It is the mission of the Los Angeles Police Department to safeguard the lives and property of the people we serve, to reduce the incidence and fear of crime, and to enhance public safety while working with the diverse communities to improve their quality of life. Our mandate is to do so with honor and integrity, while at all times conducting ourselves with the highest ethical standards to maintain public confidence.
I look forward to working with all of you in the coming year. I know your extraordinary hard work and commitment will make 2012 another successful year for the Department and the communities we protect and serve.

As the calendar turns to December and the end of the year draws upon us, I want to thank you for all of your hard work throughout the year. I know you hear me say it a lot but I feel as though I can’t say it enough. It seems as though every year you manage to build upon our successes and achieve results of historic proportions and for that the City owes you a debt of gratitude.

This year was nothing short of outstanding. We are projected to have a 5% decrease in total Part I crime for the year, a tremendous accomplishment. As the City continues to struggle with financial issues you have stayed on course and made a difference.

Have a wonderful holiday season and I look forward to serving alongside you in 2012.

Take care and be safe,
Charlie

December 2011 Chief’s Message

New Police Commission President selected:
Richard Drooyan was appointed to the Los Angeles Board of Police Commissioners in 2011 by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa. (1st quarter BEAT)

Police Commission announced the new Inspector General:
The members of the Los Angeles Police Commission selected Alexander Bustamante to serve as the new Inspector General. (NR November 1, 4th quarter BEAT)
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**AWARDS**

**LAPD detective honored:**
On January 13, 2011, Los Angeles Police Detective Federico "Fred" Sicard was honored at a luncheon sponsored by the International Liaison Officers Association. (NR January 17)

**The LAPD Mental Evaluation Unit's (MEU) Mental Illness Project selected as a “Bright Ideas” recipient:**
LAPD's MEU was 1 of the 36 government agencies recognized as a “Bright Ideas” recipient. (NR March 31)

**The LAPD receives California Peace Officer Standards and Training Excellence in Training Awards for Individual and Organizational Achievements:**
Each year the Police Commission recognizes individuals and an organization who has greatly contributed to the success and effectiveness of the law enforcement community. (NR April 20)

**Ten officers honored with the Medal of Valor:**
Chief Charlie Beck presented the Department's highest honor to ten recipients at the 50th Medal of Valor Awards Ceremony. (NR May 24, 2nd quarter BEAT)

**18th annual TOP COPS Awards LAPD officers recognized for bravery:**
The National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO) announced four LAPD officers top NAPO's list of winners. (NR May 12, 2nd quarter BEAT)

**Chief Beck awards the first ever Purple Heart medal to 82 LAPD Officers:**
Awards were given to recipients who were involved in incidents that resulted in significant personal sacrifice that ended in traumatic injury or their untimely death. (NR September 13, 3rd quarter BEAT)

**Collaborations**

**City of Los Angeles welcomes the NBA All Stars:**
The NBA All Stars come to Los Angeles. The Department of Homeland Security, the NBA, and LAPD united together to keep the peace, maintain order and ensure the safety of the community. (NR February 16)

**LAPD and the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department (LASD) Join the Fight to Combat Hate:**
On Tuesday July 26, 2011, public safety officials unveiled a billboard that read “SHARE Tolerance—Join Our Fight To Combat Hate.” The Stop Hate and Respect Everyone (SHARE) Tolerance Program was developed by the LASD to combat and reduce hate crimes. (NR July 26)
Memorial service for the first female officer killed in the line of duty:
On February 11, 2011, the LAPD held a special memorial ceremony for slain Officer Tina F. Zapata Kerbrat on the 20th anniversary of her death. Only four months after graduating from the Police Academy, Kerbrat was the first female LAPD Officer to die in the line of duty. (NR April 12)

Historic photos found:
During a photo archive sorting process, members of the Los Angeles Police Historical Society came across an old box containing tightly rolled portraits of 13 officers who were killed in the line of duty. (NR April 12)

LAPD mourns the death of a 24 year veteran:
Detective Jesse Ravega was killed while coming to work in a motorcycle related accident. (NR September 6)

Deputy Chief Kenneth Garner honored:
A noble honor for a noble man. On November 28, 2011 Oscar Joe Bryant (OJB) and Association of Black Law Enforcement (ABLE) hosted a community event to honor Deputy Chief Garner in revealing the installation of CAL TRANS signs on the north and southbound 110 freeway on the Florence Avenue off-ramps. (ABLE newsletter)

Transportation Security Administration (TSA) employee arrested:
LAPD and the Los Angeles World Airport Police (LAWA) Joint Crime Task Force, arrested a TSA employee arrested for burglary. (NR June 23)

Operation “Save Our Streets II” joint task force:
The LAPD and FBI came together to save our streets again. The primary focus was to identify, investigate and solve homicides. (NR July 5)

Joint Task Force target’s notorious and violent gang:
In May 2010, a multi-agency taskforce involving members of the LAPD, ATF, DEA, DMV, DOJ and the Los Angeles City Attorney Office was formed to reduce the criminal activities of a motorcycle gang called The Chosen Few. (NR July 14)
Crime stoppers announced the launch of the “TipSubmit”:
The first mobile application which allows the public anonymously to submit tips to law enforcement agencies including the LAPD to help solve and prevent crime. (NR April 11)

Rape kit backlog eliminated:
LAPD's Scientific Investigation Division (SID), has completely eliminated the Sexual Assault Evidence Kit (SAEK) historical backlog. (NR April 26)

Wireless camera system goes live in LAPD's Mission Area:
The Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Los Angeles approved funding for a wireless security camera system in the North Hills area of Los Angeles. (NR April 6)

LAPD announced the launch of new and improved crime mapping, Crimen mapping.com:
The LAPD launched a new crime mapping system on its website, www.lapdonline.org. (NR May 13)

LAPD creates text message system to communicate with Occupy LA:
LAPD enhanced its capability to communicate more efficiently with members of the Occupy LA movement through text messaging. (NR November 23)

iWATCH community terrorism reporting program launched at Port of Los Angeles:
LAPD and the Los Angeles Port Police announced increased new training and security measures at the ports in Los Angeles. (NR April 25)

New canines added to airport security to detect persons carrying explosives:
The Mayor and Chief Beck announced the addition of new canines trained to detect a moving person carrying explosives at Los Angeles International Airport. (NR May 12)

Police, Fire and United States Military join together for a 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony:
LAPD along with other agencies joined together with a tribute to those who perished on September 11, 2001. (NR September 8)
A Los Angeles Unified School District Police Officer arrested:
LAPD arrested Los Angeles Unified School District Police Officer Jeffrey Stenroos on one felony count of filing a false police report. (NR January 27)

LAPD hosts organized retail crimes conference:
Law enforcement officials and their retail counterparts will meet in closed sessions to discuss the importance of public and private partnerships. (NR February 24)

DUI sobriety checkpoint vehicle impound protocols revised:
The LAPD announced revisions to the vehicle impound protocols utilized during “Driving-Under-the-Influence” (DUI) sobriety checkpoint operations. (NR March 14)

Fan attacked in the Dodger Stadium Parking Lot:
Brian Stow, a 41 year old man, was attacked in the Dodger stadium parking lot for his affiliation with the San Francisco Giants. (NR April 4, July 22, August 1)

More potential victims in the “Grim Sleeper” investigation:
Investigators are now focusing on eight more females in addition to the six that were reported as missing persons. (NR April 5)

LAPD K9 handler Officer Steven Jenkins shot during a search for an armed suspect:
While searching for a suspect with his K9, Officer Jenkins was shot in the face. (NR April 5)

405 Freeway Closure:
The City and the Los Angeles Police Department prepared for the 405 Freeway to be demolished and repaired. (LAPDTV.org, NR July 13)

LAPD announces the arrest of three suspects marked for the brutal beating of Brian Stow:
LAPD arrested Louie Sanchez, Marvin Norwood and Dorene Sanchez for the assault against Brian Stow. (NR July 22)

LAPD Officers cleared City Hall’s lawn of ‘Occupy LA’ Protesters:
LAPD utilized approximately 1400 officers, resulting in numerous people being arrested during the course of the night. (NR November 30)

The verdict comes back for the Michael Jackson’s investigation:
On November 30, 2011, the verdict returned guilty in the involuntary manslaughter trial of Michael Jackson’s doctor, Conrad Murray.
The 4th annual National Day of Human Trafficking Awareness Freedom Fair and Freedom Walk: A myriad of service providers, religious organizations, and law enforcement entities joined together to bring awareness and resolve the ongoing effort to combat and end modern day slavery. (NR January 11)

Celebrating 125 Years of African-American in the LAPD: LAPD celebrates the first African American police officer in 1886 to the first African American killed in the line of Duty in 1923. (February BEAT)

Symbionese Liberation Army (SLA) shows exhibit: The Los Angeles Police Historical Museum unveiled a permanent exhibit showing the events of the 1975 gun battle between the LAPD and the SLA. (1st quarter BEAT)

LAPD and Mayor announced the 2011 Gun Buyback Program: The Gun Buyback Program is aimed at reducing the levels of gun violence in Los Angeles. In 2011, a total of 2,062 weapons were turned in. (NR May 9)

LAPD and LAFD's 2011 “Safe Summer Tip-Off” safety event and basketball game: The event brought youth and their families together from neighborhoods citywide in a positive and exciting environment to launch the Summer season with safety tips. (NR June 21)

National Night Out: On August 2, 2011 LAPD celebrated the 28th Annual National Night Out throughout the City. (NR July 29)

Sunshine Kids return to Los Angeles: A day of exceptional events for seriously ill children, with special participation by the LAPD. (NR September 8, September BEAT)
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