



**WILLIAM J. BRATTON**  
CHIEF OF POLICE

### CHIEF'S MESSAGE

**F**or far too many years, the City of Los Angeles has been gripped by the scourge of gang violence. While over the past several years we have focused on driving down all Part 1 crime Citywide, 2007 will be the year that we refocus our efforts to begin the process of permanently impacting this problem of domestic and community terrorism. Although each of the 19 geographic Areas has its own

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## To Serve and to Heal

**T**he 13<sup>th</sup> Annual "Fight for Life" boxing tournament, benefiting the City of Hope Cancer Center, took place on Friday, January 12, 2007, at the Quiet Cannon in Montebello. A crowd of 1,200 people attended the popular charity event that puts members of the boxing teams from the LAPD in the ring to battle their East Coast counterparts from the New York Police Department.

"Tonight's event raised more than \$40,000 thanks to the public and law enforcement officials attending something they are passionate about," said Trish Devine, Director of Development, City of Hope Cancer Center. "This event was a great success due to the awesome

contribution and dedication of the 'Fight for Life' committee, especially Officer Diane Alonzo, Officer Rudy Barragan, and Officer George Lopez." City of Hope is a bio-medical research and treatment center dedicated to the prevention, treatment, and cure of cancer and other life-threatening diseases.

Opening ceremonies included a moment of silence to honor and recognize fallen officers from the past year. Special tribute was paid with a 10 count in remembrance of Los Angeles Sheriff Deputy Gerardo Ortiz who fell in the line of duty on Friday, June 24, 2005. Deputy Ortiz, a well known boxing enthusiast, was a member of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Boxing Team.

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unique gang issue, our first target will be in the Harbor Gateway area. In December 2006, 14 year-old Cheryl Green was shot by members of the 204<sup>th</sup> Street gang.

At a news conference on January 18, the Mayor and I were joined by Councilmember Janice Hahn, City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo, Sheriff Lee Baca, and representatives from the FBI, the ATF, the DEA, the parole and probation departments, and other law enforcement organizations, to announce our intentions of dismantling the 204<sup>th</sup> Street gang.

The behavior of this relatively small gang, with less than 120 members, has made it stand out among other gangs in the City. Make no mistake; our goal is to get rid of this gang.

Because of geographic borders and jurisdictions, and through the sharing of data and strategies, the Department will be collaborating with other agencies, including other local law enforcement organizations and the federal government. This united front to suppress this type of activity will open the door for more long-term strategies such as prevention and intervention. We will also be using some of the proven strategies of the past, like gang injunctions, stay-away orders, and strategic deployment. As I have said before, we will never arrest our way out of the gang problem, but the solution must start with suppression. We must first make the area safe so that the intervention and prevention strategies will work.

We will also direct our attention to the San Fernando Valley. We recently announced a new program to assign a probation officer to each of the six Valley stations to help us quickly identify

and arrest suspects who violate the terms of their probation. This \$500,000 program, teaming up with LA County resources, begins February 5 and focuses on the area where crime has risen the highest in the City. Gangs are to blame for a large percentage of the homicides in the Valley in 2006.

Although the Harbor Gateway area and the San Fernando Valley are where we are focusing our attention and resources now, later in February we will be announcing strategies to attack the gang problem on a Citywide comprehensive and coordinated basis.

In referring to our year-end crime numbers, when the preliminary figures for 2006 were totaled, I was able to tell another good story of the results of your hard work. Last month I applauded your efforts at reducing crime by nearly 8 percent. This month I want to break down the numbers for you so that you can see for yourselves how all of your hard work is paying off.

Crime in the City of Los Angeles dropped for the fifth year in a row in 2006. The per capita crime rate for Part I crime remained below the 1956 level for the second year in a row. Preliminary totals show that nearly 11,000 fewer persons were victimized by major crime last year.

While violent crime was up 3.7% mid-year across the nation, it declined in Los Angeles by 2.5% by the end of the year. Property crime in L.A. dropped 9%, exceeding the national decline of 2.6%.

All but one of the eight categories of Part I crime showed decreases for the last five years. In 2006, homicides dropped 1.8%, the lowest since 1999,

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## Human Trafficking Educational Campaign Launched

You will soon be seeing ominous looking bumper stickers on all emergency and non-emergency City vehicles reading, “KNOW HUMAN TRAFFICKING.” These stickers are one aspect of a broad educational campaign launched on January 11, 2007 by the Los Angeles Metro Task Force on Human Trafficking, of which the LAPD is a participant. What is human trafficking? It is the commercial trade of human beings, who are subjected to involuntary acts including either sexual exploitation in the form of prostitution, pornography or forced marriage, or unpaid labor in the form of involuntary servitude or sweatshop work.

This underreported and often unrecognizable crime involves using fraud, deception, physical force, or other forms of coercion or intimidation to recruit, harbor, and transport people. Human trafficking victims are men, women, and children and, while they may come from any social background, class or race, they usually come from the poorer regions of the world where opportunities are limited. These crimes are on the rise and, internationally, constitute a nine billion dollar per year industry. Los Angeles, because of its major airport and harbor, has become one of the world’s most popular transit points for human trafficking victims.

The educational campaign is the result of a 3-year \$450,000 grant from the Federal Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs. This grant is being used to accomplish the task force’s goals in a number of different ways. LAPD and other law enforcement officers will be trained in identifying human trafficking, while public awareness on the issue will be raised by the use of billboards, bumper stickers, a website and other media. The task force has even established an 800 number for tipsters. Rescuing the victims and successful prosecution of these crimes are the campaign’s main objectives.

LAPD plays a big role in this new initiative by developing and implementing a comprehensive training program that will include a 7-minute human trafficking roll call training video and lesson plan as well as a training bulletin and guidelines for training. All of these materials will be distributed to law enforcement agencies countywide. Since its inception, 8,000 LAPD officers have been trained for this initiative.



### Recent Actions by the Police Commission

**DECEMBER 12:** The Commissioners reviewed the status of TEAMS II. It is anticipated that the Risk Management Information System portion of the program will be fully functional by April 2007.

**DECEMBER 18:** The Commissioners reviewed the status of the In-Car Video Camera Systems in patrol vehicles. Installation in all South Bureau patrol vehicles should commence in April 2007.

The Commissioners approved the resumption of Police Commission permit requirements of tow truck operations and operators in the City of Los Angeles.

The Commissioners approved the purchase and issuance of TASER X26s to all field personnel. □



The Los Angeles Metro Task Force is comprised of the LAPD, the United States Attorney’s Office, the Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking, and the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles. The task force is housed within the LAPD and has been championed by Councilmember Tony Cardenas, District 6, who sponsored an initiative to proclaim January 11 as National Human Trafficking Awareness Day in Los Angeles. Chief Bratton, who spoke at the press event on January 11 said, “human trafficking is the modern-day slavery,” echoing the sentiments of the campaign’s message. LAPD encourages all sworn and civilian personnel to get informed on this issue and help spread the word. For information on human trafficking and the “KNOW HUMAN TRAFFICKING” campaign, check out the new website at <http://knowhumantrafficking.org>, or call 800-655-4095. Modern-day slavery does exist. Be alert. Be aware. Know human trafficking. □

## LA Centurions Football 2007

In March, the LAPD Centurions Football team kicks off another season. With new and seasoned talent on the field, the team is stronger than ever and is prepared for a new season. Upcoming highlights include a face-off against the Bakersfield Falcons on March 3, 2007. Additionally, the team will return to Las Vegas for the Annual Baker to Vegas Bowl where the Centurions will play the California Blue Knights on April 21, 2007. Below, check out game dates and opponents for the 2007 season. As game day nears, visit [lapdcenturions.com](http://lapdcenturions.com) for current times and locations.

Saturday, March 3, 2007 - 2:00 PM Bakersfield Falcons Salesian High School 960 S Soto St. Los Angeles, CA 90023	Saturday, March 17, 2007 - 2:00 PM Houston Gunners Salesian High School 960 S Soto St. Los Angeles, CA 90023
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Saturday, March 31, 2007 San Diego Enforcers San Diego, CA	Saturday, April 21, 2007 California Blue Knights Baker to Vegas Las Vegas, NV
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Saturday, May 5, 2007 Dallas - Fort Worth Metro Stars Dallas, TX	Saturday, May 19, 2007 LA Heat Location To Be Announced
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### June 2007 Championship Game

Since 1978, the Los Angeles Police Department Centurions have been playing football for kids. This unique fraternity of Los Angeles police officers practice, play, and travel on their off-duty time to raise money for the Blind Childrens Center of Los Angeles. The center provides research and development of educational programs for families in the Los Angeles area with young children who are blind or severely visually impaired.

Since joining the National Public Safety Football League (NPSFL) in 1997, the team has had a strong winning record. The team has been the Western Conference Champion several years. In 2001 the team won the championship game over the Houston Gunners, earning them a number one ranking for semi-pro teams in the American Football Association for that year. The Centurions are one

of 14 Law Enforcement and Public Safety Football Teams that travel nationwide to play football and raise money for charity. The LAPD Centurions are proud to be a part of this Organization that put so much emphasis on giving back to the community. □



## Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation College Scholarship Grants

The Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation's College Scholarship Program has granted close to \$500,000 in the past seven years to dependents of LAPD employees. The Foundation will issue five, \$5,000 scholarships in April 2007. Each scholarship will be \$5,000 per year for a maximum of four years.

To be eligible, the student must be the child of a current, fulltime LAPD employee, off probation and have the required credits for acceptance at an accredited college or university. Current college students must not have completed more than their sophomore year.

The merit-based awards will be made to students that demonstrate excellence in academic studies, exhibit good character and high moral standards, and can show extra-curricular achievement. Each applicant is required to submit two letters of recommendation. One must be written by a current 12<sup>th</sup> grade or college instructor, and the other must come

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## Police Officer Recruitment Incentive Program

The Los Angeles Police Department and the Personnel Department have designed the Police Officer Recruitment Incentive Program (PORIP) to encourage current and retired City employees to become actively involved in seeking out and encouraging qualified candidates to apply for the positions of Police Officer and Reserve Police Officer.

Employees who recruit a Police Officer candidate will receive \$500 upon verification of the candidate's appointment to the Police Academy and an additional \$500 upon graduation of the Academy, totaling a possible \$1000 recruitment incentive. For Reserve Police Officer candidates, the entire \$1000 bonus will be paid upon the candidate's graduation from the Police Academy. Employees who also recruit candidates for lateral transfers from outside agencies to LAPD are also eligible for the bonus. Please note that recruiters whose candidates were appointed prior to March 2006 are ineligible for the \$1000 bonus and will receive a total of \$500 upon the candidate's appointment to the Academy.

To be eligible for the bonus, employees must turn in a PORIP Referral Card (completed by both the recruiter and the candidate) to the Personnel Department's Public Safety Recruitment and



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rape decreased 7.2%, aggravated assaults 9.1%, burglary dipped 8.2%, car burglary dropped 8.8%, personal and other theft decreased 9.3%, and auto theft dropped 8.1%. Robbery was the only major crime category in the City to increase in 2006 after being down for the last four years.

The jump in robbery paralleled the nation's, but at a lower rate. At mid-year, the national robbery rate was up 8.4% in the major metropolitan counties. At one point during the year, robberies rose over 10% across the City, but the year ended with the robbery rate up 5.5%. The largest increases occurred in the San Fernando Valley despite a nearly 24% increase in arrests, including the capture of several serial robbers.

A ranking of geographic Areas by their Part I crime reduction is provided in the following chart.

So, while we certainly have a good story to tell, I still expect continued annual crime reductions. And we will do that by placing more focus on the disproportionately large amount of gang-related crimes. In 2007, we will

concentrate our efforts on creative and innovative ways to deal with this continuing and pervasive problem as part of our overall crime and fear reduction efforts. □

### PART I CRIME REDUCTION BY AREA

AREA	2006	2005
Pacific	- 19%	- 4%
Central	- 18%	- 13%
Northeast	- 15%	- 4%
West Los Angeles	- 12%	- 12%
Wilshire	- 12%	- 11%
Southeast	- 10%	- 14%
Hollywood	- 8%	- 13%
North Hollywood	- 8%	- 12%
77 <sup>th</sup>	- 7%	- 12%
Hollenbeck	- 7%	- 13%
Rampart	- 6%	- 17%
Southwest	- 4%	- 22%
Devonshire	- 3%	- 14%
West Valley	- 3%	- 15%
Van Nuys	- 2%	- 10%
Newton	- 1%	- 15%
Harbor	- 1%	- 10%
Mission	- 1%	- 21%
Foothill	+ 5%	- 25%

Selection Division (700 E. Temple St., Rm. 150, M/S 391) no later than 30 days after the candidate's first Physical Abilities Test. Should you have any questions, please contact the Public Safety Recruitment and Selection Division at (213) 473-9060. □

### CRIME WATCH CITYWIDE

#### YEAR TO DATE - 1/27/07

Homicide	-36.4%	▼
Rape	-27.9%	▼
Robbery	-6.8%	▼
Aggravated Assault	-10.4%	▼
Total Violent Crime	-9.5%	▼
Burglary	-9.5%	▼
Burglary/Theft from Vehicle	-2.9%	▼
Personal/Other Theft	-16.8%	▼
Auto Theft	-2.9%	▼
Total Property Crimes	-7.7%	▼
Total Part I Crimes	-8.1%	▼

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The fight card featured nine bouts scheduled for three boxing rounds, three minutes each. Fighting out of the blue corner was LAPD, with Officer Rudy Barragan, Newton Area, as team coach. “Tonight’s fights exceeded every expectation I had,” said a jubilant Officer Barragan, whose team picked up seven victories. “This event was put together very fast. Each of the NYPD boxers did such a great job.

NYPD coach David Sive did an outstanding job tonight.”

The first bout put Officer Antoine Beecham, NYPD, against Officer Jimmy Espinoza, Central Area, in the 160-pound category. Both fighters wasted no time getting into it, landing fast punches. After three rounds the judges awarded the win to Officer Beecham, giving the LAPD its first loss of the night.

The second fight was a match up in the 125-pound weight division between Officer Joe Del Sole, NYPD, and Officer Jose Arellano, Van Nuys Area. With a notable height difference between the boxers, they got into a slugfest that kept strong the first two rounds. The final round found the boxers tired as they kept their distance from each other. NYPD picked up their second victory of the night with the judges’ unanimous decision.

The next fight got the crowd roaring as NYPD Officer Rodney Guitonez took on Officer Jimmy Ramirez, Central Area, in the 170-pound category. After three rounds of hard hits, Officer Ramirez helped the



*Left to right: Officer José Arellano, Van Nuys Area, Chief Bratton, and Officer Joe Del Sole, NYPD.*

LAPD team pick up its first win of the night.

The fourth bout saw Officer Tom Datro, Training Division, against Officer Abraham Ahmed, NYPD. Officer Datro proved to be the dominant boxer as he kept his opponent against the ropes the first two rounds. The crowd got to its feet in the third round as Officer Datro pinned his opponent against the red corner and delivered a never ending series of damaging body punches, picking up the win.

Fifth on the card was a heavyweight face-off in the 215 pound division between Officer Thomas Miserandino, NYPD, and Officer Rahsaan Fobbs, Narcotics Division. Even with the loud crowd cheering, people in the back of the room were able to hear the thud of the hard, heavy shots each boxer took and received during the intense three rounds. The judges gave Officer Fobbs the victory.

In what turned out

to be one of the most exciting fights of the night LAPD Officer John Negrete, Hollywood Area was pitted against Officer Dan Burke, NYPD. Officer Negrete knocked off his opponents protective head-gear in the second round moments after he fell back into the ropes in what looked like a knockout. Determined to continue, Officer Burke kept fighting, pausing to readjust his headgear. In

the final round, with the crowd on its feet, each fighter went for a knockout but both were unable. The win went to Officer Negrete.

The seventh fight was an even match between Officer Louie Lopez, NYPD and Officer Ray Lara Jr., San Gabriel Police Department. After three rounds of skilled boxing, NYPD picked up its third and last win of the night.

Encouraged by cheers from the crowd, LAPD Officer Ivan Guillermo, Van Nuys Area, captured the win after three rounds in the 170-pound division against Officer Flavio Rodriguez, NYPD.

The last bout of the night welcomed returning crowd favorite Officer Frank Diaz,

Newton Area, against NYPD’s Officer Mike Russo. Matching each other blow-by-blow for all three rounds, neither boxer let up any momentum. Officer Diaz was declared the winner. □



**THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL WERE COMMENDED BY THE COMMUNITY IN THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2006**

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| <b>CLERK TYPIST</b><br>Brenda Benton   | Stefani Carson<br>Charles Chacon<br>George Chavez<br>Raquel Cruz<br>Jhoel DeJesus<br>Kenneth Drucker<br>Marco Duarte<br>Mercedes Fortune<br>Matthew Garza<br>Leopoldo Hernandez  | Albert Rodriguez<br>Dondee Stout<br>Dollie Swanson<br>Michael Winze<br>Webster Wong  | <b>LIEUTENANT I</b><br>Wesley Buhrmester<br>Robert Lopez                 | Geoffrey Taylor                               |
| <b>CRIMINALIST II</b><br>Diana Paul  |  |  | <b>CAPTAIN I</b><br>Jose Perez   |   |
| <b>POLICE OFFICER I</b><br>Garrett Colley<br>Daniel Nodes  |  | <b>DETECTIVE II</b><br>Bienvenido Batac<br>Theresa Coyle<br>Lee Jett<br>Samuel Krishna<br>Luke Magee<br>Perry Moore<br>Kent Ridenour<br>Carmine Sasso<br>Scott Shepherd<br>Chad Wetzel   | <b>LIEUTENANT II</b><br>Joseph Freia<br>Armando Perez<br>Patrick Shields | <b>CAPTAIN III</b><br>John Egan<br>Blake Chow |
| <b>POLICE OFFICER II</b><br>Ruben Arellano<br>Jaime Balderas<br>Robert Berumen<br>Jose Castaneda<br>Danny Chew<br>Paul Corralejo<br>Larry Covington<br>Glorycella De La Sierra<br>George Diego<br>Mayda Espinoza<br>Denise Estrada<br>Annemichelle Green<br>Alfonso Gutierrez<br>Maricela Ibanez<br>Mark Johnson<br>Sean Laule<br>Walter Lopez<br>Miguel Mejia<br>Antonio Melendez<br>Danny Mendez<br>Marlon Moorer<br>Adam Niebergall<br>Kimberlee Noble<br>Carlina Ortiz<br>Scarlett Paterson<br>Luis Pinell<br>Clinton Popham<br>Sheryl Reynolds<br>James Ross<br>Ramiro Ruezga<br>Cesar Wences | Sean Kim<br>Juhee Kim<br>Peter Lee<br>Stacy Lim<br>Pedro Machuca<br>Daniel Marrufo<br>Randall McCain<br>Habib Munoz<br>John Organ<br>Rosa Parra<br>Floro Pinzon<br>Chris Ragsdale<br>Manuel Ramirez<br>Tanya Rodda<br>Robert Rothman<br>Loreno Ruiz<br>Leila Ryan<br>Oliver Thomas<br>Erick Trigueros<br>Hiroshi Uehara<br>Abraham Vidriezca<br>Hector Villanueva<br>Jon Walker<br>Maurice Winet |  |  |   |
|  | <b>DETECTIVE I</b><br>James Arroyo<br>Guam Bowen<br>Ramon Garces<br>Joe Garcia<br>Barrett Halcromb<br>Jennifer Hammer<br>James Hoffman<br>Jon Hurd<br>Ryuichi Ishitani<br>Mark Kislig<br>Luis Martinez<br>Yehuda Packer<br>Mehran Rashtian<br>Juan Rodriguez   | <b>SERGEANT I</b><br>Richard Abad<br>Teresa Akune<br>Juan Franco<br>Antonina Serna<br>Richard Stabile  |  |   |
| <b>POLICE OFFICER III</b><br>Jason Ahn<br>Nubia Avila<br>Rudy Barillas<br>James Breslin<br>Boyan Brkic<br>Erik Bruner  |  | <b>SERGEANT II</b><br>Stefan Adams<br>Rick Arteaga<br>James Baker<br>Andrew Barboza<br>Vance Bjorklund<br>Roberto Calderon<br>Damian Gutierrez<br>Michelle Loomis<br>Kathlene Matthews<br>Frank Mika<br>Michael Rimkunas<br>Jean Salvodon<br>Timothy Surette<br>Glen Younger |  |   |
|  |  | <b>DETECTIVE III</b><br>John Byun<br>Luis Corona<br>Jonathan Ix<br>Richard Jackson<br>James Miller<br>Richard Munguia<br>Daniel Nee<br>George Selleh   |  |   |

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Memorial Foundation  
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from an unrelated adult who knows the applicant well enough to comment on his or her character and moral standards. School transcripts are also required.

The deadline for receiving all materials is March 16, 2007. Applications may be obtained by contacting the Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation, 1880 North Academy Drive, Los Angeles 90012, or by calling (213) 847-4239. □

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