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# Trustees Monthly Meeting

The regular meeting of the Sheriffs' Relief Association convened on Wednesday, January 11, 2012, at 11515 Colima Road, Whittier. The following officers and trustees were present: Jake Katz, President; Andrew Thompson, Vice-President; Arthur Herrera, Secretary-Treasurer; Trustees Paul Drake, Joseph Fennell, Thomas Laing, John McBride, Richard Maradiaga, Raymond Peavy and Josie Woolum; Robert Ciulik, General Manager; and Carrol Leonard, Assistant General Manager.

The meeting was called to order at 4:45 p.m. A motion was made by Trustee Thompson, seconded by Trustee Peavy and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2011, Board meeting and the November Foundation expenditures.

## COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications other than Christmas cards received during the month of December.

## BENEVOLENT REPORT

MORTUARY BENEFITS PAID DURING DECEMBER: \$16,000

MORTUARY BENEFITS PAID DURING THE YEAR 2011: \$600,790

## EMPORIUM REPORT

The year-end physical inventory was very positive and the Emporiums are anticipating a good sales year as a result of all the Department's hiring.

## LAWS & LEGISLATIVE REPORT

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for March 15, 10 a.m. The monthly meeting for March is canceled.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

A total of 22 new membership applications were received during the month of December. A motion is required to accept these new applications. A motion was made by Trustee Thompson, seconded by Trustee Herrera and unanimously carried to accept the following new members:

Tatevik N. Bagdasarian, Noemi Casillas, Bryan O. Cendejas, Angelo Cristobal, Giovanni S. Gonzalez, Jessie M. Ingram, Andrew R. Kelly, Dolores C. Lopez, Bettie M. Luskleet, Chad S. Magdalik, Conrad Meredith, Colonel Mitchell, Elsa A. Moreno, Cassandra R. Pollard, Michelle L. Rhodes, Efrain A. Rodriguez, Thomas Sabatini, Saro Sepanian, Christine Sessman, Navid Tayebi, Steven A. Velasquez, Jr. and Giles G. Wright.

There were 13 new retirees, two deaths of retired members, two cancellations of active membership, five new honorary associate members, one reinstatement of retired membership and five members who resigned, were discharged or transferred from the Sheriff's Department during the month of December.

## SHERIFFS' RELIEF FOUNDATION REPORT

General Manager Ciulik advised the Board that substantial donations to the Foundation were received from retired member James White and from Mark Deitch, owner of Trade News International, Inc., the publisher of the *Star News*.

A request was received from a retired member regarding a 12-year-old friend of her daughter who lost her life in a house fire. A motion was made by Trustee Thompson, seconded by Trustee Peavy and unanimously carried to make a donation to assist with funeral expenses.

## NEW BUSINESS

Assistant General Manager Carrol Leonard shared with the Board that the Loan Corporation granted \$8,507,000 in loans to our members for the year 2011. Also, as of December 31, 2011, our outstanding loan balance was \$10,800,000. ☆



## Retired Deputies

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On January 4, at 11 a.m., the Hi-Desert Retirees got together for their monthly luncheon at *Carrows Restaurant* in Hesperia. Those attending were Gil Sherwood, Carol Engle, Ginger Cupkie, Edward Ballinger, Dick and Lue Obney, Rick Wright, Rick and Judy Greenwood, Bill and Marie Eden, Edward and Shirley Sznaper, Norman and Chickee Nelson, Woody and Liz Polidore, Joe and Sheila Ortiz. As usual, we ordered from the menu. They must have had a new cook because Joe, Liz and Ginger's meals were not eatable, so they were

not charged for the meal. A lot of gossip and laughter were going on. Ed Ballinger couldn't leave without telling a joke, and this was the first time he messed it up and missed the punch line. Come join us the first Wednesday of the month. Everyone is welcome.

On January 4, the Southern Oregon Law Enforcement/Fire Luncheon was held at the Grants Pass Elks Lodge. In attendance, and in rare form, were Bob Havercroft, Bill Patterson, Dale Yellin, Rufus Horne and Sue Maxwell. We shared our table with Jon Ainsworth, Simi Valley

P.D., and Chuck Mould, Contra Costa County S.O. Lunches are only \$10. Last luncheon was Wednesday, February 1. For questions, email Sue at [Jellybeansbobo@aol.com](mailto:Jellybeansbobo@aol.com).

On January 4, the Marshals Old-Timers/Retirees held its first luncheon of the year at *Johnny Rebs'* in Bellflower. Being the first of the year and so close to the holiday, the turnout was a bit smaller than usual. Having said that, I will say that there was quite a bit of merriment to be

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had. Maybe that was due in part to one long-lost and ever-vocal Dave Loupe, a 1990 retiree, showing up. Good to see you, Dave. Other true Marshals retirees included Al Blomker ('80), Eugene Swanston ('83), Ken Swann ('84) and John Davis ('92). Others in attendance were Al Barnett, Sam Combes, Richard Duran, Terry Black, Leslie Taylor and Richard Combs. Check the *Star News* for upcoming locations. All luncheons start around noon. Pat Holland also sends out a reminder. Notify Pat to get on the e-mail list at [pnjholland@aol.com](mailto:pnjholland@aol.com). — Terry

On January 9, the Lakewood ROMEOs gathered at *Super Mex* in the Lakewood mall. These folks attended: Jerry Berry, Ed Dahlstrom, Sandra Escandon, Les Fatone, Dennis Flinn, Ben Hilliard, Joel Johnsonbaugh, Bill Lee, Frank Matillo, Ron Morgon, Chickee and Norman Nelson, Liz and Woody Polidore, Robert Pryor, Don Reeves, Bill Richardson, Bill Snyder and John Witt. "Someone" said they saw Woody and Liz en route to the soiree, and since they weren't sure about how to get to the location this same person decided to follow Woody — big mistake, as this person soon discovered. It seems Woody, using his homing pigeon ability, soon navigated himself to *Fuddruckers*. To his benefit, he missed *Super Mex* by a mere 500 yards but he drove right past *Super Mex* to get to *Fuddruckers*. So, Woody ... just how is your vision these days? Luckily, we were self-seating in the restaurant, so Woody properly ensconced himself at the end of the tables, where he could try to remain somewhat anonymous. You folks who know him immediately recognize that it's impossible for Woody to lay low, regardless of his faux pas, and he didn't. We were all regaled with a story (all right, all right,

several stories then) from Les Fatone. He spoke eloquently in the way only Les can manage about his previous visit to the same *Super Mex* and the simply worst food he had ever been "forced" to consume. You see, he was starving, or so he said, but what he doesn't know is everybody knows he's too cheap to not eat what's been put in front of him. The other customers seated in the adjacent two buildings were appreciative of his crystal-clear voiced complaints. After we all ate and reached the maximum compression ratio, we parted with feelings of contentment in a well-spent association and in some cases perhaps some anticipated embarrassment of a public display of results of the aforementioned "compression ratio" comment. I remain Bill Richardson, for after all who else would I be?

On January 11, the Desert Heat got together for their monthly luncheon at the Lake Havasu Elks Lodge. Those present were Ed Ryan; Jerry Gillen; Claude Anderson, aka Wimpy, Claude the Fraud; Joan Day; Mike Robbins; Doug and Joyce Muchmore; Don and Susie Sackett; Wayne and Kathy Powell; Don and Sonia Liles; Bill and Donna Marquardt; Norman and Chickee Nelson; Steve Root; Linda Quinn; Bill Violette; Beth Dickinson; Mike Castorina; Dennis Wilson; Bob Stoneman; and Gus Carlton. We have a movie star in our midst. Wayne Powell was an actor in several movies, but his favorite part was to be on stage. He played in *Sunshine Boys*, *Midget and the Monkey*, *Before and After* and *Inherit the Wind*. He really enjoyed the live stage better than the movies. He was in *Music Man*, and a couple of commercials in San Diego. Back in the 1950s, he was paid \$20 for his performances. Way to go, Wayne. We need your autograph! If you are in the Lake Havasu area

on the second Wednesday, come join us at the Elks Lodge for lunch at 11:30 a.m., and we eat promptly at noon. The price has gone up 50 cents, so now we pay \$8.50 for a delicious meal, which includes tax and tip. You can't beat that!

On January 15, we gathered at *Rudy's Bar and Grill*, aka the Shack, in East Los Angeles for a Lobster Feast Luncheon; 114 retirees, family and friends attended this fabulous get-together. Too many people to list. Gil Carrillo masterminded this event. We all ate and drank until our stomachs were content. Storm Murcott flew in from Florida to attend this event. It was wonderful seeing everyone.

On January 18, the LASD Vegas Retirees got together at the *Blue Ox* on Sahara for their monthly luncheon. Those attending were John Essery; Bob Kuezera; Chickee and Norman Nelson; Sheila Fitzgerald; Thomas Lear; Nik McGraw; Ray Walker; Gary Griffith, who moved to Vegas in October 2011; Bob Catalano, visiting for a slot tournament; and John Hooge. We all talked and discussed the world's problems. We could solve them all if they let us! Hershel Aaron was out of the country so we missed him. Also, Tony Salas got an experimental treatment. Hope it worked out. If you are in the Las Vegas area for a tournament, R&R, visiting, live here or just passing through on the third Wednesday of the month, come on by the *Blue Ox* at noon for lunch.

On January 19, the Retired Deputies gathered together to have their quarterly luncheon at the Glendale Elks Lodge. We had a nice turnout even though Don wasn't at the luncheon because he had to go to a meeting with RELAC, so Woody Polidore took over for Don. Mary Anthony,

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## L.A. County Retired Marshals Lunches For 2012

ALL LUNCHES ARE SCHEDULED FOR 12 NOON

**March 7**

Elephant Bar  
12002 Lakewood Blvd.  
Downey

**April 4**

Northwoods Inn  
14305 Firestone Blvd.  
La Mirada

**May 2**

Yang Chow  
3777 E. Colorado Blvd.  
Pasadena

**June 6**

Hoff's Hut  
7005 Knott Ave.  
Buena Park

**July 11**

Johnny Rebs'  
16639 Bellflower Blvd.  
Bellflower

**Aug. 1**

Villa Tepeyac  
2200 East Garvey Blvd.  
West Covina

**Sept. 5**

Marino's Italian Restaurant  
17126 Bellflower Blvd.  
Bellflower

**Oct. 3**

Elephant Bar  
12002 Lakewood Blvd.  
Downey

**Nov. 7**

Northwoods Inn  
14305 Firestone Blvd.  
La Mirada

**Dec. 5**

Villa Tepeyac  
2200 East Garvey Blvd.  
West Covina





By Ray Cardenas  
Inmate Reception Center

**M**y apologies, I had a computer glitch and was unable to submit an article for the January issue, so it's time to do a little catching up.

## UNBELIEVABLE

As everyone knows, our Day Shift prowlers are the busiest of all three shifts, doing coffee runs, paramedic runs, coffee runs, rehab transports, chow runs, surrenders (did I already mention coffee runs?). Anyway, they tell me they are busy and I believe them. One day, our very own Deputy Kevin Jones offered to do a chow run just for me after learning my stomach was growling since I didn't get a chance to eat breakfast. He asked me what I wanted and I told him I was craving a hot BLT sandwich from *Subway* with mustard and mayo. Off he went without a peep and I couldn't wait until his return. When Kevin walked back into Main Control, I was standing there happily to greet and thank him for getting me something to eat. He handed me the sandwich and I noticed it seemed a little on the light side but shrugged it off. I quickly unwrapped the sandwich and took a bite but realized it was missing something. I opened up the sandwich and noticed my BLT was missing the LT. I asked Kevin what he had ordered and he stated, "Sarge, you said hot BLT with mustard and mayo only, and that's what I ordered." *Seriously?*

## THE VASQUEZES CALL IT A CAREER

IRC Head Custody Records Clerk Teresa Vasquez has decided to retire after more than 31 years of dedicated County service. Teresa, we would like to say thank you, and we wish you the best of luck in your many years of retirement life, enjoy. After 37 years with the County, five with the Audit Controller's Office and 32 with the Sheriff's, we say farewell to C/A Felipe Vasquez (no relationship to Teresa). Felipe started with the Department back in '75 as a Document Analyst Controller at the old IRC, then decided to become a Custody Assistant in '98. Felipe wrapped up his career in the Classification Unit working the work release and electronic monitoring programs. I knew Felipe for only a few months; he is quiet and reserved but with a very



pleasant demeanor. It was a pleasure conversing with him when I did. Felipe plans to do some relaxing, traveling and just enjoying his retirement years. A big bash was held in honor of Felipe to celebrate his retirement. Felipe, we hope you leave with fond memories and wish you the best.

## IRC IS TOP DOG

I apologize for taking so long to get this in, but last September, as promised, the IRC softball team put together a team of dedicated players who had their game faces on and were on a mission. They started tournament play on Friday by going up against COPS, Temple, Cerritos and ICIB. They were in a groove and were able to mercy everyone except Temple. Being undefeated and on a roll, they started the playoffs on Sunday with two wins against TTCF 2 and TTCF 1, winning both games again by mercy. They then faced MCJ but weren't able to secure a win and lost by two runs, forcing them to the losers' bracket. Now in the losers' bracket of a two-game elimination tournament, they once again went up against Temple but this time were able to win by mercy. Now playing against TTCF 1, it was a tough game and IRC found themselves down by eight runs in the last inning. With a no-quit attitude, they bounced back with a game-winning hit from Deputy Michael Stocz and pulled off their biggest win so far of the tournament. Their next game was for third or fourth place and they now had to face MCJ for the second time. This time, IRC came out

on top with a win by mercy. IRC found themselves right where they wanted to be but they had to beat Norwalk twice to bring home the championship since Norwalk was undefeated. With great defensive play from Deputy Joe "Vacuum Hands" Carbajal, Andrew "YaYa" Yanez, Free Agent Bryon Brooks and C/A Jonathan "Money" Cisneros, anything that came their way was an automatic out. IRC was able to pull off a victory by beating big, bad Norwalk and giving them their first loss of the tournament. Playing their eighth game of the day and 12th game overall, IRC did not let anything stand in their way of accomplishing what they set out to do and to let everyone know there is more than one top dog on the Department. IRC beat Norwalk 18-1 behind the heavy hitters of C/A Jonathan Cisneros, Thomas "Hollywood" Aragon and Deputy Eric Medina. Because of Thomas' outstanding play throughout the tournament he was awarded the MVP honor of the tournament. Congratulations to Manager Sergeant Martin Mercado, Eric Medina, Jonathan Branham, Joe Carbajal, Jonathan Cisneros, James Colbert, George Contreras, Steven Martinez, Michael Stocz, Andrew Yanez, Bryon Brooks and Steven Kenaley. It was a total team effort; great job, guys. Way to make IRC proud once again. The team would especially like to thank Sergeants Carrie Waugh and Vanessa Barnard, as well as Lieutenant Pat Libertone, for their fan support.

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Liz and Woody Polidore, Chickee and Norman Nelson, Thomas Lear, Rose and Dick Cesaroni, Gil Sherwood, Nancy and Floyd Johnson, Richard Smith, Dave Kading, Barbara and Cecil Sabatine, Bob Gonzales, Dale Johnson, Thelma and Dell Freeman, Jim White and Gordy Graybehl were here. Cheryl Moffat, our fabulous waitress, did an excellent job serving all of us all by herself. The meal was delicious. We had the drawing and 50/50. Cecil and Barbara were heading to Pechanga R.V. Resort in Temecula for a few days after the luncheon. Hope they broke the bank! Come join us on April 19 for our next Retired Deputies luncheon.

On January 22 to 26, the RELAC R.V. Group met at Pechanga R.V. Resort in Temecula. Monday night we had hearty hors d'oeuvres. Tuesday night we had potluck dinner, and Wednesday night we went to the casino for Ladies' Night Out. We had the 50/50 drawing. Richard and Marcia Cooper and Ed Clifton won the gas cards. Fourteen rigs attended. Jess and Phyllis Murph did a great job being Wagonmasters. Campout dates for 2012 are as follows: May 21-23, Lake Elsinore, hosts are Joe and Helen Quintana. September 10-12, Chula Vista, hosts are Hayhurst and Cerato. November 5-7, Indio, hosts are Ron and Betsy Morgon.

On January 25, Lakewood's Annual Luncheon was held at the *Elephant Bar* in the Lakewood mall; 63 people were in attendance. Too many to name. Keith Mohaghen donated 2012 Corian Coasters to the group. He always does such a marvelous job from Mo-Mentos MFG, 714-525-7485. Thank you again, Keith. Ike Sabean signed everyone in and passed out the coasters. It was great seeing people that you haven't seen in years and years. Catching up was the main theme of the day.

On January 26, Firestone Retirees got together at *Maggie's Pub* in Santa Fe Springs for their monthly luncheon. Attending were Jack Boberg, John Spiller, Jack Miller, Jack Buehn, Duke deDuBovay, Joe Castorina, Chuck Vaughn, Red Sickman, Chickee and Norman Nelson, Don Bricker, John Rodriguez, Sr., John Rodriguez, Jr., Chuck and Corky Jackson, Dick Howard, Ken and Madelyn Smith, Woody and Liz Polidore, Stu Reed and Armando Sainz. All dates will be on the fourth Thursday of every month except for the Christmas Luncheon, which will be on December 6, the first Thursday. Please note, nothing scheduled for July, August and November. February 23, March 22, April 26, May 24, June 28, September 27, October 25, December 6.

On January 27, the weather in the high desert was truly great. Maybe this accounts for such a small turnout for the A.V. retirees' monthly

breakfast? This weather is great for lazing around on the patio and enjoying a cool drink or traveling. Enjoy the weather for the moment, because it's for sure that it will shortly take a change. Although last night's temperature here at my home was 16 degrees, the daytime was really warm. Short-sleeve weather. The official temperature was 18 degrees. Sad to report that this month was on the melancholy side with the passing of retired Deputy Ron Thomason and retired Captain Gerald "Joe" Enger. Ron passed away in Las Vegas and he had requested no services. Joe Enger's service was well attended. He was given a full military funeral with a Marine Corps Honor Guard and gun salute. Joe is interred in the military section of Joshua Memorial Park in Lancaster. Attending the breakfast were Merv Neis; Jim Miller; Glenn Hutchinson; Pat Hood; Mary McKain; Vance Kirkpatrick; Ron Nybakken; Bob Wallace; and yours truly, Carlos Valdez. Jim Miller was visiting in the area from Texas and stopped by to enjoy breakfast with his old partners. On this day, we toasted Merv Neis with a happy 91st birthday. Aside from some lower-back and leg problems, Merv really looks, sounds and acts good. Bob Wallace is around 89, and even though he is receiving cancer treatments he still hits the golf links whenever he can. Don't know what their secret may be. Not much to report on this day, so until next month stay healthy, be safe and God bless. — Carlos

On May 10, 2012, the Police Unity Tour starts. The Police Unity Tour is a 250-mile bicycle ride to raise awareness for the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial and for officers who have been killed in the line of duty. This year, we will be honoring 164 fallen officers nationwide, of which 10 are from California. The Police Unity Tour starts on May 10, 2012, in Somerset, New Jersey, and ends at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C., on May 12, 2012. While in Washington, D.C., members of the LASD Police Unity Tour Team will participate in the Candlelight Vigil Ceremony and the Capitol Building Ceremony, where the President of the United States will be the keynote speaker. Over 1,500 riders and support personnel participate annually in this bicycle ride, and each one is responsible for raising \$1,800 in order to participate. Anyone interested in riding in the Police Unity Tour is encouraged to contact Deputy Joseph A. Rosalez at [Jarosalez@lasd.org](mailto:Jarosalez@lasd.org), or (951) 377-9127.

On June 17 to 22, the McArthur Reunion will begin at the International Campground in McArthur. You can contact Richard Smith for more details, (626) 444-0686.

On October 19, Serra Retreat is scheduled to commence.

In last month's article, I put out a list for the official days flags could be flown. May 15, Peace Officers Memorial Day (flags across the United States are to be flown at half-staff in remembrance of the law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty), was not in that official list that I was given. Thanks to one of our readers, they had that information and forwarded it to me. Thank you, DSG Lorenzo Rodriguez, Court Services and Custody Division. Retired 2003 and living in New Braunfels, Texas.

For your information! CPI nosedived in both November and December, with December being a negative 0.5 percent. This lowered the cumulative CPI for the year to 2.2 percent. We round to the nearest 0.5 percent, so this means that the cost-of-living allowance (COLA) retirees get this year will be 2 percent for all plans. Since Plan A members have a maximum COLA cap of 3 percent, those who retired PRIOR to March 21, 1986, have enough in their COLA banks to get the maximum 3 percent; everyone else, regardless of what plan they are in, will get 2 percent.

Please keep this information handy should any of you have a workers' comp problem when dealing with Tri-Star. Mr. James Deal, Claims Examiner II at Tri-Star, advised that the Branch Manager at Tri-Star, Ms. Karen Saturday, is now an additional contact person for those members who are having any type of problems with their workers' comp claims at Tri-Star. If you have a problem when dealing with Tri-Star and workers' comp issues, you can contact Karen and she will assist you in rectifying your problem. This contact is in addition to Lieutenant Val Rosario at the LASD Return to Work Unit. Lieutenant Rosario has assisted many of our members in rectifying problems involving Tri-Star. Both contacts are listed below: Lieutenant Val Rosario, [VRosari@lasd.org](mailto:VRosari@lasd.org), (626) 300-1900. Ms. Karen Saturday, Tri-Star Branch Manager, *Karen.Saturday@tristargroup.net*, (800) 782-5888 ext. 1683. Mr. Deal is also available to answer any general questions that members may have concerning workers' comp issues either by phone, mail or by e-mail. James Deal, Claims Examiner II, Tri-Star Risk Management, office: (949) 635-3125 ext. 1650, fax: (949) 766-4090, [James.Deal@tristargroup.net](mailto:James.Deal@tristargroup.net), mailing address: P.O. Box 19775, Irvine, CA 92623.

May we take time to be thankful for all that we have, especially our family, friends and retirement. Signing off, Chickee and Don ☆



# INDUSTRIAL STRENGTH

By Ramon Escamilla  
Industry Station

## PURPLE HEART

Every couple of years, those of us in patrol are required to attend Continuing Patrol Training, or CPT for short. If you have had the opportunity to participate in the latest version of this training in regard to the range portion, then you know the training has changed dramatically. We are now being trained not only to shoot from the inside of a radio car but to run with our partners while engaged in a firefight. Being the big department that we are, it sometimes takes certain deputies a bit longer to attend CPT than others, as is the case with the deputy I am about to introduce you to: Deputy Michael Lang, or Detective Michael Lang, as he would like to be addressed (and don't get me started on his current and cold case investigations due to or lack of AOIs and skid marks). Mike attended the training with Deputy Michael Finn (your name must be Michael to work traffic at this station) at the PDC range in beautiful Castaic. During the training, the Mikes learned about the new combat course and the communication tactics being taught. Move, moving and cover — seems easy enough, right? And in-between those commands, we get to shoot some rounds at posted targets. My informant, who is usually the star in many of my stories, provided me with details on how their training went. Seems Deputy Mike Lang had a problem exiting out of the patrol car, then made Deputy Mike Finn wait approximately five minutes to move to his cover before catching his breath and continuing with the course. My informant said approximately five minutes was being generous. While en route to his first position of cover, Deputy Mike Lang suffered a near career-ending injury when his right index finger was cut open when it was somehow stabbed by his duty weapon. Index fingers are important to traffic deputies since it is the primary finger they use to assist them in writing high volume of citations. Deputy Lang, being the trooper and former Marine that he is, soldiered on and continued with the course and completed it. He did man up and confirmed the training, although very beneficial, was tough to say the least. He said he wished he had taken his survival knife to the training so he could have sutured his finger because he was bleeding everywhere. In the end, all it took was some water, a Band-Aid and a kiss on his boo-boo from the range instructor to make it all better.



## THE NEW CENTURIIONS

We recently greeted some new trainees at our station with a visit on their last day of patrol school. Deputies Jennifer Lund, Gloria Sepulveda, Nelson Collado, Tim Wolford, Sean Johnson, Yaarsira Castanon, Jerry Tien and Claudia Ferreira transferred to Industry Station in December. Now, those of us in patrol can tell you without a shadow of a doubt our first month in patrol training was the hardest. No one comes to patrol knowing exactly everything, but the more you bring to the table the easier it is for you in the long run. I have always said patrol training is only as hard as you make it. If you prepared yourself for the Academy and bent over backward and jumped over hurdles to get this job, then the same effort should be made when preparing for patrol training. These deputies got a good taste of reality when their physical and mental abilities were put to the test. Some had problems manipulating fences and entering windows. Some were visibly exhausted after running and having to spar in the sea of blue. It is a very humbling experience, to say the least. For some it was easy, and for others it served as a reminder of where they are physically.



As of this month, they have all made some sort of adjustment to their personal lifestyles which will better their abilities in the field. I am writing this so that deputies preparing for patrol will start making those adjustments now as opposed to later, when it might be too late. These deputies, like many others in their patrol school and those who came before them, learned a valuable lesson. Mistakes can be made during scenarios in order to learn from them rather than being the example, but once you are in patrol your mistakes can be permanent.

## YEAR OF THE DRAGON

This Chinese New Year marked the return of the dragon. For those who do not follow the Chinese zodiac symbols, the dragon represents luck, prosperity, wealth and apparently rain. Lots and lots of cold, windy and heavy rain. Some of us were "lucky" enough to work overtime during the Chinese New Year celebration at the Buddhist temple in Hacienda Heights. Some of us brought rain gear and some of us improvised, as I direct you to the picture of Deputy Joe Nanquil. Joe's head managed to stay dry, but he ended up soaked like everyone else. Some of us did not have the luxury of being inside the command post or under an E-Z Up.

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### IRC 1ST ANNUAL BOWLING TOURNEY

IRC had a lot of first-time events last year, and we are continuing this tradition by hosting our 1st annual bowling tournament. It was a fundraiser for our B2V team with the tournament being held at the 300 Pasadena Bowl. It was a sold-out event with all lanes reserved just for us. We had a large turnout of bowlers and spectators, with everyone having a great time. All bowling teams had to come up with their own team names, captain approved of course, with some of the team names being very original. Some of the names were Minds in the Gutter, I Can't Believe It's Not Gutter, Triple X, Adam Henry, Split Happens and IRC Bone Givers, just to name a few. Best Original Costume went to Deputies Mike Alerich, Chris Barrios, Brock Betkey and Remin Pineda. Team High Score of the tournament went to team Pretend I'm Your Dad and Get me a Beer. The team consisted of Sergeants John Mosquera, Chris Berreras, John Steele and Sr. Larry Quirol. Individual



awards went to Most Splits — C/A Denise Lopez, Most Gutters — Deputy Woodrow Kim and Most Strikes — Deputy James Colbert.

### KUDOS

In November, Custody Assistants Carlos Perez, Moraima Valdez, Alma Godinez, Delilah Mitchell and Hector Gomez were awarded commendations for providing quality service in recognition of their dedicated

service they demonstrated while assigned to the Classification Unit. Their combined professionalism, along with following the Department's Core Values, assisted them in accomplishing their daily tasks as they



consistently displayed a high standard of professional conduct. They are all an important contributor to the success of the unit and the Department. Congratulations, everyone.

### IRC MOURNS

Mid-November, we were saddened to learn of the passing of Custody Records Clerk II Sarah Martinez. Inmate Reception Center offers our prayers and condolences to Sarah's son, Vincent, and her extended family. CRC II Mary Salazar from Document Control recently lost her cousin, USMC Corporal Phillip McGeath, who was killed in action while serving his country

in Kajaki, Afghanistan. Within two days, the IRC family collected enough money to secure a flight so Mary would be able to attend the funeral services in Arlington, Texas. Mary, on behalf of Captain Antuna and your IRC family, we would like to extend our heartfelt condolences to you and your family. To those who donated, you are simply *amazing!*

### PROMOTION

IRC lost a very valuable employee recently, and it will be very hard to replace him. You see, not only did Custody Assistant Raymond Ha work the Line, Classification Unit, Logistics and Operations during his eight-and-a-half years here, but he was also the go-to guy as he provided computer support for all of IRC. I can recall Raymond providing me with step-by-step instructions to recover an important document when I accidentally deleted it or forgot to save it. Raymond would even go as far as to assure me it wasn't user error, that there must have been a glitch with the program. I tended to believe him, LOL. Raymond applied for a position with DSB and was hired to be their

new Information Systems Analyst II. We are very happy for Raymond but sorry to see him leave. Raymond, we would like to thank you for your years of dedicated service, and we wish you nothing but the best in your new position. Come back for a visit when you can. Taking Raymond's place is Leo Mitchell. Leo, besides knowing computers, was also a sworn officer with the Office of Public Safety for 24 years during his lengthy career. His last patrol assignment was working in the San Gabriel Valley. Leo, I would like to welcome you to IRC.

Happy St. Patrick's Day, may the luck of the Irish always be with you.

Till next time. ☆



By Lee Davis  
Community College Bureau

Greetings from the College Bureau, and here's the 411 on everything.

## L.A. TRADE-TECH COLLEGE SHERIFF'S STATION

Before I get into the meat and potatoes of this month's article, allow me to give you a brief history of Trade-Tech College.

The history began shortly after the close of World War I, when members of the Los Angeles Board of Education, the Chamber of Commerce and business and labor leaders held a series of conferences to talk about Los Angeles' need for a centralized vocational training program. Out of those meetings came the initial concept of what would become Trade-Tech, modeled on a class in power sewing offered to downtown garment workers. By the end of 1924, training programs in "beauty culture," printing, plumbing and the building trades were offered at various locations around the city and briefly consolidated in a soon-to-be-outgrown building located at Eighth and Grand avenues. The school relocated to a new building at 1646 South Olive Street in 1926, and through the ensuing years gained a reputation for the success of its graduates in industrial careers, as well as the dedication of its faculty and staff.

The end of the war and the return to civilian economy, together with the infusion of federal funds for training veterans, led to an expanded demand for education and training at the college. In July of 1948, in response to veterans' retraining needs, as well as Los Angeles' post-war population boom, the college was granted the authority to expand their curriculum and offer an Associate in Arts degree in vocational disciplines, as well as academic and liberal arts areas. LATTC moved to its current location in 1957. In 1966, an existing educational institution with a strong business program, Metropolitan College, was merged with Trade-Tech, resulting in an even broader range of educational offerings. Finally, in 1969 LATTC joined the newly formed Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD), making LATTC one of the nine colleges that comprise the District. Trade-Tech occupies a unique position among institutions of higher education. Throughout eight decades, the college has remained true to its founding premise of vocational education, while expanding to provide transfer programs, adapt to rapidly changing



technologies and remain responsive to the needs of the surrounding community. Students come from all over the Los Angeles Basin to participate in our unique mix of programs, some of which have been in existence since the school's inception. As of Fall 2006, the campus is undergoing massive renovation and building programs under the auspices of Proposition A and AA bond funds, and we eagerly look forward to the next 80 years of community service.

Trade-Tech sits on a square perimeter that consists of Washington Boulevard, Grand Avenue, 26th Street and Flower Street. The Sheriff's Station is run by Team Leader Deputy Lavonce Jeffrey. He has a newly assigned PM Shift Deputy whose name is Martin Sepulveda. He also supervises 11 Sheriff's security officers which are spread throughout all three shifts. Sixteen LACCD employees have been assigned as cadets to assist him with regular duties and responsibilities. He is also given a District secretary to assist him with monitoring the cadet program. As far as policing this particular campus, it poses many challenges because of its location in the metropolis of Los Angeles, but the staff at this station does not shy away from a challenge. In my humble opinion, if it were not for the ongoing training here in the Bureau, I could not make that statement with confidence. The staff here has done an outstanding job when it comes to handling situations and

incidents that may arise. I can honestly say that they have learned a lot over the years, and because of their steadfast attitude and willingness to learn and accept constructive criticism they have made L.A. Trade-Tech a safer campus for the students to obtain that level of higher education. It goes without saying that this campus is one of the busiest in terms of law enforcement activity. This campus has earned several nicknames that I will not mention, but I will say that the staff that has been here since inception proudly works here and would not want to work anywhere else in the District. Most would run from the challenges that Trade-Tech poses; instead, they run to them.

Because of its geographical location, we have used this campus in the past to conduct major training exercises with multi-agency and jurisdictional components. The success of the training has undoubtedly helped in the preparedness of all that have attended. Deputy Jeffrey's unique style of communicating to his staff is very effective and beneficial to the everyday operation of the shifts. As the liaison between the Department and the L.A. Trade-Tech administration, their relationship is held together with a strong bond of respect. Stop by when you have the chance. They would love to give you a tour of the campus.

This is what we do and this is who we are ... Be safe till next time! ☆



Aerial view of the CFMB open house event.

## SHERIFF'S MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS UNITS

# ROLL OUT IN STYLE

BY SVEN CRONGEYER

On Wednesday, November 2, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Communications and Fleet Management Bureau (CFMB) showcased its shiny new fleet of mobile units and honored one of their own.



Commander Daryl Evans addressing the crowd.

Commander Daryl Evans and Captain Scott Edson welcomed guests and business partners to the event, which was held at the Sybil Brand Facility in East Los Angeles. Commander Evans noted that CFMB is proud of its good working relationships with companies such as Verizon, ATT, Motorola, Raytheon, Harris, Panasonic and CDCE.

Captain Edson was pleased to present Electronics Communications Technician (ECT) Raul Avila with the Technician of the Year award. ECT Avila and his co-workers will be tending to the new units which are equipped with the latest technology and have the capability to perform a variety of advanced communications functions. These special vehicles will assist field units on both large and small operations. Lieutenant John Gannon, who organized the event, manages the vehicles and makes sure that they remain operational and ready to respond to any emergency.



ECT Raul Avila receiving the Technician of the Year award from Captain Scott Edson.

### MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS UNITS STAND READY TO RESPOND

The flagship of the CFMB fleet is the Mobile Communications Unit – A (MCU-A). Known to the troops simply as “Station A,” this massive International truck contains work stations for two dispatchers, one technician and one supervisor. The vehicle's 45-foot antenna mast doubles as a surveillance camera platform. The truck can patch almost any government agency radio channel to any other agency with the help of sophisticated on-board computers and radios. Station A is completely self-contained, with its own generator, air conditioning and heating systems. Pass-through hatches allow for outside connections to be made on the fly. Exterior panels can be removed, allowing technicians easy access to equipment.



Interior view of Station A's communications equipment.

The dispatching environment at the Sheriff's Communication Center (SCC) was replicated inside Station A. Dispatchers actually feel as if they are working at SCC. The workstations are outfitted with high-quality headphones and push-to-talk foot pedals. Dispatchers have access to telephones and the Sheriff's computer aided dispatch (CAD) system just as they would at SCC. These services are made available via a secure wireless cell connection. In the event cell service is not available, the Internet and phones can be accessed via satellite connection. While Station A is designed to respond immediately from SCC to the scene of an incident, its big brother, “Station B,” is slower but packs a greater punch.

Officially titled MCU-B, Station B consists of two large trailers towed by a Sheriff's Department tractor. Its namesake was the original dispatch center located at the Hall of Justice many years ago. When the Sheriff's Communication Center was built in East Los Angeles, radio services staff moved across town and Station B was left behind and forgotten. The new Station B is still under construction, but when it is finished the *personnel* trailer will contain seven dispatch consoles,



MCU-B (Station B) is named after the original Sheriff's Department Dispatch Center at the Hall of Justice.





*Station A can be easily serviced from the outside.*



*Station A dispatch consoles.*

including all the equipment dispatchers need to do their job. In the future, personnel working in this trailer will have the ability to answer 911 calls, making it a perfect temporary backup to a disabled sheriff's or police station. The *equipment* trailer comes complete with technician work stations, bunk room/multi-purpose room, bathroom and kitchen area. Diesel generators and satellite access will round out the capabilities of this extremely valuable asset.

Joining the rest of the fleet are MCU-1 (Chevrolet Suburban), MCU-2 (Ford Excursion), MCU-3 (Ford E350 Van), MCU-4 (Dodge Panel Truck), MCU-5 (logistics trailer) and MCU-6 and 7 tractors to pull Station B. While MCUs 1 to 3 all have the ability to support communications in a similar fashion to Station A, MCU-4 is unique in that it is designed to create its own radio system in the event of a catastrophic communications failure.

The military-grade, electromagnetic pulse (EMP)-protected equipment in this vehicle uses high-frequency air waves, allowing it to communicate over great distances. The Communications Resource Emergency



*Deputies can easily access the equipment from slide-out trays on the MCU-1 and MCU-2.*

Workaround (CREW) equipment even includes the ability to send data and photos. If necessary, the MCU-4 can set up a temporary point-to-point High Capacity Line of Sight (HCLOS) microwave system, capable of sending high-speed data halfway across the County back to SCC.

This entire fleet of vehicles is intended for in-County, regional, statewide and national responses. If a local government's communication systems were to be destroyed, as was the case with Hurricane Katrina, MCU vehicles could respond to help set up temporary networks. The fleet can also be deployed with platoons of Los Angeles deputy sheriffs and police officers at the direction of the County's Emergency Operations Bureau.

### **MOBILE DIGITAL COMPUTERS MAKE THEIR DEBUT**

On display was the Department's next generation of computer-equipped radio cars. Raytheon Company is working closely with the Sheriff's Department to install Panasonic Toughbook Computers in the entire fleet of Ford Crown Victoria radio cars. The new Mobile Digital Communications System (MDCS) will provide a much-needed upgrade to deputies in the field.



*MCU-4 and some of its equipment on display.*

The new system will allow:

- ▶ Access to the Sheriff's Data Network and all criminal databases (Criminal Justice Information Services, National Crime Information Center, etc.);
- ▶ Law enforcement resource information (penal code, vehicle code, *Peace Officers Legal Sourcebook*, manual of policy and procedures, etc.);

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*New mobile digital computers are being installed in Sheriff's radio cars.*





*LASD radio technicians have access to a wide variety of communications equipment.*

### Sheriff's Mobile Communications Units *continued from page 11*

- ▶ Law enforcement queries, resource library, field reporting/crime, messaging, field interview, profiling and traffic;
- ▶ Department of Motor Vehicles photos and information/America's Missing: Broadcast Emergency Response (AMBER) alerts;
- ▶ Automatic vehicle location/Global Positioning System, remote fingerprints, mapping and Internet access;
- ▶ Remote upgrade and maintenance.

As well as installing 2,600 vehicles with the MDCS, Raytheon will configure 48 LASD facilities with a wireless access point, providing the mobile computers with a high-speed connection via Wi-Fi to NetMotion servers and the Sheriff's Data Network. This Wi-Fi connection will be used for machine updates and over-the-air maintenance to the MDCS. Additionally, two sets of servers, connected to every operational MDCS, are being installed at two different Sheriff's Department data centers.

### CATCHING BAD GUYS IN BOUQUET CANYON

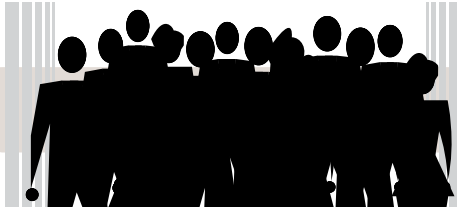
All this equipment doesn't just sit around and look pretty. It actually helps to catch criminals. Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff's Station had been experiencing a rash of automobile burglaries in the parking lot of the Bouquet Canyon Waterfalls hiking trails. They suspected a parolee living in the area was responsible, along with possibly one other suspect. A "bait car" surveillance was planned; however, the geographic layout of the area and the depth of the canyons made communications impossible. The situation posed a serious safety concern, as the marked radio cars needed for safe arrest of the suspect(s) could not be positioned close enough to communicate.

At the direction of CFMB Lieutenant Mark Wilkins, Sergeant Crongeyer assessed the situation and developed a solution with the assistance of Deputies Dana Gower and Randy Bunt. Deputies Gower and Bunt set up a portable repeater in an unmarked pickup truck and parked it in a strategic area that would allow for temporary radio coverage. On Friday, December 2, a suspect



*Motorola radios attached to a BK repeater provided the necessary coverage enabling deputies to make a burglary arrest.*

was observed by plainclothes deputies breaking into and stealing items from the bait car. Santa Clarita Valley Station Sergeant John Bomben and his team of deputies at the target location were able to contact the arrest team via the portable repeater. The suspect, a parolee, was arrested without incident. A shotgun was recovered in a subsequent search of his residence. ☆



# PEER SUPPORT PROGRAM

By Joseph Abercromby

Peer Support Program Coordinator

**Co-worker:** I think I am in an abusive relationship. How would I know? Am I just being overly sensitive?

**Peer Support Person:** First, domestic violence or abuse in a relationship has no boundaries. It occurs in all ethnic groups and at all socioeconomic levels. Second, you have a lot of courage just in being willing to ask someone about it. Let me share with you some forms abuse may take:

- Physical abuse
- Verbal abuse
- Sexual abuse
- Isolation
- Coercion
- Harassment
- Economic control

- Abusing trust
- Threats and intimidation
- Emotional withholding
- Destruction of property
- Self-destructive behavior

**Co-worker:** Well, my partner makes me feel like I have to walk on eggshells. My partner's mood seems unpredictable, and no matter what I do I'm told everything is always my fault. I am always trying to make things right, but my words and actions seem to be the wrong choices.

**Peer Support Person:** That sounds like a very difficult place to be. You seem to be constantly trying to read your partner and you do not have a "roadmap" to follow. That must be very tiring and frustrating.

**Co-worker:** Yes, exactly. I am starting to believe that I am to blame for the situation and I deserve the insults. I even think I deserve the mistreatment.

**Peer Support Person:** In any relationship, both people contribute to the interactions that occur. It is highly unlikely that you are solely at fault. And no one deserves to be insulted or mistreated. It sounds like your relationship may have some abusive qualities. We can talk more about how you want to handle your situation, but I think it would also be a good idea to talk to a professional counselor to see if couples counseling may be helpful for you and your partner. What would you like to do?

If you would like to talk with a Peer Support Counselor, contact the Peer Support Coordinator at (213) 738-3500 for a referral. ☆



By John Hanson

Major Crimes Bureau

Greetings from the Majors. We hope this article finds all of our past and present family members well. It has been a very busy few months around here as our Baker to Vegas team is in full preparation for the upcoming race. Our goal again this year is to finish ahead of Homicide Bureau. I hope that our "old guys" can run faster than their "old guys." Our team captain, Detective Bobby Garcia, has the situation well under control as he has been Code 5 at *Stevens Steak House* scouting the competition.

In support of the B2V team and the March of Dimes, we will host our second annual Cigar Night fundraiser on Thursday, March 29, at STARS Center. This top-shelf event will include food, fun, cigars and lessons from Ladenheim. Don't miss this one. Stories will be flying for months. For tickets or information, please contact Lieutenant Chris Brackpool, John Hanson or Jaime Perez at Sheriff's Headquarters.

The MCB Hook of the Month goes to Metro Detective Juan Alvarado. While on surveillance at a Norwalk mobile phone store, he observed



a suspect attempting to enter a closed business. Juan quickly notified assisting units as he followed the suspect away from the area. The serial robber was subsequently arrested and confessed to nine armed robberies in the Los Angeles area. Buen trabajo, Juan.

By the time this article is published, MCB will have said goodbye to Detectives Felicia Lopez of Metro, Brian Schlosser of Organized Crime and George Marin of SAT 2. These three

skilled investigators share over **sixty (60)** years of service to the Major Crimes/Special Investigations Bureau. The contributions and sacrifices these three detectives have made over the years are far too many to mention in this short article, but it is safe to say that many robbery and kidnap victims are safely home with their families due to the

actions of these fine deputies. You will be missed.

It is also time to say goodbye and good luck to Lieutenant Mary Michael, who is retiring from our Vice Unit. Mary came to the Bureau in 2006 and has supervised the Vice Unit, Cargo Cats, Metro and FTF. She can also throw one heck of a Christmas party. We wish you all a long, happy and healthy retirement.

All in fun. Until next time, take care of yourself Lieutenant Denny S. ... ☆



# The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department International Cultural Exchange Program

BY Yael Hellman

Los Angeles has one of the most diverse cultural, ethnic and religious populations anywhere. To improve the LASD's ability to connect with our multifaceted community, Reserve Commander Chester Chong developed a wonderful tool: the **LASD International Cultural Exchange Program**. Under the auspices of Sheriff Leroy Baca's Headquarters Bureau, the program creates positive interactions with our international counterparts and lets us experience life in fellow citizens' countries of origin. Deputy Luis Castro, the program's Assistant Director, oversees the endless details allowing **sworn, professional, reserve or retired LASD personnel, their family members and sponsored others** to serve as LASD "ambassadors" abroad. Since 2005, the program has organized 13 twice-yearly trips to over 27 countries spanning five continents, taking from 25 to 142 participants — babies to octogenarians!

## PROGRAM AIMS

All human beings share similar economic, personal and family concerns. But culture impacts how we handle even these universal issues. As public servants in a culturally mixed region, how we approach different cultures is key. If we observe them with interest and respect, understanding will overcome fear and will enrich us as people and professionals. So this program seeks not just to connect the Department to its foreign counterparts; it aims to educate personnel through direct contact with other societies. To achieve both goals, Reserve Commander Chester Chong kept four concerns in sight — or even better, in **SITE**:

- 1) Safety
- 2) Having ambassadors showcase our best Image
- 3) Participant Teamwork
- 4.) Cultural Exchange

**Safety.** For the Exchange program to include all world regions, safety must be paramount. Besides local guides, seasoned **team leaders** and **security staff** with demonstrated vigilance, common sense and tact ensure our travel. Team leaders oversee emergencies (including injured or wandering participants), hear complaints

patiently, enforce rules and stay up each night until all ambassadors, however late, are in their rooms. Security staffers instruct ambassadors how to manage pickpockets and overzealous beggars; with team leaders, they guard everyone's physical (and financial) well-being.

**Image.** Americans have long gotten bad press as demanding and arrogant. But ambassadors in the Exchange Program show us as appreciative, courteous and eager to learn about others. They meet with high-ranking police officials, dignitaries, businesspeople and regular citizens to exchange views on police issues and to represent the LASD honorably by upholding its policies and professionalism in every activity.

A recent occurrence in the Rome airport exemplifies this image. An ambassador found an Indiana tourist's lost passport. He brought it to the deputy in charge, who hunted down a telephone and called the tourist's daughter in Indiana, who called her father's travel agency, who contacted the local guide, who called the hotel, whose clerk returned the passport to its rightful owner! The Exchange Program provided the opportunity to project the kindness and helpfulness of Department representatives.

**Teamwork.** Each ambassador, regardless of rank, pitches in. Team leaders and security supervise, but when you are in foreign ports, every detail matters. For example, while Deputy Castro and team leaders ensure that luggage gets on planes and that everyone has his seat and hotel room, each individual must keep passport, tickets and considerable paperwork in perfect order.

**Cultural exchange.** To facilitate cross-cultural understanding, the Exchange Program establishes acquaintanceship between its own and corresponding host personnel, while appreciating the specific sights, sounds, fragrances and feel of each nation.

**Meet-and-Greets.** The official interaction between host country and Exchange officials, these social events usually center on a head table where high-ranking participants are seated, following Department protocol. Ambassadors wear distinctive black polo shirts as they get to know their hosts through welcoming ceremonies, exchanging gifts or honorary certificates and

enjoying the finest regional dishes. These galas provide the perfect setting for Department and host personnel to compare their work and hear each other's ideas, and ambassadors often marvel at how easily language barriers are broken through smiles and warm hospitality.

**Touring.** Along with meeting our counterparts, experiencing life in another country is enriching. In addition, ambassadors clarify distinctions between American culture and others: degrees of freedom regarding religion, speech and family planning; relative shielding from poverty; and expectations that laws will be enforced equally.

These cultural differences certainly impact policing. As I learned on the CEP to China last fall, Chinese police departments value females' "gentler" approach to law enforcement and do not allow females of any rank to carry guns. Women officers are expected to be rail thin and very attractive, wear skirts, let the men do the talking and accept that they will be fired on their 26th birthday (when policing gets "too strenuous" for them). Their status, while an advance for that culture, recalls that of female personnel here decades ago.

## CONCLUSION

All over the world, the LASD International Cultural Exchange Program accomplishes its dual goals: connecting with our policing counterparts abroad and educating ourselves about the world cultures impacting our diverse area. Its power to improve the international image of American law enforcement, to increase our personnel's sensitivity to differing cultures at home and to renew our appreciation of American liberties makes it a program worthy of our support and participation.

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# PARKS BUREAU

By Johnie Jones  
Parks Bureau

It's March and can you guess who has received yet another award? Yes, it's Derrick Thompson. This time, he received recognition from the El Camino Village Community for dealing with the homeless/transient issues at Alondra Park. Derrick actually looks happy receiving this award, which makes me wonder, where's Derrick and what have they done with him? Check his watch: If it's really nice, it's Derrick; if it's not, could be a body snatcher.



Our hardworking personnel in the North Zone take the safety in their parks to an extreme not many can duplicate. Security Officer Mike Schultz takes it upon himself to ensure that the snow would not be harmful for park patrons. He locates a patch of snow in the high-traffic areas and personally tests it for purity, much like the detectives on television check the narcotics for purity. Dude, that's television. In the real world, we send it to the lab; you can get sick doing that. Watch out for the yellow snow.



There's more than one way to skin a cat (just a saying, no one is skinning cats here at Parks Bureau), Mounted Enforcement Detail (MED) member Dave Swanson wins this month's recognition. There are those deputies that will have some fun telling the suspects in their backseats that their Mobil Digital Terminal is a lie detector and the Harvard graduate in the backseat will spill their guts (OK, not really a

Harvard graduate and no gut spilling, just another attempt at humor, but I digress). While conducting an investigation, Dave's horse began horsing around (MED humor), sniffing into the vehicle where the nitrous oxide-breathing, drinking-in-public people he was talking to were sitting. When one of the people asked Dave why the horse was sniffing, he replied, he can smell narcotics. Hearing this bit of information, knowing that the horse was on to her, the fine young lady in the vehicle promptly gave up the marijuana secreted in her purse. We don't play here at Parks; our horses are extremely well trained.

Hill Goedhart uses his horse for different reasons on unsuspecting deputies — in this instance, me. I was having what I believed to be a nice discussion with the Hill Meister when the contact began to go South. You see, standing in front of his horse when he is in the saddle and popping off to him as some of us boys have a tendency to do from time to time is not a smart move. You are correct: I, like the suspects in the previous paragraph, am not a graduate of Harvard. As my remarks to Hill became a little more piercing, I had a certain flair for the English language; in my mind, my comments were not being received by Mr. Goedhart in a favorable way. Hill's horse began to move toward me, and when the horse is in your space you move based on the slight weight/height ratio thing (not a Harvard grad, but this I know to be true). The head of the horse was then turned into me repeatedly, at which point I got away as Hill appeared to be enjoying himself and entertaining his MED buddies at the same time. I contacted James Blankenship, my PPOA Representative, regarding this hostile work environment incident. James informed me that I'm still not a member of PPOA and will only be

a member of PPOA if I study for, take and pass the Sergeant's test and pay dues. Has he been talking to my wife and sister?

This year's Bureau Christmas party seemed to be a hit with all who attended. Team Boysenberry won out regarding the choice of dessert. When Paul Schrader said we were having apple pie, I cast the first vote in opposition, building my case on the fact that you could get apple pie anywhere but Knott's Berry Farm, which is well known for their boysenberry pie. Paul was unrelenting and said apple pie was his favorite and that's what we were having. A groundswell of support began behind the Team Boysenberry campaign. It was a tough battle, but in the end a little picture of Karen Velasquez's family bulldog put the vote over the top. Due to the victory, I was able to enjoy Paul's pie, which he would not eat. In the words of Winnie the Pooh, "It was quite yummy in my tummy." Good job, team. Yes, you did just read a quote from Winnie the Pooh in the *Star News*.

Recently, we were at Mona Park for the Dodgers Dream Foundation's grand opening of the baseball field they built. Current Los Angeles Dodgers Center Fielder Matt Kemp was there having just signed a very large contract. He was extremely nice to all that asked him for an autograph and a picture. I was able to keep myself out of the doghouse for a few more days by getting the Dodgers superstar to pose with a certain member of our Parks Bureau family, Captain Stephen Smith. I think I get a few extra points by putting it in this publication. I may not be a Harvard grad, but Momma didn't raise no fool.

Until next month, stay safe and enjoy a day in the park. ☆





## IS THERE A GOD ON YOUR ARM?

**W**e live in a society and culture that are often referred to as a rat race. There are many ways to get ahead in this rat race. Time management, personal boundaries, increased efficiency, technology and others, but the truth remains that as long as we are in the rat race, we remain the rats. While some may find joy in being the fastest rat, I am seeking to discover how to get off of the spinning wheel. So how do we get out of the rat race yet remain present in the real world? We have jobs that require too much, we have family demands we can't ignore, we have responsibilities to fulfill, we have desires that too often die and so we continue the losing battle of getting everything done in the time allotted. The truth remains that we all have the same amount of time every day. How we spend that time is either up to us, or we surrender that right to others. Some will quickly

say, "If it were up to me, I'd blow this job," or "I don't have a choice when I get to see my kids ..." Well, the truth of the matter is that you do have choices; we just don't like our options. For many of us, we allow our time to dictate our choices rather than us making choices about how we will spend our time.

There is an old African proverb that says, "Westerners have watches but no time. Africans have time but no watches." The answer to the above dilemma about choices is found in the watch or, better said, the control of the watch. Our watches teach us, train us and force us to be perfect (rats). We know when we are late or when we stop getting paid or when we have missed a deadline or how much longer we have to be in a place we'd rather not be ... the list goes on. Our watches become control agents of our time, and eventually our choices. Anything that

we submit ourselves to and allow to control us is a form of a god to us. Do you have a god on your arm?

In the Bible, the book of Joshua, chapter 24, presents a story of a choice. Whom will you serve — the gods of those who are around you and the ways of the real world, or will you serve the one true God, who set the sun and moon in motion? The watch is a manmade creation that has captured the precision of the sun and the coordination of the moon. We have missed the beauty of creation and the God who placed us in it by giving our focus and attention to our own creation (the watch) that mirrors the first. Do you need more time to figure this all out? I hope you don't look to your watch to find the answer. Talk to your local chaplain today.

*Chaplains can be contacted at their unit of assignment or by calling (213) 738-3500. ☆*

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### HONOR RECRUIT ... YEAH, OK!

There was a recent argument between Deputy JR Marin and one of our CSOs over what year Explorer Class 51 graduated. Master CSO Fernando Rios started his career in law enforcement as an Explorer and quickly rose through the ranks to Captain and was named Law Enforcement Explorer of the Year. We have all heard his story of how he worked Firestone, Lynwood, Century and Compton stations since pampers. I have been approached by both current and former deputies of those stations who have confirmed incidents where Fernando came to their rescue and how grateful they are to him. But we have never heard the pre-pampers story. Deputy Marin was talking about his days as an Explorer and how he and Fernando were in the same Explorer class. Fernando forgot JR was in his class and also forgot what year they graduated. JR told Fernando they graduated in 1994, but Fernando insisted they graduated in 1993. A wager was made to determine what



year Class 51 graduated. I tried to help Private Rios, but I failed because no one helped me properly motivate Private Rios. I graduated from Explorer Class 46 in June of 1991. There are two classes a year. Do the math, I told him. But he didn't. JR not only sent me the year they graduated, he also sent me a picture of Fernando. Fernando claims he was the Honor Recruit; he carried the flag during the colors run and gave Sheriff Sherman Block the Firestone handshake during graduation. "Yeah, I was like, que paso, sir? Sas!" when recalling his meeting with Sheriff Block. Pompadour and all, Fernando was put in charge of the Firestone Station

Explorer post way, way, way, way back as Captain or, as he called it, "the shot caller." He was named Explorer of the Year in 1995 for having the most hours logged in or, as many deputies have said, "for having no life." I believe he was only awarded that honor because I had already turned 21. Truth be told, Fernando is able to say he was a part of Firestone Station.

### WELCOME AND GOODBYES

We welcomed Deputies Erik Coker and Yvette Salazar from Lakewood Station; Deputy Brenda Diaz from Walnut Station; and Deputies Steven Velasquez, Jose Sandoval and Robert Nuse from East Los Angeles Station. We also welcome Lieutenant John Saleeby from Walnut Station who will be replacing Lieutenant Joe Chavez. This month marks the end of a 30-plus year career for Lieutenant Joe Chavez, who will be calling it a night. Lieutenant Chavez is a wealth of information and quite the character, and he will be missed. Enjoy your retirement and all the finer things in life that accompany your newfound freedom (e.g., smoke your 90 rated cigars, shine your \$1,000 timepiece, let your masculine mustache grow longer and more masculine, crank call the station and talk gibberish to Sergeant Gutierrez, pass by the station and laugh at those of us who have years to go before we can retire, decide what color and which model BMW you are going to buy and last but not least stay thirsty, my friend). Take care, sir. Until next month ... C'mon, man! ☆





By Julia Valdes  
Medical Services Bureau

Well, I can't believe an entire year flew by again. As I reflect on 2011, I can honestly say we laughed, we learned, we cried, we smiled, we endured and persevered and ultimately survived. With 2012 already in full swing, I wanted to wish you all a happy and productive year. May it be filled with promotions, prosperity, proactivity and possibilities. Now, on to the good stuff!

### ON THE JOB

When one hears the phrase "There's a rat in the house!" it is never a good thing, unless you are talking about Medical Services Bureau's RAT. Here, our RAT is hardworking, dedicated and really knows how to throw a mean potluck (that taco dip is to die for!). Of course I am not talking about the furry, four-legged, Freeway-Freddy kind, but our very own (two-legged) Risk Assessment Team.

As part of the Bureau's Quality Management Unit, the RAT works cohesively with the Bureau's Comprehensive Care Unit (CCU), Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) and Court Orders Unit, each stellar in their own right, I might add. Similar to a custody facility's legal unit, the RAT also works collectively with operations, custody, courts and corrections, all in an effort to ensure the Bureau's legal compliance. Under the direction of CND II Deanna Gibson (and previously under newly promoted CND II Brenda Doyle), the RAT consists of a team of nurses who look and think more like the legal team representing the firm of YIM, FENDER AND KWAN. The RAT unit is operated by three wonderful and tremendously intelligent women: Supervising Staff Nurse Dawn Abarca, Registered Nurse III Lilian Sanchez and Registered Nurse II Josephine Albania.

The RAT is responsible for reviewing and providing written responses to claims, lawsuits and in-custody deaths. The team works in collaboration with Sedgewick CMS, defense attorneys, Civil Litigation Unit and Custody Support Services to ensure that we continue to run an effective risk management program. All of this is done in an effort to mitigate liabilities for Medical Services Bureau. The RAT also assists in Department of Justice facility command inspections.



Over the past few years, the RAT has received a number of awards for its work in reducing the Department and Bureau's civil liability. In addition, the RAT received recognition and acclaim from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and was awarded the Quality and Productivity Commission Award.

All in all, thank you to the RAT (and its co-units) for doing a tremendous job. Now! About that taco dip recipe ...

### THE KWAN HAS LEFT THE BUILDING

In 2001, a wide-eyed and bushy-tailed Lieutenant from the Narcotics Bureau decided to take on the mission of coming to work with Medical Services Bureau. In true Kwan style, the new Lieutenant watched, learned, assessed and analyzed MSB's operations. He aligned himself with those who definitely had their fingers on the pulse of the Bureau, as well as those with a keen sense of vision, never realizing that this one assignment was the beginning of something big.

In 2004, Lieutenant Kwan earned his second set of bars and took them to patrol ala Walnut Station, and in 2008 returned to the ready and waiting arms of Medical Services Bureau. Throughout his tenure as Lieutenant and Captain, he has proven himself as an innovative thinker, a true MSB advocate and an honorary County doctor/nurse/lab scientist/pharmacist/custodian/staff analyst/contracts

guru. He may not have had all the answers, but he DEFINITELY knew what he did and did not want for his Bureau. Simply put, he just got it! He truly took the time to learn the Bureau, its needs and concerns, and most importantly he took time to learn about its people, the true heart of the Bureau.

In my 14 years on the Department, let alone in my lifetime (OK, so that's a little more than the 14 years), I don't think I will ever meet a person with as much vision as Captain Michael Kwan. When I first arrived to Medical Services Bureau, I observed a confident man on a mission who spoke in riddles ... at least that's how I perceived it. Whenever I asked a question, the answer I received always had a "right?" affixed to it, leaving me with the same question(s) I entered the room with, but caused me to think the issue through and grow as a supervisor. As I returned to my desk, I can imagine the look on my face and the thought bubble above my head that read, "What the heck was that? He truly is Yoda, and I guess I will never understand his Jedi mind tricks." But over time, the student learned from the master. In reflection, I can honestly say I have truly learned from "The Kwan."

Captain Kwan's last in-office day was a bit odd. It was a holiday, but three sworn staff members came in to catch up on a few things. As I sat at my

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# TEAM *TEMPLE*

By Margaret Archibold  
Temple Station

**G**reetings to everyone from Temple Station. Top of the mornin' to ye lads and lassies. Happy St. Paddy's Day!

## EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Detective Dave Butler for being selected as Employee of the Month for February 2012.

Detective Butler is a wealth of knowledge. He always makes himself available to the deputies. If deputies are struggling with their reports, he sits down with them and patiently explains what is needed and why. Patrol deputies feel comfortable approaching him with questions regarding investigations or

patrol-related matters. He is a valuable resource to all personnel.

## HOOK OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Deputy Melissa Nunez for being selected as the recipient of Temple Station's Habeas Grabus Award for an outstanding arrest.

On January 3, 2012, she was assigned as unit 53A in the City of Rosemead. While on patrol, she was flagged down by an employee of Bank of America. The employee told her there had just been an attempted robbery at the bank. The bank employee was able to provide a suspect description and a last seen direction.

She located a possible suspect who matched the description given. During the course of her investigation, she obtained statements from the suspect admitting guilt. Several pieces of evidence were also recovered that directly linked the suspect to the attempted bank robbery.

Due to her diligence, keen observations and commitment to serving the public, a dangerous criminal was taken off the street. Her dedication, tenacity and enthusiasm toward police work have not gone unnoticed and are an example to all. Congratulations on an outstanding arrest.

Until we meet again, may the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. ☆



By Mo Angel

Pitchess Detention Center, South Facility

## MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE RANCH ...

**T**here are many things that South Facility is responsible for that are above and beyond the facility itself. They include but are not limited to the Laundry, the Motor Pool, the Nursery, the Main Gate, Morrissey (Parole Hearing Unit), the Vocational Shops and the Ranch-Field Unit, just to name a few. But one of the most important and sought after assignments here at South Facility is working an "Adam" unit. Adam units are one-deputy patrol cars that work the perimeter and facility security for the entire 2,600-acre Ranch property. They also transport inmates in and out of the Ranch property and serve as backup for the Main Gate, the Ranch-Field Unit and assist with arrests at the Main Visiting Center on visiting days. They also serve as a rapid response team for any situation that may arise.

Deputies that work the Adam unit assignment must learn the ins and outs of the entire Ranch property, as well as the four jail facilities here at the Pitchess Detention Center. They do an outstanding job keeping us safe. Just another interesting and fun job here at South Facility. Another reason why we love it here! See photo of Sergeant Mark Sutherland and his Adam units: Deputy Oscar Rodriguez, Deputy Greg Chico and Deputy Randy Ortiz.



## ROUTINE STOPS ...

Deputies Michelle Sanchez and Juan Perez-Zavala were conducting a perimeter check when their attention was drawn to a suspicious vehicle with three males in it. A check of the plate showed that the vehicle was 10-29V (reported stolen vehicle). Our dynamic duo, with an assist from a Santa Clarita unit, executed a perfect felony traffic stop. With all four suspects detained, the investigation revealed that the vehicle was stolen from a party in the City of Downey the night before that all suspects had attended. In addition, they were en route to Main Visiting to visit an inmate here at PDC. The vehicle also contained a quantity of marijuana, and, shock of shocks, the

driver of the stolen vehicle was unlicensed!

After the dust cleared, two of the four were booked at Santa Clarita Station on grand theft auto, misdemeanor traffic and narcotic charges. Good hook, you guys; there's nothing like a "victor" to get your heart pumping!

Keep up the proactive police work!

## THE IN AND OUT SHACK ...

This month, we are happy to announce that Custody Assistant Mauricio Arredondo was accepted into the Sheriff's Academy as a brand-new Deputy Sheriff Trainee. Congratulations, Mauricio, and good luck on "Black Monday"; we all went through it. We look forward to your return to us wearing that new tan shirt. And thank you for all of your years of dedication and hard work here at South Facility!

Also this month, a big South Facility congratulations goes out to Deputy Patrick Hayes and his wife, Deputy Connie Hayes (NCCF), on the birth of their baby boy James Patrick. Welcome to the world, JP!

Well, thanks for tuning in, everybody, to what's happening here at paradise, aka the saga of South Facility. So, my friends, until next time remain vigilant, keep your eyes open for falling debris and, as always, stay frosty! Mo-out ... ☆





# THE CIVILIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

By Tarqueenia Ellis

## LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CIVILIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (LASD CAC)

### 2012 THEME – EMPOWERMENT: YOUR VOICE, YOUR LEADERSHIP, YOUR CHOICE

Greetings from your Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Civilian Advisory Committee (LASD CAC). This article serves as an informational resource and tool to keep you updated on current Department activity as it relates to professional staff.

The Civilian Advisory Committee is an organization comprised of 24 professional staff committee members (two representatives per Division) who are required to meet with the professional staff in their respective Divisions to discuss their issues and concerns. Director Richard Weintraub is the Department Facilitator, who acts as the liaison to the LASD CAC. Chief Richard Barrantes is the liaison to the Executive Planning Council (EPC), which has ultimate oversight of the committee. He has the executive responsibility for advocating/ensuring equity for issues presented to Director Weintraub and LASD CAC on behalf of all professional staff. Committee members also meet with their Division chiefs on a quarterly basis and attend their Division staff meetings. The Civilian Advisory Committee meets monthly, rotating between all 12 Divisions to discuss the results of these meetings and any changes within the Department. We are also responsible for taking civilian questions and concerns about career paths, training, professional development and work situations to the appropriate authority for resolution.

If you would like more information about the Civilian Advisory Committee, please contact your Division representative via the website at [http://intranet.lasd.sheriff.sdn/intranet/sites/civilian\\_adv\\_comm/](http://intranet.lasd.sheriff.sdn/intranet/sites/civilian_adv_comm/).

### SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars for 6th Annual LASD Professional Staff Day, which will be held on Saturday, July 14, 2012, at Catalina Island. Manual Zapata, of Administrative Services Division/Facilities Services Bureau, will serve as the Chairperson for this event.

We are currently working on the specifics and cost of the event, so please stay tuned for further information.

### FOURTH ANNUAL LASD CIVILIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE TRAINING SEMINAR

During the past four years, LASD CAC has conducted an eight-hour training seminar to empower each Division representative to sharpen their leadership skills within the organization and Department. The theme for this year's training was "Empowerment: Creating Strategies for Effective Leadership." Custody Operations Division was selected to host this year's training seminar



on January 24, 2012, at the West Hollywood Universal City Sheriff's Substation. The hosts were Division Chief Dennis D. Burns and Division Representatives Margie Zabat and Tarqueenia Ellis. The LASD all-day training seminar consisted of leadership training, motivational facilitations and routine business procedures as established by the Department and the organization.

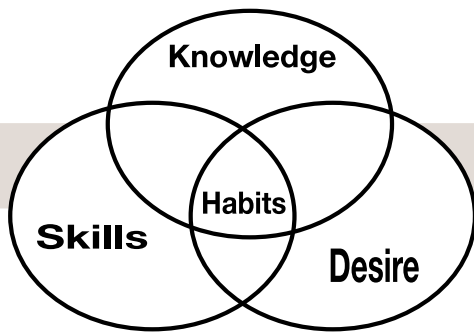
This year's leadership training was facilitated by Chief Thomas Laing and Chief Neal Tyler. The Chiefs lead discussions on several different critical issues relating to leadership and Core Values. This training focused more on the content of the Core Values than merely words. They stated that although a lot has been done within our Department over the years, there is yet more work to be done. Our second session, facilitated by Educator and Motivational Speaker Vincent Jerome Carter of Inspiration 52, was both motivational and inspirational. Mr. Carter inspired members of LASD CAC to make a personal and/or professional pledge for their future goals. He used leadership quotes, inspirational music and encouraging poems, all written by himself, to encourage each of us to have a vision for our lives. Finally, our LASD CAC Chairperson Royce Crowder and Co-Chairperson Courtney Lewis-Darden led discussions on goals for 2012. We were able to select a theme for 2012, sign up for various committees and, most importantly, select a location and chairperson for the 6th Annual LASD Professional Staff Day. It was a very productive day.

### WELCOME, NEW DIVISION REPRESENTATIVES

LASD CAC would like to welcome the following new Division Representatives: Manual Zapata of Administrative Services Division/Facilities Services Bureau, Maria Munoz of Correctional Services/Offender Services Bureau and Ronnieka Pearson of Detective Division/Special Victims Bureau.

We cannot forget to thank the following Division Representatives who are no longer a part of LASD CAC: Christina Ashley, Maria Fennel, Cathy Lee, Delores Lopez and David Wittkopf. Their dedication to service, contributions toward CAC goals and sacrifice of time and energy on behalf of all professional staff will always be remembered.

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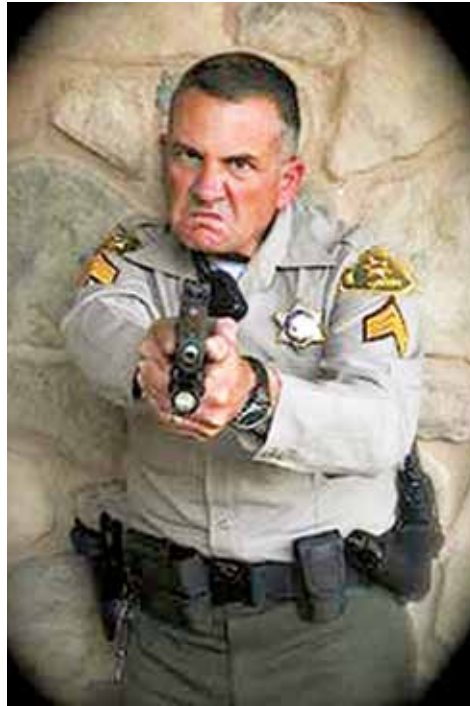
# Habits for Survival

## Let Me See Your War Face!

By David Sauer

The title of this article, a line borrowed from the classic training film *Full Metal Jacket*, should have a deep and intertwined meaning for anyone with a warrior heart. Generally, we think of our expressions as a result of our emotional state; however, the opposite cause and effect is also possible. That is, we can act our way into feeling a certain way. Do you want to feel happy? Tell your face. Put on a cheerful expression and you will begin to feel cheerful. Want to feel depressed? Act depressed and soon you will start to feel that way. What emotional state do you want to feel in a fight?

The appropriate emotional response when confronted by someone intending you harm is calm, determined, righteous indignation. You should be angry that someone has chosen you or someone you care about to be their victim! Not anger to the point of rage, which will compromise your reaction, but anger that fuels your adrenaline and aggressive counterattack. Let it fuel your determination and drive and push you past any pain intended to defeat you. Not you! Not today! Not now! Not here! Pierce his heart with your war face and make



your enemy realize he has chosen poorly and that choice is going to cost him dearly. See the fear appear on his face with that realization. See him looking for a way out that is not there, searching for a solution he will not find. See

his expression of fear freeze his body as it succumbs to your dynamic delivery of speed and accuracy.

If you want that to be your reaction in your fight, then you'd better practice it. It isn't going to just show up by magic in your moment of need; you will have to call it up, and you'd better have the number on speed dial! Unfortunately, in training I too often see people practicing their busy tone, which sounds like this: "weak-weak-weak-weak." Practice without purpose results in delayed draw strokes that lack determination; ambiguous and apprehensive weapon manipulations; and movement, if there is any, that lacks decisiveness and drive. You've got to train your body to fight how you want it to so all you have to do is flip open the phone and it's there on the line, ready with the answer you need. By using visualization, along with your focused, purposeful practice sessions, you can train and engrain the synapses you need. You can link your war face to those synapses to call up the fight-winning emotions and mindset you want when your body answers the phone. Do you want to be dangerous and determined to win when the flag flies? Let me see your war face! And slow down and wear your seatbelt.

You can comment on this and past "Habits" articles at [www.habitsforsurvival.com](http://www.habitsforsurvival.com). ☆

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cubicle trying not to think about what the future of MSB would look like without him, I couldn't help but hear him cleaning out and packing up a lifetime of tchotchkes and memories. I kept noticing him buzzing back and forth throughout the office and loading boxes onto a cart. Lieutenant Wilson, who was always known to be at the Captain's side, had to have the bad news broken to him that this time he couldn't go with Captain, as depicted in the photo.

We found out later that all the buzzing back and forth was his way of passing the torch and leaving his stamp on our hearts. I was extremely honored to receive an amazing piece of Department history that hung beautifully framed on one of his office walls: the Department's Core Values from 1956. This picture will forever be cherished in hopes that I, too, can capture such vision as the man who gave it to me.

It is truly amazing when one's vision becomes a reality. Captain Kwan, as you ride off into the sunset on your golf cart, know that your imprint was definitely left on this Bureau. Your vision may not have fully come to fruition, but it is well on its way. May this article be read and considered as the standing ovation you deserve for your tireless efforts dedicated to not only the men and women of Medical Services Bureau, but the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

It is because of you that we truly believe that "EVERY DAY IS GREAT!"

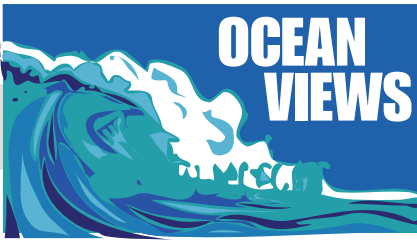
### IN AND OUT AND UP

Congratulations to the following individuals for their promotions: from RN II to RN III, Luis Avitia, Maricar Balabbo, Emie Rita Banaga, Zenaida De Leon, Ethel Emenogu, Zinnia Malolos, Liwayway Morris, Teresa Nuesca, Esther Obieitikponah, Anna Rosalina Sarmiento, Timothy Sartin and Hai Shin.

From Supervising Staff Nurse I Sheriff to Nurse Manager: Eugene Eckardt, Diane Gonzalez, Bettie Hill and Ogechi Obi and RRRRRRRRRRRRamon De Leon. Congrats to you all!

Along with Captain's Kwan's official retirement on January 31, 2012, we bid adieu and merci beaucoup to Dental Assistant Doris Dumas, RN I Brenda Averia and RNII Grace Lin. ☆





By David Rozas  
Lomita Station

**W**e're back! After a several-month hiatus, Lomita Station is back in the groove with a *Star News* article.

Our beloved Captain Ro Anda has been promoted. Hooray! The long-awaited day couldn't come soon enough. Our vertically challenged leader was fist-pumping in the air as her legs dangled from her desk chair as the shouts of joy permeated from her office. "Finally," she clamored. With a smile from ear to ear, she got up, ran down the hall high-fiving everyone she came in contact with. She will be off to her new assignment as a Commander in Region II. From all of us at Lomita Station, we wish to thank you for your five years of dedicated service and leadership. We wish you the best!

Sergeant Bartlett has returned to work after recovering from a serious work-related injury. Whether you were upstairs, downstairs, in the station lobby, walking across the parking lot or in your car driving on PCH, you knew Sergeant Bartlett was back! His booming voice reverberated throughout the peninsula, announcing to all that the Surveillance & Apprehension Team was back

in operation. Sergeant Bartlett, for those of you who do not know him, is a high-intensity, low-maintenance Sergeant who makes things happen whenever he walks into a room. I echo the words of all your peers, Will: It is great to have you back!

Here at Lomita Station, we train our personnel to multitask and be ready to take on varying roles as a deputy sheriff. Deputy Angela Buritica is no exception to the rule. As you can see, she quickly went from Deputy to Firefighter during a recent brush fire on the peninsula. Unfortunately for her, she quickly doffed the jacket and resumed her traffic control spot on Hawthorne Boulevard.



We have plenty of heroes here at Lomita Station. I'll just give you one example: It was a quiet Saturday afternoon. Deputy Anna Zhuravleva ("Z") was on patrol when the MDT lit up and the blast on the radio reported a disturbance of loud music at a local elementary school. As Z pulled into the school, she saw smoke coming from a nearby classroom.



She summoned the Fire Department, who in turn made forced entry into the classroom. Inside, they discovered a brood of baby chicks in a cardboard box that was ignited by heat lamps. Deputy Z quickly snatched the flailing chicks and whisked them outside to the fresh air — like flew the coop. A very grateful school principal arrived and commended our hero. Nice job, Z.

It's finally happened. An era has ended! After 32 years of dedicated County service, Lieutenant Doreen Alcaraz has retired. Her flamboyant personality, attention to detail and vast experience will be missed. ☆



By Mark Rediger  
Lost Hills Station

**G**reetings from the sunny side of the County.



### CONGRATULATIONS

Deputy Yoav Shalev was honored by the Santa Monica Elks Lodge as the Deputy of the Year. Captain Stephen was on hand to help present the award.

An additional shout-out goes to Deputy Katie

Williams for being named the Employee of the Quarter. Hard work and dedication do pay off.

### GEARING UP

Sergeants Bela Denkinger, John Skikas and Law Enforcement Technician Sharona Kay are scurrying about getting our Baker 2 Vegas team organized and trained.

### WHOA, NELLIE

Speaking of Sergeant Denkinger, a while back he used up one of his nine lives. Barely two weeks after slamming into Bambi, Bela had his own *Faces of Death* moment. It was a rainy day and the streets were wet. Entering the freeway, Bela's Cruiser lost traction and slid across four lanes of traffic, coming to rest within mere inches of, and perpendicular to, the center divider — doing two 360s in the process. Just as he was breathing a sigh of relief, the radio

car was struck by an oncoming car. Everyone is OK, but what a thrill.

### CHAINED TO THE DESK

Those that have worked the Desk know what it is like. But Deputy Brent Bunch takes it to a whole new level. One wonders if his partners did this to him to prevent him from roaming away from the Desk.



### WELCOME BACK

Deputy Maria Villalobos has returned to work following maternity leave. Great to see your always-smiling face again, Maria!

That's all I got. ☆

## **CUSTODY OPERATIONS DIVISION UPDATE**

Custody Operations Division has a newly assigned Division Representative, recently promoted Management Senior Secretary Margie Zabat. As a Division Representative, she is responsible to meet with the Division chief and keep him or her informed about issues concerning professional staff. Margie has been a Division Representative for one year, previously assigned to LASD CAC by Detective Division's Chief Bill McSweeney in December 2010. August 2011, Commander Eric Parra selected Margie as his Secretary and she is now supporting the Commanders Task Force. Margie has been a very active member of the CAC by supporting our 5th Annual Professional Staff Day as the event's Committee Chairperson for the Transportation and Registration and by supporting fundraising activities initiated by CAC. We welcome you to Custody Operations Division, Margie.

The past several months have brought many changes to Custody Operations Division. Chief Burns has been the Division Chief of Custody Operations for the past four years, and he has actively supported LASD CAC through encouragement at the management level, solicitation of support at the Division staff meetings, financial support and/or offering effective suggestions to obtain our goals. We are saddened to hear that he has recently announced his retirement for March 2012. We would like to wish him a happy and healthy retirement and will miss his presence at Custody Operations Headquarters (COD).

## **COMMANDER MANAGEMENT TASK FORCE**

October 2011, Sheriff Leroy D. Baca implemented a new team with the specific

assignment of Custody Operations Division, the Commander Management Task Force. This Executive Offices' team consists of four highly respected Commanders who were handpicked due to their well-earned reputations as outstanding communicators and problem-solvers. The Task Force includes Commander Joseph Fennell, Commander Christy Guyovich, Commander James Hellmold and Commander Eric Parra.

The Commander Management Task Force's mission is:

*"To transform the culture of our custody facilities in order to provide a safe, secure learning environment for our personnel and the inmates placed in our care. We strive to empower our personnel to provide a level of professionalism and service, consistent with our 'Core Values.'"*

*"Until all deputies and jail personnel feel a sense of professional accomplishment while providing sensible and constitutional services to inmates, our success as a Department is not accomplished. I believe that by ensuring a more productive and beneficial environment with improved coping skills in the jails, negative results will decrease and a more positive view of life will increase" (Sheriff Leroy D. Baca, October 2011).*

Their focus will include but is not limited to:

- Effecting positive change within the Los Angeles County jail system
- Holding Community Town Hall meetings with jail inmates
- Ensuring that all personnel interact with inmates in a manner consistent with the Core Values of the Sheriff's Department
- Mentoring, teaching and enhancing the communication, patience and problem-solving skills of our jail personnel
- The complete implementation of Education-Based Incarceration into all areas of the Los Angeles County jail system

- Conducting a comprehensive review of our current inmate complaint process to ensure that it meets the needs of inmates
- Ensure that Sheriff's Department supervisors seek feedback and listen to the knowledge gained by employees
- Building on partnerships with employees, clergy, educators, volunteers and independent oversight to further enhance services to inmates
- Being open and transparent

## **EDUCATION-BASED INCARCERATION (EBI)**

The EBI program is counting on the voluntary support of Custody personnel to ensure the success of the "transformation program" as envisioned by Sheriff Leroy Baca (Director Richard Weintraub).

## **A TRADITION OF SERVICE**

Custody Operations Division would like to congratulate and wish the following employees a happy and healthy retirement (name and retirement date): Dennis Conte, November 17; Frank E. Carey, January 4; Grady M. Machnick, January 28; Raul D. Regalado, January 29; Doris N. Clayton, January 31; Terri L. Mc Alister, January 31; Barry R. Ellsworth, January 31; Kristie R. Jonsen, January 31; Richard J. Rodriguez, February 26; Douglas O. Hammer, March 29; Alfonso M. Herrera, March 30; Gregory H. Johnson, March 30; Barbara K. Svos (past LASD CAC Division Representative), March 30; Deborah A. Hargraves, March 31; Richard H. Larue, March 31; Suzanne W. Voorhees, March 31; Donal D. Miller II, March 31; Enrique Muñoz, March 25; Dennis H. Burns, March 30; and Jorose I. Langston, April 28. ☆

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# COUNTY SERVICES BUREAU

By John Coleman  
County Services Bureau

## PROFESSIONAL STAFF DAY

Back on January 18, County Services Bureau hosted our first Professional Staff Day at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center, which is located in Downey. The purpose of the event was to bring together professional staff and Sheriff's security officers at one location where they could have access to Department representatives for information about various County benefits and career paths within the County. Representatives from Personnel, LASD University, Horizons and LACERA were on hand to answer any and all questions related to the employees. Recruitment was also on hand to hand out information to the SSOs who were interested in becoming custody assistants or deputies. Several seminars were also held for those in attendance on how to reach your goals within the Department given by our Captain Chuck Stringham. The event was such a huge success that there will be another one coming up in May of this year for those who missed the first one. Special thanks go out to Lynne Gipson and Janice Griffin for organizing the event.



## SUSPICIOUS PACKAGE DRILL

Right before Christmas, High Desert Hospital had their annual "bomb drill" with staff from the hospital and Sheriff's personnel assigned up there. The training was split into two sessions with 25-30 participants each. Also on hand were TSB K-9 Deputies Hayden and Maselli, who demonstrated their dogs' abilities and then held a question-and-answer session afterward. The staff at the hospital

was very grateful for the information given to them on what to do when they encounter a suspicious package or explosive device. They were more than impressed with our Department's professionalism and knowledge in handling such an event. Special thanks go out to Sergeant Geraldine Bechard for organizing the training and K-9 Deputies Hayden and Maselli for making it such a huge success.



## DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

On November 22, 2011, the transition team members involved in the consolidation of the Los Angeles County Office of Public Safety were given the Distinguished Service Award by our Department. In short, the award is in recognition of their outstanding leadership, management, oversight, creativity and countless hours dedicated to getting the County Services Bureau up and running. A job well done by everyone involved.

Until next month, stay safe. ☆

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# FROM THE DOCS

## RESILIENCE: EQUIPPING CHILDREN TO COPE WITH STRESSES

By D. Louise Mebane, Ph.D.

Children today are faced with many types of challenges. How children manage these challenges can say a lot about how well they will do throughout their lives. There are many situations that can cause undue stress to children. Children may suffer physical stresses such as ill parents or caregivers, a disabled family member or abuse (e.g., physical, emotional, sexual or neglect). Family troubles or changes in the family due to divorce, separation, military deployment, new sibling, parental fighting and loss of grandparents can also create stressful situations beyond a child's normal coping abilities. Too many changes in a child's life due to family moves, such as change in school, change in friends or a change in caretakers, can also create stressful situations. In the past, it was believed that only catastrophic events such as earthquakes, mudslides and brushfires would impact a child negatively, but no longer. We now see that the everyday struggles, even the minor ones, are stresses that can impact children. With this understanding, it is important that children are given the skills to manage their life stresses, regardless of degree or magnitude. The more successful a child is at managing his/her stresses, the better off the child will be throughout his/her life.

For children to prevail through the various challenges and tragedies, they need a particular set of skills and the inner strength to manage the ups and downs of childhood. Children can learn these skills from their parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, teachers, coaches or any caring adult in their lives. Some skills are easily learned by a child merely by being loved and cared for by their parents or special adult caregivers and do not need to be taught. However, there is an additional set of skills needed that is not acquired naturally from a loving family, but rather needs to be taught by a parent or other caring adult in the child's community. These skills and abilities are known collectively as the specific skills of resilience.

Researchers have been interested in learning about resilient children and how they are able to thrive in the face of trauma when others do not fare so well. Researchers have delineated the building blocks of resilience and have shown that children can be taught resiliency. Initially,

resilient children were thought to have some innate characteristic with which they were born, but we have learned resiliency is more than luck or innate characteristic. We now know it is a set of thoughts, beliefs, characteristics and behaviors that children actually learn through trying experiences and lessons taught by nurturing and caring adults.

One major research group, called The International Resilience Project, worked to simplify the language and classification system of resilience so it could be used by parents and teachers alike.

The three main building blocks of resilience are I HAVE, I AM and I CAN.

### **#1: I HAVE ... PEOPLE WHO I TRUST, LOVE AND SUPPORT ME. THEY:**

- » Will keep me safe
- » Show me how to do things right
- » Let me learn to do things myself
- » Help me if I am sick or in trouble

### **#2: I AM ... A WORTHWHILE PERSON; I AM LOVED. I AM:**

- » Loved and loveable
- » A nice person to others
- » Concerned for others
- » Respectful of myself/others
- » Responsible for what I do

### **#3: I CAN ... I CAN CONTRIBUTE AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE. I CAN:**

- » Say what frightens or bothers me
- » Find ways to solve problems
- » Control myself when needed
- » Know when to talk to someone
- » I know when to take action
- » Ask for help when I need it

A child does not need all three components to have resiliency. But the more aspects they have, the more resilient they will be. Different ages of children will bring different challenges, stages of development and abilities. Therefore, younger children will rely more on the

*I HAVE* (external) sources, but as they grow older they will begin to shift their reliance from outside supports to their own *I AM* and *I CAN* (internal) sources of resiliency. Understanding resilience and its building blocks will help parents offer specific activities, opportunities and experiences, as well as build resilience in their child.

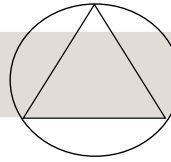
In addition to the above foundational building blocks, there are more things children can do and learn to be resilient. For example, children need reliable people to look up to for support, supervision and guidance. For inner strength, a child needs to feel successful and good about themselves, too; feel included and appreciated; have a sense of optimism; learn persistence; and develop a sense of humor. As parents, counselors, teachers, etc., we should always be alert and prepared to create opportunities that will build resilience experiences. We should capitalize on situations where verbal affection, physical love and emotional support can be given to a child. Or when a child errs or fails at a task, show acceptance to demonstrate that mistakes and failures are a part of life, and model how to get up and try again. Getting upset and saying things that might be shaming or embarrassing for the child can undermine his/her resilience. Schedule time to discuss events of the day and assess problems encountered, while listening and talking to your child. By doing this, you are assisting and modeling ways to resolve the problem. Children need to learn about the importance of rules and their consequences. It is your role as parents, teachers and coaches to teach children how to follow rules and the consequences of diverting from them. Take this role seriously if you want your child to learn how to negotiate his or her world and be successful. If the child understands and breaks set rules, one of the best forms of discipline is the removal of privileges.

Remember, it is never warranted to belittle, shame, harm or reject your child as a consequence for not doing right. Honest praise should be used and combined with modeling the desired behavior for your child. Sincere praise is an effective reward for good behavior, achievements, initiative, autonomy, persistence and empathy of others. However, praise given without merit is empty praise, and empty praise will never build resilience.

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# Peace Officer's Fellowship



By Chris Minor  
ESSB

## STRAIGHT UP RED FLAGS

Not the ones raised on a flagpole, but those that should raise your eyebrows as a supervisor ... or even a peer or family member, if someone is having problems controlling their drinking. Prior to giving a presentation to a class of deputies at one time, I made a comment about people having trouble with their drinking. A deputy in the class replied he didn't have any trouble with drinking; he did it quite well. We both laughed, but had it been (and maybe it was) a serious "admission" it would be considered one of those flags. It usually takes a while before any signs of a drinking problem or alcoholism appear in the workplace; they commonly begin showing at home. But wherever they do show, it's necessary for those close to the drinker to see them clearly and take appropriate action. Many people experiencing a drinking problem are well aware they drink more than others but don't think they have a problem; they can just tolerate more than most (yes, that is the face of denial in that mirror). But at the same time, oddly enough, they are aware that they need to keep this supposedly nonexistent problem from showing itself. That's the real trick; after being successful at keeping the secret in the shadows, it becomes harder to hide and it emerges into the light. With a spouse, significant other or other family member, it may take a confrontational posture. I recall a spouse telling me that on several occasions she had confronted her loved one about drinking only to be accused of trying to pick a fight. She would always back off, but this only enabled the drinker to continue and should have been a red flag to her that there was something brewing behind that anger. For supervisors and co-workers, it should be a huge red flag if someone appears to be angry, sullen and may be quick to find fault in others. While it doesn't mean that someone does have a drinking problem, it is often an indicator of this type of issue.

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

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

What are other indicators of substance misuse/abuse? I ask most Sergeant Supervisory School classes about red flags and the obvious answers come up, such as the smell of booze emanating from an employee or staggering into work. After the laughter subsides, these are, of course, some huge banners. The things to look for are pretty much the same as performance to standards issues (those items listed on everyone's performance evaluation). Here are a few: Getting in late to work once in a while happens to most of us, but if it's chronic tardiness, even to briefings, it can be considered problematic and is a possible indicator. Several restroom trips/stops may be an issue. Becoming argumentative with supervisors or co-workers, while maybe expressing a viewpoint or articulating the facts of a case, is something to watch and can border on insubordination. These arguments might be part of unusual mood swings, with the drinker's behavior unpredictable, often overreacting and blaming others. Sometimes the person doesn't get along with co-workers. Often the anger is accompanied by defensiveness, depression or anxiety. A general decline in an employee's work product or productivity will be evident, sometimes just over the course of one day. While this can be an indicator of fatigue or burnout for some,

a drinker is thinking of when the next chance to drink is coming; the priority isn't work anymore. In the extreme, signs of self-neglect, poor hygiene, memory loss or forgetfulness, erratic behavior or poor judgment are clear signs of a serious drinking issue. Most employees will never exhibit these symptoms, but there have been occasions where some of the described behaviors have been noted and fortunately not ignored.

If an employee exhibits any symptoms of an addiction or behaviors that could indicate the possibility of one coming along down the road, supervisors need to be aware of the resources available. The folks in the box attached to this article are always willing to help and have worn shoes similar to your person who needs help. The docs and I at Employee Support Services Bureau offer free and confidential services and have several outside resources to which we can refer employees. There are chaplains and numerous Peer Support members throughout the Department that can lend an ear. And if the employee isn't ready for any of this, let them know that they can always contact their insurance provider and use the resources they offer. Any step away from the problem and toward a different goal is positive. Be seeing you. ☆

## TEXAS REUNION

The Former Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs in Texas (FLADST) will have their annual luncheon on Saturday, May 19, 2012, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Dave Schriever's home in Katy, Texas. For those of you who plan to attend our luncheon, please contact Dan Castillo at [castillodr2@gmail.com](mailto:castillodr2@gmail.com) for directions to Dave's house.



By Jodi Hutak  
Lakewood Station

Out with the old and in with the new.” That is definitely true of the Lakewood Station family this month! Specifically speaking: Sergeant Chris Neeper is OUT! He might argue with my calling him old, but that’s all right; if he’s retired, what’s the worst he can do to me? I’ve always wondered what the real reason is for people retiring in March. Looking at Chris’ stellar gait, I just figured, no wonder he’s leaving now; if he waits any longer, he’s gonna need to use a cane to come into work. Then he extended a week and I thought, maybe the cane is on back order. Casually, he mentioned in passing his sizeable retirement check. As it turns out, Chris is the one having the last laugh ... all the way to the bank! Seriously though, we all wish him health, wealth and happiness into his senior years. Oh wait, he’s already there. Good luck to you, Chris.

Sergeant Steve Paul isn’t quite out the door yet. However, he is counting down the days as we prepare for his gala event on March 29 at the Long Beach Airport Holiday Inn. If you haven’t RSVP’d for your seat, e-mail Lakewood Sergeant Jodi Hutak or any of the others listed on the

JDIC. We are going to miss him and want to show him off in true Lakewood style. Hope to see everyone on March 29!

We have a standout deputy for the month — actually, a “stand up” deputy, to be precise. We called KFWB and told Pete Demetriou to move over. Our very own Traffic Investigator Mark Campbell is in the running to dethrone the king of radio broadcasting! Mark had some serious air time reporting on a traffic accident in Paramount. His calm, cool and collected demeanor could have landed him a new career on KFWB, or maybe even the successor to *Soul Train!* Word on the yard is that radio reporting will be Mark’s new day job and he can moonlight as a traffic investigator at night! Mark will stick to radio, as he’s no Jackie Johnson!

As deputy sheriffs, we are often told to “handle it!” That is the way we were trained, and we did as we were taught. Apparently, this philosophy was bred into LET Jillian Felger, one of Lakewood’s complaint desk operators. Well, it does run in her genes after all; her late grandfather honorably served as a City of Lynwood police officer before his EOW on September 18, 1962. Jillian received a call at the desk from a citizen concerned for a needy family in Paramount with seven children who was unable to afford a holiday meal, gifts or even a tree. She took it upon herself to handle it

and enlisted all of PM Shift to help out. Within 24 hours, she and her PM Shift crew collected \$500, purchased a Christmas tree and a slew of gifts and delivered them to a very grateful family in need on Christmas Eve. Her creativity and energy in responding to the problem at hand were a testament in defining what the Lakewood family is all about. We know your grandfather would be proud!

Speaking of proud, I do have one last story before I close. We at Lakewood are so proud of our Operations staff. We just love our captain and, of course, our Ops sergeants, as everyone may have noticed, evidenced by their appearances in the last two articles. I would be remiss if I left out the backbone of Lakewood’s Operations, Lieutenant Gary Blackwell! Apparently, we are not Gary’s only admirers. Gary attended a retirement function and many of the attendees were awestruck by his muscular stature and chiseled physique (as we all are). So much so, in fact, that one of the gals approached Gary, caressed his finely sculpted biceps and exclaimed, “Lieutenant Blackwell, you have arms just like Popeye!” Sergeant Tom Burt, who’s faithfully been hitting the gym and is no slouch himself, has aptly been named Sweet Pea.

Until next month, stay safe and don’t forget to eat your spinach! ☆

## From the Docs *continued from page 24*

Praise based on merits is a major resilience-building component. In fact, genuine praise builds a specific and very significant byproduct of resilience, which is healthy and authentic self-esteem. No one would argue that they want their children to grow up with a healthy dose of self-esteem. However, when empty praise or reward is given without having been earned, a false sense of self-esteem can be created. False self-esteem only builds esteem temporarily; in fact, it builds one up for a fall at a later time, not to mention the possibility of creating personality issues such as a sense of entitlement or narcissism based on nothing. Therefore, the goal is to utilize any and all opportunities to teach your children how to deal with the trials in their lives, no matter how small or trivial the trial may seem, because they are the opportunities that can build resilience.

All children will always come up against some level of adversity. In fact, in the past several years many children have been firsthand witnesses to a number of natural tragedies, such as earthquakes, tornadoes, tsunamis and brushfires. Fortunately, not all children will face severe levels of adversity or tragedies. However, as adults responsible for raising healthy children we still have to be mindful of the smaller stresses as they can do just as much damage to our developing children. In summary, resilience is one of the most important sets of skills we can help our next generation acquire. Teaching children how to be resilient will allow them to better handle the various challenges in their lives and reap the unique rewards of resilience, such as authentic self-esteem, strength of character, confidence and self-reliance.

For further reading on the topic, go to [www.hawaii.edu](http://www.hawaii.edu), [www.resilnet.uiuc.edu](http://www.resilnet.uiuc.edu), [www.mpf.org](http://www.mpf.org), [www.cyc-net.org](http://www.cyc-net.org), [www.e-bility.com](http://www.e-bility.com), [www.childrensgrief.net](http://www.childrensgrief.net), [www.apa.org/helpcenter/resilience.aspx](http://www.apa.org/helpcenter/resilience.aspx). Or Google “how to build resilience in children.” ☆

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# THE OPEN MIKE

By Eric Patton

Sheriff's Communications Center

It was brought to my attention that there was a recent broadcast about The Open Mike being GPA/UTL and 920C ... Well, it's now 920F with a generic excuse from the ghost-writer: Both Erics have been busily training new dispatchers here at SCC, and for some unexplained reason neither one of us could manage to write a paragraph or two during the course of our 12-hour shift. Our respective trainees have now "graduated" to either bona fide "solo" public response dispatchers or are off to greener pastures as deputy sheriff trainees at STARS Center. It's time to open up MS Word and stare at the old blinking cursor until the thinking light bulb illuminates above my head. Unfortunately it's flickering and low on batteries (as always), but here is the scoop from "The Hill" ...

The Christmas decorations have long since been stored away here in the Radio Room and SCC has been busy with an influx of trainees, so the room is abuzz with a classroom-type atmosphere as trainers work on building the skills of the new kids on the block. So far, we've had a pretty good success rate; a long-overdue congratulations to the following folks who successfully made it off training and are now officially on the timesheets as a PRD I: Heather Young and last but not least Orlando Delgado. Thanks for filling those vacancies and decreasing those infamous red "Denied" stamps on our time-off requests.

Before moving on to the bloopers, a big congratulations to PRD II Samantha Belanger on the birth of her adorable daughter Charlotte Grace Nichols on September 21, 2011 (yeah, this announcement isn't a tad late or anything — sorry, Sam ...). Charlotte weighed in at 5 pounds, 13 ounces. Mom is back at work and little Charlotte is growing like a weed. OK, on to the bloopers ...

**TSB 927C** — MW/A "tweaker" soliciting sex for money. DP wearing a blue jumpsuit. (Must be hard times for the Smurfs these days.)

**PLM 415B** — MW/50 upset over Money-Gram transfer not going through. DP throwing peanuts at employees. (I guess it's better than bricks or hand grenades.)

**WHD 459N** — DP MH/A dressed as Robin from *Batman* show. (Times must be tough in this economy if Robin is out robbin'.)

**TSB 415** — L.A. Union Station — man attempting to board Amtrak train with a life-sized female mannequin. (Go easy on him ... Remember that 1980s movie *Mannequin*? It could happen ...)

**SDM 924** — Inf stuck in a pair of handcuffs and her little brother lost the key. (We don't want to know what led up to this ...)

**LMT 415F** — Hubby vs. wife. Husband threw a piece of fruit at wife. (He could have just had a V-8.)

**SDM 390** — Inf's friend depressed over turning 38 years old, losing his hair and feels he looks much older than he is. (I'm glad I didn't

have to handle that call. It only gets worse from here, buddy ...)

**LAN 415F** — Sister hit inf with a broom and refusing to let her go to school. (Sounds like another typical Monday in Lancaster.)

**NWK 602JO** — Inf found male transient inside bathroom using his shower. DP got dressed, asked for money and left loc. (Even the transients know that good personal hygiene is a plus in this day and age.)

**LAN 415F** — Inf's two sons, 15 and 16 years old, ganging up on him because he took away their Xbox. (This call came out a day after Christmas; perhaps next year Dad will just skip the gifts and donate to charity.)

**LAN 415B** — MB/A with a large blanket over his head attempting to pay for a cup of coffee with pesos and *Pokemon* cards. DP pointing and laughing at employees. (You gotta hand it to him, a nice little creative twist to offset the inflated prices on those coffee shop cups.)

**ELA 415B** — FH/A 390 at church attempting to hit people with her cane. (She was simply casting out the heathens.)

**TEM 925A** — Silver Honda deemed "suspicious" in the pkg lot by store security guard. Guard unable to say why car is suspicious, it "just is." (Never take this guy to Vegas with you; his hunches are wayyy off.)

With that, we are 98 and out the gate. Stay safe and have a good one ... ☆



## IN MEMORIAM



JOHN R. GARNER

RETIRED 03-08-94, DECEASED 12-27-11

SERGEANT/INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU

SAM QUINTANA

RETIRED 02-28-81, DECEASED 12-25-11

DEPUTY IV/NORWALK DETECTIVE BUREAU

ANNA KOLEDI, WIFE OF RETIRED MEMBER DANIEL KOLEDI, DECEASED 12-10-11

# 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.*

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Industry Station

**Gary L. Allen**

Court Services West Bureau

**Lawrence J. Belden**

Aero Bureau

**Frank E. Carey**

Twin Towers Correctional Facility

**Jaime Castro**

Malibu/Lost Hills Station

**Gabriela Chavez-Adrian**

Twin Towers Correctional Facility

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# Star News 50 Years Ago

Reprinted from the January 1962 *Star News*



*THE HANDSHAKE* — symbolic of warm friendship and harmonious agreement—is in keeping with the above ceremonies. Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess greets T. D. Buchan, Deputy Mayor of the City of Temple City, and City Councilman L. Merritt, during official start of Traffic Law Enforcement services under new Contract. Captain James Paicoc, left, Commander of the Sheriff's Temple Station, will implement the new program at station level.

As of January 1, 1962, the Cities of Commerce, Rosemead, South El Monte, Temple City, and Walnut have requested that the Sheriff's Department provide them with traffic services, under contract similar to those which provide for general law enforcement.

The new program has created an authorized increase of 25 personnel, and has, to date, added 13 traffic units to our present field strength.

This significant increase in our traffic enforcement program followed the withdrawal of California Highway Patrol units from the cities named.

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The L.A. Sheriffs' Museum needs your support. The collection is overseen solely by volunteers, mostly retired sworn and professional staff and their family members, with the help of a dedicated cadre of members from the local community. With no budget from which to operate, our only dedicated source of funding is YOU.

Please help preserve the heritage and perpetuate the pride of our Department. Whether you are an active

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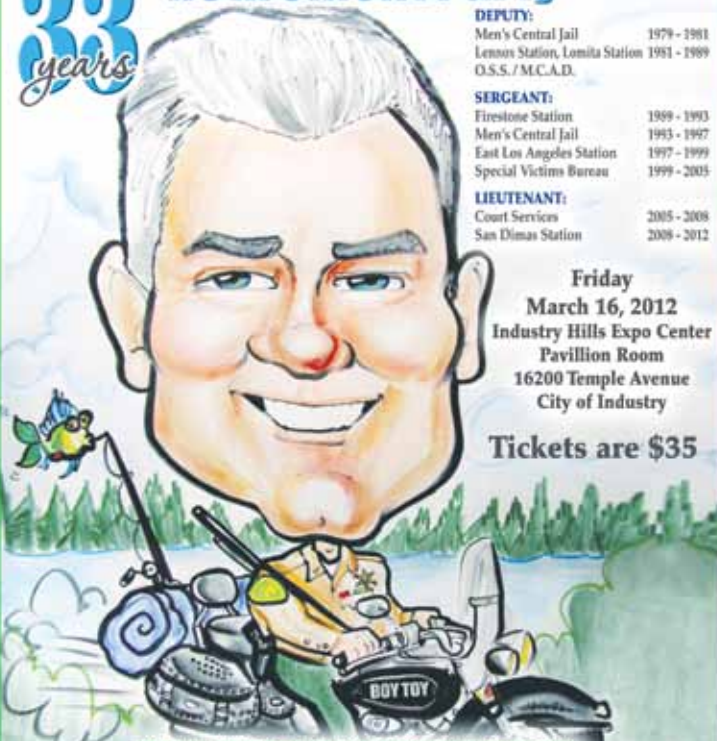
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# Lieutenant Craig Boyett Retirement Party

33 years



**DEPUTY:**  
Men's Central Jail 1979 - 1981  
Lennox Station, Lomita Station 1981 - 1989  
O.S.S./M.C.A.D.

**SERGEANT:**  
Firestone Station 1989 - 1993  
Men's Central Jail 1993 - 1997  
East Los Angeles Station 1997 - 1999  
Special Victims Bureau 1999 - 2005

**LIEUTENANT:**  
Court Services 2005 - 2008  
San Dimas Station 2008 - 2012

Friday  
March 16, 2012  
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Pavillion Room  
16200 Temple Avenue  
City of Industry

Tickets are \$35

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honoring

Assistant Director

**JAI ME O. OGA MPO**

35 years of service

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1977-77 Clerk Recor-Assessors Office  
1977-78 Clerk Recor-Treasurer-Tax Collector  
1978-79 Asst. Clerk II-Dept. of Health Services  
1979-80 Asst. Tech I-Auditor-Controller's Office  
1980-82 Asst. Tech II-Dept. of Community Dev.  
1982-88 Asst. II/AB I-Parking & Streets Dept.  
1988-90 Asst. Officer Sheriff's Dept.  
1990-92 Asst. Officer Sheriff's Dept.  
1992-95 Asst. Officer Sheriff's Dept.  
1995-2008 ADM III-Sheriff's Dept.  
2008-Present Asst. Director-Sheriff's Dept.

**LOCATION:**  
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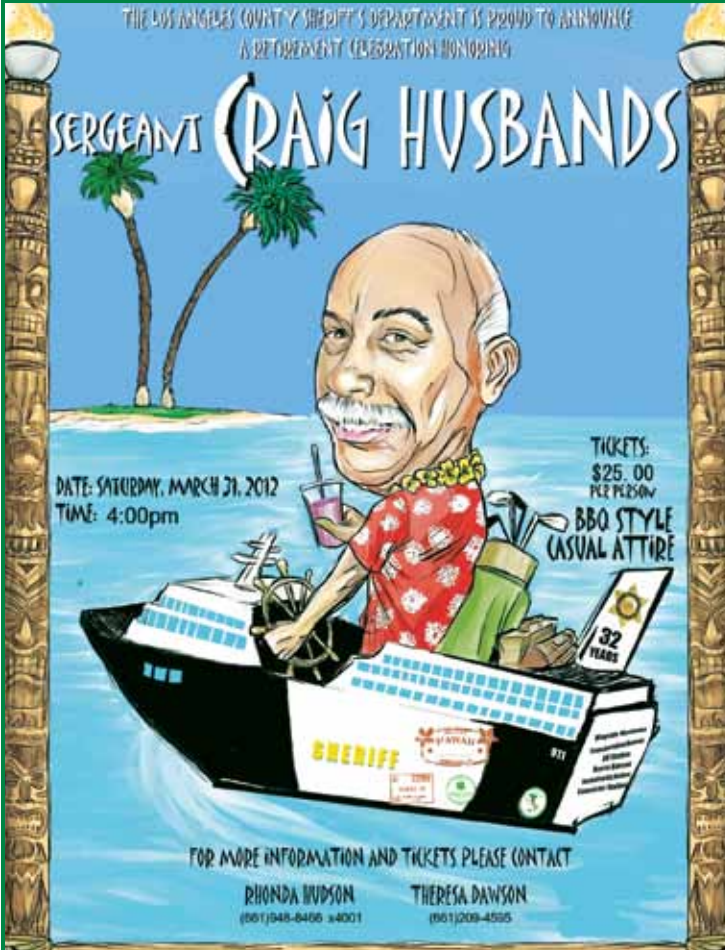
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# SERGEANT CRAIG HUSBANDS



DATE: SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 2012  
TIME: 4:00pm

TICKETS:  
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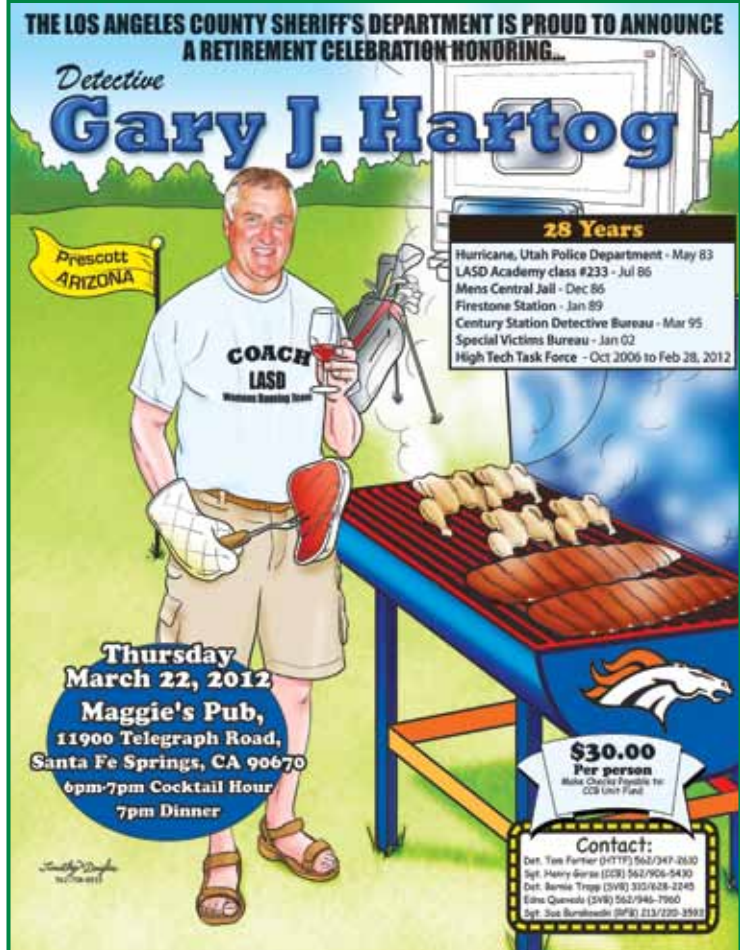
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A RETIREMENT CELEBRATION HONORING...

# Detective Gary J. Hartog



**28 Years**

Hurricane, Utah Police Department - May 83  
LASD Academy class #233 - Jul 85  
Mens Central Jail - Dec 85  
Firestone Station - Jan 89  
Century Station Detective Bureau - Mar 95  
Special Victims Bureau - Jan 02  
High Tech Task Force - Oct 2006 to Feb 28, 2012

Thursday  
March 22, 2012  
Maggie's Pub,  
11900 Telegraph Road,  
Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670  
6pm-7pm Cocktail Hour  
7pm Dinner

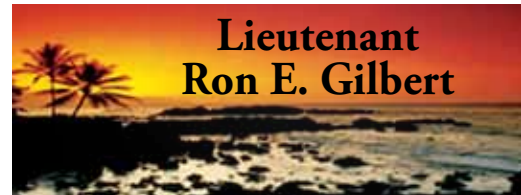
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The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department  
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**Lieutenant  
Ron E. Gilbert**

After 27 ½ years of service

Almanson Court  
700 S. Almanson St.  
Alhambra, CA 91801

March 27, 2012 at 11:30 am

\$30.00 per person

Make checks payable to: Inmate Services Unit

**Contact**

Sgt. Yancy Walden 213 893-5875  
Dep. Frank La Piana 213 680-6963  
Elly Castellon 213 680-6965  
Kalila Lujan 213 473-6113

Sorry, no tickets will be sold at the door.

## Subject: Sergeant Steve Paul's Retirement Celebration

After 35 years of service, Sergeant Steve Paul is retiring. Please join his family, friends, and co-workers, for a retirement celebration in his honor.

Steve was hired in 1977, Class #183, worked MCJ '77-'80, Lynwood Station '80-'86, Narco '86-'89, SEB '89-'00, promoted to Sgt and worked Norwalk '00-'06, Lakewood '06-'08, COPS Bureau '08-'11.

Date: Thursday, March 29, 2012

Location: Holiday Inn, Long Beach Airport  
2640 N. Lakewood Blvd  
Long Beach, CA 90815  
(Discounted room rate available.)

Time: 1700 to 1800 - Social Hour  
1800 to 1900 - Dinner  
1900 to 2030 - Presentations

Casual Attire

Cost: \$25.00 including tri tip and chicken buffet dinner and gift for Steve.

Make Checks Payable To: "Steve Paul Retirement Fund"  
Attn: Sgt Jodi Hutak  
5130 N. Clark Ave  
Lakewood, CA 90712

\*\* This is a ticketless event \*\*

\*\*\* Last day to RSVP is March 20, 2012 \*\*\*

\*\*\*\* A confirmation email will be sent when check is received \*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*\* Please e-mail Jodi any photos of Steve.

That would be greatly appreciated \*\*\*\*\*

### For more info and to RSVP, please contact:

**Sgt Jodi Hutak**  
at (562) 925-0124 ext 2557 or [jlhutak@lasd.org](mailto:jlhutak@lasd.org)

**Lt. Rod Armain (Cops Bureau)**  
at (323) 388-8760 or [rjarmali@lasd.org](mailto:rjarmali@lasd.org)

**Dep. Mike Wilber (SEB-ESD)**  
at (323) 395-3169 or [mrwilber@lasd.org](mailto:mrwilber@lasd.org)


**Secty. Teri Kolinski (Nwk Narco)**  
at (714) 376-0857 or [tmkolins@lasd.org](mailto:tmkolins@lasd.org)

**6th Annual Charity Golf Tournament  
Presented by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's**



**Friday, March 30, 2012 Whittier**

<p align="center"><b>Tournament Details</b></p> <p><b>Registration Check In</b>    6:00 - 7:30 am  <b>Shotgun Start</b>                7:30 am  <b>Awards Luncheon and raffle immediately following the tournament. Each participant will receive a goody bag &amp; refreshments on the course.</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Awards for:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Longest Drive (male and female)</li> <li>● Closest to the pin (male and female)</li> <li>● Hole-in-one</li> <li>● Putting Contest</li> </ul>	<p><i>California Country Club</i>  1509 S. Workman Mill Rd.  Whittier, California 90601  Clubhouse: 626.333.4571 ~ Pro Shop: 626.968.4222</p> <p align="center"><b>Tournament Contacts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sgt. Nancy Drake (562) 946-8216</li> <li>● Lydia Lozano (562) 946-7960</li> <li>● Barbara Stroup (562) 946-7920</li> </ul> <p><b>Deadline for Registration</b>  <u>Friday, March 16, 2012</u>  This tournament is limited to the first 144 registrants. (register early, don't be left out!)</p>
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**This event will help raise funds for the Sheriff's Department  
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**WHEN:** MONDAY, MAY 21, 2012

**WHERE:** SAN DIMAS CANYON GOLF COURSE  
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SAN DIMAS, CA 91773 (909) 599-2313

**TIMES:** 10:30 REGISTRATION AND CHECK-IN  
12:00 SHOTGUN START  
5:00 DINNER, AWARDS & RAFFLE

**FEE:** \$100 PER PLAYER



- ◆ Lunch ◆ Raffle Prizes ◆ Beverages provided throughout the course
- ◆ Prizes awarded to First, Second and Third place teams
- ◆ Closest to Pin contest ◆ Longest Drive contest ◆ **Limited to 144 players**

**ENTRY DEADLINE: MAY 7, 2012**

**QUESTIONS? GIVE US A CALL:**

Tom McNeal	(626) 241-0509	Lisa Rico	(626) 292-3385
April Nelsen	(626) 292-3346	John McNeal	(323) 526-5245
Maria Sigala	(626) 292-3367		



Mail entry form and fees to:

Temple Station  
8838 E. Las Tunas Drive Temple City, CA 91780

Attention to: Maria Sigala

Make Checks payable to :

Temple Station Booster / Support Group

\_\_\_ Place me in any foursome (list name, contact number and e-mail address below)

\_\_\_ I am part of a foursome (list all members, contacts & one primary email address below)

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2. (Print) Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_
3. (Print) Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_
4. (Print) Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address** (one primary contact for foursome) \_\_\_\_\_

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| ___ Tee Sponsor           | \$150 (Includes Tee Box Sign)     |
| ___ Lunch Co-Sponsor      | \$750 (Includes a golf twosome)   |
| ___ Tournament Co-Sponsor | \$1500 (Includes a golf foursome) |



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**Saturday, June 2, 2012**

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**BBQ@LASD.ORG**

# LASD 31st Annual Retirees' Reunion

**Sunday, June 17 – Saturday, June 23, 2012**  
Inter-Mountain Fairgrounds  
McArthur, California

All retired members, including professional staff, of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department are invited to gather together at the Inter-Mountain Fairgrounds in McArthur, California, for the 31st Annual Reunion. The location is on Highway 299, approximately 70 miles East of Redding. This beautiful place lies between the peaks of Mt. Lassen and Mt. Shasta.

Bring your R.V., tent or stay in one of the local motels in Fall River Mills. Full hook-up camping, showers, laundry and 30/50 amp service at \$15 per night. These camping fees are from June 16, 2012, through June 23, 2012. The Reunion registration is \$10 per person.

Activities include golf at a championship 18-hole golf course, horseshoes, lawn darts, bocce ball, cart tournaments, potluck dinners, steak fry, a catered dinner, a pancake breakfast, fishing, sightseeing or just kick back and relax. Plenty of war stories heard daily. Newly retired and surviving spouses are especially welcome. Adult participation.



## Please RSVP, and for additional information contact:

Walt and Betty McClure, (541) 245-1590 or (541) 646-2301, [wjmclureetinc@yahoo.com](mailto:wjmclureetinc@yahoo.com)

Tom Sargent, (530) 243-8982, [tsgt907@charter.net](mailto:tsgt907@charter.net)

Richard or Judy Smith, (626) 444-0686, [retiredstars@earthlink.net](mailto:retiredstars@earthlink.net)



## 2012 LASD RETIREE ROUNDUP

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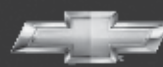
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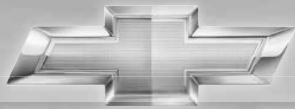
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