



WILLIAM J. BRATTON
CHIEF OF POLICE

CHIEF'S MESSAGE

As we begin the New Year, I thought this would be an appropriate time to comment on a number of issues of interest to you and to the public. Two videotaped arrests involving non-categorical uses of force by LAPD officers were the focus of much attention by the public, the media, and the internet community. By now, I am sure all of you are familiar with the arrests, one that occurred in Hollywood involving William Cardenas and one that occurred in Pacific Area involving Benjamin Barker.

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Air Support Division Celebrates 50 Years of Continuous Operation

The Los Angeles Police Department achieved another milestone on Wednesday, December 6, 2006 by celebrating the 50th anniversary of continuous service of its Air Support Division (ASD). At an open house, hosted by the Division, Chief Bratton presented a proclamation from the Mayor and City Council recognizing this significant anniversary and acknowledging the Division's half-century of progress. Additionally, a large carved mahogany plaque featuring the Air Support insignia was unveiled honoring the landmark occasion.

For the LAPD, what started out as a unique approach to monitoring traffic on a rapidly expanding freeway system in 1956 has grown into the largest municipal airborne law enforcement operation in the world. During the past 50 years, ASD has

evolved in to the model that other law enforcement agencies have adopted. It is recognized worldwide as a premiere innovator and leader in law enforcement aviation.

In 1956 at its inception, ASD consisted of four officers and one supervisor. There was only one aircraft, a Hiller 12-C helicopter. The unit logged 775 hours of flight time during its first full year of operation.

Today, the Division deploys 77 sworn and 25 civilian employees. The fleet consists of 18 helicopters and one airplane. Its average yearly flight time is 18,000 hours. Each year, ASD responds to approximately 43,000 calls for service, which include roughly 325 vehicle pursuits, 1,100 foot pursuits, and 1,700 perimeters, resulting in as many a 5,800 felony arrests and 1,600 recovered vehicles.

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50TH ANNIVERSARY

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In the Hollywood case, two officers spotted William Cardenas, a local gang member, on August 11, 2006. He was wanted on a felony warrant for receiving stolen property, a gun. As officers tried to arrest him, he ran. After chasing him, Cardenas was knocked to the ground. He struggled and the officers used force. In the officers arrest report, there was a summary of the force used including a description of one of the officers striking Cardenas on the face as they tried to arrest him. Cardenas has pleaded no contest to the stolen property charge and the Department's administrative investigation is continuing.

In the Pacific case, on February 8, 2005, Benjamin Barker was arrested after business owners reported that he had attacked a storeowner and was spitting on and challenging a store patron to fight. After handcuffing Mr. Barker, officers tried to put him in the back of a police car. At one point, Mr. Barker spat on an officer who then used OC spray on him. A witness captured the arrest on videotape. The tape was given to the Consent Decree Independent Monitor. The administrative investigation found the officer's actions to be in policy, with training recommended. The involved officer left the Department prior to the complaint being filed.

In both of these cases, it is important to note that the proper investigative and reporting procedures were followed. Events and incidents will always occur. Our responsibility is to deal with them openly, honestly and effectively, both for the sake of the officers and the public. I am committed to doing just that.

While we as police officers are authorized to use force to overcome

resistance, the reality is that LAPD officers show great restraint. Each year, officers in this Department have more than a million contacts with the public. In 2005 we made nearly 160,000 arrests and in only about 2,000 of those arrests, was any force used. In only 99 of them, was life threatening force, or force causing serious injury used.

Speaking to another issue regarding the use of force, and at the recommendation of our tactical and use of force experts, the Department has discontinued the term "distraction strike." We have discontinued this term because of its ambiguity and the need for clarity and more accurate documentation.

Officers reporting this use of force need to articulate the type of strike delivered, where on the body it was delivered, and the reason or intent for applying the strike. For example, was the strike an open palm heel strike, a closed fist strike, or was something other than the officer's hand used? Also important is your reason, the intent behind your decision to apply the strike. Distraction strikes were originally intended as a way for officers to transition to other techniques to control a suspect. In the past, the term "distraction strikes" had been misused to describe strikes intended to cause a suspect to submit to arrest or to stop an offensive action when there was no intention of transitioning to another technique. Officers need to understand that while we are eliminating the term, we are *not* adding or deleting any arrest and control techniques.

It may seem like the negative aspects of policing are often in the spotlight. To offset that impression, we all need to do

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K9 Teams Travel to Utah for Tactical Training

Three K9 teams from the Los Angeles Police Department traveled to Provo, Utah for tactical training provided by funds from the William H. Parker Foundation. Officers Brian O'Hara and K9 "Rudy," Dave Stambaugh and K9 "Caesar," and Gina Holmstrom and K9 "Oscar" all made the 10-hour drive to attend three days of training sponsored by the Provo Sheriff's Department. K9 handlers from numerous agencies in the western United States also attended to expose their dogs to unfamiliar terrain and scenarios.



Officer Dave Stambaugh and K9 "Caesar" rappel from a 40-foot tower.

One of the scenarios required handlers to rappel from a 40-foot tower with their K9 partner strapped to them. Another scenario had the handler and K9 riding upriver in a "zodiac" type boat. The "agitator" was positioned on the shore while the dog was given the command to detain the suspect by swimming to the shore. Other scenarios involved handlers controlling the unleashed dogs during live gunfire, climbing ladders with the dogs supported on the handlers shoulders, deploying dogs in tear gas situations, and several searches in both indoor and outdoor environments.

Founded in October 1966 as a memorial to Police Chief William H. Parker, the Parker Foundation's purpose is to advance professionalism within the Los Angeles Police Department by funding specialized law enforcement training and by purchasing the latest technological equipment for law enforcement purposes. The foundation's goal is to ensure quality police service to our community through the education and specialized training of LAPD officers. □



Recent Actions by the Police Commission

NOVEMBER 14: The Commissioners reviewed the Skid Row Safer City Initiative, which is currently being rolled out in Central Area.

The Commissioners approved the 2007/2008 LAPD budget of \$1,361,698,954, which includes 780 additional officers and two new stations.

NOVEMBER 21: The Commissioners approved removal of the term "distraction strike," as a way to encourage articulation in officers' descriptions of events.

NOVEMBER 28: After nearly nine hours of closed session, the Commission rendered a decision on the tragic Officer Involved Shooting case regarding Suzie and José Peña. The Commission found that while there were some issues with command and control, the officers who were involved in the final confrontation with Mr. Peña acted within policy.

CRIME WATCH CITYWIDE YEAR TO DATE - 12/31/06

Homicide - 1.8%	▼
Rape - 7.2%	▼
Robbery - 5.5%	▲
Aggravated Assault - 9.1%	▼
Total Violent Crime - 2.5%	▼

Burglary - 8.2%	▼
Burglary/Theft from Vehicle - 8.8%	▼
Personal/Other Theft - 9.3%	▼
Auto Theft - 8.1%	▼
Total Property Crimes - 8.7%	▼
Total Part I Crimes - 7.3%	▼

Command Staff Promotions

In October, Chief Bratton announced two key command staff transfers promotions. These transfers took effect this November.

Commander Mark Perez, Commanding Officer, Employee Relations Group, was be promoted to Deputy Chief. He became the Commanding Officer of Professional Standards Bureau, which oversees Force Investigation Division, Internal Affairs Group, and Special Operations Division. Deputy Chief Perez replaces Deputy Chief Michael Berkow, who accepted the job of Chief of Police in Savannah, Georgia.



Deputy Chief
Mark Perez

Captain III Sandy Jo MacArthur, Commanding Officer of the Consent Decree Bureau's Civil Rights Integrity Division, was promoted to Commander. She replaces Commander Hara at Training Group who moved to be the Commanding Officer of Employee Relations Group. As Commander, MacArthur is the first woman in the Department's history to oversee training. □



Commander
Sandy Jo MacArthur

Air Support Division Celebrates 50 Years

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In 1970, 14 years after ASD's inception, a study commissioned by NASA and conducted by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory's Space Technology Application Office questioned the effect that airborne law enforcement had on crime and criminal activity. What this study found was:

- Part 1 Property Crimes were reduced when an LAPD helicopter assisted ground officers.
- A threefold increase in arrests involving radio calls occurred.
- The residents of Los Angeles accepted helicopter patrols as a necessary part of the City's policing effort.



Chief Bratton attending the open house.

Get Ready to Rumble at the Fight for Life Boxing Event

Los Angeles' finest in law enforcement will lace up the gloves for the 13th annual "Fight for Life" Boxing Event to benefit the City of Hope Cancer Center. This year's event will be held on Friday, January 12, 2007, at The Quiet Cannon, 901 North Via San Clemente, in Montebello. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. with the first bout set to begin at 7:00 p.m.

What will undoubtedly be an exciting night of boxing matches, LAPD police officers will join forces with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and step into the ring to battle their East Coast counterparts from the New York Police Department.

Tickets for the event are available for purchase from the Los Angeles Police Protective League at (213) 251-4554, and from the City of Hope at (213) 241-7134. General admission tickets are \$20 and ringside tickets are \$50. There is heavy demand for this event and it is expected to sell out, so secure your tickets early.

The "Fight for Life" Boxing Event has raised over nearly \$600,000 for the City of Hope Cancer Center and has assisted thousands of cancer patients battle life threatening diseases. □



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a better job internally of highlighting examples of outstanding police work, which are much more commonplace and reflective of your hard work and dedication. The LAPD has an established process to honor employees, both officers and civilians, whose service has been exemplary. The Department Awards and Decorations Coordinator out of the Personnel Group handles this process. From the Meritorious Unit Citations up to the prestigious Medal of Valor, this process can only work if employees are recommended and the appropriate paperwork is completed.

Any supervisor can submit a recommendation for an official Department award by forwarding the paperwork to their Area or Division commanding officer. Once the commanding officer has signed off on the recommendation, it goes to the Bureau for approval. The Bureau then forwards the submission to the Awards and Decorations Coordinator, who takes it to the Commendations Board. After review, the Commendations Board forwards those awards that need additional approval to myself, Assistant Chief Papa and to the Police Commission.

Other honors, outside the Department's official awards program, are often forwarded to commanding officers for nominations. These include awards from elected officials, national violence prevention organizations, and law enforcement fraternal and professional organizations. Recently, Sergeant Julie Rodriguez of Mission Area nominated officers for two separate honors. Officer Gonzalo Lara was awarded the 2006 James Brady

Law Enforcement Award of Excellence, recognizing his proactive gun violence prevention efforts by working with young people in his area. Additionally, Los Angeles City Councilman Greig Smith awarded Officer Richard Stocks with the "Dan Danko Lifetime Award." Officer Stocks was recognized for his commitment to early gang intervention and the development of the "Balancing the Odds" program. Both Officer Lara and Officer Stocks received the

accolades they deserved thanks to the efforts of Sergeant Rodriguez.

In November 2006, California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger presented four LAPD officers with the state "Medal of Valor" for acts of heroism. Officers Troy Zeeman and Bryan Gregson were honored for a Feb. 17, 2005, arrest in connection with a drive-by shooting. At one point, the suspect leveled his pistol at Zeeman, told him "You're dead," and

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Police Foundation Grants

The Los Angeles Police Foundation accepts grant proposals on an ongoing basis from all Los Angeles Police Department entities. Grants fund equipment and innovative policing programs, not accounted for in the City budget.

Grant proposals—which must be approved by the Chief and LA Police Foundation Board—must adhere to funding guidelines, available at lapolicefoundation.org. Grants do not fund police personnel salaries, weapons, or police vehicles. Equipment for specialty vehicles may meet funding criteria.

In 2005, the Los Angeles Police Foundation funded counter terrorism training for the Counter Terrorism & Criminal Intelligence Bureau and dive boat refurbishment for the Underwater Dive Unit. The Foundation awarded close to 50 grants in 2005 and more than 60 grants in 2006. In 2006, 20 grants were awarded for training, 10 were for technology, nine for community relations, and eight for equipment. The remainder of the grants for 2006 were awarded in the categories of counter terrorism, staff morale and wellness, and youth programs.

The Los Angeles Police Foundation was established in 1998. The goal of the Foundation is a safer Los Angeles for those who live, work and visit in our City.

To date the Police Foundation has granted more than \$3 million. To learn more, please contact Michelle Fleenor, Vice President of Programs, at (213) 741-4550. □



Underwater Dive Unit boat was refurbished by the Los Angeles Police Foundation

Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation Receives Grant For College Scholarship Program

On Wednesday, December 6, 2006, the Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation (LAPMF) received a grant in the sum of \$500,000 from the Jean Perkins Foundation. Jean Perkins, an heiress to the Carnation Company, established her foundation with the intention of providing first responder organizations with grants to expand their merit-based college scholarship programs. This is the first grant they have awarded.

“The generous and kind donation of the Jean Perkins Foundation will greatly assist the Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation with its merit-based college scholarship program,” said Al Atkins, Executive Director of the Police Memorial Foundation.

The LAPMF established its college scholarship in 1999. Each year it receives an average of 70 applications from the children of LAPD employees and selects between 15 to 20 students for personal interviews. Five \$20,000 scholarships are awarded with 10 to 15 finalists receiving \$1,000. These are the only grants issued by the Memorial Foundation that are not based on unforeseen catastrophic circumstances.

“This grant is our way of thanking the dedicated officers

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Left to right: Alan Atkins, Executive Director, Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation; Willard Z. Carr Jr., Board Member, Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation; Chief Bratton; James J. Carroll III, President, Jean Perkins Foundation; and Joseph Connolly, Board Member, Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation

Police Memorial Foundation Holds Celebrity Poker Tournament

The Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation (LAPMF) held its first celebrity Texas Hold ‘em Charity Tournament on Thursday, November 16, 2006. The fundraising event, held at the Hollywood Park Casino, raised \$55,000 and brought in 183 players. Among the celebrities in attendance were Mimi Rogers, Adam Baldwin, and C. Thomas Howell who played an instrumental role in organizing and promoting the poker tournament on his Sunday night radio show on KLSX 97.1 FM.

“It was our first time organizing this type of event so we started off small,” said Al Atkins, Executive Director of the LAPMF. The poker tournament serves as a departure for the LAPMF whose only fundraiser has been the Los Angeles Police Celebrity Golf Tournament held in mid-May to coincide with National Police Week.

Next year will mark the 35th anniversary of the LAPMF. “We have reached a historic milestone of having issued \$10 million in grants and wanted to introduce a second fundraiser to be held in the winter that would allow more people to participate. The funds raised will assist the Foundation with our efforts in supporting the dependents of our officers and civilian employees.”

The monies raised go toward supporting families of sworn officers killed in the line of duty, and assists sworn and civilian employees who have serious injuries or suffer from catastrophic illness. □



Actor and radio host C. Thomas Howell rakes in the chips at the first ever celebrity Texas Hold ‘em Charity Tournament benefiting the Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation. Photos by Natalie Bopp

LAPD Assists with Holiday Happenings at Local Elementary School

Officer David Ham, Van Nuys Area joined Master of Ceremonies Richard French, Public Information Office, Santa, and mascots Bugs Bunny and Daffy Duck from Six Flags Magic Mountain for the annual holiday celebration at Van Nuys' Gault Street Elementary School on Dec. 14. The event is sponsored by Los Angeles World Airports and also features the Los Angeles Fire Department. More than 500 students attended the festivities, which included live entertainment, gifts for all the children, drawings for

special prizes donated by local businesses, and a fly-over by Van Nuys Airport's Condor Squadron. □



Officer David Ham (right of Santa) and Master of Ceremonies Richard French (left of Santa).

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squeezed off a shot that missed; Zeeman and Gregson then shot back, wounding the gunman and took him into custody. Officers Jeffrey Jensen and Paul Waymire were credited with saving an accident victim trapped in a burning vehicle on October 16, 2005.

Based on our crime reduction figures over the past several years, outstanding police work, that should be recognized, is constantly occurring throughout this City. Commanding officers should focus additional attention on both our internal awards process, as well as requests for nominations from outside sources, to ensure that the personnel in their commands, both sworn and civilian, are appropriately recognized.

As we move into 2007, my goal for reducing Part 1 crime during the first six months of 2007 is five percent. Both Assistant Chief Paysinger and I feel this is a realistic objective based on

the outstanding past performance of the men and women of this Department. In 2006, you reduced crime by another eight percent, to the lowest level in 50 years. You should all feel proud of that accomplishment. By continuing to foster and improve relationships with other law enforcement agencies, other City departments and our community/police partnerships, I believe we will end up looking back on 2007 as another successful year.

As we begin the New Year, I want to thank each of you for all of your hard work in 2006. Your professionalism, creativity, commitment, and courage make me proud to say I am your Chief. Together we've made incredible strides towards regaining our place as leaders in law enforcement, improving our relations in the communities we serve, and truly making Los Angeles a safer place. But the job isn't finished yet,

LAPD Honor

Tim and I would like to thank everyone for all of the love and support my family and I have received. We have been overwhelmed with love from everyone within the Department. The "LAPD family" has truly defined itself for us during this time of struggle and challenge. I am honored my



Kristina Ripatti

family was able to witness the strength and bond among officers when faced with adversity. I am honored I was able to represent the Los Angeles Police Department. I am honored to have been a part of the LAPD and grateful for the time I was able to spend working alongside the greatest officers. The LAPD has given me more than I can ask for in a career and a second family.

Through all of the good times and even the bad, I am grateful I was able to have the experiences I have had with the job. I do not have any regrets for my actions that night. I only wish it didn't have to take away the career I gave so much for and have so much love for.

Thank you for all of the help and support with the construction of our new house. We were so proud to see LAPD come out in such large numbers to support our family.

Thank you again and I miss all of you,

Kristina Ripatti Pearce

and I look forward to meeting new challenges in 2007, working with you and continuing to tell your story. □

THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL WERE COMMENDED BY THE COMMUNITY IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2006

SENIOR MANAGEMENT ANALYST I

Greg Toyama
Sandra Johnson

SENIOR MANAGEMENT ANALYST II

Raymond Crisp

POLYGRAPH EXAMINER IV

Roy Ortiz

POLICE OFFICER I

Errin Burns Johnson
Saira Castillo
Taylor Hitchens
Daniel Osborn

POLICE OFFICER II

David Abdalian
Freddie Ackerley
Richard Amio
Michael Arai
Manuel Armendariz
Nadya Bennyworth
Gabriel Blanco
Todd Bridges
Jose Camacho
Mark Carbonell
Jeffrey Castillo
David Childs
Cesar Contreras
Efren Corral
Daniel Cotti
Kimberly Dedmon
Ray Denton

Jerome Ealy
Wayne Edwards
Darin Flores
Steven Franssen
Thomas Glazebrook
Ruth Hawkins
Steven Hollowell
Tony Im
Alex Izquierdo
Matthew Kim
Kelly Leiphardt
Coley Maddigan
Antonio Medina
Ana Maria Mejia
Isidro Mendoza
Michael Miller
Carlos Moya
Season Nunez
Ciro Ochoa
Jerry Padilla

Stacy Pierce-Roger
Luis Pinell

Tiffany Pintane
Jeffry Poole
Eric Quirk
Ramiro Ruezga
Evan Samuel
Anthony Solis
Eric Swihart
Jorge Torres
Gregory Trejo
Gregory Wilson

POLICE OFFICER III

Javier Borrego
Mark Brooks
Phillip Bruno
Andre Clansy
Matthew Delao

Travonne Dixon
Dagoberto Felix
David Harrison
Kirk Kelley
Lyle Knight
Debra Leabres
Adam Loo
Raul Lopez
Marlon Marrache
Renee McAlonis
Fernie Montes De Oca
Eric Morimoto
Anthony Ochoa
Richard Platzer
Jesus Ravega
Eddie Roca
Alex Ronquillo
Liz Soley
William Young

DETECTIVE I

Debra Robles

DETECTIVE II

Jeffrey Breuer
Scott Mazone
Mario Mota
Jorge Ramos

SERGEANT I

Duane Aikins
Jason Beatty
James Canales
Kellie Castillo
Martin Fentress
Stephanie Krajchir
Gregory Probst
Frank Whitman

SERGEANT II

Vance Bjorklund
Andrew Chase
Mark Hurley
Barry Montgomery
Edmund Russell
John Russo
Jeffrey Siggers

DETECTIVE III

William Eagleson
David Harrison
Richard Jackson
Paul Miller
Louis Turriaga

LIEUTENANT I

Dwight Crosley
Ruben De La Torre

LIEUTENANT II

Michael Albanese
Paul Greggie
Paul Hernandez
Stephan Margolis
James Markloff
Terry Pratt
Charles Wampler

CAPTAIN I

Joseph Mariani

CAPTAIN II

William Sutton

CAPTAIN III

John Sherman
Andrew Smith

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- Patrol and investigative officers overwhelmingly favored having a helicopter overhead while handling calls for service.

In his remarks at the open house, Chief Bratton stated “Air Support Division is a tremendous asset in fighting crime in this City. They are our black and whites in the sky.” □

ROLL CALL OF EVENTS

FRIDAY

JANUARY 12, 2007

7:00 PM

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Foundation Receives Grant For College Scholarship Program *Continued from page 6*

of your fine Department, who put themselves in harm’s way on a daily basis to protect the citizens of our community,” said James J. Carroll III, President of the Jean Perkins Foundation. “We hope and trust that the funds will, in some measure, ease the economic burden of the college education of their high-achieving children.”

“In seven years we have awarded \$700,000 to the college bound dependents of Department personnel,” added Atkins. Currently the Los Angeles Fire Department and Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department are working to pattern a scholarship program similar to the LAPMF.

For additional information on upcoming scholarship eligibility requirements, please visit the Foundation’s website: www.LAPMF.org.