang Members and Top-Targeted Street Gangs. We will continue to work with the Mayor and City Attorney's office to seek permanent injunctions against the most violent gangs and expand our Community Law Enforcement and Recovery sites and Gang Reduction and Youth Development Zones as necessary. In addition, the Department will conduct COMPSTAT inspections of every Department entity responsible for Gang Enforcement and will focus a part of each COMPSTAT session on the reduction of gang crime.

In the coming months, an additional 400 officers will receive specialized training in gang history, culture and trends and each of the Area Gang Enforcement Details will have the ability to assign additional personnel to gang enforcement duties as needed. Assistant Chief Paysinger has tasked each Operations Bureau Chief to design a set of proposals that will address gang problems specific to their individual commands. This will allow each Bureau the opportunity to modify their gang prevention approach in accordance to their area's particular needs.

Understanding the critical nature of timely intelligence gathering, Area Watch Commanders will now have the ability to share gang crime information in "real time" with their counterparts in all geographic areas throughout the City through the use of a Secure Gang Blog. As the program expands, qualifying outside agencies will also be allowed access.

Not only will we target the gangs' neighborhoods, we will also go after their vehicles. The Violent Crime Motor Enforcement Team will be a cadre of 30 motor officers deployed in high crime areas throughout the City dedicated to the enforcement of vehicle code violations, to help reduce the number of drive by shootings and other major assaults that occur in gang-infested areas. They will continually be supplied with information from RACR relative to gang vehicles used in crimes and known to be in possession of gang members.

In 2009, the Department will also work aggressively to reduce gang graffiti. Assistant Commanding Officer of Detective Bureau, Commander Patrick Gannon, will have additional new responsibilities as coordinator for the Department's anti-graffiti efforts.

We will also actively engage more with our communities. Where gangs have relied on fear to keep people from talking to the police, we will offer more ways for people to safely report crimes anonymously either through cell phone texting, the internet or toll free calls. The Community will also be asked to help us get more guns off the streets. In partnership with the Mayor and the Sheriff's Department, the Department will assist with a Gifts for Guns program. At strategic times throughout the year, gift cards will be exchanged for guns "no questions asked." The Sheriff's Department had great success with this program in 2008.

Re-Entry

When a gang member wants out of a life of crime, the Department and the Office of the Mayor will be there to provide that opportunity. We will continue to support the Office of Gang Reduction and Youth Development's initiatives and will work on the expansion of re-entry programs already being conducted at Operations-South Bureau and other parts of the City.

The Department will continue to convene the Executive Ad Hoc Committee on Gangs as a means to evaluate our collaborative gang reduction efforts. Decision-makers from all our law enforcement partners will continually examine and refine enforcement initiatives to ensure program effectiveness.

The LAPD's 2009 Gang Initiatives are the most comprehensive effort ever in the history of this Department and will ultimately serve as the national model for how to deal with gangs and gang violence, how to keep them from growing and getting started in the first place.

I have no doubt that you, the men and women of this Department, will continue to make a difference in the communities we protect and serve. Gangs are a way of life in LA, and we will never totally get rid of them. But we are sending each and every one of them this message...if you choose to continue to engage in violence, the LAPD and its partners will go after you – effectively, efficiently and relentlessly. How do we know we can reduce their violence and their impact? Just look at the reduction in gang violence over the last several years. That didn't just happen. You made it happen.

An Angel Gets His Wings In Loving Memory of Deputy Chief Kenneth O. Garner

With a heavy heart, the Department sadly announced the passing of its beloved Deputy Chief Kenny Garner on Sunday, March 1, 2009. A larger than life personality and smile to match, Deputy Chief Garner had touched the lives of so many who knew him. "Deputy Chief Garner began his career with the Department over three decades ago and served the community with both distinction and honor. All of us mourn his passing but take comfort in the knowledge that he lived his life well and helped countless others along the way," stated Chief William J. Bratton.

Deputy Chief Garner was appointed to the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) on June 6, 1977. As a police officer his assignments included Southwest Area, 77th Street Area, Central Area, 77th Street Area Vice, and Southeast Area. Upon promotion to Sergeant in 1986 his assignments included Central Area, Operations South Bureau C.R.A.S.H., 77th Street Area, Internal Affairs Division, and Operations South Bureau as a Commander's Aide. After being promoted to Lieutenant he was assigned to Wilshire Area and then South Traffic Division as a Watch Commander.

Upon being promoted to Captain in 1998, Garner was assigned as the Commanding Officer of Foothill Detective Division, then South Traffic Division and later became the Commanding Officer of Foothill Area. As Commanding Officer of Transit Bus Division he oversaw a command of 124 sworn and 4 civilian personnel. On October 2, 2005, Chief of Police William J. Bratton promoted Garner to the rank of Commander of Personnel Group where he oversaw all personnel matters within the Department including hiring of sworn and civilian Department members, reserve officer recruitment and assignment, all workers compensation issues and personnel record keeping.

On July 1, 2007, a month after he celebrated his 30 years with LAPD, Garner was promoted to the rank of Deputy Chief. He was assigned as the Commanding Officer of Operations-West Bureau where he oversaw all the police operations in the following Areas: Hollywood, Wilshire, West Los Angeles, Pacific and West Traffic Division.

Memorial services were held on March 9, 2009, at the Faith Dome Sanctuary in South Los Angeles. Thousands of mourners filled the church to pay tribute to the community legend and to reminisce and exchange memories of him. Affectionately nicknamed Kenny G., Deputy Chief Garner was known throughout the City as a humanitarian for his deep compassion for the community, positive outlook and steadfast conviction that things can always get better. Chief William J. Bratton commented on the humble leader at his services, "He was a dreamer who got things done, a maker of those dreams."

As each speaker honored Deputy Chief Garner, one thing became apparent – there were three loves in his life: his love for his family, first and foremost his baby girl Lauren, his love for his Department, and his love for his community. Considered his "wingman," Jim Tanner spoke of his good friend, "My wingman got his wings."

Deputy Chief Garner proudly served the Department for nearly 32 years, most recently returning to the community where he grew up and spent most of his early years in life when he assumed command of Operations-South Bureau. He will be profoundly missed by all those who knew him.



Read Across America

In his continuous efforts to forge positive relationships between the school community and law enforcement, Deputy Chief Kenneth Garner secured 20 officers to read to the students of Danny J. Bakewell Sr., Primary Center. This event titled "Read Across America" was held in honor of Dr. Seuss and took on special meaning as it occurred on Monday, March 2, 2009, a day after Chief Garner passed away.



25th Annual Baker to Vegas Relay Race

Celebrating its Silver Anniversary, the Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay Race celebrated its 25th Anniversary on March 14, 2009. This year the race saw 260 team entries, which is a long way from the 19 entries in the race's inaugural run in 1984.

The annual Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay is a grueling 120 mile footrace through the harsh climate of the Mojave Desert. It is the largest law enforcement athletic event of its kind with over 8,000 participants. With law enforcement personnel present from across the country and around the world, this event is truly a family affair.

This year's race saw return of the vaunted LAPD Women's Running Team. In the women's category, the team finished the 120 mile course in 16 hours, 18 minutes and 36 seconds. With 10 teams in their division, the team finished 14 minutes in front of their nearest competitor.

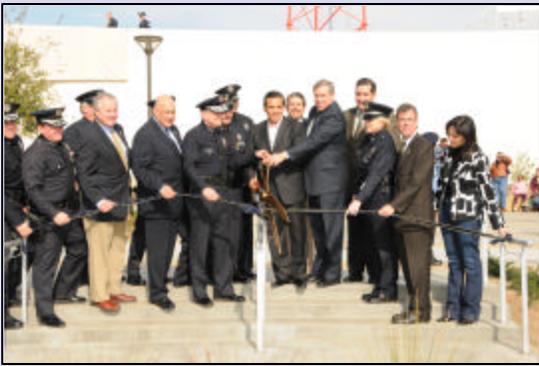
"I am so proud to represent the LAPD and I'm very proud of each of the ladies," said Detective Martee Miyakawa, team captain. "The support we have received has been wonderful!"

The Los Angeles Police Revolver and Athletic Club host's the Challenge Cup Relay. At the conclusion of the race, it holds an awards ceremony at the Las Vegas Hilton hotel. There the trophies for the top teams are handed out. For teams that finish near the top of their division, consolation prizes are given. This is also a time for many of the participants to relax, unwind and mingle with their law enforcement brethren.

Next year's Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay will be held on April 16, 2010. If the first 25 years are any indication, the next 25 should indeed be golden.



Topanga Area Community Police Station Grand Opening



On January 3, 2008, in a ceremony befitting a new facility, the Los Angeles Police Department ushered in its 21st community police station. Topanga, which is a Shoshone Indian name believed to mean "a place above," covers the south west portion of the San Fernando Valley including the Canoga Park, Winnetka, West Hills, and Woodland Hills areas.

"Thank you for continuing your commitment to the Department" said Police Chief William Bratton. "Thank you for all of this."

Built with funds from Proposition Q, which voters approved in March of 2002, Topanga Community Police Station is 54,000 square feet in size and boasts a 9,000 square foot vehicle maintenance facility that sits on six and half acres. This leaves it plenty of room to grow. The station includes a roll call room, a gun cleaning/shoeshine room, a uniform maintenance room, a weight room and a police community meeting room. The functions that will be contained in this station include patrol, detectives, specialized units, commanding officers' offices, community relations, records and crime analysis.

The opening of the Topanga station marks the start of the Department's year long 140th Anniversary Celebration. With a number of new facilities having their grand openings in the next year, 2009 will indeed be the year of the LAPD.

Police Commission, Past and Present By Anthony Pacheco, President Los Angeles Police Commission



As the Los Angeles Police Department celebrates its 140th year of service, the Los Angeles Police Commission marks 84 years of public service and civilian oversight. While this may not be seen as a significant milestone in itself, it is still impressive in a number of ways. Of the approximately 75 civilian bodies overseeing police departments in the United States, the Los Angeles Police Commission is one of the oldest, making it a pioneer of sorts. -- while civilian oversight is a somewhat newer component of modern policing in most jurisdictions, it is nothing new at the Los Angeles Police Department.

Since 1925, Police Commissioners have been selected by the Mayor and confirmed by City Council. Before that, the Police Commission existed, but it consisted of the Chief of Police, the Mayor, and the Chair of the City Council's Committee on Police Matters. Hardly the civilian-led Police Commission of today! We are now comprised of five non-Department individuals who donate approximately 20 hours a week to Commission tasks while still maintaining full-time positions in their respective careers. It is a heavy schedule but extremely rewarding.

Setting policy remains at the forefront of our responsibilities. Issues regarding officer safety, community relations, and use of force are also always on our front burner. In addition, during this Commission's tenure, we will see the end of a significant part of the Department's history: the Federal Consent Decree. When it sunsets, the Office of the Inspector General will take over some of the monitoring responsibilities of the Department, further enhancing the Commission's oversight.

While my fellow Commissioners and I have been warmly welcomed by the City family, we take our independence very seriously. The independent status of the Police Commission is its strength and the reason why it is now a model for others throughout the country. We are here to serve two entities: the people of Los Angeles and the men and women of the Los Angeles Police Department.

I invite you to observe the actions of the Police Commission during our regularly scheduled meetings every Tuesday. This year's meetings are now available on LAPDOnline.org. While our technology has certainly changed and we are now more transparent than ever, our commitment remains the same as our predecessors: to make the Los Angeles Police Department the absolute best it can be... for you and for the people of this City.

ROLL CALL OF EVENTS

Topanga Area Community Police Station Grand Opening

January 3, 2009
1000 hours
Topanga Area
21501 Schoenborn Street
Canoga Park, California 91304

Promotion and Swearing In Ceremony for Lieutenants, Detectives and Civilians

January 8, 2009
1000 hours
Parker Center Auditorium
150 North Los Angeles Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Los Angeles Police Department Religious Community Forum

January 13, 2009
1800 hours
Trinity Baptist Church
2040 West Jefferson Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90018

Promotion and Swearing In Ceremony for Sergeants

January 15, 2009
1300 hours
Parker Center Auditorium
150 North Los Angeles Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Olympic Area Community Police Station Grand Opening

January 16, 2009
1000 hours
Olympic Area
1130 South Vermont Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90006

Los Angeles Police Department Promotion and Swearing In Ceremony

January 29, 2009
0900 hours
Parker Center Auditorium
150 North Los Angeles Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Medal of Valor Night with the Los Angeles Kings Hockey Team

February 12, 2009
1930 hours
STAPLES Center
1111 South Figueroa Street
Los Angeles, California 90015

Los Angeles Women Police Officers and Associates Domestic Terrorism in the United States

February 18, 2009
1300 hours
Communications Division
250 East 1st Street, 3rd Floor
Los Angeles, California 90012

Los Angeles Police Department Promotion and Swearing In Ceremony

February 26, 2009
0900 hours
Parker Center Auditorium
150 North Los Angeles Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Police Sergeant Exam Oral Interview Preparation Seminars

March 4, 2009
1200 hours
Mission Area Community Room
11121 North Sepulveda Boulevard
Mission Hills, California 91345

Police Sergeant Exam Oral Interview Preparation Seminars

March 5, 2009
1100 hours
Metro Communications Roll Call Room
100 North Los Angeles Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Los Angeles Women Police Officers and Associates Promotional Essay Writing Workshop

March 18, 2009
1200 hours
Communications Division
100 North Los Angeles Street, 3rd Floor
Los Angeles, California 90012

Pacific Area Spring Carnival

March 20-22, 2009
1300 hours
Pacific Area Community Police Station
12312 Culver Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90066

Los Angeles Women Police Officers and Associates Domestic Terrorism in the United States

March 25, 2009
1130 hours
Communications Division
100 North Los Angeles Street, 3rd Floor
Los Angeles, California 90012

IN MEMORIAM (REPORTED DEATHS)

NOVEMBER 2008

Volunteer
Grace Bradbury
11/11/08

Retired Detective III
Joseph Daniel Friend
Serial No. 16035- 11/12/08

Retired Lieutenant II
Michael Mines
Serial No. 21159- 11/24/08

DECEMBER 2008

Retired Detective III
Robert Fredrickson
Serial No. 5845- 12/15/08

Retired Detective I
Fred R. Riscen
Serial No. 15226- 12/14/08

Police Officer II
Gregory Allen Ortiz
Serial No. 31682- 12/31/08

JANUARY 2009

Retired Policeman
George O'nan
Serial No. 5773- 1/06/ 09

Retired Sergeant
Cecil Muchmore
Serial No. 5012- 1/28/09

Retired Detective I
Thomas Gerald Pompa
Serial No. 14403- 1/24/ 09

Retired Secretary
Virginia Abney
Serial No. H9415- 1/27/ 09

THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL WERE COMMENDED BY THE COMMUNITY

NOVEMBER 2008

COMMANDER

Stephen R. Jacobs

CAPTAIN III

William Eaton
Beatrice Girmala
John Incontro
Sean Kane
Joan Wakefield

CAPTAIN I

Tia Morris
Steven Ruiz
James West

LIEUTENANT II

Manuel Romeral
Patrick Shields

DETECTIVE III

William Bustos
Gary Guevara
John Hernandez
Louis Koven
Richard Munguia
Rodney Rodriguez
Eugene Tapia

DETECTIVE II

Luis Alarcon
Michael Binford
John Hovhanessian
Ryuichi Ishitani
Daryl Maxwell
Peter Stone
Damian Wyma

DETECTIVE I

Edward Dorroh
Barrett Halcromb
Timothy Kohl
Juan Rodriguez
Dondee Stout

SERGEANT II

Emalee Baptiste
Chris Costley
Harry (Andy) Markel

Mary Kite

SERGEANT I

Jerome Calhoun
John Cuenca
Walter Hanna
Stacey Simmons
Mark Wilbur

POLICE OFFICER III

Arthur Aguirre
Julie Boyer
Todd Bracht
Scott Brown
Carol Davis
Dario DelCore
Tracy Fischer
Kevin Grogan
Traci Grundland
Marc Hemsforth
Robert Hill
Andy Huang
Timothy Ledingham

POLICE OFFICER II

Alberto Martinez
Randall McCain
Sean Mulford
Joseph Pelayo
Danny Reedy
Michael Sanchez
Kevin Scott
Erik Solter
Rhiannon Talley-Sills
Kenneth Thatcher
Felipe Vasquez
Jose Verdin
Heath Adams
Matthew Bakotich
Rene Banuelos
Joel Cerda
Julio Duarte
Ricardo Hernandez
DeShon Horton
Jose Lara
John Macchiarella
Harold Marinelli
Manuel Mata
Nicole Montgomery
Gia Rueda

Manuel Mata
Nicole Montgomery
Gia Rueda
Dean Schram
Kevin Smith
Brent Williams
Mayda Zavala
Christopher Zine

POLICE OFFICER I

Chris Capasso
Jill Davila
Bradley Fajardo
David Gomez
Ryan Kirk
Jean Lamas

DIRECTOR OF POLICE TRAINING EDUCATION

Dr. Luann Pannell, Ph. D.

PRINCIPAL PHOTOGRAPHER

Larry Fugate

AUDIO VISUAL TECHNICIAN

Shawn Gabra
Ata Kirmani

RESERVE POLICE OFFICER I

Roger Andrews Craig

DECEMBER 2008

COMMANDER

Joan McNamara

CAPTAIN III

William Eaton

CAPTAIN II

Phillip Fontanetta

CAPTAIN I

Duane Hayakawa

DETECTIVE III

Dennis Kilcoyne

DETECTIVE II

Rodrigo Amador
David Cortez
John Flemming
Clifford Shepard

DETECTIVE I

Aaron Bankhead
Antonio Batres
Daniel Burzumato

SERGEANT I

Mark Cohan
Bradley Mossie

POLICE OFFICER III

Dario DelCore
Marco Duarte
Michael Fernandez
Robert Gowan
Jose Saldana

POLICE OFFICER II

Daniel Brown
Jonathan Chandler
Gina Onweiler
Richard Reyburn
Eugene Shin
Judith Swanson
Michael Toth
Ryan Velasco

POLICE OFFICER I

Alberto Argumaniz
Oganes Ovespian
Richard Rivera

JANUARY 2009

COMMANDER

Joan McNamara

CAPTAIN II

Ann Young

LIEUTENANT II

John Del Vecchio
Patrick Shields

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DETECTIVE III

Jeffrey Godown
Deborah Gonzales
Kimberly Jones-Harris
Eric Moore
Richard Munguia
Hector Sanchez

DETECTIVE II

John Fleming
Oakley Fungaroli
Keith Hunter
Ryuichi Ishitani
Ron Lee
Kimberly Porter
Douglas Winger

DETECTIVE I

Barrett Halcromb
Miriam Ramirez
Juan Rodriguez
Pedro Rodriguez
David Siurek
Dondee Stout

SERGEANT II

Lifernando Garcia
JoAnn Goya
Clifford Humphris
Frank Mika
Ryan Schatz

SERGEANT I

Siamone Bangphraxay
Alma Burke
Mark Ehring
Richard Gonzales
Crystal Hayes
Douglas Humphrey
Andrew Mathes
Fernando Zuniga

POLICE OFFICER III

Jason Ahn
Gerald Ballesteros
Leonel Borja
Francine Briscoe
Ruben Carrillo
Emily Delph
Charles Dinse

Marco Duarte
Anthony Ellis
Robert Falconer
Tracy Fischer
Werner Flores
Reginald Gay
Roger Gaylord
Damien Hernandez
Keith Hopkins
Michael Klee
Aaron Korth
Brian Lafferty
Edna Lopez
Randall McCain
Brandon Mamrot
Ruben Martinez
Jesse Mojica
Roberto Morales
Oscar Moreno
Stephen Nichols
Jose Ramirez
Danny Reedy
Christine Stout
John Strasner
Kevin Study
Hiroshi Uehara
Mayda Zavala

POLICE OFFICER II

Christopher Almond
Alex Archuleta
Kirk Barnes
Cynthia Bello
Garrett Breegle
Marco Briones
Heriberto Brito
Sergio Carrero
Matthew Casalicchio
Judit Castellanos
Thomas Denton
Christopher Doan
Brian Frieson
Daniel Garcia
Melissa Gonzalez
Chris Green
Edwin Guerra
Byron Hernandez
Shawn Hetherington
Robert Hoebink
Justin Howarth

Daniel Jara
Kevin Keenan
Erica Korol
Jimmy Ku
George Lara
Evan Martinez
Jorge Martinez
Raymond Namysl
Neal Oku
Adolfo Pacheco
Annabelle Padilla
Josue Pena
Kenneth Phillippe
Brian Putnam
Raul Riojas
Jeffrey Rivera
Rafael Rodriguez
Steve Rodriguez
Araceli Rubalcaba
Raul Ruvalcaba
Steve Sainz
Rene Silva
Sheila Sparkman
Gloria Tadeo
Thomas Trandal
Jose Vasquez
Brent Williams
Mayda Zavala

POLICE OFFICER I

Betty Azarkman
Andrew Hacoupan
Javier Ramirez

PSYCHOLOGIST I

Dr. Barbara Pavlo

SENIOR POLICE SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE

Lee Masters

COMMUNITY POLICE AIDE

Jose Diance

LAPD Launches Sports Page

Sports have long been a part of the American landscape. Its competitive spirit is weaved into the fabric of America. At one point or another, most everyone has participated in some sort of sporting activity. Whether it's swinging a baseball bat, kicking a soccer ball, paddling through a swimming pool or riding a bike, sports are a part of our everyday lives. For this reason, the Department launched LAPD Sports on its website, LAPDOnline.org.

The new sports page, which works with the Los Angeles Police Revolver and Athletic Club, is the first of its kind in the history of the Department. The site features video clips, player and team profiles, scores, schedules, and listings for upcoming events. In addition to traditional sports such as football, basketball and baseball, the site features non-traditional sports like pistol shooting, motocross and power lifting. With over 30 individual and team sports in which Department personnel compete, there is something for everyone.

The site also contains a "Sport and Charities" section. This portion of the site features upcoming events which partner LAPD sports teams and the community in charity sporting events to raise money or awareness for a particular program, organization or cause. Many of the Department's teams compete for charity throughout the year so this gives officers one more avenue to help inform the public how they can participate or contribute to the charity of their choice.

The men and women of the LAPD have long competed in sports and have done so while juggling the rigors of their everyday life. Work and family life, along with training and competition make for busy schedules. But with this commitment comes the opportunity to compete, which is what officers love to do. LAPD Sports serves as their platform.

To visit the webpage, please visit www.lapdonline.org and click on the "LAPDSports" link on the homepage.



RECENT ACTIONS BY THE POLICE COMMISSION

January 6	Approved the Inspector General's Annual Categorical Use of Force Report for 2007.
January 13	Proposed the concept of a "Purple Heart" medal for officers killed and injured in the line of duty.
January 20	Received update on the Latent Fingerprinting Task Force, a group gathered together to investigate and evaluate any possible wrong doing in the fingerprinting process. Presenters stated that 1,139 cases are being re-examined to ensure accuracy.
February 3	Accepted the Department's 2008 Officer Involved Shooting Report. Force Investigation Division was praised by the Commissioners for the superior quality of the reports now being developed.
February 17	Accepted the Mayor's Gang Strategy Initiatives for prevention, intervention, suppression, and re-entry. The Initiatives target areas with high gang crime statistics and use the Community Law Enforcement and Recovery (CLEAR) model, which is an inclusive approach combining multiple agencies along with the community itself.
February 17	Accepted the status report on the City Attorney's Gang Prosecution Plan. Twenty individuals have applied for a gang removal petition, and one has been successful.
February 17	Accepted the update on the DNA processing backlog. To further assist the analysis, processing of the DNA backlog is now a COMPSTAT item.
February 24	Approved the Executive Director's and the Department's reports related to the ACLU's report, "A Study of Racially Disparate Outcomes in the Los Angeles Police Department." A presentation was given highlighting the Department's aggressive training plan to address biased policing.
March 3	Acknowledged the untimely death of Deputy Chief Kenny Garner. All Commissioners expressed their deepest sympathies to the Garner family and noted Deputy Chief Garner's exceptional career.
March 3	Approved 16 sworn personnel to receive the Medal of Valor award for heroic, life-saving acts. The awards will be presented at a ceremony on May 28 th at the Hollywood and Highland Entertainment Complex.
March 10	Accepted the Southeast Community Police Advisory Board annual report. This CPAB has been very successful in attracting new members and addresses quality of life issues such as illegal dumping and poor lighting.
March 17	Received a briefing on the status of the Digital In-Car Video System. At this time, cameras have been installed in all South Bureau cars and the stations have been prepped to receive the feed from the cars. All of South Bureau should be completely operational by the early fall.

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