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## 'TIS THE SEASON

*Happy Holidays From the  
Sheriffs' Relief Association*



# Trustees Monthly Meeting

The regular meeting of the Sheriffs' Relief Association convened on Thursday, October 8, 2015, at the Hall of Justice. The following officers and trustees were present: John McBride, President; Josie Woolum, Vice President; Liza Vera, Secretary-Treasurer; Trustees Joe Badali and J.P. Harris; Bill McSweeney, General Manager; and Carrol Leonard, Assistant General Manager.

The meeting was called to order at 3:45 p.m. A motion was made by Trustee Harris, seconded by Trustee Woolum and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2015, meeting and the August Foundation expenditures.

## COMMUNICATIONS

General Manager Bill McSweeney reported that communications were received from the following

during the month of September:

From retired Deputy Cheryl Walker to Sheriffs' Relief Association, "Thank you very much for the benefit paid for the passing of my husband, retired Captain Gary Walker of the El Monte Police Department. I have always been proud of my association with the *Star News*. I served as a staff assistant along with Jane Sawai for 10 years under the award-winning Editor Karen Green."

From Joyce Sunahara to Carrol, Bill and the Trustee Board, "I just wanted to thank all of you for the most generous donation to the Norwalk Volunteer Fund! Your donation is very much appreciated and unexpected.

"Also thanks for your most generous gift card. How did you know that Target is one of my favorite stores!? I look forward to a long and

active association with Sheriffs' Relief Association. Bill and Carrol, thank you for lunch. It was great talking with you."

From Chickee Norida Nelson to all of the Board members, "I would like to thank all of you for the nice gifts that I received at the first *Star News* All-Stars event on September 10 at the Sheriff's Headquarters. It was a very nice affair. The food was delicious. I was totally surprised and pleasantly surprised to receive such high honors. I cannot thank you enough for everything that was done to put this wonderful event on. I just wanted to let you know how much I appreciated the gifts and luncheon, plus all the hard work by everyone that put this event on."

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## Retired Deputies

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**NEXT LUNCHEON:**  
Thursday, January 21, 2016  
@11:30 a.m. Cost \$13  
Glendale Elks Lodge  
120 E. Colorado Street  
Glendale, CA  
(818) 242-2105

On October 7, the Hi-Desert Retirees got together at *Marie Callender's Restaurant*, 12180 Mariposa Road, Victorville, California, at 11 a.m. We choose from the menu. We met on the East side of the bar area. Those attending were Norman and Chickee Nelson, Shannique Solaita, Joe and Sheila Ortiz, Dick and Lue Obney, Edward and Shirley Sznaper, Ginger Cupkie and Blake Cupkie. There was a lot of chitchat and solving the world's problems. This is a great group of people to break bread with. If you are in the area the first Wednesday of the month, drop on in and join us. Everyone is welcome.

On October 7, the Old Timers Luncheon was at *Marino's Italian Restaurant* in Bellflower. It was a happy get-together for those in attendance. Those attending were the bearded wonder, Peter Mack; Leslie Taylor; Dave Grijalva; Roger DeHaan; Cliff Hartfield; John Davis; Al Blomker; Sam Combes; Al Barnett; Eugene and Mary Swanston (thanks for driving, Swanney); and Terry Black, who came late but enjoyed the companionship. — Terry

From October 8 to 10, the Sunshine Rollers went to the Vista Elks Lodge RV Park in Vista, California. It was a beautiful, warm weekend. Members present were: Gil Sherwood, Carol Engle, Norman and Chickee Nelson (and, in spirit, Chickee's sister, Corey, who usually gives this campout at the Elks), Claude and Dolores Waddle, Ray and Sandy Hoyal, Tom and Pat Jones, Scott and Dolores Carter, Steve and Ruth Powell, Manuel and Sonja Cruz, and Jeanne Klauk. The club thanked our hosts, Steve and Ruth Powell, for hosting this campout. Happy birthday to Claude Waddle on October 30. Happy anniversary to Claude and Dolores Waddle on October 25. Scott and Dolores Carter announced that they have scheduled a club campout in Chula Vista for September 8, 9 and 10, 2016. Sonja Cruz has scheduled a campout at Canyon RV Park for March, 14, 15 and 16, 2016. Please note these dates are on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Norman and Chickee Nelson have scheduled a campout at Mountain Lakes RV Park in Lytle Creek, June 3 and 4, 2016. The nominations for 2016 club officers were announced: president, Claude Waddle; vice

president, Gil Sherwood; secretary, Joy De Groot; and treasurer, Lou Mullady. Respectfully submitted, Dolores Waddle, Secretary

On October 12, the ROMEOs met at *Fuddrucker's* at the Lakewood Mall. The following attended: Jerri and Joel Johnsonbaugh, Jerry Berry, Bill Snyder, Dennis Flinn, Ed Dahlstrom, Peter Mack, Robert Pryor, Mike O'Hara, Mickey Reedy, Bill Richardson, Ben and Debbie Hilliard (chaperoned by their adult daughter, Andrea), Chris Beattie and George Boswell. Some of us had a good meal and others, well, they'd complain if they were hanged with a new rope, you know the ones. Luckily, this time the computers worked, so we could get some food, and the A/C unit didn't flood us out. We were lucky to have Mickey Reedy in attendance; it was great to see him outside his office doing my annual taxes. We felt graced by his attendance, as he juggled his calendar to attend. There was a lot of jibber-jabber with a couple of "new" stories of fabled derring-do, which were enjoyed by many and who reciprocated

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From Edna Thomas to Leo Norton, “Thank you and the Sheriffs’ Relief Association for your support, floral arrangement, thoughtfulness and professionalism.”

### BENEVOLENT REPORT

MORTUARY BENEFITS PAID DURING SEPTEMBER: \$51,000

MORTUARY BENEFITS PAID YEAR TO DATE: \$691,250

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

A total of 25 new membership applications were received during the month of October. A motion was made by Trustee Harris, seconded by Trustee Woolum and unanimously carried, to accept the following new members: Rosalie B. Aquino, Medina R. Baumgart, Marlene M. Beringer, Joel A. Boccannedes, Anthony J.

Borzaga, Jorge L. Boyzo, Adiel A. Calderon, Luis A. Camarena Suarez, J. Carlin-Rodriguez, Man Wo C. Chan, Rebecca C. Escandon, Alexander J. Garcia, Raquel Guerrero, Angelle M. Hill-Seetal, Laura C. Lopez, Joshua Martinez-Ramirez, Michael A. Montesdeoca, Lisa Nieves, Daniel R. Ortega, Justin D. Prather, Grant J. Ramsey, Kyrsten L. Reyes, Natalie Roweihieb, Nicole M. Villalovos and Jacquelyn A. Ybarra.

We had 1 death of an active member, 6 deaths of retired members, 2 cancellations of active membership, 5 cancellations of retired membership, no new honorary associate members and 5 deaths of honorary associate members.

There were 25 members who resigned, 1 discharge and 9 who transferred from the Sheriff’s Department/Relief Association during the month of September.

### OLD BUSINESS

General Manager McSweeney asked the Board to consider making provisions for the future for the child of murdered Deputy Cecilia Hoschet. The Board asked for additional information from the family. Staff will report back.

General Manager McSweeney advised the Board about the potential plans for the Emporiums and SRA’s website. The website will be redesigned to be more modern, more interesting and more user-friendly.

The Emporiums will be receiving a facelift and much new and more relevant merchandise.

### ADJOURNMENT

At 5:45 p.m., a motion was made by Trustee Harris, seconded by Trustee Badali and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting of the Sheriffs’ Relief Association, Sheriffs’ Relief Fundation and Sheriffs’ Relief Services, Inc. ☆

## Retired Deputies *continued from page 2*

with appropriate laughter in the correct places. You may have noticed I didn’t mention anybody’s health, because many of us don’t have any health and others don’t remember what their health is like. Most were just happy to be able to attend and carry their own food to the tables. By the way, did I mention that when you reach the age of 50 you’re considered to be a “senior citizen” and when you get to 65 you’re considered *elderly*? If I didn’t, too bad for you. *No*, you may *not* have my name. By the time this is published, it will be right on top of our December lunch on Monday the 14th. Don’t mention your name, Bill Richardson?

On October 13, the Southern Idaho/Eastern Oregon Retirees met at *El Mariachi Loco Restaurant* in Star, Idaho. The luncheon went well, and those present were, pictured below from the left, Mike Veitch, Jim Cracchiolo, Dean Garrahan, Greg Hansen, Hack Scott, Bill Postmus and Gordon Sonne. — Bill

On October 14, the San Diego Retirees luncheon was held at 11:30 a.m., at a new location, the *Claim Jumper* restaurant, 5958 Avenida Encinas, Carlsbad. It’s located on the West side of the 5, just North of Palomar Airport Road next to the *In-N-Out*. Those in attendance were Joe Smith, Jim Stevenson, Bill Flannery, Bill Gaynor, Ron Wisberger, Richard Shockcor, Bob and Pat Jordan, M. Nick Vantor, Joe Raffa, Ron Eoff, Bob Henley, Lou Brown, Harry Penny, Harry and Carolyn Lesseos, and Marv and Diane Love. Ah, the stories. It got so deep, the girls moved to their own table. — Marv Love, [gumshoe158@gmail.com](mailto:gumshoe158@gmail.com)

From October 18 to 20, the RELAC RV group got together once again, in a gorgeous Indio RV resort, Shadow Hills. We had a very nice-sized group of

happy campers this time: Norm and Chickee Nelson, Gil and Eloise Cardiel, Ed Clifton, Don and Shirley Egbert, Mike and Veronica Reyes, Al and Diana Medina, Bob and Linda Reyes, Ron and Betsy Morgon, Dorie Fregeau, Jeanne Klauk, Max and Dulcy Georgi, and Paul and Stinne Ladefoged. Ron and Betsy Morgon hosted this wonderful campout. We have sad news to report, as our member Ken Cerato passed away shortly before the start of our campout. We will miss him, as he was fun to be with. Our condolences go out to his whole family. Not only did we have a nice group of campers, but we also had many guests. Gil and Chickee’s classmate from grammar school, Eddie Vasquez, and his wife, Julie, joined us; as did our friends Jesse and Phyllis Murph, Fred Weinberg, Randy Forney, and Margo and Linda Martinez. Monday we had great hors d’oeuvres. Tuesday was our feast of baked potatoes with all kinds of trimmings, salads and deserts. On Tuesday afternoon, the Medinas hosted a margarita party to celebrate Al’s birthday. That was pretty cool, as Al supplied the drinks! He has this wazoo margarita maker, so it was fun to watch the drinks being made. On Wednesday we trudged down the road to a new Italian restaurant, *Mario’s*. They were quick to serve the group, and the food was very good. They tucked us out on the patio, dropped down a decorated metal curtain and turned on the A/C. We were cool in just a few minutes; a very clever way to expand a restaurant. Shadow Hills is probably the most accommodating RV park. They

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# *Sheriff McDonnell's Holiday Message 2015*

**T**he holidays are a time for reflection on the year that we have shared as a law enforcement family. Like a family, we have celebrated remarkable successes in our professional lives but also moments of great sorrow. It has been a difficult year for members of the law enforcement profession nationwide. As 2015 draws to a close, I would like you to know that my family and I are thankful for the opportunity to serve the people of Los Angeles County and the men and women of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

In closing out my first year as your Sheriff, I want to thank you for the warm welcome I have experienced from the moment I arrived. I have had the honor and pleasure to meet many of you and see firsthand your commitment to protecting our communities and improving the quality of life for the people we serve.

I speak with a great deal of pride about your remarkable work — to our new recruits at the Academy, at public events with our major stakeholders, and even in Washington, D.C., where I had the opportunity to testify before the Senate Judiciary Committee and the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing. Each time, I am reminded of the admiration that people hold for our organization and that the eyes of the nation's law enforcement profession are looking to us to set the standard. We have risen to the challenge. Thanks to our spirit of innovation, teamwork and the impressive quality of the men and women of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, we made history this year, establishing the nation's first Regional Task Force on Human Trafficking. Our crime lab reached the gold standard of accreditation, providing the highest quality of investigative services for more than 200 law enforcement agencies.

While some of our success stories make national headlines, it is important that I recognize the everyday acts of service, by both our sworn and professional staff, that exemplify the core of who we are and what we are capable of accomplishing. Through our dedication and teamwork, we will continue to address our challenges and celebrate our victories.

Thank you for all that you do. My family and I wish you a safe and happy holiday season, and look forward to celebrating our many successes in the new year.

Sincerely,



Jim McDonnell, Sheriff

make us feel exceptionally welcome. We utilized their large kitchen and clubhouse. Anything we think we want, they will supply. I am looking forward to next year, as they are upgrading the park, and it should be pretty spectacular. Thank you, Ron and Betsy, for hosting a very nice campout. I thought I would let you all know the schedule for next year. You can usually arrive a day before or stay a day later at the parks while being charged the group rate: Pechanga, January 11, 12 and 13; Banning Stagecoach, March 21, 22 and 23; Buellton Flying Flags, May 16, 17 and 18; Chula Vista RV Resort, September 12, 13 and 14; and Indio Shadow Hills, October 17, 18 and 19. — Jeanne Klauk

P.S. Margo Martinez was married to Raul Martinez, who was on our Department for years. He passed away a few years ago, but it is good to see her come out and join us. Thank you, Linda (their daughter), for bringing her out! — Chickee



On October 21, the Las Vegas LASD lunch group had lunch at the *Blue Ox*. We meet every third Wednesday of the month at noon. If you are in Vegas, look us up or call Aron at (702) 360-0484 for information. Uncle Tony has some health issues and could not attend. The following attended: Hershel Aron, Nik McGraw, Gary Olson, Ray Walker, Gary Griffith, Michael McCarty, Joan Raber, John Hooge and Ruben Lopez. Reported by Hershel Aron.

On October 23, the Coachella Valley retirees Fall luncheon was held at *Mitch's on El Paseo*. Thirty-nine veterans of this event attended. There were no first-timers. Lou Portesi led a toast honoring the memory of our friend Larry Dykhouse, who passed away May 8. Larry attended all of our functions since we started them three years ago. Rest in peace, Larry. Phil Staats led a horrible rendition of "Happy Birthday" to Ardella, who was celebrating her blank-blank birthday. The singers were Jim and Bette Shuler, Barry Fisher, Chickee and Norm Nelson, Lou and Gloria Portesi, Dennis and Gloria Gilliard, Bill Alley,

Jerry and Nancy Burks, Tony and Chris Palmer, Don "Smokey" Givens, Don Bonthron, Jack and Meg Pina, Bob and Irene Ripley, Jim and Joan Willis, Marian Gallegos, Bob and Sandy Kostka, Ernie and Teddi Roop, Paul and Maria Myron, Mel Apodaca, Rich and Judi Wilabee, Bill Gaynor, Joan Mercer and your hosts, Dave and Loxi Hagthorp. For some reason, during the round table introductions the number of great-grandchildren of each attendee came up. The winner was Bob Kostka. His count was in the double digits, and he has lost track. We expect names, gender and DOBs next time, Bob. The Winter luncheon will be held in late January 2016. Plenty of notice will be given. Until then, stay healthy and keep grinding out all those great-grandchildren. Not that we have any choice. — Dave and Loxi

On October 29, the Southern Oregon LE/Fire luncheon was held at the Grants Pass Golf Club. Sparse crowd ... from LASD it was only Dale Yellin, Jim Morris and Sue Maxwell. We sat with a couple former LAPD guys, Ron and Walter. Had a great conversation, including all of our favorite eating places in the Los Angeles/Pasadena/San Gabriel area. Lunch was a buffet that was super good. Until next time ... For 411 or directions for the luncheons, you can email me at [Jellybeansbobo@aol.com](mailto:Jellybeansbobo@aol.com). — Sue Maxwell

On October 30, we arose to a beautiful, crisp day with a blue sky. Overnight temperature was in the low 50s but the daytime temp was a comfortable 78 degrees. Fifteen of us old dinosaurs from the Antelope Valley met at *Denny's* restaurant in Lancaster for the monthly breakfast, where some of us promptly got involved in discussing the LACERA retiree report submitted by Les Robbins. The report, which I hope all members of the Sheriff's Department, active or retired, have taken time to read, is very alarming as relates to our retirement.

John Ament gave us an update on the medical condition of retired deputy Kent Anderson, who has been fighting a pancreatic infection for several weeks now. At this point, we do not know what lies ahead for Kent, but we ask everyone to pray for his recovery. He is in serious condition at Kaiser Hospital at this time. Gil Sherwood, who narrowly escaped biting the bullet with his intestinal infection, is still progressing toward full recovery and is able to function on

his own sufficiently enough to attend the monthly breakfasts. Way to go, Gil! A subject that was of grave concern to many of us, but more so to the residents of the valley, was the amount of damage caused by the heavy October rains. The county road department was still cleaning dirt and debris from some of the local streets as of this writing, especially the areas West of Quartz Hill and Lancaster. Some of our retirees had difficulty in driving to and from their homes, having to reroute due to the roads being blocked by dirt, rocks and debris. Hopefully the rains expected from the El Nino weather prediction will not be as damaging. At the breakfast we were graced with the presence of two beautiful ladies, Nancy Burke, wife of Patrick Burke, and my wife, Bette. Attending were: Jay Seibert, Tom Ewens, Dan Gilmore, Glenn Hutchinson, Vance Kirkpatrick, Ron Nybakken, Ron Oest, Don Ott, Dennis Saenz, Steve Mulcahy, John Ament, Dennis Papp, Gil Sherwood, Pat and Nancy Burke, your scribe, Carlos Valdez, and Bette. Pat and Nancy Burke are visiting from their retirement home in Carabelle, Florida, via Las Vegas, Nevada, where they have a condominium. Until next time, stay safe, stay healthy, enjoy retirement and God bless. — Carlos

## FUTURE EVENTS

2016 events that are scheduled:

January 6, Hi-Desert Luncheon at *Marie Callender's* in Victorville, California, at 11 a.m.

January 6, Desert Heat Luncheon at Lake Havasu Elks Lodge in Lake Havasu, Arizona, at 11:30 a.m.

January 10 to 14, RELAC at Pechanga in Temecula, California.

January 11, Lakewood's monthly luncheon at *Super Mex*, 5254 Faculty Avenue, Lakewood, California.

January 15 to 16, Sunshine Rollers at Emerald Desert RV Park in Palm Desert, California.

January 20, Las Vegas Retirees at the *Blue Ox* on Sahara Boulevard at noon, Las Vegas, Nevada.

January 27, Lakewood's Annual Luncheon at the *Elephant Bar* at 11 a.m. in Lakewood, California.

March 19 to 20, Baker to Vegas relay.

April 3 to 6, the Roundup in Laughlin, Nevada.

May 14, the FLADST Luncheon in Texas.

June 19 to 24, the 36th reunion in McArthur, California.

If you have an event that is scheduled several months in advance, you can send me the information and I will include it in this article so that retirees can mark their calendars. I need it at least two months in advance to be included in the article.

We hope that 2016 will be one of your best years ever. Get out and relish your retirement. Enjoy the holiday season. Happy new year, Chickee and Don. ☆

# COUNTY SERVICES BUREAU

By John Stanley  
County Services Bureau

## COUNTYWIDE 85

Season's greetings from all points of the County compass. County Services Bureau has a very different look since our last visit. There have been several comings and goings.

## WELCOME, CAPTAIN BRITTA STEINBRENNER

On October 11, Captain Britta Steinbrenner took command of the County Services Bureau. Captain Steinbrenner came to us from the Community Partnerships Bureau. She becomes CSB's second captain following Captain Chuck Stringham's retirement earlier this year. We wish her all the best.



## ONWARD AND UPWARD

Congratulations to SSOs Jose Escobedo Reyes, Mario Triolo Jr., Luis A. Camarena Suarez and Rosalva Ruiz, who were promoted to custody assistant and began CA Academy Class #84 on October 21, and to SSO Aaron Castro, who was promoted to deputy sheriff trainee and started Academy Class #411 on October 29. SSO Carlos Salazar also left us and became a Los Angeles County probation officer. You will all be missed. Good luck as you venture out into a new career field.

## LIEUTENANT INS AND OUTS

On November 1, Lieutenants Chris Cale, Melva Mitchell and Jay Moss joined us. Welcome back to Lieutenant Cale, and welcome aboard to Lieutenants Mitchell and Moss. Leaving us were Lieutenants Jaime Baltazar, Don Mueller and Mike Mangan. Thanks to Lieutenants Mueller and Mangan for their services to the Bureau as shift watch commanders, and special thanks to Lieutenant Baltazar, who, as

the operations lieutenant, was the glue holding our Bureau together during the past several months since Captain Stringham's retirement.

## A NEW MARINE AND A PROUD FATHER

On September 18, Sergeant Vincent Moultrie's son Nolan graduated from the Marine Corps boot camp at Camp Pendleton. Deputies from the Training Bureau were on hand and offered Private Moultrie their congratulations. We also extend our congratulations to proud dad Sergeant Moultrie.



## OPS HISTORY MOMENT: REMEMBERING LOS ANGELES COUNTY SECURITY OFFICER LEE EDWARD ROACH

On November 13, 1968, at approximately 0215 hours, Security Officer Lee Edward Roach conducted a security check in front of the County Auditor-Controller's Office on the fifth floor of the Hall of Administration building. Over the previous weekend, a burglary had occurred at this office, no doubt encouraging Officer Roach to perform this act of vigilance. Officer Roach encountered an intruder loitering outside the office and a confrontation ensued between them, during which Roach's gun was wrestled from his control and he was shot in the face. Twenty hours after being shot, Officer Roach succumbed to his wounds. His likely murderer was

quickly apprehended, but at trial the judge suppressed a key piece of evidence and after four days of deliberation the jury returned with a verdict of not guilty.

On October 13, 2015, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors recognized Officer Roach's service and sacrifice at a ceremony attended by his surviving children and extended family. After the ceremony, a plaque was dedicated in Officer Roach's memory at the CSB security staff station on the second floor of the Hall of Administration building. Instrumental in finding Officer Roach's surviving

family members and arranging this ceremony was Sergeant Bernie Patrick. Well done, Bernie!

Until next time. The 85 is everywhere! ☆



# L.A. County Retired Marshals Lunches for 2016

ALL LUNCHES ARE SCHEDULED FOR 12 NOON

## **January 6**

*Black Bear Diner*  
7005 Knott Ave.  
Buena Park

## **February 3**

*Damon's*  
317 N. Brand Ave.  
Glendale

## **March 2**

*Marino's Italian Restaurant*  
17126 Bellflower Blvd.  
Bellflower

## **April 6**

*Villa Tepeyac*  
2200 E. Garvey Blvd.  
West Covina

## **May 4**

*Elephant Bar*  
12002 Lakewood Blvd.  
Downey

## **June 1**

*Matt Denny's*  
145 E. Huntington Drive  
Arcadia

## **July 6**

*Bob's Big Boy*  
21090 Golden Springs Drive  
Diamond Bar

## **August 3**

*Black Bear Diner*  
7005 Knott Ave.  
Buena Park

## **September 7**

*Yang Chow*  
3777 E. Colorado Blvd.  
Pasadena

## **October 5**

*Marino's Italian Restaurant*  
17126 Bellflower Blvd.  
Bellflower

## **November 2**

*Matt Denny's*  
145 E. Huntington Drive  
Arcadia

## **December 7**

*Villa Tepeyac*  
2200 E. Garvey Blvd.  
West Covina



“UNLESS YOU  
TRY TO DO  
SOMETHING  
BEYOND  
WHAT YOU  
HAVE ALREADY  
MASTERED,  
YOU WILL  
NEVER GROW.”

RALPH WALDO EMERSON  
(1803 -1882, AMERICAN POET, ESSAYIST)



By Jeffrey Johnson  
Transit Policing Division

## IN WITH THE NEW

The sun has finally set on Transit Services Bureau (TSB). In its place and springing from the horizon is the Transit Policing Division (TPD). Under this new Division, there are four bureaus: Transit Bureau North (TBN), Transit Bureau South (TBS), Central Operations Bureau (COB) and Metrolink Bureau (MTL).

Within Central Operations Bureau are our Threat Interdiction Unit (TIU), K-9 Unit, Crime Impact Teams (CIT), Bus Riding Team (BRT), Detective Bureau, training/scheduling and numerous other administrative positions that are shared resources between the bureaus.

Transit Bureau South (TBS) is responsible for the Green Line, Blue Line and Expo Line, with a total of 51 Metro train stations. In addition, this Bureau provides law enforcement services to numerous bus routes in southern Los Angeles County.

Transit Bureau North (TBN) sits at the helm of the Orange Line, Silver Line, Red/Purple Lines and the Gold Line, with a total of 56 train stations across Northern Los Angeles County. Within this vast geographical area, Transit Bureau North also covers countless bus routes in the San Fernando Valley, downtown area, West side and the San Gabriel Valley.

I know all of you have seen that shiny golden tower just East of Downtown Los Angeles and asked yourself, "What is that building?" It is the

headquarters for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) and also houses the administrative offices of Transit Bureau North. The bulk of this Bureau's field personnel also deploy daily from this venue.

The bureaus under Transit Policing Division are quickly becoming a shining example of patrolling all aspects of a modern urban rail system. Transit Bureau North is responsible for the safety and security of nearly 600,000 people who depend on the rail and bus lines that come and go through Union Station daily. As the contract law enforcement for Metro, Transit Bureau North's personnel work tirelessly every day to ensure the safety of Metro passengers and employees alike.

## DOING OUR PART

As we all know, cancer touches so many people in our LASD family. The American Cancer Society Relay for Life movement is a great opportunity to celebrate people who have battled and beaten cancer, remember loved ones who were affected by it, and lastly, raise funds to continue the fight against the dreaded disease.

On Saturday, September 26, Transit Bureau North was a part of an impactful fundraising event hosted by Chief Anda at Whittier Narrows Park. It would be an understatement to say that our first major event under our new Division was a huge success. Chief Anda's committee members, Sergeant Michael Verlich and ASMI August Sebastian, definitely set the foundation by working the proverbial phones to get people to donate.

Transit Bureau North's personnel, who included Captain Jennifer Bateman, Lieutenant Chris Mouat, Lieutenant Rich Hoffman, Deputy Sandra Okada, Deputy Danny Estrada, Deputy Alex Tineo, Deputy Jaime Guerra Jr., Deputy John Trojanowski and Security Assistant Maria Carlin all did their part in making the event a huge success.

Just to brag a little, Chief Anda's goal of \$15,000 was surpassed, as the Division was able to raise over \$16,500.

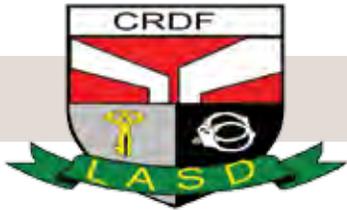
## EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Security Assistant Pickering was conducting fare enforcement at Union Station. During a check of a patron's fare, he was presented with an Access card. The individual attempted to cover the photo identification printed on the card. Security Assistant Pickering requested that the male provide his identification and he was unable to. Security Assistant Pickering seized the card and issued an administrative citation. After follow-up by Detective Richter, the male was found to have six prior felony convictions and a pending criminal case for the fraudulent use of the Access card. The criminal case resulted in the male receiving a six-year state prison term for identity theft. This is a great example of how a citation can lead to the prosecution of a criminal using the Metro system. Great work by Security Assistant Pickering and congratulations on being the Employee of the Month. Outstanding follow-up work by Central Operations Bureau's Detective Richter.

Until next month ... ☆



Photo by Chris Miller



By Andrea Arroyo  
Century Regional Detention Facility

During this holiday season, CRDF would like to extend our appreciation for your devoted service. We wish you and your family a joyous holiday and a prosperous new year.

### WELCOME, CAPTAIN HOLLOWAY!

On October 11, Captain Diana Holloway became the new captain for CRDF. She replaces Captain Maria Gutierrez, who promoted to commander. Captain Holloway has been making the rounds to meet and greet everyone. We welcome her to our CRDF family!

### FIRST ANNUAL FAMILY FUN DAY

The first annual Family Fun Day, themed "Calling All Superheroes," was held on Saturday, October 25. This event was a huge success! The goal was to say "Thank you" to the hardworking CRDF staff by bringing them together at a central location and providing them with a fun day. This event included food trucks, facility jail tours, bounce houses, petting zoo, face painting, employee hourly drawings, DJ musical

entertainment, complimentary snow cones and more. We also had a visit from the Special Enforcement Bureau (SEB) and the Los Alamitos Posse Unit. The picture below left includes Undersheriff Terri McDonald, Commander Gutierrez, Captain Holloway, Lieutenant Iwata and Lieutenant Guyovich. Commander Ornales was also present at the event, but is missing from the photo.

The CRDF Family Fun Day Committee spearheaded a drive for sponsorships for this event. They successfully brought together a number of donations, which allowed hourly drawings for employees. Thank you to the following committee members for doing a great job: Deputy Barragan, Officer Reza, Deputy Arroyo, Officer Genovese, Officer Elias and Sergeant Guthrie. A special thank-you to our wonderful jail tour guides: Sergeant Goltz, Senior Fertal, Deputy Webster, Deputy Hernandez, Deputy Anguino, Officer Sultanyan and Officer Ramirez. The committee would also like to thank Deputy Kwon, who took amazing photos for each family to take home as a memento of this event. Lastly, we would like to

thank the LASD Explorers, who assisted us by manning the concession booths. We are looking forward to our next Family Fun Day, scheduled for October 2016.

### SEWING PROGRAM DONATES TO ANIMAL SHELTERS

This year, the sewing program at CRDF launched its partnership with local animal shelters by providing over 200 dog and cat beds and 300 holiday pet scarves. On Wednesday, October 7, these items were delivered to two local animal shelters, Southeast Area Animal Control Authority (SEAACA) and Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control.

Custody Assistant Gloria Welsh has led the CRDF sewing program for the last four years. She has a background in the sewing industry and wanted to share her skill set with the female inmates at the facility. In the beginning of the year, Officer Welsh went to the Downey Shelter and saw a need for dog pads for their wooden box beds, so she took measurements and proposed her idea. Once it was approved, she sought out donations for material.

Her project has become a family affair, since her son came to her rescue when he found out she needed material. He contacted his employer, Warner Brothers Studios, and arranged for them to donate unused fabric that could be beneficial to her projects. Warner Brothers Studios Costume Design was the main contributor of donated fabrics, as well as Jordan Manufacture, which also donated material that was used for the dog pads. Great job, Officer Welsh, for taking the initiative of identifying a need that gives back to the community, while also teaching sewing skills to the female inmates.

If you would like to help, contact Officer Welsh at (323) 568-4576.

### LASD CHILI COOK-OFF

On October 16, CRDF participated for the first time in the LASD Chili Cook-Off and won "Most Spirited Team." The CRDF





was diagnosed with lupus SLE. Her daughter is currently receiving weekly treatments at Loma Linda Children's Hospital. Deputy Cabanillas hopes to encourage and inspire others to run with her at future lupus runs. Pictured are Deputy Tamayo, Officer Espinoza, Officer Sweet, Senior Sherman, Deputy Cabanillas and her daughter Angelina Cabanillas.

### LASD CYCLING TEAM

On October 17, the LASD cycling team competed in the MS 150 Bay to Bay event from Irvine to San Diego. This event is an annual cycling adventure hosting 2,500 participants along the Southern California Pacific coastline. The team raised money toward the cure for multiple sclerosis (MS). If you are interested in joining this fantastic LASD cycling team, contact Lieutenant Tadashi "Eddy" Hiraoka.



members of "the CRDF Incredibles" were Commander Gutierrez, Captain Holloway, Lieutenant Woollem, Sergeant Johnson, Sergeant Bedogne, Senior Shelton-Love, Deputy Soriano, Deputy Aguayo, Deputy Barragan, Officer Espinoza, Officer Genovese, Officer Noriega, Tiffany Rock and Nicole Brown. CRDF is looking forward to next year's event!

### WALK FOR LIFE LUPUS RUN

The 16th Annual Walk for Life Lupus Run was held at La Mirada Regional Park on October 4. This year, our Deputy Brenda Cabanillas, a single mother of three, was inspired to run when she learned her 13-year-old daughter, Angelina,

As always, CRDF believes in "Excellence Through People" like all of you, so keep up the wonderful work and be safe. ☆

team decorated their booth, passed out samples of their delicious chili and proudly represented our facility. Sergeant Marlon Johnson used his special recipe for our chili entry. The committee



The Communications and Fleet Management Bureau (CFMB) Technical Reserve Company encourages deputies planning retirement to consider taking the reserve exit option and joining our company. We are looking for retiring deputies or current reserves of all ranks who have any level of experience or interest in wide areas of technical fields to continue supporting LASD. This includes electronics, communications, information technology, programming, computer support, automotive support, photography or other technical pursuits. Most of our members are patrol-experienced reserves who continue serving

the Department after their patrol responsibilities are passed to the younger deputies.

Our company is assigned to the CFMB at the Sheriff's Communications Center (SCC), where we help maintain and operate the Mobile Communications Units (MCUs) and support other Department technical activities. We have retired engineers, technicians and people with technical hobbies who are able to combine these skills with those developed in law enforcement to continue their service to LASD. Many of our reserves are ham radio operators and work to help manage, support and deploy during disasters and other

emergencies with the Los Angeles County Disaster Communications Service (DCS), which is now also managed by CFMB.

The Technical Reserve Company is the oldest reserve company in the Department, founded in the 1930s as the Communications Reserve. We look to the future to continue supporting new technologies for our Department. We encourage our reserves to maintain their connections with their previous assignments to provide feedback as to what is needed by the Department. For additional information, please contact Reserve Captain Dick Rath at [RRRath@LASD.org](mailto:RRRath@LASD.org) or (310) 251-3775. ☆

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE RETIREES OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

*Thank you for your many years of dedicated service to our Department.  
We wish you long life, happiness, relaxation and many years of personal fulfillment.*

**Anthony J. Arnold**

Malibu/Lost Hills Station

**Philip C. Barth**

Special Enforcement Bureau

**Darlene Belair**

Training Bureau

**Cynthia A. Bercian**

Century Regional Detention Center

**Edward G. Brown**

Men's Central Jail

**Shawn W. Brownell**

Malibu/Lost Hills Station

**Claire Cappadona**

Data Systems Bureau

**Christine L. Carns**

Homicide Bureau

**Felicidad C. Concepcion**

Medical Services Bureau

**Mario R. Cuevas**

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**Carolyn F. Curry**

Carson Station

**Michael F. Digby**

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**Minako S. Foti**

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**Nenita O. Garcia**

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**Cecilia A. Gentner**

Industry Station

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**William M. Kimble**

South Facility

**Kerry L. Levenson**

North County Correctional Facility

**Brandon D. Love**

Lakewood Station

**Richard L. Milton**

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**Teodorico O. Rosell**

Food Services

**Robert L. Rush**

North County Correctional Facility

**Matthew C. Schwabe**

Marina del Rey Station

**Duane J. Scott**

Major Crimes Bureau

**Jason L. Stulting**

Men's Central Jail

**Michael Unger**

Facilities Services Bureau

**Debra A. Welch**

County Services Bureau



## A Tale of Five Cities

By Mike Bartman  
Lakewood Station

I can't believe that by the time you read this, there will be less than a month until the holiday season and the end of 2015. Where did the year go? I guess that when you are as far "over the hill" as I am, it's just natural that gravity takes over and everything, including time, speeds up.

Lakewood Station is abuzz with activity as I write this and a large group of volunteers prepares for our annual Haunted Jail/Public Safety Expo and Pumpkin Patch event. It's quite amazing to see the transition from a very busy, full-functioning Sheriff's station to a "scare your socks off" community fun event, and then back to normal operations in less than 48 hours (not that anything at Lakewood is usually "normal"). It takes a lot



of volunteers and hard work to make this happen. Maybe if we left the jail entrance looking like a haunted cemetery all the time, it would discourage people from coming to jail? Post-event photos to follow next month.

As reported last month, former LKD Captain Keith Swensson promoted to commander, headed off to the newly created Public Information Office and left us captain-less for a week. Our operations lieutenant, Dan Beringer, did an outstanding job filling in as the "A-slash" for that week. To Dan's credit, he did not go all "Frank Burns" on us during that week. I am dating myself again, but if you have ever watched any of the reruns of the 1972-1983 *M\*A\*S\*H* TV series, specifically for seasons 1 through 5, you will know what I am talking about. Major Burns had a thing



for "whipping this unit into shape" every time the unit commander was away and he was given the power of "acting commander."

After a week of suspense and wondering, it was announced that the new captain would be Lakewood alumnus Allen Castellano, moving over from captain of Pico Rivera Station to Lakewood Station. Captain Castellano was a sergeant here at LKD from 2006 to 2009. Welcome back, Captain Castellano! I actually think that the week between Keith Swensson's departure and Allen Castellano's arrival was carefully arranged to allow the spirits of Commander Swensson's famed (and framed) USC Band jacket, along with his other Trojan memorabilia, to vacate the captain's office before Captain Castellano moved in all of his Notre Dame Fighting Irish decorations. No wonder you never see the two of them in a room together.

On Thursday, October 8, "The Rinks — Lakewood Ice" (formerly the Glacial Garden) skating arena showed its appreciation to LASD and all first responders, as it invited Lakewood Station personnel to attend the home opener game for the Long Beach Bombers junior ice hockey team. The Bombers are an Amateur Athletic Union-sanctioned junior ice hockey team in the eight-team Western Division of the Western States Hockey League

times John went down on the ice wearing his patrol boots, or if the hockey players "escorted" John on and off the ice: "Just take our arms, you'll be OK.").



Lakewood Service Area Lieutenant Jim Powers and *Star News* regular Robbie Lloyd also accompanied John to the game.

Security is very important at our local high schools, which is why two of Lakewood's finest, Deputies Thelma Ramirez and Adriana Rojas, were assigned the detail of escorting this year's Paramount High School homecoming queen at this year's homecoming game. The dynamic duo was only slightly disappointed when they learned that they did not get to ride with the queen in the Cinderella pumpkin coach out onto the field.



(WSHL). Deputy John Maranan was chosen for the honor of participating in the ceremonial puck drop before the game, and is pictured with members of the Bombers and visiting Fresno Monsters teams at center ice. (I can't help but wonder how many

They did eventually get out of the coach, only after being promised a "Kodak moment" for the occasion.

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## NATIONAL CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

Recognizing the importance of cybersecurity awareness, the Department led National Cyber Security Awareness Month (NCSAM) education during the month of October. We are committed to raising cybersecurity awareness across the county and working across all levels of government, in the private sector and internationally to protect against and respond to cyber incidents.

This united effort is necessary to maintain a cyberspace that is safer and more resilient, and remains a source of tremendous opportunity and growth for years to come. NCSAM is designed to engage and educate public- and private-sector partners through events and initiatives with the goal of raising awareness about cybersecurity and increasing the resiliency of the nation in the event of a cyber incident.

So the obvious question is “What exactly is cybersecurity?” Cybersecurity impacts all of us when we go online, use our mobile device or tablet, or use a cloud-based service. It is critical for everyone to understand cybersecurity and our role in being safe while staying connected to minimize the chance of an incident.

Cybersecurity is defined by the National Initiative for Cybersecurity Careers and Studies (NICCS) as “The activity or process, ability or capability, or state whereby information and communications systems and the information contained therein are protected from and/or defended against damage, unauthorized use or modification, or exploitation.” Cybersecurity focuses on protecting computers, mobile devices, tablets, networks, programs and data from unauthorized access or manipulation. Understanding cybersecurity is the first step toward protecting yourself, your family and your organization.

During the month of October, Data Systems Bureau sponsored one event and cosponsored another with the County Public Library. The first was held on October 7 in one of our large conference rooms. Captain Drake gave opening remarks concerning our Department's efforts to thwart cyberattacks and our ongoing endeavor of educating Department members about cybersecurity, not only at work and at home, but also on personal devices.

Additional speakers included representatives from Intel/McAfee Security, the president of the Los Angeles chapter of the Information Systems Security Association (ISSA), and personnel from our Fraud and Cyber Crimes Bureau.

The second event was held in conjunction with

the Los Angeles County Public Library, NCSAM and the Countywide Information Security Program (CWIS) on October 20 at the Norwalk Library. The County's chief information security officer, Dr. Robert Pittman Jr., opened the event with a keynote address, along with excellent speakers from LASD, FBI and DA-CIRT Crime Division. Topics included online safety and how to become more cyber-smart, and the audience was entertained by some real-life stories that could affect any of us at any time.

Since 2004, October has been designated as National Cyber Security Awareness Month. This is a perfect time for all of us to evaluate our online activities and take some basic steps to protect ourselves.

For additional security tips, visit the Data Systems Bureau website on the intranet and click on Data Security.

## VERY SPECIAL PEOPLE

The Make-A-Wish Foundation grants wishes for children with life-threatening medical conditions in an effort to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy. This month's special person, Communication Services Analyst Patricia Castillo, has volunteered and played a series of roles for the Make-A-Wish Foundation for the past 11 years. She's currently assigned as a “celebrity escort.”

Ms. Castillo started her LASD career in 2001 after spending 18 years working her way through the ranks at Mercury Insurance. As a communication services analyst, she spends her day assisting Department members with planning and installing

communications equipment and systems such as PBX, Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP), interactive voice response, automatic call distribution and telephone switching, and in securing, coordinating and expediting services. She is a master at working with public- and private-sector representatives and has a thorough knowledge of telecommunications services, equipment and systems.

But it was while watching a news telecast in 2004 that her life changed forever. The segment involved a very sick little boy who wanted to look and sing like Elvis Presley. Volunteers from the Make-A-Wish Foundation arranged for the little boy to wear a custom-made Elvis outfit (sideburns included) and even taught the youngster a few dance moves. Not only was it a great story, but it also inspired Ms. Castillo to become a volunteer.

Although she is too modest to tell me how many children she has helped, she did mention that the children's wishes can range from something as simple as wanting braces to wanting to meet Kobe Bryant. Over the years, she's met a myriad of television, movie and sports stars. She lists Gary Sinise and Forest Whitaker as two of her all-time favorites, but added that professional wrestler John Cena always makes a big splash when he visits the children.

This photo depicts a little girl whose wish was to go to Hawaii. Her doctors would not allow her to travel, so the Make-A-Wish Foundation brought Hawaii to her. This included a luau for her and 25 guests, including luau dancers, face painting and delicious Hawaiian food.



The young man in the second photo wanted to meet his idol, Mexican singer Vicente Fernandez. He was dressed in a full charro outfit and was transported in a limousine to the concert venue. He was Mr. Fernandez's backstage guest and enjoyed a great concert.



The third photo depicts our special person, Ms. Patricia Castillo.

Ms. Castillo added that it extremely important to recognize that the children who qualify for this program are not necessarily terminally ill; they simply have been diagnosed with a potentially life-threatening disease.



### LACRIS: CAL-PHOTO

Cal-Photo is a California state-managed image-access system. Nearly every county in California participates in the Cal-Photo project. It is a central access point running as a Web application that gives authorized personnel from many different law enforcement agencies access to booking photos



from all over the state. Authorization is controlled by the CalDOJ Justice Identity Manager (JIM). Cal-Photo is one of the many different applications you can access with your JIM account. Other applications you can access with the same credentials are the L.A. PhotoManager (L.A. County Mugshot) System, California Sex and Arson Registry (CSAR) and the Open Image Management System (OIMS). Each Sheriff's station and unit should have a designated JIM administrator who can create and modify accounts and access permissions.

Cal-Photo provides quick and easy access to mugshot booking photos, registered sexual offender photos and the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) driver license and identification card photos, complete with descriptive information for law enforcement investigative purposes only. All Sheriff's Department computers can access Cal-Photo, and any outside agency computer that has access to the Sheriff's Data Network (SDN) can access Cal-Photo.

The Cal-Photo mugshot image interface was developed in 1999 by the California Department of Justice (DOJ) staff. Its primary purpose is to provide public law enforcement agencies in California with the exchange of mugshot images and information in a quick and efficient manner. Generally, these images are booking photos taken at the time of arrest from the LiveScan machine. The DOJ is able to facilitate access to the images only through the generous sharing of the law enforcement agencies that own the images. L.A. County has about seven million mugshot images that are being shared through the Cal-Photo interface.

The DOJ partnered with the DMV in 2001 to provide a means of retrieving DMV driver license photos and information. The 32 million California driver license and identification card photos and accompanying information are maintained by and retrieved from the DMV image databank. DMV returns the archived image, personal descriptor information, signature and thumbprint to Cal-Photo users within seconds of a Cal-Photo request. Although the information is direct from DMV, Cal-Photo provides the access, navigation and functionality.

The Cal-Photo Mugshot application allows users to search the statewide Cal-Photo network for booking photos or sex registration photos matching user-established search criteria. Not all law enforcement agencies have an image database, and not all that do have a database are connected to Cal-Photo at this time. Cal-Photo is a work in progress. Regardless, there are millions upon millions of Cal-Photo searchable color photos at your fingertips.

Cal-Photo images are considered Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI), and as such fall within the CORI rules and statutes. All Cal-Photo transactions are logged and subject to audit. There is a comprehensive help section provided for the use of Cal-Photo that goes over each function and ability of the Cal-Photo system. In the next few months, Cal-Photo will be upgraded to the new Cal-Photo Image Vault. This upgrade comes with a new look and the latest Web application technology.

L.A. PhotoManager is the L.A. County mugshot system, which houses over seven million booking records. It was recently upgraded to include a seamless integration with Cal-Photo. From within the L.A. PhotoManager, you can search and retrieve images from Cal-Photo without having to exit the application and log in to Cal-Photo separately.

Each Sheriff's station and unit has a designated local administrator who is responsible for creating and modifying accounts, as well as performing the required audits of the use of the Cal-Photo system. As great a tool as Cal-Photo is, field personnel must understand that it should be used as an investigative tool only. At no time should you consider photos received from either Cal-Photo or L.A. PhotoManager as positive identification. Also, as mentioned above, all searches are logged and subject to audit, so please ensure that your use of the system is restricted to law enforcement purposes only. Providing information obtained through the use of this system to entities not entitled to receive criminal history information is not permitted.



### CUSTODY AUTOMATION UNIT: CUSTODY INFORMATION PORTAL

The Custody Information Portal (CIP) serves as a gateway site to many Custody Web-based applications. This portal hosts the Custody applications grouped by different categories such as Custody

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I'm sure Bellflower Motor Deputy Greg Emerson had a good explanation for the operator of the power chair during the pictured traffic stop, when the violator asked Greg, "I don't think I was speeding. Was I weaving or something?"

Speaking of stops, the pictured radio car is what happens when you ask your Academy classmate, "Hey, partner, any place we can keep an eye on or check out for you?" and he tells you that patrol checks of the far back corner of a local park are needed. Only thing is, he fails to tell you that there is a broken sprinkler pipe in that same corner of the park. Even though we are in a severe drought in SoCal, the ground in this area of the park more resembled the Okefenokee Swamp than an urban



Rancho Cucamonga recently. I asked Mike if he got Mr. Lasorda's autograph and he replied, "I was lucky to get the picture." (Mike must have told him he was a Houston Astros fan.)



I mentioned before about the City of Lakewood purchasing a new (to the City) helicopter for use in its "Sky Knight" helicopter air patrol program. Assistant

park. We came to a complete stop just as soon as the rear wheels sank in past the hub-caps. "Thanks, Del!"

Anyone who knows me knows that I am somewhat of a fan of the Los Angeles Dodgers, so I have to include this picture of Lakewood's very own Deputy Mike Herrera and his daughter Jacqueline, when they ran into America's Baseball Ambassador Tommy Lasorda at a restaurant in

Sheriff Todd Rogers, while wearing his Lakewood City Council hat, was at the Station to check out the new Robinson R44 helicopter, and quickly grabbed former Sky Knight Observer Sergeant



Oscar Butao to tell him what it was like back in the "hot years" of air patrol.

We welcome new deputies-on-training Karina Cervantes, Tarsicio De La Torre and Kameron Stevens to Lakewood, and wish you all the best of luck as you begin the patrol phase of your career. Also welcomed to our Lakewood family is Eric Rinden, born to Day Shift Watch Deputy Mike Rinden and his wife, Nicole, on October 24. Even though Eric was a little premature, he still weighed in at a very respectable 7 pounds, 6 ounces, and measured 21.5 inches long. Nicole was a Sheriff's Explorer here at Lakewood before beginning her own career as a deputy, and her mother, Marlyn Meunier, was the longtime supervising sheriff station clerk here as well, so baby Eric has very deep LKD roots. Congratulations to the Rinden family.

Well, that's about all I can squeeze into this issue, so until next time: Be safe and God bless. ☆

Applications, Custody Reports, Trust Accounting, Title 15, e-LOTS, Problem/Issue Reporting, Discovery Unit, Inmate Visitation Scheduling System, Inmate Reports Tracking System, Inmate Wristband Printing, Jail Information Management System, Classification Unit and Local Administration.

Some applications on the portal are secured applications that require credentials to access. Some

access is restricted to certain units depending on their functions. Some do not require a logon function and are available to all employees. To access the CIP, go to the LASD intranet page, select Web Applications on the menu bar and click on Custody Information Portal. The portal main menu displays menu items on the left to provide a selection to the application you select. Depending on your

permission and privileges, you may or may not have access to certain applications on the portal.

**IT QUOTE OF THE MONTH**

"Technology is just a tool. In terms of getting the kids working together and motivating them, the teacher is the most important." — Bill Gates  
Logging off until next month. ☆



By Jeffrey Slutske  
Marina del Rey Station

**H**ello from the best view in the County.

**SPECIAL THANK-YOU TO LIEUTENANT OCTAVE**

After several successful and funny articles, Lieutenant Octave has passed the torch. We keep Lieutenant Octave pretty busy around here, so when it came time to find his replacement, he dredged the bottom of the sea here at Marina and found me hiding in the kelp. I hope I can continue at the high level of expectations we have come to expect from our articles. If not, I hope to at least embarrass a few of my co-workers in the process.

**JUST ANOTHER DAY AT WORK**

On October 7, Deputies Tom Lynch and Ronald Nohles' hour of training paid off and the result was a life being saved. They responded by boat to an emergency call for assistance involving a diver who surfaced too quickly and was having trouble breathing and bleeding from his nose. Upon arrival, they quickly assessed the situation and realized that the diver, who was now unconscious and not breathing, was in need of lifesaving measures. They jumped into action, performing CPR while simultaneously responding to Catalina Island. While in transit, they met up with a United States Coast Guard helicopter, and as the boat was traveling at a speed of 25 knots, the helicopter lowered a basket and picked up the patient. The patient was taken to the hyperbaric chamber on Catalina Island and, thanks to the lifesaving measures employed by all involved, the patient is expected to make a full recovery. Deputies Lynch and Nohles, you are to be commended for your efforts.



**DETECTIVE MARTINEZ**

On October 15, Detective Estevan Martinez attended a very interesting conference put on by the Joint Regional Intelligence Center. The conference, appropriately titled "America in the New Millennium," had several keynote speakers in attendance. As you can see in the attached photo, Detective Martinez's time was well spent, as he had the opportunity to meet retired Lieutenant Colonel Oliver North.



**IN THIS CORNER**

I need to take a minute to recognize one of Marina's finest. For those of you who may not know, Marina del Rey has its very own Ronda Rousey. Deputy Stephanie Sparks is the current Super Middleweight United Combat Association Women's Champion. This title was earned in a hard-fought battle on May 24, 2013. Since winning the title, Deputy Sparks has yet to meet an opponent willing to face her power. Deputy Sparks has been training with retired Sergeant Mike Young for over six years. We look forward to your next fight in the ring. Stay in the fight!



**WATER ISN'T THE ONLY THING WET AROUND THE MARINA**

Here at the Marina, we like to have fun ... so, as you can see by the photo, Sergeant Vanessa Chow was the victim of that fun when she was viciously attacked by a wet willy, compliments of none other than her partner-in-crime Sergeant Larry Ramage. This may seem unfair and just cruel, but Sergeant Chow started this months ago, and it's only deserving that she gets a taste of her own medicine.



That's it for now.... Until next time, stay safe and happy holidays. ☆



By Dale Gulley  
East Los Angeles Station

Welcome back! Well, another great month has gone by here at ELA!

Over the years we hear of names or catchphrases related to the world of law enforcement. We hear things such as verbal judo, the broken windows theory or community-oriented policing. The reality is that all these things have always existed and have been put into practice long before there was a title given to them. For us, being a good cop is a reflection of who we are on the inside before we even put on the uniform. Good people make good cops. If you're a good person, you care about others, you care to effect positive change, you care enough to help, you are the guardian of people — all people, regardless of rank or position, from another Department employee to the criminal on the street. If we take someone to jail because we hope it will help them change or we hope it helps the community, we are doing it because we care. Our intent has a foundation in caring, and when we care we do good things for all those involved.

Recently, an ELA deputy brought a well-dressed gray-haired woman, without shoes, to the Station. He walked her from the back, through the hallway and out into the lobby. Was this his mother or a special friend? Once she was in our lobby, the deputy told a story of the last few days of her life and presented a report from a large nearby police department. The deputy stated that the woman was driving her car, which had Oregon plates, from Oregon to Arizona, where she had an Arizona driver's license. Apparently the woman got off the freeway in an attempt to locate a gas station in ELA (which, if you know the area, is harder to find than a bank) and ran out of gas in a residential area. What made matters worse was that she was traveling with her two children, a 6-year-old boy named Jehovah and her 17-month-old baby girl. Due to the lateness of hour, the woman, having no one to call, decided to spend the night in the car in order to seek out a gas station in the morning. However, officers approached her and her life changed.

The report reflected how the woman was taken 5150 for speaking of "Jehovah" and of a man in a white shirt walking around the neighborhood and causing her to fear for the safety of her children. Her children were taken into protective custody because the 17-month-old had a dirty diaper and a "bit" of a rash, and the 6-year-old was sleeping "huddled" on the front seat. The officers also towed her car, which had trash and clothing in it from their travels.

According to the deputy, the woman was transported to a nearby clinic and held 5150. On the third day the woman was released to the streets of ELA without shoes, phone or knowledge of her children, her car or the area. Luckily, she stumbled upon an ELA deputy who was finishing up a movie job. The woman was clean and appropriately dressed, and her clothing even matched; she was shoeless, yet very articulate regarding her situation.

The deputy brought her to the Station and began to formulate a plan to help her. The deputy located her car and called the tow yard in order to set up her gathering of records to retrieve her vehicle the next day. Maps were printed out for her to locate the places she needed to be, including the police station and tow yard in order to get her car back so she could attend the scheduled hearing regarding her children. He then located a place for her to stay near the tow yard, as that was her first stop. The deputy gave the woman the documentation and maps she needed, then transported her to a hotel for the evening near the tow yard. She was even provided with a business card if she needed further help the next day.

The deputy made the effort and took the time to help this stranger in lieu of going home. Not because he was told to or because of policy, but because it was the right thing to do, because he cares.

### ELA VIDA PROGRAM

The East L.A. VIDA program continues to change the lives of young people. It is amazing to witness the impact that Deputies Tanya Ramirez, Jerry Ambriz and Ben Zaredini and all of the fabulous volunteers have on our kids each session.

Fabulous volunteers: Deputy Roberto Gonzales, Deputy Peter Arevalos, Mr. Carlos Lopez, Mr. Norbit Fernandez, Ms. Kimberly Ann Cobos, Ms. Anisa Mahram, Ms. Vanessa Folchi, Ms. Danni Ortega, Mr. Hector Bautisa, Mr. Jesse Crosby, Ms. Lisbeth Garcia Lechuga, Ms. Susan Lujan and our favorite district attorney, Mrs. Terri Engler.

At the last VIDA Games, ELA Station's team won first place overall, and we are in possession of the perpetual trophy. Of the four events (tug-of-war, 440 team race, drill and academic testing), our outstanding kids won each one!

The amazing commitment of our kids, their parents and all of the Department members is what makes our VIDA program so very successful!



**CONGRATULATIONS TO DEPUTIES ADRIAN RENDON AND ARGELIA HUERTA**

At the 2015 Valor Awards, Deputies Rendon and Huerta were recognized for their heroism. On April 20, they responded to a house fire. When they arrived, they determined that there was a disabled man still inside the house, which was fully engulfed in smoke. Without concern for their own safety, both Deputies Rendon and Huerta entered the house on their hands and knees in search of the man. After several attempts, and with the assistance of Deputy Andre Knuebler (COPS), the man was rescued from the home.

For their bravery and determination to save the man from the burning home, Deputies Adrian Rendon and Andre Knuebler were awarded the Medal of Valor, and Deputy Argelia Huerta was awarded the Meritorious Conduct Gold Medal.

We are very proud of the courageous actions of each deputy. Congratulations!

**ELA STATION TRAINING PROGRAM: MY FIRST DAY AT ELA**

“I don’t know what’s worse on your nerves, the week prior to starting patrol or every day of the week during. Every word of encouragement, advice or story of an environment full of seemingly impossible obstacles to overcome consumes your every thought. I didn’t get much, if any, sleep the night before. I checked and double-checked, then triple-checked, the thousands of dollars’ worth of equipment and

uniforms I had, and needed, to kick off my career in law enforcement. Of course, the watch I owned for two years and have worn every day since disappeared, and I forgot to pack a lunch or snacks. Shockingly, not a single ounce of preparation leading to this day seemed enough.

“I pulled into the parking lot very early, parked in the farthest spot I could find unoccupied in the lot, and took what I felt was the last breath I’d ever take as a normal human being. Inside my vehicle was so calm and comforting, but outside my car door was an aura of a day much like ‘Black Monday.’

“I rushed to the ‘compound,’ looked for any patrol car that wasn’t being used and climbed into the passenger seat. I sat there, attempting to grasp the rides I had done. Eight in total with what seemed to me the most humble group of people I’d ever met — all unique; however, all the same in the pride and respect they had for this Station. I observed them prep their vehicles, load their shotguns and log on to their MDCs. Finally, something positive in my mind that I could use: I logged on, picked up my gear from my car, then had the patrol car washed by the trustees in the wash bay. It was check-off #1, hopefully in the right direction, hopefully done the right way, but I was out of time. Briefing was soon and I didn’t have a shotgun nor stun-bag shotgun, but in true East L.A. fashion a familiar face with a head shaved like mine asked, ‘Can I help you with anything, sir?’ It was another trainee who I worked with in custody. He might as well have been an angel.

He grabbed a shotgun for me, along with a stun-bag shotgun, and walked me through the rest of vehicle and briefing preparation.

“If the night prior and the hours leading up to just starting your first shift weren’t enough to make you toss up your breakfast from the day before, then there’s your ‘TO’: Who is he? How is he? Is he a ... or is he cool? Will he teach you, or will he just criticize your every youthful mistake? You don’t know, but you have to know, you need to know!

“Luckily for me, he’s been everything I could ever ask for and have prayed for. Whoever it was, I can assure you that my attitude was one of understanding. This person was in every parallel going to teach me how to be a cop, much like my parents taught me to be the person I am today. I appreciate and love my parents so much. I didn’t pick them; they were assigned to me. I didn’t pick my TO; I was assigned to him and I can only trust and appreciate him today rather than waiting for it all to click.

“He got into the car that I prepared, and didn’t say a word. We drove to the outdoor lockers, grabbed his gear and went 10-8. I can’t even begin to articulate the thoughts running through my mind as we drove off and out of the Station.”

If you are looking to come out to patrol, come on out and do some rides with us. Come see ELA for yourself.

Until next month ... work hard, take care of your partners and be safe. And please remember why we do this job: because we care! ☆

☆ **IN MEMORIAM** ☆

BRANDON F. ARCE	ACTIVE, DECEASED 10-15-15	DEPUTY/A.V. SUPERIOR COURT
DARRYL S. CARTER	RETIRED 09-22-03, DECEASED 10-23-15	DEPUTY/TST
ALAN W. CRAFT	RETIRED 07-31-00, DECEASED 10-15-15	DEPUTY/TST
HOBART M. MANHART	ACTIVE, DECEASED 10-29-15	DEPUTY/NORWALK
LEONARD M. McCARTHY	RETIRED 09-02-03, DECEASED 10-20-15	SERGEANT/ADMIN
GEORGE H. SEAMAN JR.	RETIRED 03-01-82, DECEASED 10-14-15	SERGEANT/HOMICIDE
WILLIAM F. WATTERSON	RETIRED 03-31-78, DECEASED 10-25-15	LIEUTENANT/NORWALK
PAUL W. WHITING	RETIRED 03-01-91, DECEASED 08-12-15	DEPUTY/COURT SERVICES DIV
BERNARD G. WIECHERT	RETIRED 09-21-93, DECEASED 10-05-15	LIEUTENANT/BISCAILUZ
RAYMOND E. WILLIAMS	RETIRED 08-26-04, DECEASED 10-14-15	SR. COOK/TWIN TOWERS
DOROTHY J. CABLE, WIFE OF RETIRED MEMBER KENNETH M. CABLE, DECEASED 10-11-15		
JOELINA E. HOLT, WIFE OF RETIRED MEMBER RAYMOND F. HOLT, DECEASED 10-03-15		

*Previous issues stated the following deaths incorrectly. We apologize for any confusion this may have caused. Please see the corrected information below.*

JUDITH M. HOOGE, WIFE OF RETIRED MEMBER JOHN L. HOOGE, DECEASED 09-26-15

MADLINE J. ROSSITER, DAUGHTER OF RETIRED MEMBER JERRY D. ROSSITER, DECEASED 08-01-15

### DID YOU KNOW?

December is the busiest time of year for the Sheriff's Food Services Bakery. Senior Cook Lisa Arrieta and her crew make over 5,000 pastries during the month to support the Department's annual events. If you've been to the Sheriff's Handshake or some of your various unit functions, chances are you have tasted some of her delightful treats.

### NOTEWORTHY

Congratulations to our Food Services Sergeant Christina Baker on her promotion to lieutenant! Sergeant Baker has been with the Sheriff's Department for 20 years and the last 16 months with the Food Services Unit. The dedication and leadership she brought to the Food Services Unit was very much appreciated and will be greatly missed. We wish her all the best in her new assignment at the Lost Hills Sheriff's Station as a patrol lieutenant.

### RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Each month we will bring you a new and tasty recipe to try, courtesy of one of our Food Services Unit employees. As we prepare to celebrate the Christmas holidays, here's a great rocky road fudge dessert for you to try. Enjoy!

#### ROCKY ROAD FUDGE

Total time: 15 minutes prep, 5 minutes cook, plus chilling

Yield: 48 servings (about 2½ pounds)

Ingredients:

1½ teaspoons plus 1 tablespoon  
butter, divided

2 cups (12 ounces) semisweet  
chocolate chips  
1 can (14 ounces) sweetened  
condensed milk  
2 cups salted peanuts  
1 package (10½ ounces)  
miniature marshmallows

Directions:

1. Line a 13-by-9-inch baking pan with foil and grease the foil with 1½ teaspoons butter; set aside.
2. In a large saucepan, combine the chocolate chips, milk and remaining butter. Cook and stir over medium heat until mixture is smooth. Remove from the heat; stir in peanuts. Place marshmallows in a large bowl; add chocolate mixture and stir well. Spread into prepared pan. Refrigerate until firm.
3. Using foil, lift fudge out of pan. Cut into 1½-inch squares.

### FOOD SAFETY TIP OF THE MONTH

With the holidays approaching, we would like to share with you 10 good food safety tips to help keep your family gatherings safe and festive.

1. Organize and manage your refrigerator and oven space to keep hot foods at 140 degrees Fahrenheit or more, and cold foods at 40 F or below.
2. Cook food to its proper temperature to ensure that any bacteria are killed off. Leftovers should be cooked to 165 F and kept above 140 F during serving.
3. Refrigerate leftovers within two hours of preparation. Leaving food out too long

is a safety hazard. Ensure that the fridge is not too packed and has plenty of air circulating around the food.

4. Defrost foodstuffs properly, especially poultry and meats. Allow five hours per five pounds to defrost in the refrigerator after removing from a deep freeze. Never defrost on the kitchen counter.
5. Wash your hands thoroughly and often. It's a good habit to clean hands before, during and after food preparation. It's the easiest way to minimize bacterial contamination.
6. Wash all fresh produce, even prepackaged greens, to minimize potential bacterial contamination. Make sure kitchen counters, sponges, cutting boards and knives are all well-scrubbed.
7. Reheat leftovers to 165 F. Popping cold food into the microwave may seem safe enough, but you really need to use a thermometer to make sure all the food is reheated enough to kill bacteria.
8. Do not allow guests with inquisitive fingers in your kitchen, especially if they happen to visit you in the cold and flu season.
9. Always check the use-by or expiration dates of food products. Make it a habit to look for the fine print on readymade food items for the recommended consumption period.
10. Do not eat food containing uncooked eggs, or you risk contracting salmonella. Eggs should always be stored in a fridge and cooked well. ☆

PLEASE PASS THE WORD!

## 2016 Lakewood Annual Retiree Luncheon

Wednesday, January 27, 2016, at 11:00 a.m.

*The Elephant Bar*

4634 Candlewood Ave. | Lakewood, CA 90712 | (562) 529-3200

As usual, we don't need a head count; we'll order and pay individually from the menu. Libations are available COD, no extra charges for anything, ever. Nothing fancy, just a lot of fun reminiscing and BSing with old friends and compadres. Everyone is always welcome, and we hope to see you there!

For more information, contact:

Mickey Reedy, (562) 799-1410 or [RmickyR@aol.com](mailto:RmickyR@aol.com) | Keith Mohagen, (714) 525-7485 or [kamohagen@aol.com](mailto:kamohagen@aol.com)  
Ike Sabean, (562) 494-8596 or [ike@lasdretired.org](mailto:ike@lasdretired.org)

## ISB SURE KNOWS HOW TO HAVE FUN

ISB admin staff always makes work as fun as possible. Attached is a photo from their festive Halloween potluck. Thank you all for coming to work with a smile and making ISB an amazing place to work.



## INMATE WELFARE COMMISSION

ISB would like to welcome the new members of the Inmate Welfare Commission (photo attached): Garbis Der-Yeghiayan, Jay Stroh, Tammy Godley, Buzz Wilms, Larry Thompson, Jayna Gaskell, John Franklin, Keith Ellis, Bob Jones, Gregory Boyle and Gregory Sanders. Thank you all for your time and dedication.

eight-week course. The JGD program focuses on teaching, mentoring and guiding inmates through the use of music.

## DEPUTY CECILIA HOSCHET CHICK-FIL-A FUNDRAISER

ISB, Cops 4 Causes and the Sierra Madre Fire Department organized a fundraiser and

supported our fallen partner on October 5. There was an amazing turnout from the Department, City of Sierra Madre, SMFD and those who loved Cecilia dearly. It was a beautiful and unforgettable event. "Ce Ce," you and your family will always be in our hearts.

As always, ISB wishes all of you happy, happy holidays. Be safe and God bless. ☆



## JAIL GUITAR DOORS PERFORMANCE

Thanks to the tireless efforts of Officer Troy Fleischer, Jail Guitar Doors (JGD), hosted at TTCF, had yet another successful completion of its



**H**appy holidays from Men's Central Jail! Once again it's that time of year of "Ho! Ho! Ho! 'Tis the season to be jolly (fa la la la la)! Holiday cheer! Bah humbug! All my overtime money is going under the Christmas tree!"

Last month we started off with the Men's Central Jail participating in the Softball Tournament. I am happy to report an added version of that story from Lieutenant Luis Trejo. Custody Assistant Dave Valdez (aka Charlie Brown) gave us the "Peanuts" version. In all fairness, Deputy Chris Mahood (aka Linus) was supposed to be helping Dave out with this story and providing picture(s). The last Dave saw of Linus (aka Mahood) was in the pumpkin patch waiting for the Great Pumpkin. I report "just the facts" as I get them. The LASD 70th Brian Wilson Softball Tournament started as routine as any other tournament MCJ Red plays in. MCJ Red lost last year to South Facility in the championship game and was hungry for a first-place plaque. It was a hot summer Friday morning; MCJ Red faced some old rivals and worthy opponents (Century, ELA and TSB). MCJ Red prevailed and won all of Friday's games, winning their bracket. MCJ Red earned a first-game bye on championship Sunday. On championship day, MCJ Red continued their hot-hitting, near-flawless defense and remained undefeated heading into the championship game. MCJ Red faced TTCF in the final

Special Olympics Plane Pull). MCJ was the reigning champion, but lost this year's challenge to TTCF by a fraction of a second. There would not be a repeat of losing to TTCF again! The first game between MCJ Red and TTCF was edged by a slight margin and the first victory went to TTCF. They had to play one final game for the championship. The final game was a back-and-forth battle, a real nail-biter, and came down to the seventh and final inning with MCJ Red trailing TTCF by two runs. In the bottom half of the inning, MCJ Red scored two runs to tie the game with one out. TTCF slipped and allowed MCJ Red to load the bases with the MCJ Red slugger up to bat, Chris Mahood. Chris stepped into the batter's box and delivered a walk-off hit to win the game and earn MCJ's first championship in over 10 years. After two long, hot days of softball, the entire team decided to name Jason Jarvis MVP of the tournament. Everyone on the team did their part and consistently contributed when called upon. It was a great victory for MCJ and sweet retribution for the Plane Pull challenge! A special thanks to MCJ Captain Joe Dempsey for coming out and supporting the team.

MCJ donated various pieces of quality gym equipment to Hollygrove, an EMQ Families First agency. The agency is recognized for innovative behavioral and mental health treatment, and social services that help families recover from trauma, abuse, addiction and poverty and rebuild their lives. They fight for substantial change and advocate for improvements in the

systems that serve children in need. Lieutenant Trejo, Sergeants Emch and Park, and Custody Assistant Nathaniel Gonzalez of MCJ delivered the equipment on October 8. The Bauchet Street Gym had recently been renovated with newer equipment. The excess gym equipment found a



series and had to be defeated twice by TTCF. Pictured is Deputy Jason Jarvis (aka DA Investigator Jarvis), MVP.

Now, let me take you back to August 20 (the



new home at the Hollygrove agency and will be utilized in the variety of programs delineated in the daily treatments and programs arranged by the staff at the Hollygrove agency.

I might be a month behind, but never too late in wishing the United States Marine Corps a happy 240th birthday. Thank you to all current Marines (active and reservists) and former Marines for your service. Semper Fi! *Thank you to all veterans who have served our country!*

Deputy Jason Flores, newly graduated from the Academy (September 4, 2015) and on training at Men's Central Jail, really showed everyone what he is made of. On September 16, while off duty, Deputy Flores saw that a vehicle had crashed into the center divider. He saw a male standing near the accident, attempting to flag down anyone for assistance. Deputy Flores stopped and checked on the driver of the vehicle involved. He noticed that the driver was not breathing and had no pulse. Deputy Flores removed the driver from the vehicle and began CPR as a civilian bystander called 9-1-1. Within a few minutes, the driver was gasping for air. Thank you, Deputy Flores, for your quick thinking and actions in saving this person! *Congratulations* on your Board of Supervisors Commendation!

We have many others in the news these days. Deputy Flores still by far has the most noteworthy and prestigious event. Now there are a few here who think they are the "shining star" at MCJ. Read on:

For all of the supervisors around MCJ, Deputy Adam Kennedy is well known for being the guru of handheld video, specifically emptying the fully loaded storage and freeing them up for more endless hours of "escort video." For anyone else in the building, he is better known as "Left-over Lester" due to his uncanny ability to show up where free food may be distributed. Here he is, enjoying the spoils of another successful free-loading venture. Stay true to yourself, Adam!



The watch deputy position is the glue that binds each shift together, acting as a liaison between the outside staff and the inside staff, the complaining callers and the watch commander, the sick call-ins and the draftees, and so on. When Deputy Ron Cordova isn't busy with the arduous details of the position detailed above, he is a culinary genius in the ODR, instructing the inmate workers to crank out custom pizzas, twice-fried court line burritos, and delicious lemon-cucumber jail water. So when you see this multitasking master of the in-service, be sure to thank him for his hard work!

Deputy Rafael Gonzalez decided he need to a head start for the holidays. He's been working on his "GQ" look. By the looks of these pictures, he has been spending some quality time on that "suave look." The only question is, will the real Rafael please stand up?

Every now and then MCJ gets a call for a "cell extraction" to somewhere in the County. Sergeant Keith Rickell, Deputy Frank Abril and Senior Deputy Onorato Agrusa happened to be on one of those callouts. You know as well as I

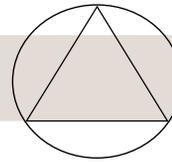
do that after any kind of call for service somewhere, deputies are hungry. The sergeant, Abril and Agrusa are no different; they were hungry after that cell extraction. So they went to one of our local taco stands and decided on burritos. To make the lunchtime even more interesting, they decided to have a burrito-eating contest — loser buys the next lunch. By the look on Agrusa's face, he might be losing this bet. I think he was heard telling the sergeant and Frank, "Don't you have a Title 15 check to do?" Rumor has it that Agrusa hates to lose a bet.

With everyone working so many hours and running on empty, every now and then we are bound to have one of those days. Senior Deputy Tunisia Black recently had one of those days, but decided to include all of her partners here at MCJ. Tunisia put out an "All" email to personnel to look for her diamond ring that she lost sometime in the first four hours of shift. Tunisia looked everywhere. She looked high, she looked low; she checked the women's locker

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# Peace Officer's Fellowship



*Note to readers: Periodically there will be submissions, such as this, that are written by a POF member and are anonymous with no byline.*

## LOOKING THE OTHER WAY

Steve Sarkisian, coach for the University of Southern California (USC) football team, was fired in October after many alcohol-related incidents and embarrassing moments. The *L.A. Times* reports that "After Sarkisian's outburst in August at USC's 'Salute to Troy' event where he slurred his words, insulted opponents and added an expletive to the university's 'Fight on!' rallying cry, *The Times* interviewed more than two dozen people knowledgeable about Sarkisian's time with the Washington Huskies and reviewed hundreds of pages of documents." What was discovered was a pattern of ongoing alcohol abuse. "[A] former player said he smelled alcohol on Sarkisian during team meetings on 'one or two' occasions and, at other times, noted that the coach's eyes appeared to be bloodshot and glazed while he seemed unusually confrontational," wrote *The Times*.

I was wondering if someone had talked to him earlier about his drinking and perhaps staged an intervention, would it have changed anything? Or did people try to help, and it fell on deaf ears? Or were people focused only on his performance and minimizing any signs of problem drinking?

Well, things have finally caught up with Steve Sarkisian. He no longer has a job at USC. I'm

These people have agreed to give up their anonymity so that others who are in need of help can find the POF. Don't worry about bothering us; helping those with drinking issues is one of the ways we stay sober.

NAME	HOME PHONE	CELL PHONE
Eric Castano*	(562) 493-5465	(323) 537-0927
Joe Collins	(320) 684-4008	(909) 240-0509
Bob Ghan		(714) 916-3299
John Heckman	(661) 272-5756	
Kathy King		(714) 323-8600
Chris Loomis	(626) 447-9011	(626) 230-3137
Ray Terhorst	(505) 705-5656	
John Valencia	(909) 599-1160	(951) 316-3633
Marty Weirich	(360) 570-1216	

\*Active LASD

sure this is a job that many coaches could only dream of having, and Sarkisian lost this prime spot due to alcohol.

As an employee of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, we don't get that many chances: two DUIs and you are out. Sworn employees and security officers carrying or handling any firearm while on or off duty shall not consume any intoxicating substance to the point that the employee is unable to or cannot exercise reasonable care or control of his/her firearm.

Know your limit. How much do you plan on drinking? Do you have a plan to stay in control? Make sure you can stop drinking after two drinks, instead of continuing to drink until the bar closes or the party is over. Know how you

will get home. Know who will be watching your back. You have to ask yourself these questions before the partying starts.

Working in law enforcement is very different than other professions; when we get into trouble our captain has to pick us up ... pretty embarrassing. Possibly the longest ride ever.

If you think someone is heading in the wrong direction, turn them around and have that talk with them. If they don't listen, that's on them. Remember, you should at least try. And if it sounds like it describes you, have that talk with yourself and maybe even someone that you trust. Then check out the list of names listed above and make a phone call that can change the course of your life and career. ☆

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room, the parking lot and her car. She was so desperate to find her ring that she was ready to order a lockdown at MCJ. Who can blame her? A diamond is a girl's best friend, not to forget the sentimental attachment. After hours of looking, Tunisia called me, all excited that she found her ring. I could hardly wait to hear the story. Tunisia walked into the senior office, placed her water bottle in front of me and said, "It's right there!" I looked at the water bottle and did not see anything, and now I was thinking she was testing my skills. She then showed me that her ring was stuck in the neck of her water bottle. It was there the whole time. So being the inquisitive one, I had to ask how. Tunisia explained that her water bottle had a crease/dent in it (and it bothered her), so she stuck her finger with the

ring on it into the bottle to pop out the dent and somehow it got stuck when she removed her finger. I have no comment, except for "I'm glad Tunisia found her ring."

Remember, I am only reporting "just the facts." Your partners are making you "stars." Good luck to all of those taking the sergeants exam.

We wish all those out on injuries a healthy recovery and hope to see you back soon!

Since it's Christmastime, we thought we would have some fun. We came up with a few holiday characters that seem to match some of our personnel. Here are the characters:

- The Three Wise Men: Lieutenant Tony Baudino, Sergeant Ismael Flores and Deputy Anthony Rodriguez (he is wise to stick to his DJing)

- Scrooge: Senior Deputy Gerald Dolen
- The Grinch: toss-up between Deputies Brian Guthrie and Bill Hill
- Jack Skeleton: toss-up between Sergeant Warren Lee and Matthew Clauss
- The Gingerbread Man: Deputy Richard Martinez
- Jack Frost: Deputy Mark Lockhart

The men and women at Men's Central Jail have been working their tail ends off with this overtime and schedule. Many of us will be working during the holidays. Please take a moment and enjoy your holiday with your family, loved ones and friends. They are our #1 fans!

Until 2016, stay safe and stay tuned for more Bauchet Street news. *Happy holidays to you and your families!* ☆

# FROM THE DOCS

## YOU REALLY CAN FEEL FULL AND SATISFIED WHILE LOSING WEIGHT!

By Sara Butte, Ph.D.

Two out of every three Americans are considered to be overweight or obese. The common advice to just “diet and exercise” sounds so simple, but that advice can seem impossible to many who struggle with frequent feelings of hunger and cravings. We already know that some people engage in behaviors (spending, gaming, gambling, sex) or use substances (alcohol, pain pills, marijuana) to excess where it significantly harms them either financially, occupationally, socially or personally, and yet they continue to engage in or use them. Increasingly, we’re hearing how certain foods and food additives can produce powerful cravings like those experienced by people who are in the grip of addiction.

The fast food industry has long known about the deadly but incredibly delicious trifecta of salt, fat and sugar, which, when combined, create an unnatural explosion of tastiness and temporary satisfaction (before the blood sugar crash). Not only does your brain scream out for more, but because the satisfaction is so instant and intense, natural treats like dates and other fruit just pale in comparison.

There’s a strong relationship between our brains and our bodies, each one constantly affecting the other, back and forth. As an example, have you ever been amazed at how much pizza or spaghetti you

could eat if you allowed yourself to dig in? These foods seem so heavy and dense that it just doesn’t seem to make sense. Well, here’s part of the answer: When you eat simple carbohydrates like white bread, white rice and pizza dough, your digestive system begins to secrete a hormone called ghrelin. This hormone sends a message to your brain that you’re hungry. Think about this: The definition of an appetizer is “a food or drink usually served before a meal to stimulate the appetite.” What is typically served at restaurants before a meal? Bread! The restaurant owners want you to get hungry and order more food! In addition, sugar assists with releasing dopamine in the brain, another feel-good chemical, and salt enhances all the good flavors. Especially for people who have difficulty controlling their food choices and intake, the more refined sugar, simple carbohydrates, fat and salt consumed, the greater the cravings and the sooner fatigue and hunger will set in. So if you are including simple carbs, refined sugar, unhealthy fats and chemically enhanced flavorful food into your diet, you will most likely be battling frequent cravings, bouts of fatigue and hunger pangs.

Two of the biggest reasons why people don’t stick to their diets are feeling too hungry and rarely feeling satisfied (and it’s so much harder if you’re not

experiencing satisfaction in other areas of your life). You’ve probably heard of LASD’s annual Battle of the Badges, a competition that is waged with the assistance of Lindora Weight Loss Centers. Many Department members have experienced success with losing weight and maintaining healthy eating habits by using this program. It may sound unbelievable that eating certain foods and avoiding others will drastically cut your cravings, hunger and fatigue and give you that satisfied feeling, but I encourage you to try it for one week and see how you feel — then you be the judge. Your weight loss efforts will be greatly enhanced by learning to identify your food triggers and how to avoid some and plan for others; replacing negative thoughts with constructive ones; managing your stress, anxiety, and anger; getting consistently good enough sleep; and staying hydrated. If working on all of these areas sounds overwhelming, professional weight loss programs (like Lindora) are knowledgeable and effective at helping you to address these potential diet saboteurs.

If you would like to learn more about weight loss or maintaining a healthy eating lifestyle, feel free to contact Employee Support Services Bureau and speak with a mental health professional. You can call (213) 738-3500 for a consultation or a confidential appointment. ☆



## The Chaplain’s Notebook

By Chaplain Jeffrey Eaton  
Palmdale and Lancaster Stations

### THE HUSTLE AND BUSTLE OF THE HOLIDAYS

Once again, my favorite time of year is upon us. Yes, the holiday season is here and the new year is just around the corner. People are busy shopping and getting things ready for spending time with family and friends. The lines are long, and traffic is heavy.

Some people enjoy the holidays and some detest them. Working parents need to find babysitters to watch the kids while school is out. Some people are worried about their bills as they go around spending extra money on gifts and travel expenses. Others worry about the lack of money from their jobs shutting down during the holidays.

I find myself sometimes overwhelmed with all the things I need to do. Taking care of the things around the home, getting the shopping done and still trying to find time to do my own work is not always easy ... Let’s just say that the holidays can be a time of great enjoyment, but they also can be a time of great stress. Sometimes you just have to stop and take a breath.

You can find yourself easily getting into the hustle and bustle and the stress of the holidays. After all, we are doing for others. Yet there is a time that we must come to realize, “Hey, I’m only human, and I can only do so much before I break down.”

In the second and third verse of the 23rd Psalm it says, “He makes me to lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul.” Notice God makes me to lie down, that it is

not He allows me to lie down. God realizes that we are a busy lot and He wants us to see that we are not only made to work and take care of the things around us, but that we are also to just stop every now and then and rest, allowing our bodies and minds to reboot. For me that is just sitting down with a good book and relaxing for a while. For others it may just be stopping and sitting in front of the fireplace and having a warm cup of hot chocolate milk. Whatever it is that you like to do to just relax, do it when you can and you’ll find yourself ready to face all the things that the holiday season throws your way.

**How can I contact a chaplain?** Chaplains are available at their unit of assignment, or by calling the Employee Support Services Bureau at (213) 738-3500. ☆



By Paul Schrader  
Parks Bureau

## TRUE HERO

In September 2015, at East Shore RV Park, San Dimas, a male adult passed away from natural causes due to medical issues. Parks Bureau deputies and security officers arrived at the location to further investigate the death. When they arrived, they noticed the deceased man's 2-year-old daughter and 4-year-old son in the trailer home with him. It was estimated they had been inside the home for over eight hours without being cared for after he'd passed away.

When Parks Bureau Security Officer Jesse Rivera saw the two children inside the home, he assisted in removing them from the scene. Neither of the children realized that their dad had passed away, and they were in need of grooming, food and water, which Officer Rivera located inside the home.

Officer Rivera sat the children on a blanket outside of the home, where he fed them and changed the 2-year-old's diaper (see photo). He stayed with the children, ensuring they were safe and taken care of, until their mother arrived to get them.

Great job, Security Officer Jesse Rivera, for showing the true and caring heart of the men and women of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

## RETIREE SERGEANT BRUCE WALDO

I must say "happy trails" to another friend who has retired from LASD: Bruce Waldo, who isn't just a friend, but more of a brother.

Bruce and I have history; and when I say history, I mean history. By the way, I recruited Bruce to join LASD, back in 1984, but that's a different story.

I first met Bruce while we were in the Marine Corps in 1983. When we first saw each other, we wanted to kill one another, but over time we became good friends. Bruce got out of the Marines one year prior to me, in 1984. At the time, I was in the background process to hire on with LASD and convinced Bruce (who was going to college and working at a gas station) to apply. At that time, the STARS Center had just opened and Bruce lived one mile from there. He applied and was hired a few months later, joining Class #223, as I went through Academy Class #228.

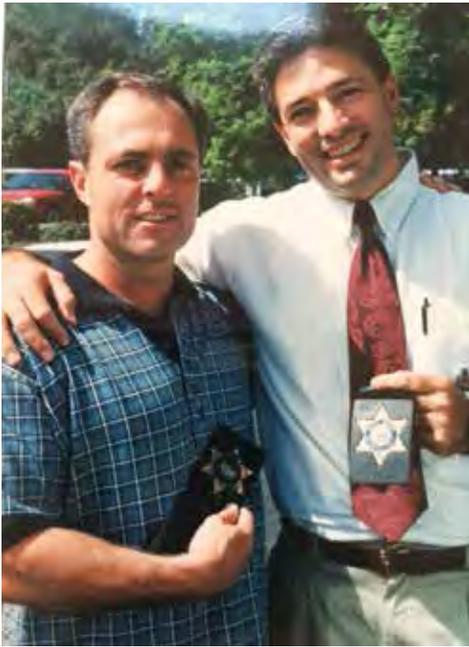
Later, I helped Bruce move from one apartment to another, and celebrated with him and his wife after they had their first son. I worked with Bruce at MCJ. He was on LASD's boxing team for several years. Bruce always worked out and stayed in shape. He went to college and received a master's degree in

administration. Bruce was a cop's cop, spending many years working patrol at Firestone and ultimately working Parks Bureau. During his career, Bruce worked as a training officer, station detective, narcotics detective and sergeant. He also spent a few years as a director at ALADS.

Bruce has a passion for helping homeless people and animals. Many times I've observed Bruce call relatives of homeless people, letting them know that their loved one was OK or connecting them with each other. Bruce also went a step further to ensure that animal control responded to stray animals, and he would help catch the ones that seemed in dire straits. He devoted his time and money to both causes.

In his later years, Bruce and his wife adopted a beautiful little girl, and named me as her godfather.





Well, this year Bruce retired. He didn't want a party, but Captain Holly Perez met with him for lunch in Long Beach, giving him a few parting gifts (see photo on previous page).

Bruce is a great friend, brother and leader. We have had a chance to witness greatness.

### **ANTONOVICH TRAIL DUSTERS RIDE**

On October 18, Captain Holly Perez, along with Parks Bureau's Mounted Enforcement Detail, rode at the annual Antonovich Trail Dusters Ride in La Cañada Flintridge. Also at the event was founder/Los Angeles County Mayor Michael D. Antonovich and members of the Department of Parks and Recreation. This three-hour ride is a fun day of relaxing on horseback while gaining a deeper appreciation of the County's trail system. The event concluded with a traditional barbecue and live country-western music!

The Antonovich Trail Dusters Ride began in 1992, and its popularity led to it being scheduled as a twice-yearly event. A fundamental purpose of the ride is to promote public awareness of the County's magnificent system of multi-use trails, which feature connections to other municipal trail systems and provide outdoor enthusiasts with a full range of recreational opportunities.

### **MERRY CHRISTMAS**

I hope that everyone who reads this *Star News'* award-winning author's article gets their Christmas wish and more. I would like to dazzle you with a few facts about Christmas.

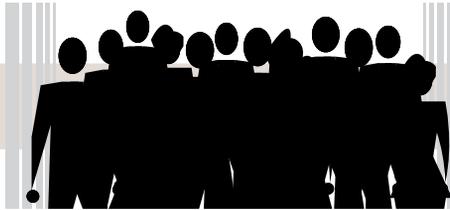
Did you know that the Christmas tree made its way to America in the 1830s? However, it did not become popular until 1846, after Germany's Prince Albert brought it to England when he married Queen Victoria. The two were sketched in front of a Christmas tree and the tradition instantly became popular. Royal fever was real, even back then!

Did you know that the first batch of eggnog in America was crafted at Captain John Smith's Jamestown settlement in 1607? The name eggnog comes from the word "grog," which refers to any drink made with rum.

Good morning, and in case I don't see ya, good afternoon, good evening and good night!

Members of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Parks Bureau provide law enforcement services to 177 County parks, golf courses and special event venues throughout Los Angeles County. For more information about Parks Bureau, go to one of the following: website at [www.Parks.lasd.org](http://www.Parks.lasd.org); Facebook at [www.facebook.com/LASDParksBureau](http://www.facebook.com/LASDParksBureau) or Twitter at [@ParksLASD](https://twitter.com/ParksLASD). ☆





# PEER SUPPORT PROGRAM

By Mike Rodi

Hello everyone. I hope all is well.

Grief is something we see a lot of in a law enforcement career and in life. Sometimes it's on the job with people we don't know, and sometimes we see it in our personal lives.

Grief will touch all of us at some point in time. While there is no "right" way to grieve, you may experience all of the phases listed here or maybe just one or two. Whichever way it affects you, knowing what is happening (or may happen) during the grieving process may help you endure the painful times. Some of the common phases of grief are:

- Shock. The first response to a loss is sometimes called shock.
- Denial. Hard on the heels of shock can come denial.
- Anger. Anger is also a normal response.
- Guilt. Guilt can occur for a variety of

reasons; it is blaming turned inward. The terrible tragedy of suicide often compounds guilty feelings.

- Sadness. When numbness wears off and anger has been exhausted, sadness or depression may arrive.
- Tears. Perhaps crying is not your style. A man reared in the typical masculine image often will not. However, tears are usually a helpful release.
- Acceptance. For some, spiritual beliefs may help.
- Growth. Time alone won't heal grief. You have to deal with it and work through it. In the process, you can actually turn grief into personal growth.

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By Cynthia S. Fortier  
Scientific Services Bureau

## THE CRIME LAB

Greetings from the Crime Lab! This article is highlighting our Biology Section. Who knew that the marriage of science and technology would assist in creating many facets of the crime-fighting tools we use today? Our Biology Section is a major byproduct of this. Over the years, it has been on target with advancements in blood/DNA usage. As a result, it has assisted in connecting and solving all types of crimes, ranging from burglary to rape and murder; identified missing persons; and assisted in exonerating the innocent.



## INTRODUCTION TO FORENSIC BIOLOGY (PART 1 OF 2)

*Contributed by Supervising Criminalist Bryan Edmonds*

**Forensic Biology:** The Forensic Biology Section analyzes items of evidence for the presence of body fluids and performs DNA analysis. The section handles a vast array of different types of evidence associated with homicides, sexual assaults, burglaries, robberies and other related crimes. In addition, members of the section respond to crime scenes, where they are trained to identify, document and collect evidence associated with body fluids, hairs and/or fibers, and impression evidence.

**Screening:** The three major types of body fluids that are screened for in the Biology Section are blood, semen and saliva. There are additional tests available for other body fluids, such as urine, but those tests are mostly reserved for special types of crimes (243.9 PC cases). Once a particular body fluid is detected on an item of evidence, it is removed and forwarded to DNA analysis.

**DNA Analysis:** DNA analysis is a very sensitive process that involves special care. Individuals are required to wear gloves and a face mask at all times when handling items associated with DNA analysis, to avoid contamination. Contamination can be defined as the introduction of foreign DNA onto an item of evidence. Contamination can occur at the crime scene or at the laboratory if proper measures are not taken or followed. It is imperative that you always wear gloves and, if available, a face mask when handling items for DNA analysis.

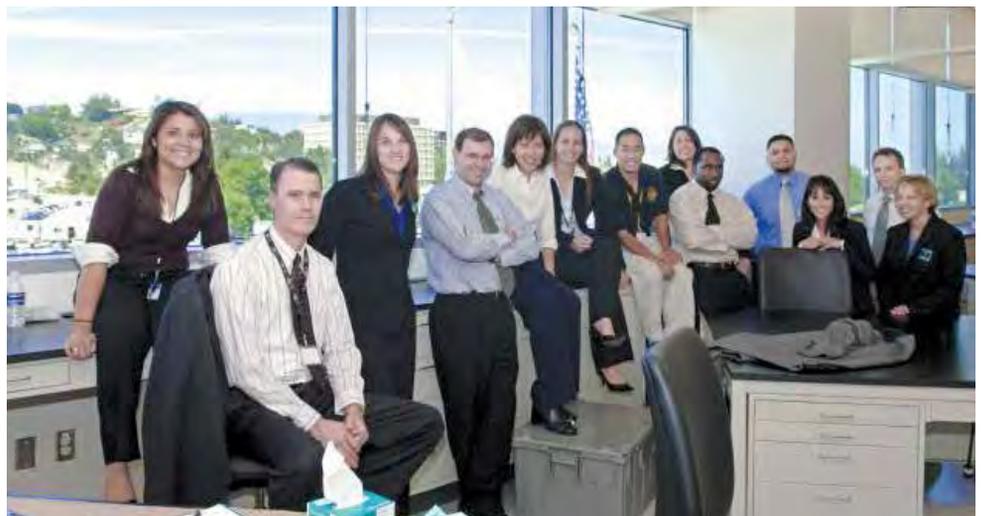
The four steps involved with DNA analysis are extraction, quantitation, amplification and typing.

1. During the extraction stage, several chemicals are added to an evidence sample containing a body fluid. These chemicals break open the cells that are present in the sample and release the DNA within the cells.
2. The quantitation step is performed to determine how much DNA has been recovered from an evidence sample.
3. The amplification step involves making millions of copies of specific areas of DNA that differ between individuals. This step is often likened to Xeroxing due to the nature of the copying process.
4. The last step, DNA typing, involves running the DNA sample onto a special instrument that produces a DNA profile containing specific genetic markers associated with the evidence item.

After the DNA process is completed, the DNA profile from the evidence sample is compared to the DNA profile from the victim or suspect DNA reference samples to determine the source of the DNA. The submission of a victim or suspect reference sample is critical so that the proper comparison and conclusion can be made for the laboratory report.

**CODIS:** The Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) is a database that contains the DNA profiles from crime scene samples, convicted offenders, unidentified human remains, missing

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persons and relatives of missing persons. In addition, California also has access to an arrestee database. The national CODIS database, which links all state databases together, is maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and the state database is maintained by the California Department of Justice (CA DOJ). The database allows for the searching of DNA profiles from evidence samples to the arrestee and convicted offender databases to determine if an unknown DNA profile from a crime scene sample matches a DNA profile within the state or national databases. The searches are performed on a weekly basis, and if an evidence sample matches a sample within the databases, it is considered a "DNA hit." Once a DNA hit occurs, the convicted sample or arrestee sample is rerun for verification purposes. Once the sample has been rerun and verified, pertinent information, such as the name, DOB and CII # of the individual, is provided to the investigator of the case. Important note: Because the CODIS database is maintained by the CA DOJ at the state level and the FBI at the national level, laboratory personnel do not have access to the DNA profiles within the databases. Therefore, a new reference sample from the suspect must be submitted to the laboratory for a direct comparison to the evidence sample once a "DNA hit" letter has been sent to the investigator.

*The next article, Part 2, will include a DNA historical timeline, LASD's first DNA cold case hit and recommendations for DNA collection.*

**DNA NEWS**

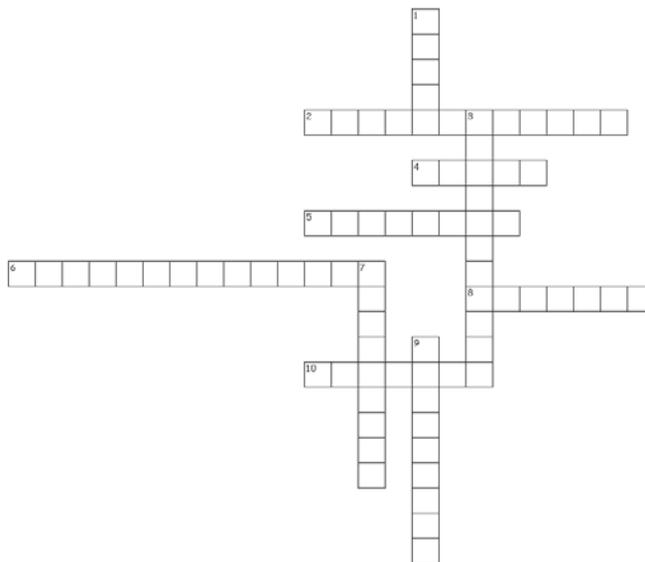
The FBI published corrected genotyping discrepancies found in the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS). Since the DNA frequency or profile probabilities generated by the LASD-SSB Biology/DNA Section are clearly reported as estimates, we believe these changes are negligible and agree with the FBI's view that these discrepancies are "unlikely to materially affect any assessment of evidential value." Consequently, it is not necessary to recalculate any statistical estimates previously reported. However, we have updated our statistical calculations to amend the corrected genotyping discrepancies.

**ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES**

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Matthew Quon, who was hired as a crime laboratory technician assigned to our Biology Section, and a welcome back to Senior Criminalist William Haynes, assigned to our Biology Section.

Lastly, we wish the very best to Sergeant Marc Verlich in his new assignment in Alhambra Court Services.

**CRIME LAB CROSSWORD PUZZLE**



**Across**

- 2. Friction ridge skin on your distal phalanges
- 4. A fluid that circulates in the body, bringing nourishment and oxygen and taking away waste
- 5. The act of asking something
- 6. The management of an organization
- 8. Another name for liquor
- 10. The study of living organisms

**Down**

- 1. Matching miscellaneous evidence left behind
- 3. Taking pictures
- 7. Another name for drug
- 9. Another name for papers

Answers: Across 2. Fingerprints 4. Blood 5. Question 6. Administration 8. Alcohol 10. Biology Down 1. Trace 3. Photography 7. Narcotic 9. Documents

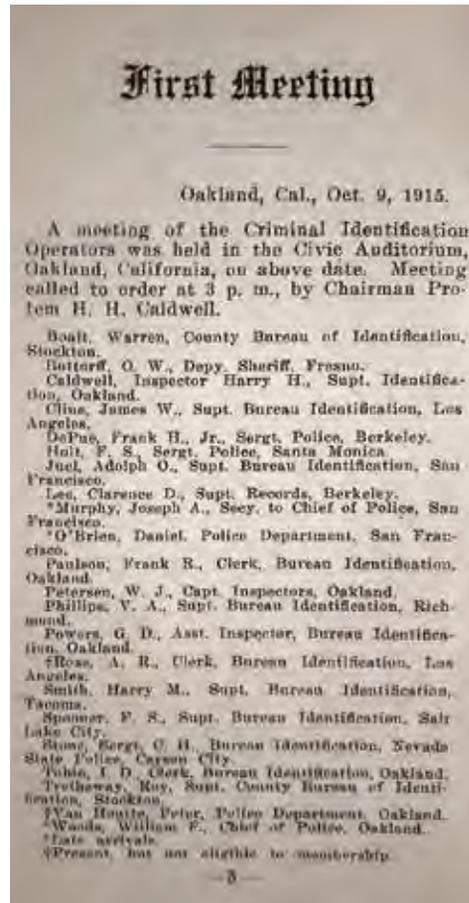


**OUR BAKER TO VEGAS TEAM (LARCL)**

2016 will make our fourth year running as the only dual-agency team in the Baker to Vegas relay race, the Los Angeles Regional Crime Lab. We have LAPD and LASD runners to represent our dual-occupied crime laboratory at the Hertzberg-Davis Forensic Science Center. Our current team number is 203; however, our times have been improving every year. Look out, the lab rats are coming!

**100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION (1915-2015)**

In 1915, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department founded the Bureau of Identification. The superintendent of our Bureau of Identification was a man by the name of James W. Cline. The Sheriff at the time was John C. Cline. James W. Cline and A.R. Rose, a clerk of the LASD Bureau of Identification, were in attendance at the first International Association of Identification the same year, in 1915. We celebrate our humble beginnings to all the facets of identification we have available today. RIB (Records Information Bureau), SSB (Scientific Services Bureau) and LACRIS (Los Angeles County Regional Information System) celebrate our 100th anniversary! ☆



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# THE HOMICIDE LOG

By Dave Coleman  
Homicide Bureau

## THE DEAD SHEET

As we approach the holiday season, we're pleased to announce that the "Dead Sheet" is back! We were gone for a bit but hopefully not forgotten. Since our last article, a lot has changed here at Homicide Bureau and over time, we'll try to get you caught up on all our happenings.

Perhaps the biggest news for those who may not know — we've moved! After years of rumor and promises of a "permanent" home, we finally left our digs at 5747 Rickenbacker Road in Commerce and moved to a spacious, modern building in Monterey Park. For those who can recall, somewhere around 1988, the Homicide Bureau left the Hall of Justice following the Whittier earthquake and moved into "temporary" quarters on Rickenbacker Road. Although never intended to be a permanent location for the Homicide Bureau, investigators called it home and the building took on its own character and ambiance, full of memorabilia, files, evidence and lots of stories. That being said, it was a momentous undertaking to locate a facility that could not only meet our physical storage

needs, but also provide housing for a Bureau full of Type A personalities and egos!

In April of this year, the personnel of the Homicide Bureau left behind what we called home, and moved to 1 Cupania Circle in Monterey Park. After months of emptying desks, locating evidence, boxing files and finding things that had disappeared for "a while," the weekend came, and the move was made flawlessly, without a hitch. Imagine, if you will, trying to identify, document and memorialize reports, files and evidence that truly go back to 1850. The Homicide Bureau captain at the time, Rod Kusch, had shown up for about a day before the move and claimed the new facility as his own — his greatest accomplishment and legacy! Seriously, such a move required the skills and dedication of all of the Homicide Bureau personnel: investigators, security officers and the incredible efforts of the professional staff.

As we settle into the new facility, we find ourselves with a new unit commander, Captain Steven Katz, whom we welcome back. Steve was a highly regarded (former) investigator here, and we're glad to have him back. As previously mentioned, Rod Kusch accomplished his mission, made the move,

and promoted to commander. We are happy to say that Rod not only made his mark here at the Bureau, but stays involved as our commander in Detective Division. For those of you who are not familiar with Monterey Park, we are directly across from ALADS and share the parking lot. Feel free to stop in and see what your high-tech, state-of-the-art Homicide Bureau looks like!

As we near the end of the year, I'm reminded that Baker to Vegas is quickly approaching. Start stretching, break out the funky running clothes and get ready for all the Mug Runs; ours will be January 30 in the new year. As always, look forward to the Baker to Vegas after-race breakfast, which we host yearly. We'll be seeing old and new friends alike following the race.

Again, as the holidays approach, we hope that you all enjoy your time with friends, family and our LASD family. For all of you who, like us, work 24/7 and the holidays, we thank you for your service and all that you do! From all of the "dogs" here at Homicide, we extend a great deal of thanks and gratitude. We couldn't do the work we do without the extraordinary efforts you make daily. Be safe! ☆

## *Sheriffs' Relief Holiday Hours*

**The Emporiums** at STARS Center and PDC will be closed Friday, December 25, 2015, through Monday, January 4, 2016. Both locations are scheduled to reopen on Tuesday, January 5, 2016.

**Sheriffs' Relief Foundation:** The last day to request checks will be Monday, December 28, 2015; deposits must be received by Tuesday, December 29, 2015, at noon. The Foundation will again accept requests starting Monday, January 4, 2016, at 1 p.m.

**Loans:** The last day to request loan checks will be Monday, December 28, 2015; payments must be received by Tuesday, December 29, 2015, at noon. Requests will be accepted again starting Monday, January 4, 2016, at 1 p.m.

**Tickets:** The last day to purchase tickets in-house will be Wednesday, December 30, 2015. Sales will resume on Monday, January 4, 2016.

**Sheriffs' Relief offices** will close at noon on Thursday, December 24, 2015, and will be closed all day for Christmas on Friday, December 25, 2015, and New Year's Day on Friday, January 1, 2016.



By Mike Marion

Pitchess Detention Center, South Facility

## INS AND OUTS

It's been a while since I've had the chance to put out an article, so there's been some movement to get caught up on. We need to say a heartfelt goodbye to Captain Chuck Antuna, who left us for Men's Central Jail. You still are one of the best, and you'll be missed by the entire staff. At least MCJ gains a great unit commander.

On the flip side, we welcome in our new captain, Vince Callier, from IRC. Once he walked in the door, Captain Callier set his ground rules and priorities. One of the first items on his agenda was to dominate at the Chili Cookoff ... FTF.

## TALK OF THE TOWN

Captain Callier put Lieutenant Pilar Chavez in charge of coming up with a theme for PDC South's booth for the Chili Cookoff. A western theme was

decided on, and Deputy Peacock was soon tasked with all the carpentry work in creating "Rattler's Saloon." And a fine job he did. Deputy Kinsey mustered up some great cowboy outfits for everyone, and Deputy Bolander started brewing up enough chili to feed a brigade of hungry prospectors.

It was great seeing all the pieces come together the day of the event. Everyone had a great time, and it appears we blew the competition away. We got many compliments on our booth, which seemed to be the center of attention. PDC South took home awards for the *Best Overall Booth*, as well as the *Grand Master* top overall chili.



Apparently, no unit has ever taken home both top awards in the same year before, yet here's PDC South Facility making history ... and setting the

new standard even higher. The captain was very pleased at his team's efforts and thus, Lieutenant Chavez gets to keep her job for a little while longer.

We would still like to acknowledge and thank all the other units and wide variety of creative booths we saw. The overall intent was to have a great family day with great photo opportunities, great food, fun and to support a great and charitable cause, the Special Olympics and Law Enforcement Torch Run.

Thanks everyone, see you next year — and don't do a cowboy theme next year, we already killed it! The accompanying pictures are courtesy of Deputy Cameron Kinsey and Lieutenant Chavez.

## ANOTHER FAREWELL

We would also like to say a farewell to Lieutenant Mike Modica, who left us for South L.A. Patrol Station. Mike, it's been a great couple years, and we've enjoyed all the war stories and things you've taught us, especially how to run things "red-lined, three quarts low." ☆



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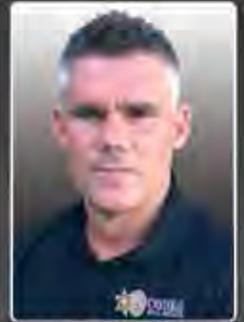
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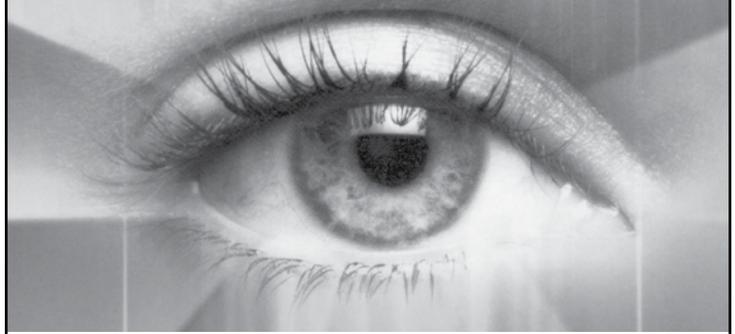


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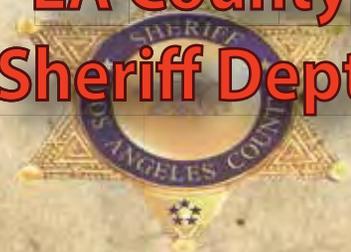
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