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One Hundred Years of LASD Female Deputy Sheriffs

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Trustees Monthly Meeting

The regular meeting of the Sheriffs' Relief Association convened on Wednesday, August 8, 2012. The following officers and trustees were present: Jake Katz, President; Andrew Thompson, Vice-President; Trustees Kerry Carter, Paul Drake, Joseph Fennell, Thomas Laing, John McBride, Raymond Peavy and Josie Woolum; Robert Ciulik, General Manager; and Carrol Leonard, Assistant General Manager. Trustees not present: Arthur Herrera, Richard Maradiaga and Liza Vera.

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m. A motion was made by Trustee McBride, seconded by Trustee Laing and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2012, Board meeting and the June Foundation expenditures.

COMMUNICATIONS

General Manager Robert Ciulik reported that communications were received from the following during the month of July:

From Beverly Wilson to Bob Bouffard, "Dear Bob and members of SRA, thank you for the floral sheriff's star and SRA. SRA has been such a help and wonderful support to us through Roger's last year battle with two cancers. He was such a great guy and I am so proud of his life as a deputy sheriff. Indeed, we are so fortunate to have been really cared for by you and the department and the many police organizations that Roger belonged to. The loan of the wheelchair is appreciated. It is being fixed as a support for the seat broke. I'll return it soon. Thank you so much for being there. SRA is the best! Roger always sang your praises too. Appreciate the check so quickly."

From Wendy Rebel and family to Bob Bouffard, "Thank you so much for all the help you have afforded our family. The fresh fruit basket was shared by our children before my John's memorial service. The generous check will be deposited into a much needed account. Thank you very much."

From Judy Cannady and family, "Thank you for all the support these last few weeks when my dad, Brent Cannady passed away. It is so nice to have the support even through my dad has passed away. The Sheriffs' Relief Association truly takes care of their own and their families. We are including a donation check on behalf of one of my moms cousins. Thanks again for all you have done."

From Howard Slack, "I want to sincerely thank you guys at Sheriffs' Relief for the check you sent me a few days ago. As you can see from the enclosed sheet, the Hospice care provided by Medicare through Kaiser has some strings attached.

"They provided the hospital bed, oxygen equipment, etc., and a Hospice nurse that stops by twice a week to check my wife's condition, refill prescription medicines, update any doctor's instructions, and check on my compliance with instructions. I have to provide the 24 hour care and supervision. Fortunately, one of our granddaughters is attending nursing school (which I'm paying for), and she drives by weekly to help out. She'll receive her LVN certificate in December and wants to continue school to be a full-fledged RN after that. My daughter also drives down from Antelope Valley a couple times a week to help me around the house. I also hired a lady to come in every other week to do the routine house work. The best deal of all is I found a young lady who is attending nursing school part time and has received her Medical Assistant certificate.

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Retired Deputies

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Happy Columbus Day on the 8th, Cuban Missile Crisis began on the 16th, U.S. invaded Grenada on the 23rd and Happy Halloween on the 31st. Have fun and enjoy the month of October!

On August 1, the Hi-Desert Retirees got together for their monthly luncheon at *Carrows Restaurant* on I Avenue and Main Street in Hesperia at 11 a.m. Those present were Dick and Lue Obney, Jo and Sheila Ortiz, Ed and Elaine Ballinger, Ed and Shirley Snapper, Woody and Liz Polidore, Bill and Marie Eden, Rick and Judy Greenwood, Norman and Chickee Nelson and Veronica May. Ed Ballenger announced that he didn't have any jokes to tell this time, and then commenced to tell us several cute, funny jokes! He is a character, and we knew he couldn't get by without telling a joke or two. Judy and Rick had a barbeque on Saturday, September 1, and everyone was invited. Marie has a small vegetable garden this year, which is a surprise because she has a big green thumb! Come join us the first Wednesday of the month. Everyone is welcome.

On August 1, the Marshal's Old-Timers held the monthly luncheon at *Villa Tepeyac* in West Covina. Each time we go there, we have a good turnout and someone from way in the past shows up. This time, we had Harry Grosdidier (common spelling) show up. Others in attendance were Eugene Swanston and John Davis (two of the other Elder Statesmen, John Matarazzo and Al Blomker, were not there), Al Barnett, Ken Swann, Cliff Hartfield, Dave Grijalva, Steve Jimenez, Roger Konoski, George Moore, Roger DeHaan, Richard Duran, Darryl Muckla, Dave Gonzalez, Terry Black, Dan Lobo and his son Eric. Eric was on leave from the Air Force and took time to join us. You could see the pride in his dad and we are all proud of you, too. Topics of discussion varied in each little group, but as usual, ailments and wild

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On the cover: A group of LASD female deputies in the late 1940s, including Francis Blumfeld Jensen (back row, center), who would later become the Department's first female Captain. Photo courtesy of the Los Angeles Sheriffs' Museum.

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She shows up for a few hours every morning and evening to check on my wife and administer injections, etc. I was able to hire her for $10.00 per hour.

"The biggest drain on me is the 24 hour supervision requirement. I can't leave the house with her alone at any time for any reason. As the Social Worker explained to me, if anything bad happens when I'm not here, Adult Protective Services can prosecute me for neglect.

"As you can see, my incidental expenses added to my other expenses (fuel, special diet foods, etc.) can quickly add up, so the check you sent will go mainly to pay for my little Nursing Staff.

"The Kaiser Doctors have already told me that my wife's condition is terminal – it's just a matter of time. This news was kind of hard to come to grips with after being married to my beautiful wife for over 50 years. Our goal now is to make her as comfortable as possible. Thanks Again, Howard D. Slack."

From a longtime member who will be retiring soon, "I will be retiring as of 8-31-12. Through the last several years (more than I care to admit) I have come to you for assistance with paying for tires, home repairs and everything else you could think of. You have always been there to save the day! And as always, I am grateful!

"So thank you one last time, from a grateful employee (o.k. soon to be a former employee) who couldn't have done it without your kind, hardworking and considerate staff.

Bless you all!"

BENEVOLENT REPORT

MORTUARY BENEFITS PAID DURING JULY: $84,250

MORTUARY BENEFITS PAID YEAR TO DATE: $392,500

LAWS & LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Four petitions for Board seats were turned in by the deadline of August 1. Those individuals will be appointed by the Board at the November meeting for the terms beginning January 2013.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

A total of 76 new membership applications were received during the month of July. A motion was made by Trustee Thompson, seconded by Trustee Fennell and unanimously carried to accept the following new members:

Richard D. Alarcon, Vanessa M. Altamirano, Alexis L. Alusha, Nicholas T. Anderson, Christopher M. Attruia, Annabelle A. Bautista, Maria Lyenore Bautista, Michael E. Boggs, Aretha L. Brooks, Kevin J. Brown, Renatividad L. Buhay, Yadira L. Castaneda, Pedro A. Castellanos, Adam D. Castillo, Raquel Chambers-McKuen, Annette M. Chavez, Christopher H. Chung, Mamadou B. Cisse, Candice N. Clark, Robert Cozine, Paul D. Desmond, Sheila M. Dowling, Carla V. Duenas, Nicolas M. Felando, Rolonda L. Gainer, Victor M. Gamont Jr., Ashley N. Garcia, John M. Gardner, Raymond W. Gorajewski, G. I. Guevara-Zepeda, Nasri A. Hassan, Michelle L. Hauser, Katherine M. Hernandez, Siomara J. Hernandez, Diana R. Holguin, Harry J. Huber, Yi-Juan Hwang, Ashley N. Johnson, Michael A. Kelly, Pui Y. Louie, Brittanie Maddox, Jasmin M. O'Connor, Laura E. Olivares, Adebukola E. Olusanya, Pelagio L. Pasion, Ryan D. Peacock, Thu Anh T. Pham, Charles P. Randolph, Jake P. Ritchie, Gary G. Rizardo, Damyon L. Shorts, Dave A. Smith Jr., Sandra J. Sofinski, Heidy Soria, Daniel J. Stanovich, Brandon E. Tanori, Lester C. Teal, Guadalupe J. Trejo, Carlos R. Vega, Catherine Wang-Gonzales, John D. Wells, Jennifer S. Wenger, Frederic B. White Jr., Jin Quan Yang.

There were eight new retirees, three deaths of active members, 11 deaths of retired members four new honorary associate members and 8 members who resigned, were discharged or transferred from the Sheriff's Department during the month of July.

SHERIFFS' RELIEF FOUNDATION REPORT

A basket will be donated for the Major Crimes Bureau golf tournament being held on September 24, 2012, in San Dimas.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Thompson asked if Sheriffs' Relief Association would send flowers to the funeral of longtime volunteer Betty Howlett, who passed away last weekend. Flowers will definitely be sent. ☆

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and sometime questionable adventures while on the job prevailed (statute of limitations). Upcoming luncheons are in both the *Star News* and the *Star & Shield*. — Terry

On August 1, the Southern Oregon Law Enforcement and Fire luncheon was held at the Grants Pass Elks Lodge. Attending were Dale Yellin, Rufus Horn, Sue Maxwell and the surprise duo, Bill Patterson and Bob Havercroft. That was the real shocker as *they* had been busy in the morning hanging a screen door! The potentialities of them not attending were prodigious. Here you have the possibility of optimum productivity stunted by former homicide investigators with minimal mechanical perception. A screen door, for heaven's sake, takes two? Fortunately, they managed to complete enough of the task to stop for lunch. Glad you could make it, guys! At the "LASD table" we had guest Walter Smith, who was an LAPD officer, 91 years old and has been retired over 40 years! Go, Walt — get into LAPD's coffers! Nice guy. He told us that the "cop talk" at the LAPD table was very much like the talk at our table! And also joining us was our friend Jon Ainsworth, former Simi Valley P.D. As we adjourned, Bill and Bob raced back to the screen door task. Please join us on the first Wednesday of the month, 11:30 a.m. For directions or info, email Sue at *Jellybeansbobo@aol.com*.

On August 6, we arrived at Pismo Sands RV Park, 2220 Cienaga Street, Oceano, to meet up with the Sunshine Rollers for a week. This was a beautiful day by the ocean with a nice breeze, sunny and not a cloud in the sky. Claude and Dolores Waddle were the Wagon Masters for this campout. Those attending were Lou and Mary Jo Mullady, Gil Sherwood, Carol Engle, Tom and Pat Jones, Ray and Annie Esquerra, Claude and Dolores Waddle, Rick and Sandy Spence, Ray and Sandy Hoyal, Sonja Cruz, Steve and Ruth Powell, Norman and Chickee Nelson and Jeff and Sheila FitzGerald. Scheduled to come but couldn't were Linda and Bob Hanada because Linda fell and broke her leg and had surgery to repair the damage. Also, Bud and Ginger Doan were not able to attend as Bud fell and suffered a broken hip. He also had surgery. Tom went out late at night to open the sewer valve when the slide jumped out and bit him on the head. Tom ended up in the emergency ward at the local hospital, and got Super Glue instead of stitches. So now Tom's aka is "Crazy Glue Head Tom"!

On August 13, the Lakewood ROMEOs met at *Ruby's Diner* in Long Beach, where we paid homage to Willis Haviland Carrier, who invented

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LASD WOMEN'S BAKER TO VEGAS TEAM 2012

By Sue Burakowski

This year was a special yet sad year for the LASD Women's Baker to Vegas Team. The team ran faster than their projected time and finished overall 14 places better than the year prior. Although they placed second behind the LAPD Women's Team, they blew out the third-place team, FBI Women, who fought them to the finish in 2011. This year's team had to once again endure the heat because of the mid-afternoon start time. At race time, it was 106 degrees at the starting line, which we all know is even hotter due to the blacktop you are racing on and the heat from the vehicles running next to you! Each year, we give out a few team awards to the runners that really have a great performance during the race. The winner of the Fastest Woman Award went to Alicia Hinojosa, who not only had a baby in the off-season and bounced right back but was the fastest recorded female runner for 2012 on leg 4. All you runners out there know that leg 4 is no walk in the park, so that is quite a feat! The second award was Best New Runner. The award went to Randi Yamasaki, who ran her first-ever Baker to Vegas race and was given the terrible task of running leg 1 in the extreme heat. Randi not only stayed on a steady pace, but she came in under her projected time despite the heat! The last award was given for the Best Performance. That award was given to Amalia Hernandez, who ran the ever-tough leg 13. She is a pure hill runner and ran well below her projected pace for the entire course of the leg. I wish we could give awards to everyone because the whole team gave a great effort! The members of the 2012 team were Randi Yamasaki, Jessica Nava, Yvette Ortega, Alicia Hinojosa, Janet Barragan, Denise Martinez, Monica Sanchez, Emily Dilelio, Ann Ballesteros, Brittany Moyer, Joanna Krase, Paulette Cain, Amalia Hernandez, Clarissa Torres, Joanne Arcos, Claudia Rodriguera, Belen Lemus, Monica Farias, LaJuana Hasilrig, Nancy Veliz, Kimberly Manatt, Rosalina Harris, Catalina Pritchard and Stephanie Sparks. A special thank you to Chief Roberta Abner, Captain Stacy Lee, Sergeant Andrew Lee and Deputy Rich Parker for their support and help not only during the race, but throughout the season!

Unfortunately, this was the last year our coach, Gary Hartog, would be with the team. He retired in March and is hanging up his stopwatch to travel, fish, hunt and relax with his wife, Debbie. Gary was a great coach because he was a runner first and a coach second. He genuinely loved running and his passion for the sport carried over to his coaching. Gary began coaching at Firestone Station in 1993 and then would go on to coach the Century Station team from 1994-1996 and 1998-2001. When Gary went to a specialized unit, he stopped coaching for a few years but was pulled out of retirement by an old friend, Ron Hernandez, to coach the LASD Women's Team in 2004. Gary continued to coach the team until he retired this year.

Gary implemented a training program that not only included monthly training schedules but also articles on "words of wisdom" from everything from what to wear when you run to techniques on how to properly run a race. Many of the runners who joined the team had always "run," but never "trained," and because of the program that Gary put together, they thrived under his direction. He had a unique and kind way of always finding the positive in what you did during a race and brought out the best in each team member. Gary was a special person and will certainly be missed by all who had the pleasure of being coached by him!

The 2013 LASD Women's Team will begin training in October for next year's Baker to Vegas race. Our team is comprised of sworn females from all over the Department. We train together once a month, but often train in small groups throughout the County more frequently. We have runners, triathletes and CrossFit athletes on the team and welcome anyone who wants to be a part of this great team! If you are interested in being a part of the team, feel free to contact any team member, Sergeant Sue Burakowski or Sergeant Britta Kjellstrand. ☆

air conditioning in 1902. It made us happy to be indoors enjoying the victuals for sure. The attendees were Chris Beattie, Jerry Berry, George Boswell, Dick Cooper, first-timer LeRoy Cox, Ed Dahlstrom, Charlie Engelbart, Sandra Escandon, Ben Hilliard, Joel and Jerri Johnsonbaugh, Bill Lee, Frank Matillo, Ron Morgon, Chickee and Norman Nelson, Mike O'Hara, Robert Pryor, Bill Richardson, Ike Sabean, Bill Snyder and John Witt. Ha, I just realized that John Witt is last alphabetically AND arriving at the lunches. Is that a coincidence or what? It was great to see LeRoy Cox as he left Lakewood Station in the early '70s, or thereabouts. The conversations quickly turned to our memory and lack thereof. It seems our heads are so crammed with old stuff there's very little room for new stuff. What's that old maxim, "Garbage in, garbage out"? Except none of the old garbage is "outing." I mean, what's up with that? Norman said that Woody and Liz Polidore were going to attend but at the last minute Woody chickened out. I think he forgot (refer to the memory issue) OR he's afraid he'll get lost again. Apparently it happens a lot. Anyway, everybody had a great time and is looking forward to the next gathering in October at *Fuddruckers* across from the Lakewood Station. — Bill

P.S.: As Norman and I were leaving the restaurant, we were stopped by Nick Morrow, who was there having lunch with two of his grandchildren. He said he kept seeing people go in and out that worked Lakewood Station. I told him today was our luncheon and we exchanged information. So hopefully he will attend some of the luncheons, too.

On August 16, the monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the PRV 15 Communications Group was called to order at 8 a.m. at *Corky's Restaurant* in Rancho. Many matters were resolved by the Board and the Chairman of the Board, David Gomez, did his usual best to keep the discussions under control and "recollections" to a minimum. The turnout was very good this month. At the head of the table was Don Handley, who was his usual talkative self; Bob Pash, who didn't talk golf; Dale Johnson, who was glad to take a break from her to-do list; Mike Reyes, who is never at a loss for stories about his kids; Ruben Diaz, who really surprised his wife Linda for her birthday; Ed Barstow, whose son Austin joined us; David Gomez, who was accompanied by his wife (whom we suspect keeps him from wandering off and getting lost); and Maria Burwell, who brought stories and excuses for Irma Alvarez, who was under the weather and couldn't make it this month. Not in attendance were Jimmy John (Johnson), who swears he'll make the next one, and Joe Quintana, who follows Jimmy John's lead of chasing a little white ball around. All are invited to attend the next get-together, which is always on the third Thursday of the month. Stop by, *Corky's* is located off the 210 Freeway on Haven, on the way to Las Vegas, or San Manuel, or outlet malls or just as a destination itself. RSVP to Dave Gomez at *mail4dna@aol.com*; if you plan to attend the next meeting, we'll put the coffee on for you.

On August 22, the Desert Heat Retirees got together for their luncheon at the Elks Lodge in Lake Havasu, Arizona. Here is the list of attendees at the luncheon: Don and Susie Sackett and Joshua Sackett, Jerry Gillen, Ralph Salazar and Darleen, Jack Smith, George Bachmeier, Bill and Ginny Young, Jerry Sanford and Mike Robbins. August birthdays were Larry Tomes, Don Sackett, Steve Root and Bill Marquardt. Don was the only one present. Love and hugs, Jerry G. Hope to see you in October!

On August 31, the Antelope Valley Retirees changed the location for the monthly breakfast. We selected the *Scramblez Café* in Leona Valley as a new location for a change from *Carrows Restaurant* in Lancaster, which we have patronized for several years. *Scramblez Cafe* (this is not a misspelling, that is the name) is nestled in the small mountain community called Leona Valley, which is located approximately nine miles West of Palmdale. The ambience is so totally different from *Carrows* in Lancaster, which is on a busy street and near the Antelope Valley Freeway. For those of you not familiar with the area, the main intersection is 90th Street West and Elizabeth Lake Road. Traffic in the area is minimal, mostly local residents of the mountain communities. Leona Valley is not very high in altitude, surrounded by mountains on the North and South sides with long valleys to the East and West. The air seems to be cleaner to breathe than over the mountains in the desert, and the scenery is such a nice change of pace. Today's weather was one of sun peering out from scattered clouds with a backdrop of very blue sky. Our only wish is that we could receive some needed rain. In mid-July, my wife and I took a motoring vacation to Washington state and had the opportunity to visit with retired Deputy Bill Yocum in Sequim and retired Sergeant Glenn Corson in Port Angeles. I am not at all surprised as to why these retirees would want to live in that part of the country. I only wish that we could have extended our vacation so as to take in more of the sights and beauty of the state. We were also able to experience some of that stuff called rain, which is alien to our part of the country, meaning Lancaster. Both Yocum's and Corson's homes had deer roaming about them, which is apparently the norm for the area. The only negative for the trip was when our car suffered a mechanical problem that shortened out vacation money by over $500. Fortunately, it occurred near my brother's home in Rochester and he knew a private mechanic that made the repairs. On a sad note, on Wednesday, August 22, we lost one of Antelope Valley's greatest. Retired Sergeant Robert Wallace passed away at one of our local hospitals after being admitted a week earlier for respiratory problems. Bob had been battling cancer for a long time and, even at age 90, he was not admitting defeat and was still playing golf. He fought a courageous fight against cancer. Bob will be missed at the monthly breakfasts which he regularly attended. May he rest in peace. Attending the breakfast were Keith Hoyt, Glenn Hutchinson, Vance Kirkpatrick, Bob Bullard, Ron Shreves, Don Ott, Scott Budge, John Sylvies, Dennis Papp, Jay Seibert, Pat Hood, Don Wilder, Gil Sherwood, Bob Pierce, Tom Ewens, John Ament, Bob Welch and yours truly, Carlos Valdez. Bob Pierce is a retired Peace Officer from Queensland, Australia, and was a guest of Gil Sherwood. Bob Pierce has attended our breakfasts before and is now like a regular member. For information on the A.V. Retirees' activities, please contact Carlos Valdez at *valdez5150@msn.com* or (661) 943-0125.

This is all for this month. Once again, enjoy your retirement, as we do have a great one. There are things you can do and places you can go, so don't sit around and twiddle your thumbs; get out and enjoy your life. Stay safe! Take care. God bless. Hugs, Chickee and Norman ☆

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UNITED PEACE OFFICERS AGAINST CRIME

By Marlon Williams
UPAC

When you hear about a Summer camp primarily run by law enforcement, most people assume it's a boot camp. Not true for Camp UPAC. Upon first glance at the brochure, you see the badges, the uniforms and the traditional black-and-white vehicles. But if you look closer, what do you see? You see the smiling faces of children.

United Peace Officers Against Crime (UPAC) was founded in 1988 by Los Angeles County deputy sheriffs with the idea of working with community partners and law enforcement to bring positive alternatives to youth in the community. In addition to after-school programs, school assemblies and scholarships, UPAC has successfully provided a weeklong Summer camp experience for at least 375 youth in Los Angeles County for the past 24 years. It's UPAC's dedication to building a positive bridge between law enforcement and the community that is at the heart of the organization's mission.

The youth who attend the Summer camp program (Camp UPAC) are between the ages of 6-17. A majority of them live in areas of our community that are exposed to violence, drugs and gang activity, or come from homes that are typically lower to lower-middle income families. Without programs like Camp UPAC, most, if not all, of these youth would never have what every child should have — wonderful childhood memories of Summer camp.

Set in the San Bernardino mountains, Camp UPAC provides kids with the opportunity to participate in hiking, horseback riding, field games, campfire activities, swimming, canoeing, kayaking, archery, mountain biking, arts and crafts, tae kwon do and so much more. For those who never really get to travel outside their neighborhoods, Summer camps give them a chance to breathe the clean air and really experience the great outdoors. Many are excited and amazed to see the beautiful mountains, plentiful trees, green grass and the occasional deer, squirrel or chipmunk. Common statements you hear from the kids by the end of the week are "I didn't know I was going to have so much fun" and "I want to come back next year!"

Camp UPAC is an opportunity to provide mentoring, leadership and community care to kids who need to be shown that they are important. Staffers come from various departments within Los Angeles County, including law enforcement, and other members of the community who are committed to giving back. Their true dedication is evidenced by the fact that they volunteer their off-duty hours for an entire week to work with the kids at Camp UPAC. A Sheriff's deputy commented during orientation that for him it was a "true test of patience, commitment and love … out of a 52-week year, it takes 51 weeks to get charged and ready to do it again. If you're not real and your heart isn't in it, the kids will know and it's all about the kids." Our thanks go to Sheriff Lee Baca, Captain Joe Stephen, Captain Joe Gooden, Captain Randy Stover, Lieutenant Jeff Perry, Sergeant Tony Campbell, Deputy Matthew Moore and Deputy Brian Cramer for making this a wonderful and very successful experience this year. ☆

A Hundred Years and More

By John Stanley and Mike Fratantoni

On October 13, at Sybil Brand Institute, the Los Angeles Sheriff's Museum will be presenting an event honoring the 100-year anniversary of the hiring of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department's first sworn female Deputy Sheriff, Margaret Q. Adams. This event will also honor the 40-year anniversary of women being assigned to work in patrol and the 20 women trailblazers who were the first to work the streets in black and whites.

Both of these accomplishments are incredible milestones for women on our Department. On October 13, those who join us at SBI will learn much more about the women who merit the praise for them, but before these triumphs could occur, hundreds of other women toiled in obscurity, breaking the hard ground to make them possible.

One such woman was Deputy Emma Benson. Until very recently, we knew nothing about Emma. With our discovery of her story, not only did we learn about another early LASD female pioneer, but about a woman who will now be recognized as the first female Deputy Sheriff to lose her life in the line of duty in the United States and the first woman peace officer to merit that honor in California.

Deputy Benson was hired in 1918. She was unmarried and was approximately 41 at the time, though the matter of her age would be handled very delicately after her death. Like Margaret Adams, she was the sister-in-law of the Sheriff. In her case, her brother-in-law was Sheriff John Cline. But unlike Margaret Adams, Emma could not be hired by the Sheriff simply because she was a close relation. She first completed and passed a civil service exam for the position. By so doing, she became the Department's third female Deputy Sheriff. In 1916, Deputy Nettie Yaw became the first woman to enter the Department after completing the civil service exam. Yaw enjoyed a long career attached to the Department's Criminal Division.

(In the photo of the women attached, Margaret Adams is third from the left, Emma Benson is the woman next to her holding the hat and Deputy Yaw is the tall woman next to Emma. Harriet Shehi, who has the distinction of being the LASD's longest-serving resident jail matron, is second from the right. The identities of the other women are unknown. The photo was taken at a Department picnic in 1918.)

While Deputy Adams worked exclusively in the Civil Division throughout her career, Deputy Benson, like Deputy Yaw, worked more challenging assignments. Notably, Emma was involved in the transportation of female prisoners. It was while returning from one such escort to the Norwalk mental health hospital on March 20, 1919, that Deputy Benson was killed. The car she was riding in was struck by a Pacific Electric car at the Rio Hondo crossing on Telegraph Road in what today is Pico Rivera. Also killed in the collision was the vehicle's driver, Deputy Sheriff Harry Guard. Another Deputy, Maurice Reyes, was riding as the rear passenger and was severely injured but survived.

Numerous newspapers describe the collision. It was a clear afternoon with good visibility. The railroad crossing's wigwag signals were observed to be operating properly. The papers noted

that Deputy Guard was the Sheriff's chauffeur and was considered an excellent driver. In 1919, driving cars was still not something most people did. Deputy Guard had been assigned this task for over a decade. From the accounts of witnesses, it appears that Guard underestimated the speed of the Eastbound Pacific Electric car. The Ford Model T pictured is like the vehicle the three deputies were riding in. You can understand from the 1919 photograph

of a Pacific Electric car why Deputies Benson and Guard were killed instantly. It is remarkable that Deputy Reyes survived. The newspapers noted that Reyes was in charge of the Department's "Spanish cases." Both his wrists were broken, as was his right leg. He also suffered internal injuries and a fractured skull. He was not expected to live. However, despite his injuries, Reyes not only recovered, but lived a long life and passed away in 1973.

Prior to lapsing into unconsciousness, Deputy Reyes was able to tell Undersheriff Zehner some details of the crash. Approximately 50 feet prior to the crossing, he saw the Pacific Electric train and yelled out, "Look out! There is a car!" But Guard did not stop. This account matched the statement made by the Pacific Electric car's Motorman E. Wittman. He said he had no idea how the accident occurred. The automobile shot out in front of him before he could apply the brakes to the train. The train ripped the front wheels off the car and dragged it a considerable distance onto a bridge before Motorman Wittman was able to bring the train to a stop.

Deputy Guard was survived by his wife, mother and two sisters. He was 38. All the newspaper articles stated that Deputy Benson was 25. Her death certificate, unlike Deputy Guard's, lists her age only and not her date of birth. Her death certificate, which was attested to by Sheriff Cline, stated that she was "about 39." Yet the headstone over her grave states that Emma was born on September 30, 1876, which made her 42 at the time of her death. Emma was a single woman. Given the spirit of the day, it was a conceit to make her appear younger than she was. This might also explain why the *Examiner* used the photo of her when she was much younger than at the time of the accident.

The paperwork acknowledging the line-of-duty deaths of Deputies Benson and Guard was submitted to Sheriff Baca for his signature and both will be recognized at next year's Peace Officers' Memorials. At that time, Deputy Benson will be formally acknowledged as the first female Deputy Sheriff to lose her life in the United States and the first peace officer to suffer this fate in California.

To honor her life and the accomplishments of the many women who served the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department with distinction for over a century, we invite you to join us on October 13 at SBI.

(The authors would like to extend special thanks to Crime Analyst Joe Walker for obtaining copies of the death certificates of Deputies Benson and Guard from the County Registrar-Recorder's Office.) ☆

Peace Officer's Fellowship

Note to readers: Periodically there will be submissions, such as this, written by a POF member that are anonymous with no byline. These are not in the STRAIGHT UP series written by Chris Minor.

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

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IT'S NOT JUST MEN

Let's face it, we live and work in a male-dominated profession. But the cold, hard truth is this: Alcoholism and substance abuse have NO respect for gender! I know this because I am a female Department member and an alcoholic, and it is time for me to speak up. Over the last several months, I have seen many of my female peers and partners struggle with alcoholism and substance abuse, resulting in them facing Department discipline. I have no explanation as to why this didn't happen to me. Call it luck; call it fate; call it what you will, but now I have a calling to reach out to other women. This is my story.

I used to pride myself on being a tomboy. As a young girl, I even had a shirt that read, "Anything boys can do, girls can do better." That was my philosophy and I lived it. I got a "high" out of impressing my male counterparts. I got better grades in school than them. I could run faster than them. Once I became a deputy, I worked the ghetto just like them. I could even out-hook some of them. Sadly, I could out-drink just about *all* of them. I was a party girl and proud to hold the title. Since my first drink at age 17, I learned how I could instantly take myself to "a different place," becoming "a different person." With just a few shots, I could "fit in" and people liked to hang around me. It took me to another level of bad girl *and* cool chick which I was proud to claim. Alcohol enabled me to be the fun and outgoing person that I wanted to be. And I drank like that for 10 years. Unmarried with no children, I had no ties or obligations and I was free to grow my career and sow the oats of my 20s. I excelled within the Department and had the respect of my peers. To hide the downward spiral caused by my drinking and partying, I created a façade on the outside. I displayed only what I wanted everyone around me to see: the girl who had it goin' on. Along with the lifestyle of drinking came other behaviors that, over time, began to degrade how I felt as a human being and as a woman. I felt ashamed inside. Every remorseful "morning after" built on top of the humiliation from the last one. I was burying myself in alcoholic escapades and shame. What all those people around me didn't know (even the people closest to me) was on the inside I was lonely, sad and hurting bad. There was no one I could tell. I was afraid either someone wouldn't understand how I felt or I would lose respect if anyone thought I wasn't "tough enough" to handle problems on my own. Alcohol often took me to that place of comfort and escape that I relied upon. That place where I could forget about the problems I *couldn't* handle. Alcohol had not affected my job with the Department, but my personal life slowly became a desolate and scattered mess. By that point, I needed alcohol to hide the person I was becoming. And I drank like THAT for seven more years.

When I got to the Peace Officer's Fellowship (POF), I came with no DUIs or other arrests, no Department-related discipline issues, just a completely broken soul and a crumbling home life. Only someone who has the disease that I have can understand what I really mean when I say I was "dead inside." I just didn't care anymore. I was tired of the chaos in my home (chaos that MY drinking had created) and I felt completely hopeless with nowhere to turn. By the end of my 17-year drinking career, I was really tired. I was ready for a different life. I just couldn't manage my drinking or my thinking. I embarked on what was to become the most challenging and worthwhile journey of my life: recovering from alcoholism. The Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous have taken me through a process of self-reflection and given me life-coping tools (which I thought I had but found that I didn't). I have healthy relationships now that I didn't know how to have before I came into the program. I've been brought to a place where I can live life on life's terms. Life still isn't easy, but it's not so difficult that I need to pick up a drink. I no longer feel alone. When I go through a difficult time, I always have another alcoholic available who is able to understand me and help me through it using the coping tools of the program. Now, I am in a place where I want to help others, especially women. I want to share the amazing gifts that this program has given me with women who are hurting like I was when I got here.

The POF is completely anonymous. Anonymity is the foundation of the AA program. My name and number will not be printed in the *Star News*, but I will give up my anonymity to any female member of the Department who wishes to seek help. I can be reached through Deputy Chris Minor at Employee Support Services Bureau at (213) 738-3500, or Sergeant Eric Castano at (323) 537-0927. If you are a Department member, male or female, and you have a problem with alcohol or substance abuse, there is help available through the POF. If your career has not yet been affected, it doesn't have to be. If it has, it's not too late to stop the madness. Remember, ladies: It's not just men. ☆

Palmdale Station

By Jason Ames
Palmdale Station

AREA 26

From the desert of unexplained sky lights and mysterious aircraft come this month's strange sightings and events ...

WE HAVE A WINNER!

When Palmdale Station Records Clerk Lindsay Voda was "cornered" and asked to purchase drawing tickets for the Southern California region March of Dimes March for Babies fundraiser, on the last day of sale, she had the same thought we all share. She thought, "No one ever wins these things, but, hey, it's for a good cause."

Tickets were 6 for $25, and the prize was a loaded 2012 Prius V3 Hybrid, worth over $30K, generously donated by Toyota.

Imagine Lindsay's surprise when she was notified via phone after the drawing was held that she had won and was now the proud owner (and subsequently immediately responsible for the taxes of!) of a new Prius!

The charity raffle raised nearly $150,000 for research and treatment of infant health conditions.

Congrats, Lindsay; enjoy your new ride!

DOG ON A HOT TILE ROOF

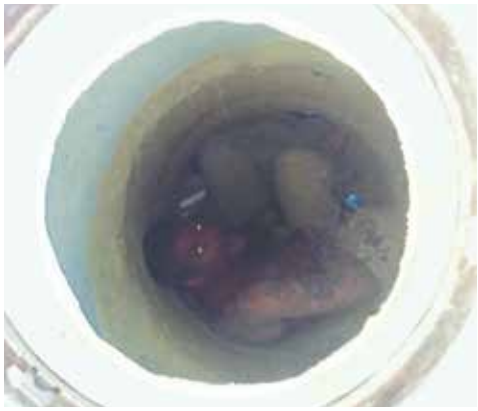
So you have a nice house you'd like to protect, you bought two mean dogs to guard it, but you don't have a fence to keep them in. Solution … put 'em on the roof!

Deputy Patrick Reader, responding to a location in Palmdale, was glad he remembered his Academy training mantras of "Always expect the unexpected" and "Always look up."

ALICE IN LITTLEROCK

Chasing his elusive, errant white tennis shoe, this Littlerock man found this hole only went deep enough to prevent him from climbing back out.

After being trapped over two days, the man was heard calling for help by a passing rancher on horseback. LACOFD attempted to hoist him out via a strap under his arms, but found the opening too narrow for his shoulders to pass with his arms down. They were eventually able to free the man, but only after chiseling away at the opening with a jackhammer, widening the hole.



LOSS OF ONE OF OUR OWN

Palmdale Station mourns the passing of Oscar "Ozzie" Levi, on July 23, at the age of 86. Ozzie was a dedicated station volunteer, serving for 16½ years.

Born in New York in 1926, Ozzie served in the Army Air Force during WWII. He graduated from Purdue University with a BS degree in aeronautical engineering, and worked in aeronautical development at Northrop Corp from 1962-1995.

Ozzie sacrificed over 5,000 hours of service with the Department, volunteering his time to contribute to the operations of Palmdale Station.

He will be greatly missed, and our condolences go out to his family and friends. ☆

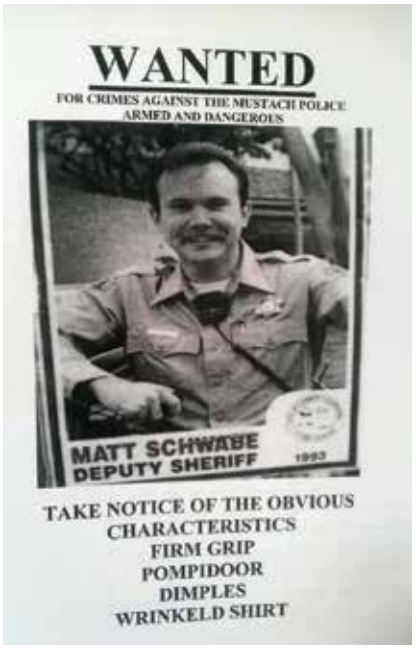
By Tim Hazlewood
Marina del Rey Station

THE SCUTTLEBUTT

Greetings from the land of sunshine, cool waters and great views. Congratulations to Deputy Keith Harrison, who is giving it all up to become a Sergeant at Twin Towers ... the land of no view, no sunshine and recycled air. Congratulations, Keith, and enjoy your two years at the Towers. Sergeant Tedder is giving this all up to become a propeller head at Records Bureau. Wait, he is already a propeller head. We are also getting a couple of new Sergeants. Michelle Alo is promoting from Detective at Carson Station and Cody Signater is transferring here from Twin Towers. All this fresh air will probably be a shock to his system. We also got a new Secretary, Patty Choe, from Carson Station. Patty's desk has a view of the main channel and the Pacific Ocean. She has had a permanent smile on her face since she got here! We would also like to welcome Shawn Stamper, who is our newest addition to the boat operation ... just in time for the West and Northwest swells that will start rolling in during the Fall and Winter months. Also, we would like to welcome Min Her to our Marina del Rey family. I heard he is a fifth-degree black belt in five different forms of martial arts. Somebody needs to protect FTO Brad Feder out there — people just want to fight with him all the time.

Detective Dion Battee is putting together a softball team to play in the upcoming Department softball tournament in September. This is the first time we have participated in the tournament. Our players are all in their 30s, 40s and, yes, 60s. Dion was heard saying, "Our team looks good on paper" and "We have a bunch of good athletes on our team." Somebody already cleared a space for the trophy ... I just want to come back in one piece.

The photo is of our own boat Deputy Matt Schwabe. He is still sporting the same hairdo and moustache, but they are gray now. When he saw this, he got in the car and went to the drugstore to buy some Grecian Formula 44. Detective Martinez says he could borrow the black Sharpie pen he uses to cover up his gray. Whoever put this together needs to work on their spelling: "mustach," "pompidoor," "wrinkeld shirt" ... come on, man.



There is a photograph of FTO Brad Feder that someone titled "Mouse." He claims he was adjusting the blinds in the briefing room. Reliable sources claim he saw a small vermin run across the floor and was screaming like a little girl ... I am going with the mouse sighting because nobody had adjusted those blinds in years.

Everyone is scrambling, studying for the upcoming Lieutenant's exam in September. Detective Clarence Williams was heard saying, "Why are you stressing about it? They will have another test in two years."

We recently participated in the 999 for Kids swim from Catalina Island to the mainland. Our vessel *Tradition* provided the escort and support services for the swimmers, who started swimming in hour-long segments over the course of about 12 hours. Kudos to Luca "I Am a Part-Time Lifeguard" Gaetani and all the other swimmers and our boat crew of Mike Carriles, Howard Cosgrove, Nick Zabokrtsky, Eddy Hiraoka and Rich Godfrey. To me, this just looks like a scene right out of *Jaws* ... swimming in the open ocean in the middle of the night. The photograph makes me even more sure of that. A huge Mako shark was caught about 15 miles off Marina del Rey. Last time I checked, that was about halfway to Catalina Island, where these guys were swimming from. This shark was so big it broke the fish scale at the fuel dock. Everyone says, "But you have a lifeguard on a 12-foot paddleboard right next to you." The shark was about six feet longer than the paddleboard!

Congratulations to our Captain, Oceal Victory, on her promotion to Commander. She will be missed by all here at the Marina Station.

Until next month, stay safe and have your partners' backs. ☆

Mira Loma Detention Center

Words from the War Eagle

By Jacob Goble
Mira Loma Detention Center

WHAT'S UP WITH THE WAR EAGLE?

The new design for the Mira Loma monthly column comes from a nickname this plot of land far North in Lancaster received long before the tan and green set foot on it. War Eagle Field is the name of the airfield that used to occupy what is now Mira Loma Detention Center, and the name "War Eagle" is still faintly seen on one of our hangars.

The Polaris Flight Academy opened on the field's grounds in 1941 and trained cadets for the Royal Air Force and the Royal Canadian Air Force. After the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Polaris Flight Academy began training cadets for the United States Army Air Force in 1942. In 1944, the flight school changed its name to Mira Loma Flight Academy until the airfield inactivated in 1945.

In 1946, responsibility for it was given to the War Assets Administration until the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department purchased the land for reasons unrelated to flying and turned it into part of the County jail system. After a series of openings and closings from the '60s to the '90s, it finally reopened in 1997 to house Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detainees. As of this writing, that is still the case and the count stays just under 1,000 detainees.

PPOA SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS

From 43 total applicants, PPOA gave out 10 dependent scholarships and one active member scholarship for 2012. Vincent Wood, son of Custody Assistant Shawna Wood, received one of the dependent children scholarships and is currently enrolled at San Diego State University. Custody Assistant Stephen Daffron of Mira Loma received the sole active member scholarship and is currently enrolled at Columbia University. PPOA Board members select scholarship award recipients based on academic achievement, community service, work experience and an essay. Congratulations to both Officer Daffron and Vince Wood. Please check out the picture of Officer Daffron receiving his award from PPOA President Brian Moriguchi.

MURDER MYSTERY

A murder mystery dinner aboard a train in Fillmore was sponsored by the MLDC Employee Fund earlier this Summer. We had attendees representing our supervisors, deputies, custody assistants and civilian employees. A good time was had by all who attended, and I am promised a return journey in the not-too-distant future. I have enclosed some photos of our employees (including the captain and Ops lieutenant) enjoying themselves on the dinner train.

NEW MIRA LOMA LINGO

Inevitably when you leave somewhere and come back a few years later, there are subtle changes in the way things are done. An example of this would be unofficial phrases for common practices. Such an instance awaited me at Mira Loma. I was greeted with a new name for having your work position changed without your knowledge. So, if you check the in-service on Monday and come back Tuesday to find you've been moved out of the position you were originally slated for, that is called getting "McMahoned." Apparently one of our finest found a way to ensure his work position so frequently that the practice now bears his name.

When confronted with this information, he denied all knowledge and even made the strangest counter accusation. He claimed that though he was assigned as the Main Gate Deputy, he found he had been "Marioned" out of his spot the next day. I'm not certain where this new lingo is coming from, but you can bet I'll keep investigating.

INS AND OUTS

Sergeant John Gill graciously accepted a position on loan with the Polygraph Unit and will be much missed. We welcome two new Custody Assistants from the Academy: C/A Rosales and C/A Melara. There is a rich history of excellence here at Mira Loma, and I'm certain you are aware of the big expectations you have to live up to.

YOU'D BETTER EAT YOUR WHEATIES

Wheaties cereal lets you connect with champions everywhere: Peyton Manning. Kevin Garnett. Bryan Clay. Now, Mira Loma gets to connect with the newest Wheaties champion: Deputy Juan Calderon. Juan is a triathlete and distance runner who recently scored a sponsorship with the famed maker of the breakfast of champions. It seemed only a matter of time until Deputy Calderon took his partner's advice on nutrition for training to heart: Eat more carbs. Now that he has an in-house nutritional coach and the corporate backing to go with it, the sky is truly the limit for our Mira Loma champion. Congratulations, Juan; we're proud of you.

IN CLOSING

I wanted to leave you with some teaser words for next month: Deep Freeze. If you don't know now, you will soon. But until then, I've enclosed a photo to help explain myself. Whether it's clearer or not, you be the judge. Until next time, stand tall, stand proud, Mira Loma out. ☆

COUNTY SERVICES BUREAU

By John Coleman
County Services Bureau

GRAND OPENING

July 27, 2012, marked the official grand opening of blocks one and two of Grand Park, in downtown Los Angeles. Despite the heat that day, there was a large turnout of not only the general public, but County employees from various departments that wanted to join in on the festivities that ran throughout the weekend. Making sure everything security-related went off without a hitch were Lieutenant Mike O'Shea, Sergeant Annadennise Briz and Detective Debbie Romero. Also lending a hand were Lieutenant George Zagurski and Sergeant Eric Fox from EOB. A job well done to everyone involved.

GREAT HOOK

On July 23, Deputy John Kleeh was patrolling the LAC+USC Hospital campus when he received a call of a suspicious vehicle in one of the many parking lots that surround the campus. Upon locating the vehicle, Deputy Kleeh found the driver sleeping inside with both doors wide open. As he and Deputy Tseng detained the driver, they soon noticed the strong odor of marijuana emitting from the vehicle. As you can see in the accompanying picture, we are not talking about personal use here. The suspect was so kind and cooperative, he even told Deputy Kleeh that he sells weed as a part-time job. Just for good measure, he was also charged with possession of nitrous oxide. Great hook, John.

BOWLING

Back on July 12, CSB hosted its fourth Bowling Tournament Fundraiser to raise money for our unit's B2V team for next year's race. In the days leading up to the event, there was some smack talking going on over which team would take home top honors and bragging rights. After the last pin fell and the dust settled, taking first place was team "Feel the Wrath" with team members Marlene Beringer, Bill Conaway, Georgie Conaway and Richard Faulkner. Taking second place was team "Captain's Team" (very original) with our Captain Chuck Stringham, Sandy Stringham, Bryan Stringham and Chris Cale. Taking third place this time around was team "Griffin" with family members Janice, Jordan, Jonathan and Wendell Griffin. A special award for having the lowest total pins for the night goes to our very own LET Giovanni Franco. Thanks to Detective Ricky Osburn for organizing the event. Speaking of organizing, you might realize Ricky is also the team captain of the B2V team. He does such a great job and loves organizing so much, I think he is irreplaceable.

MORE NOISES IN THE NIGHT

If you happen to be one of the three people that read this article, you may remember about a year ago I wrote about various County buildings that are supposedly haunted. This tale brings us back to the old Office of Public Safety Headquarters Building, which is on the grounds of the old Rancho Los Amigos Hospital. This time around, the noises that lurk in the dark are not so much ghostly, but more of a terrorizing creature that most will not dare cross paths with. Just as Sergeants Bryan Beardsley and Carol Rogers try to make their way into their office during the wee hours of Early Morning Shift, there are several of these creatures that roam the parking lot, turning them away on occasion. I hear some nights as many as 20 can be seen wandering around. Some of you may know this creature as a "polecat." Most of us just know them as a skunk. Put yourself in the sergeants' position for a second: You're trying to get into your office, but between your patrol car and the front door of the building there are several skunks standing there, staring at you. For those of you that know Bryan, you know he can handle himself in most situations, but I'm not so sure that the Krav Maga techniques will save him from getting sprayed. This does give me an idea though, and just in case the unthinkable does take place, we need a backup plan. Since Detective Ricky Osburn loves to organize fundraisers, I will contact him to put the wheels in motion to raise enough money to buy a pallet of tomato paste from the local box store. I'm just kidding, Ricky — but not really.

Until next month, stay safe. ☆

By Tim Whyte
Sheriff's Youth Foundation

CAMP COURAGE BRINGS KIDS TO NATURE: YOUTHS DEVELOP LEADERSHIP SKILLS, BUILD POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS

Suppose you lived in an urban environment and you never ventured out into the country or the wilderness. How cool would it be to get a chance to camp in a tent and see your first wild deer and gaze at the stars without interference from the city lights?

For four groups totaling 180 boys and girls from eight different Youth Activity League centers, this past Summer represented their first chance to do just that. The youths participated in Camp Courage, hosted by the Industry YAL.

"For a lot of them, it's their first real experience in the outdoors," says Deputy Rico Rivera of the Industry YAL. "That's my favorite part — the kids who have never been to a wilderness area, to see how they react to that. Some of these kids never get out of the city."

Some, he said, even see a wild deer or a raccoon for the first time.

Along the way, the deputies who run the camp take a break from wearing their uniforms and offer the middle school-age children a wide variety of outdoor activities, including archery, arts and crafts, water games, team-building exercises and, a crowd favorite, rides on a zip line.

"It was hot, but the kids were great," Rivera says. "They had a good time."

One special treat this Summer was delivered by a schoolteacher who brought a telescope to the camp and set it up for the youths to stargaze and look for planets. "The kids loved it. That was great."

Camp Courage — Community Opposition and United Resistance Against Gang Evils — is offered free of charge to the children, who are selected from each of the participating YAL centers.

While spending several days at the wilderness camp, near Diamond Bar, the deputies and youths also engage in talks and lessons about the dangers that can await teens, like gangs and drugs. And, Rivera says, all of the activities and discussions are designed to build leadership and teamwork skills among the youths, who converge on the camp from diverse areas of the Los Angeles County.

"It's rare to have kids from all of these areas around the County together in one place at the same time," Rivera says. "It went over well, and it helps give the kids the tools to be successful."

He says many of the children develop positive relationships not only with the deputies, but also with youths from other areas. "By developing these positive relationships, it will help them stay out of gangs and other trouble."

Rivera adds that Camp Courage helps break down barriers among the kids: "When they are with us, they are all the same. They are just teenagers." ☆

By Lamont Stringer
Lost Hills Station

Greetings from the sunny West side of the County.

MONTHLY HEADLINERS

1. Deputy Yoav Shalev received Employee of the Quarter honors for his extraordinary efforts here at Malibu/Lost Hills Station. Deputy Yoav has completed a wide range of station-renovation projects while maintaining his FTO status. Thank you for a job well done!

2. Malibu/Lost Hills deputies responded to the Homewood Suites hotel in Agoura Hills regarding a "business disturbance" call. Apparently, the suspects had not been paying for their room charges. When deputies contacted the suspects in their room, they subsequently learned that one of the suspects had a $26,000 warrant for drug paraphernalia. Upon further investigation, deputies located numerous counterfeited bills, paraphernalia consistent with material used to produce counterfeit U.S. currency and several pieces of unfinished counterfeit U.S. currency in the room.

3. Malibu/Lost Hills deputies responded to the 5300 block of Parkmor Road, Calabasas, regarding a possible "burglary just occurred" call. Deputies responded to the area and initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle matching the description of the call. Upon conducting a field investigation, deputies took the three occupants of the vehicle into custody. Station detectives later determined these suspects were involved in several other previous property crimes in the area.

4. Reserve Deputy Rob Friedman was presented a Service Award by Captain Joe Stephen for his recent study on how to improve traffic safety on Pacific Coast Highway in the City of Malibu. Great job!

SUMMER EVENTS

On August 18, 2012, the Agoura Hills/Calabasas Community Center hosted its annual celebrity basketball fundraiser on behalf of the organization Parents of Children with All Special Needs. The event was titled "Hooping for Parents."

The Malibu Beach Team hosted its annual End of Summer Beach Team Bash on Friday, September 12, 2012, at the *Paradise Cove Restaurant*. Station personnel were encouraged to attend and have some fun on the beach!

Malibu/Lost Hills personnel participated in the United Peace Officers Against Crime event. Our staff had the opportunity to interact and have a positive impact on a very diverse group of children. We are proud to have had the opportunity to be a part of this event.

We want to give a special thanks to our Malibu/Lost Hills Station CSI Team for their outstanding work in the community. The Summer camp was a success!

NOTABLE EVENTS

Malibu/Lost Hills personnel attended the retirement celebration for Chief Neal Tyler. We all wish Chief Tyler the best and an enjoyable retirement.

Until next month, have fun and stay safe. ☆

"Shop the Emporium"
Go to *www.sheriffsrelief.org* and click on Shop.

L A 2 Y A

By John Roberts and Daniel Lopez
East Los Angeles Station

I can't believe it's already October, and I don't have my Christmas lights up yet! Where has the year gone? The football season is in full swing, so let's join them and let you in on this month's happenings.

First, congrats are in order to Deputies Tom Arellano and Sean Banks, who both recently promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Tom is headed to Lomita, while Sean's new RD will be Century Station. Two other mainstays are transferring to new homes as well. Sergeant Dave Ladjevic will be transferring to IAB, while an ELA legend (in his own mind), Sergeant Randy Hasnas, will be transferring to OSS-GET to spread his knowledge and humor (?) to anyone who will listen. All joking aside, although everyone here at the Fort is happy for their success, we are losing over 80 years of experience, leadership and knowledge. We're proud of all of you and you will be sorely missed.

The revolving door has brought us Lieutenant Greg Saunders from IRC and Deputy Bobby Cisneros from TSB. Whether you're coming or going, good luck to all of you! Now, time to put away our shovels to see what we've dug up!

I COULD'VE BEEN A STAR!

In doing our research to provide the truth as WE see it, a photo recently surfaced. Not just any photo — a photo that changed a career. Our crack staff recently unearthed a picture of a long-lost member of the singing group Menudo. If you think it's Ricky Martin, you're wrong. Look really closely — it's none other than ELA Detective Oscar "Shy Boy" Corcio. Although most members of Menudo leave at age 16, Oscar never wanted to leave. After his gig as a heartthrob, he auditioned for the Spanish channel as the emcee for *Sabado Gigante*. He even tried his hand at being a "hat salesman," but had little success. It wasn't until he got "The Call" from the Sheriff's Department that he found his true calling. Sadly, these days, Oscar stares at this picture that hangs in his locker and can only dream about a career that might have been …

HOOK OF THE MONTH

Deputy Monica Malagon responded to a vandalism call. Prior to arriving, an assisting unit, Deputy Sean Van Leeuwen, advised he was detaining four suspects at the location, which was an abandoned property, with a large amount of damage and gang graffiti. Deputy Van Leeuwen heard noises in the garage prior to detaining the suspects, so he and Deputy Malagon searched the garage and surrounding area.

Deputy Malagon found a .380-caliber handgun on the garage floor and later found a loaded Beretta 9 mm in the backyard. The Beretta had been modified to utilize a silencer. Deputies Malagon and Van Leeuwen learned that all four suspects had criminal records of previous gun charges and were Lott gang members. All four suspects were arrested for possession of a loaded firearm and felony possession of a firearm, prior conviction.

Deputies Malagon and Van Leeuwen conducted an excellent investigation, and Deputy Malagon authored a thorough report. They notified ELA DB and OSS, and it was later discovered that one of the handguns may have been used in a shooting that had occurred a few days earlier. Excellent work, Monica and Sean!

ELA DEPUTY RESCUES TWO INFANTS IN LOCKED CAR

East L.A. deputies responded to Cudahy regarding a call of children locked in a car. Upon arriving, deputies saw two infant children in protective car seats inside a locked car, with no adults present. Deputy Pedro Mejia was able to gain access through a partially open rear window and safely removed the children. The infants were hot and moist to the touch, so Deputy Mejia placed them in his air-conditioned patrol car until paramedics arrived to render aid. A female adult arrived and identified herself as the mother. She indicated that she had been shopping at a nearby store. She was arrested for felony child endangerment and booked at ELA Station.

As a result of his quick thinking, the infants were rescued and were not seriously injured. It was estimated that the children were inside the car for approximately 20-25 minutes, and the outside temperature was estimated at 92 degrees.

ELA STATION EXPLORERS WIN COMPETITION

Congratulations are in order for the fine young men and women who represented East Los Angeles Station during the 2012 Camp Superstar Explorer competition. Our Explorers took first place out of the nine teams from various Sheriff's stations and police agencies that competed over a three-day period. Each station's Explorers

competed in events including drills, police tactics, teamwork and demeanor. Explorer Coordinator Deputy Cornelius Healy, Sergeant Mike Duran and Deputies Mario Cuevas and Sean Van Leeuwen worked diligently in preparing the Explorers for the competition. This is the first year our Explorers have won the event, and they did an outstanding job of representing the station with the highest honor and integrity!

RIDESHARE

During these tough times, with gas over $4 a gallon and no relief in sight, everyone is looking to save a penny, whether it's carpooling, taking trains, driving a smaller car or any other alternative. Here at ELA, Sergeant TJ Smith is doing his part as well. Aka the "California Kid," TJ's alternative mode of transportation is … a

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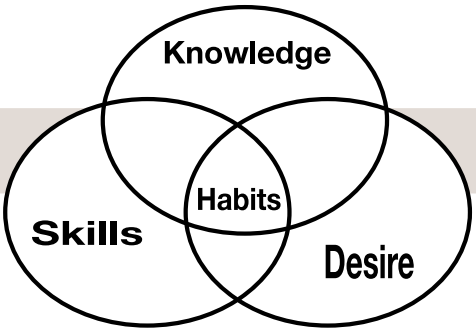

Habits for Survival

By David Sauer

Hug Your BUG

Our most recent shooting at Palmdale Station emphasizes the importance of carrying a backup gun (BUG). This is not the first time a deputy has had to use his BUG to win his fight and it won't be the last. The question is, if you need a BUG to win your fight, will you be prepared to prevail?

Partner deputies witnessed the suspect assault another man and woman with a pipe and gave chase, which ended in the backyard of a vacant apartment with the suspect trying to climb over the back wall. Deputy 1 holstered his pistol and grabbed onto the suspect, pulling him down. The suspect turned to fight and Deputy 1 threw a punch aimed at the suspect's face, but the suspect turned his head and the punch struck the hard side of his head, breaking Deputy 1's hand. Deputy 1 continued to strike the suspect while Deputy 2 grabbed the suspect from behind in a bear hug, attempting to force him to the ground. During the fight, the suspect came up with a gun and pointed it toward Deputy 1 with both hands. Deputy 1 immediately moved laterally while going for his own gun. Deputy 2, seeing the gun, grabbed hold of the suspect's arms as the suspect turned toward Deputy 1. Deputy 2 was able to force the suspect's arms and the gun up as the gun fired, missing Deputy 1.

When Deputy 1 went for his gun, he realized it wasn't in his holster and the gun the suspect had was his. A thousand thoughts flashed through his mind as he grabbed his BUG from his left front pants pocket: "How did he get my gun? He's trying to kill me! I don't want to miss and hit my partner." He put his BUG in his broken right hand and fired contact shots into the suspect, who was still struggling with his partner, trying to get the gun on him. Deputy 2, while holding onto the gun in the suspect's hand with one hand, was able to draw his duty gun and fire several shots as well. The suspect fell to the ground, mortally wounded. The deputies had won! The suspect had been on a two-week meth binge; his paranoia and violent behavior had prompted family members to call on him earlier in the shift, but deputies had been unable to locate him until this incident. Not giving up, staying in the fight, keeping their head in the fight, teamwork and movement AND having a BUG and being able to get to it and use it all contributed to the deputies winning their fight. I am proud of them.

The purpose of this article is to get you to put yourself in this situation and ask yourself what you would do. Do you carry a BUG? Where? Can you get to it? When was the last time you qualified with it? Are you confident in your abilities to use it? If you are not already carrying a BUG, I encourage you to do so. They can be a pain in the pocket, but if you need it, you REALLY need it. Keep the faith. And slow down and wear your seatbelt.

You can comment on this and past Habits articles at *www.habitsforsurvival.com*. ☆

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horse! Here is a picture of "The Kid" and his four-legged friend as they were preparing to hop on the 710 Freeway to head home. Happy trails, TJ!

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

Between July 2011 and May 2012, Detective Hugo Ramos led the East Los Angeles Station Loud Party Suppression Team in the unincorporated East Los Angeles area.

Detective Ramos' ability to motivate a team of his fellow deputies toward a common goal of loud party suppression was outstanding. He utilized social networks to obtain information about upcoming parties in the East Los Angeles Station area. In some instances, he was actually invited to several of the parties. He and his partners then proactively addressed complaints from local citizens.

Detective Ramos' enthusiastic and innovative solution was exceptional. His efforts substantially reduced the level of violence and shootings at parties. His dedicated service was recently recognized by Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors' Gloria Molina and he was awarded the Meritorious Service Award. Congrats, Hugo!

ELA POKER TOURNAMENT

The 3rd Annual ELA Poker Tournament took place on August 28 at the Commerce Casino. The event was a success as there were approximately 150 participants in this year's tournament. Proceeds will go to various youth organizations throughout the ELA area. A great time was had by all, with the grand prize winner receiving a $2,000 entry into an upcoming poker tournament at the Commerce Casino. Thanks to all those persons who participated and helped organize the event.

Until next time, love your families, back your partners and go home safe! ☆

By Mo Angel
Pitchess Detention Center, South Facility

MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE RANCH ...

On October 13, 2012, from 1000-1700 hours, the LASD Museum will present the 100th Anniversary of Female Deputy Sheriffs at Sybil Brand Institute, site of our former women's jail. They encourage you to take a trip through history, and we here at South Facility certainly agree!

The history of women on the Department began formally in 1916, when the first female Deputy Sheriff, Nettie Yah, was hired through the civil service process. She was assigned to the Criminal Division, where she performed various tasks, including assisting on felony arrests involving women, escorting the arrested women to court, serving as their jailer, conducting interviews and assisting in their transportation. Things changed for women deputies in the Prohibition era of the 1920s, when women were also hired as special deputies and performed undercover activities, gathering intelligence for criminal activity. In the 1930s, female deputies also began wearing Sheriff's uniforms.

It wasn't until the 1950s when female deputies were actually assigned to Sheriff's stations throughout the County. They assisted in handling juvenile investigations, sex crimes, rapes and child molestations. They also attended a 10-week Academy at that time. By the 1970s, 1972 to be exact, Sheriff Pitchess started a pilot program to incorporate female deputies into patrol. The pilot program was a success and soon female deputies were attending the full Sheriff's Academy with their male counterparts.

Fast forward to 2012, where at South Facility alone we have had two female Captains, Bondell Golden and, now, Carrie Stuart, along with numerous female lieutenants, sergeants, deputies, custody assistants and LETs. The Sheriff's Department has a rich history of women in law enforcement for the past 100 years, starting with humble beginnings of female deputies like Nettie Yah to today, where the sky's the limit!

Featured photos include Deputy Julie Cabe, the first female Aero Bureau pilot in 1981, and a range training day circa mid-1950s.

THE IN AND OUT SHACK ...

Well, this month is no different than any other, as there was a wild time in the old In and Out Shack once again. To start off with, this past month we said a fond farewell to Sergeant Tim Vander Leek, who earned his stripes here at South Facility and will be moving back home to Santa Clarita Station. Tim, we will miss you here at South. You are a great leader, partner, fellow motorcycle enthusiast and friend. Have fun back in patrol and, as always, be careful out there! Also transferring out to take on a DB spot at Altadena Station is our own Senior Deputy Rocio Smith. Good luck at Altadena, Rosey, and thank you for all of your hard work here at South Facility. And not to be left out is the hardworking Deputy Brian Judge, who has made it out to patrol and will be patrolling the streets of beautiful downtown Palmdale. Be safe out there, Brian, and do what your T.O. tells you to do! You all will be missed by your South family!

Also, this month we salute all the recent Sheriff's Academy graduates from Class #389, many of which will be coming up to PDC for their first of many assignments in the Department. We want to single out several of the graduates who were former Custody Assistants here at South Facility who are now full-fledged Deputy Sheriffs! They are Deputy Joe Gorrindo, Deputy Collin Van Deusen and Deputy Dallas Watkins III, all of whom will be going to North Facility as their first assignment. We also want to give a shout-out to another Class #389 graduate, Deputy Nick Carey, who will be assigned to NCCF. Deputy Carey is following the family tradition. He is the son of South's own Captain Carrie Stuart and Captain Tom Carey of ICIB. He certainly won't have far to go for any mentoring. Again, congratulations to all of Class #389 as you embark on your chosen career in law enforcement!

Transferring out to "greener" pastures at Court Services and TST are Deputies Jerry Gleason (TST), Christopher Hita (Central), Ezekiel Salas (East) and Alex Galvan (West). Good luck in your new assignments, fellow troopers. Thank you for your time here at South, and let us know how you are doing. You're gonna miss us! And Alex, let us know how you like Beverly Hills Court. I think you just might dig it.

Last, but certainly not least, I, your humble *Star News* correspondent for the past five years, am announcing that after 35 years in law enforcement I will be hanging up my pen and my six-guns and heading out the Main Gate. It's all been fun and I will always miss

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By Lee Davis
Community College Bureau

Greetings from the College Bureau.

This month's article is based upon the history of Los Angeles Southwest College and the personnel that patrol the campus. I hope you enjoy reading this article just as much as I did writing it.

A 20-year vision became a reality for a dedicated group of residents in February 1967, when the Los Angeles Board of Education approved plans to build a community college at the corner of Western Avenue and Imperial Highway in Los Angeles. On September 11, 1967, Los Angeles Southwest College officially opened its doors with 600 students and 22 full-time faculty members.

Since then, Los Angeles Southwest College (LASC) has established itself as an educational and cultural hub of the Southern part of Los Angeles and surrounding communities. In addition to classroom instruction, students are exposed to a myriad of learning experiences to broaden their horizons, to expand their options and alternatives, to develop an appreciation for the academic work ethic and to understand intellectual pursuits. LASC graduates are among the most successful — ranging from medical professionals and professional athletes to recording artists and educators.

Currently, LASC term enrollment exceeds 8,500. As the college develops new partnerships with local schools and community agencies, it continues to "Embrace the Spirit of Excellence and the Vision of Change."

It should be noted that LASC is the main source of higher education in the South Los Angeles area and has become more diverse within recent years. Now, patrolling this campus, most commonly known as "South Weezie," requires a skilled and tactful cadre of law enforcement-minded individuals that not only enforce the laws but have very good tactical communication skills. The team leader that ensures the success and low crime rates that it has seen in recent times is none other than seasoned Deputy Sheriff Reginald Ducree. He prides himself with taking the "firm but fair approach." His many years of experience have been an educational and life-changing event amongst past and present personnel whom he has supervised. Although he is not one for the limelight, his work ethic speaks for itself and is very noticeable. He has two Deputies (Deputy Jay Iida and Humberto Barragan) that assist him in ensuring the safety and professionalism that the campus deserves on a daily basis. With all three combined, they total over 60 years of law enforcement experience. A host of Sheriff's security officers who are highly trained and receptive to their surroundings have made this campus their home away from home. They take their marching orders with pride and carry out the mission of patrolling and maintaining order successfully, day in and day out. Security Officers like Evencio Perea, who has been assigned to this campus the longest, have seen many changes for the good. Then, you have newly hired Security Officers such as Ashley Davis, who has had to learn at a fast pace how to effectively communicate with the public and simultaneously practice officer safety. Dreshawn Gilmore, who is an LACCD employee, is assigned to the station and helps tremendously with the logistics, such as schedules for cadets, reports and many other tasks that allow Deputy Ducree to do his job more effectively. From EM to PM Shift, these young men and women have made this campus a safer place for students to attend. They deserve all of the accolades that they receive, but they are also sponges for learning and improving on the skills that provide them with the knowledge to perform their duties in a reputable manner.

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

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the wonderful people that I worked with here at South and those I have met along the way. I started out at San Fernando P.D., then on to Beverly Hills P.D., the MTA Transit Authority Police and finally to the merger with the Sheriff's Department in 1997. I was able to work several exciting jobs here, including IRC, Century Station, Malibu/Lost Hills Station, Transit Services Bureau, Metrolink Bureau, Correctional Services HQ, CHU-North and then I landed at South Facility for the grand reopening in 2007. I have been fortunate to work with some of the finest people on the planet. So, my friends, in this race to the finish that we call life, I take this opportunity to say

thank you and goodbye. It's been a fun ride. So until we meet up again, happy trails, stay safe and, as always, STAY FROSTY! Mo out ... ☆

INDUSTRIAL STRENGTH

By Ramon Escamilla
Industry Station

INFORMATION WANTED

Our Department has investigated some of the most heinous criminals ever to walk in our County. The Night Stalker, Hillside Strangler and the Freeway Killer are only a few of the criminals who, only after countless hours of investigation, were eventually brought to justice. Our station's Detective Bureau is looking to you, the reader, for assistance in helping them identify and capture this elusive criminal. Our Detective Bureau wants nothing more than to live up to the image of those past detectives who put away the worst of the worst behind bars, where they can no longer harm the public. "Banana Peel Tosser," or "BPT" for short, has dishonored the sanctity of our personally owned vehicles by using them as trash receptacles. It started back on September 11th of 2011 when pickup trucks owned by Industry Station personnel were first targeted by "BPT." Many of the "BPT" victims told investigators they felt their personal space had been violated and no longer felt safe walking alone in the station parking lot for fear "BPT" would strike. Major Crimes Bureau was asked to Code 5 our parking lot in hopes they would capture "BPT" in the act, but they respectfully declined due to their own heavy workload. Some of our diligent detectives took it upon themselves to stake out our parking lot to catch a glimpse of the criminal who obviously has no scruples, morals or respect for other people's property. After countless man hours of surveillance, "BPT" was spotted tossing yet another banana peel inside the bed of a pickup truck. Unfortunately, just before the team moved in to make the big arrest, "BPT" fled the area in an unknown direction. This case has since gone cold and Industry Station's Detective Bureau would like any information you can provide them to help identify and arrest "BPT." This is what is known about him. He is described as a short male, approximately 5 feet 3 inches, weighing approximately 270 pounds, possibly has excessive body hair and was last seen wearing a obviously outdated Members Only yellow or tan-colored jacket. Detectives believe he is the only member. He has an insatiable appetite for bananas and has poor fashion taste. Illegal dumping is no laughing matter at Industry Station or to Detective Phil Busch. This criminal, who has no regard for the law, needs to be brought to justice, so please FI anyone fitting the suspect's description and contact any Industry Station detective if you believe you know who he is.

FERNANDO RIOS STARRING IN *SABADO NOCHE FIEVRE*, OR *THE HANGOVER 3*

This month's article comes with a free Rosetta Stone Spanish lesson. The first title of this story translated into English means "*Saturday Night Fever*." All one has to do is look at the attached photo to understand why. A few drinks during the reception and Fernando was cutting el tapete (Spanish for "rug"). Our gentle giant, who worked FPK, LYN, CEN and CPT since a young age, was letting loose on the dance floor, while yelling, "Play more Chente!" After spending a couple of hours with the boys, Fernando said he felt "lightheaded" and wanted to smoke a fine cigar with his pals. A glass of water later and Sass, Fernando stopped confessing a feeling and began professing his love for porcelain. C'mon, man, that's weak, brother, weak!

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

I hope everyone enjoys Halloween, but please remember to not only watch how much candy you and your loved ones consume, be sure you check the candy you get while trick-or-treating. Do not be ashamed to admit you still go out and knock on doors seeking your sugar fix because it is perfectly OK. Just be glad you are able to have fun and act like a kid again, even if it is for one night only. And of course there are those who take it further by acting like kids the other 364 days of the year. So don't be embarrassed about wearing a costume. Be like the unnamed EM deputy who

wore a Wonder Woman costume I think he/she borrowed from Deputy Joanne Arcos last year. I have heard rumors this person has been eyeballing Joanne's Cat Woman costume. Others not only dress up, they also get into character. Take Deputy Yvette Mattes, who was kind enough to show me her impression of a zombie (see picture). Yvette told me she had been practicing her zombie walk for months and even spent countless hours working on her zombie talk. I also discovered an unnamed EM Shift lieutenant will be dressing up as The Fall Guy, a character made famous by Lee Majors. This particular watch commander has been practicing taking tumbles and falls from just about anything and everything you can think of. He was even kind enough to show some of his EM Shift partners the proper way of falling down a flight of stairs with style. Yeah, he sustained a little boo-boo, but hey, he's the most interesting lieutenant in the Department. Now all he needs to do is trade in his hamster mobile for a brown Chevy 4x4 pickup truck.

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING PREPARED

Back in May, master FTO Ken Mort and then-trainee Deputy Tom Wolford were 10-8 together when a 215JO call came out. The suspect walked into a used car lot which sells high-end luxury sports cars, brandished a gun and fled the area in a souped-up Dodge Charger.

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As Deputies Mort and Wolford were checking the nearby area for the suspect, Ken had a hunch the suspect would probably be driving on Temple Avenue. As he and Deputy Wolford were preparing to set up on a side street to Code 5 traffic on Temple Avenue, the suspect passed them going Eastbound on Temple Avenue. Deputy Wolford made a U-turn as Deputy Mort advised SCC they were Code 9 behind the 215 vehicle. As soon as the suspect saw their patrol car, he sped away from them while traveling Southbound on Hacienda Boulevard. As the pursuit continued down Hacienda, the suspect made an unexpected right turn onto Stafford Street and stopped in the middle of the roadway, directly in front of our employee parking entrance. As Deputies Mort and Wolford stopped behind the suspect, they were joined by Deputy Romel Piggue, Sergeant Greg Guttierrez and OSS Detective Rob Chism. The suspect exited the vehicle with gun in hand and refused to comply with the deputies' commands to drop his weapon. The suspect fired at the deputies, who returned fire and fatally struck the suspect. These deputies made a valiant effort to preserve life but were forced by the suspect's actions to fire back in self-defense. These deputies were calm, cool and collected during the standoff due to their training and experience. I am sure Deputy Wolford heard numerous times in patrol school why it is so important to always be mentally and physically prepared for anything because when it goes down, you cannot afford to lose your cool. I hope those of you reading this who are preparing for patrol let this incident remind you patrol is no joke. Take our Department's training and your job seriously.

KUDOS

Industry Station would like to congratulate the following Deputies who sacrificed and worked hard to complete their patrol training to become full-fledged Patrol Deputies. So congratulations to Deputies Jennifer Lund, Jerry Tien, Yaraalsira Castanon, Tom Wolford and Gloria Sepulveda. Good luck to you all and remember, this is only the beginning. Congratulations are in order for Deputy Vincent Durante, who became the newest member of the Industry Station SAO team. The security guards at the Puente Hills Mall were sad to see him go because the deputy they referred to as "Batman" for his ability to be at the right place at the right time was leaving for his new position. They were kind enough to throw him a goodbye potluck to show their appreciation for the hard work he did while assigned to the mall car.

WELCOMES AND GOODBYES

We welcome new trainee Deputies Amy Wong, D'Angelo Robinson, Joseph Rivera, Rogelio Garcia, James Colbert (LKD) and Pablo Suarez (LKD). We also welcome Deputy David Hernandez, who took over the Bassett and West Valinda Town Sheriff position, which was vacated by Tim Jimenez, who promoted to Sergeant. Speaking of Sergeants, we have new Sergeants John Broad, Desiree Rodriguez, Rick Thurlo, Gerald Patterson and Lieutenant Richard Shear transferred to Industry Station in July. We say goodbye and good luck to Deputy Pete Hish, who is now Sergeant Pete Hish, who is supervising the folks at Pasadena Court. Pete recently arrested two males who were in possession of loaded firearms when he contacted them on a traffic stop in Valinda. Deputy Hish stopped the males when he saw they had violated a few CVC sections. During the stop, he saw the males were making furtive movements inside the vehicle. As he approached the vehicle, he saw the suspects attempting to hide a couple of handguns they had on their person. Pete took a couple bad guys and a couple of guns off the street and was awarded the Hook of the Month by the captain. Deputy Eric Coker left us to join the COPS team and Deputy Brady Kline, who is at AOT. Sergeant Mark Stonich and his wife Tifani welcomed their newest addition to their family. Their son Ethan was born on July 17 at 0559 hours weighing in at a total combined weight of ? pounds, 9 ounces and 22 inches. Dad forgot to mention Ethan's weight; I'm guessing he was a robust 7 or 8 pounds. We can see he has Daddy and Grandpa's hairline, too. Congratulations.

NAME THAT DEPUTY

Not too long ago, Industry Station personnel assisted the Los Angeles County Fire Department with a large industrial fire in the City of Industry. Due to the high heat during the fire, some of the firemen were forced to cool themselves off by drinking lots of water and pouring water over themselves to prevent any heat-related injuries from occurring. The person in question strategically placed herself in close proximity to the "cooling off" station and the firemen who, according to my informant, knew they were being watched. Per my informant, her drool could have put out the fire and been used to cool off the firemen. But don't take my word for it, just ask Deputy Siordia to tell you the story because the way he describes it, it is worth listening to. Can you name the sergeant who is planning to dress up on Halloween as an Aqua Net hairspray model? A certain lieutenant, who once ran a marathon because it was on his way home, came across some interesting photos of a lady closely resembling this sergeant. You be the judge. Stay tuned next month for another exciting edition ... C'mon, man! ☆

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THE OPEN MIKE

By Eric Patton
Sheriff's Communications Center

Greetings from the hill here in East Los Angeles! Fall is now upon us and we hope that everyone enjoyed the Summer months and found some creative ways to beat the heat, be it in some far-away tropical paradise or at a blackjack table in a nice air-conditioned casino (I prefer the air-conditioned casino method). Recently, SCC personnel, along with the support of many stations, held a very important fundraiser for one of our own.

Public Response Dispatcher Liz Walters' 17-year-old son, George, has been undergoing aggressive chemotherapy treatment for Stage III cancer. It goes without saying that this has been a very difficult and trying time for Liz and her family, and as a result, Liz had to be off work for an undermined amount of time.

Liz's fellow co-workers banded together and planned a wonderful event to raise support for Liz and her family, creating and planning a fundraiser appropriately titled "Team George," with a simple yet profound motto: "Cancer Sucks." Special thanks to Julie Phineas, Lorena Villegas, Barbara Aceves, Lisa Hennessy, Marlo Willis and Amber Molina for their dedication and awesome planning and networking skills, as the fundraiser on July 22 brought an impressive show of support and donations for "Team George."

SCC personnel, along with folks from across the County, showed up to support the cause and purchase drawing tickets for a shot at winning some generous prizes. A special thanks to Elizabeth Aguilera and Scott Hennessy, along with the rest of East L.A. and Century stations, as well as the members of the West Hollywood VOPS, for helping spread the word and donating prizes.

As of this writing, we are happy to report that George is responding well to his treatments and we are all praying for a clean bill of health here soon. His doctors are very optimistic and Liz and Co. are enjoying their Summer together.

Congratulations are in order for SCC Dispatcher Melissa Stevens, who after years of sleep deprivation, mountains of textbooks and 163,935 shift swaps later graduated in June with a degree in animal science from Cal Poly Pomona. She celebrated by leaving behind her vampire schedule at SCC and transferring to Day Shift, where she might finally be able to see the sun, then go home and get some normal sleep. Sadly, stock in 5-Hour Energy Drinks will probably take a big loss, but that's not Melissa's problem anymore.

Now for a few bloopers before the old printing press churns to life. A big thank you to everyone who keeps sending calls our way; keep 'em coming. All right, we're '98 and out the gate. Stay safe.

LAN 415B — MW/A wrng plaid shrt, blu jeans, angry over losing church bingo game. DP refusing to leave, threatening to harm other members. (I'd hate to see his reaction after losing a WSOP tournament.)

SCT 925 — MW/A wearing red shirt and blue jeans walking around with a large running chainsaw. (We don't even want to know …)

SCT 502N — 2 males in a silver Acura smoking marijuana from a bong at intersection. (Even at almost 80 years old, Cheech and Chong refuse to grow up.)

CEN 504N — 2 males seen taking rims and tires from car in alley. Last seen pushing their loot in a shopping CART. (Rookies. Steal the car FIRST, then go out and steal the aftermarket stuff.)

And finally, SCC received an unusual request from an EOB unit. They came in over the radio and requested Animal Control and CHP for the Westbound 60 Freeway at 7th Avenue for a MOMMA DUCK AND HER DUCKLING in THE CARPOOL LANE. Word is that Mom and duckling made it off the freeway unharmed and were happily released back into the wild, far away from the freeway. ☆

FROM THE DOCS

DEALING WITH MENTALLY DISORDERED PEOPLE

By Norm Katz, Psy.D.

As a Law Enforcement Psychologist, I am sometimes asked questions about people with mental disorders. Whether it's a family member with a mental disorder or a deputy who was involved in an officer-involved shooting with a suspect who was mentally disordered, questions often arise such as "What is a mental disorder? What can I do to help? What approaches work best for dealing with someone who is mentally disordered?" These are just a few of the questions often asked — and they are good questions deserving answers.

For any family whose child or family member is diagnosed with a serious mental disorder, the impact of such an event is beyond description. Shock, confusion, lack of information and understanding, anger, embarrassment — these are but a few of the feelings that commonly occur. The same can be said for contacts with those we don't know (i.e., strangers we may meet or encounter). Deputies involved in a shooting with what turned out to be a chronically mentally disordered individual have asked me, "What are some ways of dealing with these people?" This article can only begin to scratch the surface of this topic. However, a brief description of the major categories of mental disorders may help in knowing what you may be dealing with and what might work best.

The first major category of mental disorders is the mood disorders, of which the most common are depression and bipolar disorder, or manic depressive disorder.

MOOD DISORDERS

Depression: Characterized by a cluster of symptoms and behaviors that reflect a sad or blue mood, a sense of hopelessness/helplessness, withdrawal, isolation, an inability to function socially/occupationally, increases or decreases in sleep or appetite, problems concentrating or remembering, physical complaints and, in severe cases, suicidal thinking or behavior. Children or adolescents who are depressed may appear agitated.

Bipolar disorder: Characterized by the occurrence of one or more manic episodes and one or more major depressive episodes. A manic episode is characterized by a cluster of signs and symptoms including elation, uncontrolled euphoria, a sense of boundless energy, "feeling out of control," not having slept or eaten for an extended period of time and grandiose ideas.

Both of these mood disorders are usually very amenable to treatment with medication and therapy.

The second major category of mental disorders are the psychotic and thought disorders, of which the two most prevalent are schizophrenia and delusional disorder.

PSYCHOTIC AND THOUGHT DISORDERS

Schizophrenia: Characterized by distortions in thinking or perception and loss of contact with reality. Symptoms may include hallucinations, delusions, disorganized speech, not oriented to person/place/time, a marked deterioration from previous level of daily functioning, flat affect and neglect in appearance and self-care.

Delusional disorder: Characterized by non-bizarre fixed beliefs involving situations that occur in real life, such as being followed, poisoned, infected, loved at a distance, deceived by a spouse or lover or having a disease. Apart from the delusion(s), functioning is not markedly impaired.

These disorders are more difficult to treat. Medication, behavioral and social supports and supportive therapy can assist in managing symptoms and related issues. Some of the difficulties involved in treating these disorders relate to noncompliance with medications due to reasons such as potential serious side effects, as well as interference from the disorder itself in so much as the person's judgment is affected, leading to poor decision-making.

The third major category is psychoactive substance abuse disorders.

PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDER

Reflects a condition of abuse and dependence on various substances, both legal and illegal. Some substances, such as alcohol, amphetamines, cocaine, hallucinogens, to name a few, can result in an induced psychosis where symptoms are similar to those of a psychotic or thought disorder. Withdrawal from these substances can induce psychotic behavior. These substances can result in long-term physical as well as psychological addiction. In addition, an individual who experiences a psychotic episode due to the use of these substances is at risk of remaining permanently damaged by these substances.

The fourth major category to be mentioned is neurologic conditions, or organic disorders.

NEUROLOGIC CONDITIONS, OR ORGANIC DISORDERS

These conditions or disorders result from a brain injury or disease, stroke, AIDS, dementia or Alzheimer's disease. Signs and symptoms may include psychotic-like symptoms, not oriented to person/place/time, delirium, childlike behavior, inability to take care of self and inappropriate affect.

The fifth major category to be reviewed is developmental disabilities.

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

These conditions may or may not impair an individual's ability to function. These disabilities are usually present at birth and begin to become noticeable as the child develops.

Autism: Characterized by impairment in an individual's ability to socially interact. They may appear self-involved, isolated, lack verbal connections, be self-injurious or engage in repetitive movements or verbalizations. Intellectual development is often severely impaired.

Mental retardation, which makes up the largest percentage of developmental disabilities, is characterized by limited intellectual development, childlike behaviors, deficits in communication and appearance, possible slurred or slow speech, disorientation and lethargy.

Epilepsy: A seizure disorder which is characterized primarily by uncontrolled muscle spasms, and may or may not result in loss of consciousness. Epilepsy does not interfere with intellectual functioning.

Cerebral palsy, which is characterized by spasmodic muscle movements, may affect/slur speech and may or may not affect intelligence.

The final category of mental disorders covered in this article is post-partum psychosis. This disorder is experienced by approximately 4,000 women each year in the United States.

Post-partum psychosis: This condition occurs within 12 months following childbirth and the symptoms are similar to those for the psychotic disorders. Symptoms may also include hyperactivity, overprotectiveness or neglect of the child, violent behavior and insomnia.

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By John Hanson
Major Crimes Bureau

Greetings from the Majors. We hope this article finds all of our past and present family members well. Speaking of past family members, one of our most popular retired alumni members was recently spotted partaking in his new pastime. It seems Retired Lieutenant Vince Ramirez has taken up gardening in an attempt to calm his nerves and improve his memory. Best wishes to Vinny in retirement.

Major Crimes Bureau would like to recognize Civilian Investigators Jackie Harris and Debra Sewell on receiving their 40-year service pins. Congratulations on such a major accomplishment.

An informant in the Metro section recently told me about an incident involving K-fed Forcier. It seems K-fed was finally able to put his dodge ball skills to use during a warrant service in which a 5150-422 suspect threw a frying pan at him. His ability to dodge the flying frying pan might also be attributed to his numerous and ongoing viewings of the movie *Dodge Ball*. P.S.: It seems the suspect was so impressed with K-fed's dodging abilities that she immediately surrendered without further violence.

We would also like to welcome Detective Danielle Mass and Civilian Investigator Michelle Hauser to Major Crimes Bureau and congratulate Detectives Kevin Forcier and Steve Kays on their recent promotions to the Metro section and Detective Mike Carpenter on his promotion to B-1 investigator at SAT 2. We would also like to welcome back retired Detective Felicia Lopez, who will be appearing on a limited basis as a 120-day re-hire.

Last but not least, it seems our best-dressed Detective Rudy Santana has some new competition on campus. It seems our new surveillance Lieutenant Donnie "G.Q." Johnson has been showing up in some fancy pants and sweaters. Always mindful of the competition, Rudy asked if Donnie was going undercover at a Fresh Prince concert ... Further to follow. ☆

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Whether you are a friend, family member or law enforcement officer, it is important to recognize that individuals with mental disorders or developmental disabilities may experience difficulty understanding and complying with instructions or assistance. They may appear to be ignoring or defying help or containment when in fact they are having difficulty understanding what is going on or what is being said to them. Law enforcement officers must always keep officer and public safety first and foremost in mind. When dealing with someone you suspect has a mental disorder or developmental disability, keep in mind that command presence and verbal commands may actually exacerbate certain situations. A more personal, patient and calm approach in dealing with these individuals may yield more positive results. Be aware of your body language, the tone, volume and intonation of your voice. Use these tools to de-escalate the situation, and communicate that you are there to help. Considerations such as light bars or sirens when handling a call involving a possibly mentally disordered individual may also be worth thinking about. Lastly, ongoing awareness of your physical proximity to the individual relative to containment and safety concerns may be helpful in de-escalating the individual.

Another issue for law enforcement personnel to keep in mind is "suicide by cop." Sometimes a mentally disordered person who is self-injurious may turn on deputies responding to the call — resulting in his/her being injured/killed by the deputies. Sometimes individuals set out on a mission to create that type of scenario, sometimes not. Either way, keeping in mind that someone you suspect may be mentally disordered, especially depressed and suicidal individuals, may assist responding deputies in assessing and dealing with the person and situation.

An additional resource is the Mental Evaluation Team (MET) team consisting of specially trained individuals who are available to respond to situations involving possibly mentally disordered individuals. Check the area you work or live in for the contact number of the MET team serving that area. Not all areas of the city have MET teams, but many do and they are a valuable resource.

Anyone wanting more information on this topic can call Employee Support Services Bureau at (213) 738-3500 for a consultation or appointment with one of our psychologists. We will be happy to talk with you in detail regarding options for treating, supporting, managing and understanding persons with mental disorders or developmental disabilities. ☆

LACERA Retiree Report

By Shawn Kehoe
Board of Retirement

Hello, everyone,

I am sure you don't need me to tell you this, but the pension community is working in overdrive right now. The Legislature passed the Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013 (PEPRA) and we are waiting for the (certain) signature of Governor Brown. I have received quite a few hundred phone calls and emails asking for advice on the act and how it will impact us. As your LACERA Trustee, it is my ultimate goal to protect our pensions, promised benefits and ensure that you are informed. I tell everyone that I am not the expert, nor do I give advice ... but I do give options. I will attempt as best as I can to explain the key points of the act. Let me first start by saying don't believe everything you hear — the true experts in the pension community DON'T HAVE ANSWERS, so the rumor of a rumor you heard over coffee is probably not accurate. I will be the first to say that this article is not 100 percent and just my interpretations after reading the act, speaking to many attorneys, discussing with the Board of Retirement and reading many different summaries.

I will start off by saying there is only one thing for certain: If you retire anytime before January 1, 2013, you will not be impacted by this act, will not be held up with any legislation and will fall under the laws as they are currently implemented. If you retire anytime after January 1, 2013, buckle up — you are in for a ride. Now, don't get me wrong. I am not encouraging anyone to retire early. I personally feel as though this act will have only a minimal impact on active members and still offers an excellent pension for new members. In fact, it will allow us to remain even more competitive for new recruits. But that being said, I simply "administer" the plan. It is up to collective bargaining, politics and the courts to interpret the act — and there are some things that raise concerns for active members.

For active members, you need to be aware that Advanced Retirement Credit (ARC), known as "air time," will no longer be around in 2013. This allows you to purchase up to five years of service credit to enhance your retirement benefits. I am sad to see this go away. I am a huge advocate of ARC time and feel that for most people it is a very smart decision. The good news is that so long as you submit an application for ARC anytime prior to January 1, 2013, then you are qualified to purchase it (even if you don't make the purchase until after January). If you are on the fence, then get those applications in. LACERA will be preparing a formal bulletin advising you of this — keep your eyes on the mailbox.

The next biggest concern for active members considering retirement is two sections of the act addressing "spiking" of pensions. One section of the act addresses what can be determined as pensionable earnings for NEW members — this will limit bonuses and such to new members and does not apply to active members. However, there is a section that does apply to active members. The Board of Retirement is charged with monitoring final compensation for evidence of spiking and grants us the authority to exclude this from final compensation. This should be of concern for those considering retirement. I do not have a crystal ball, so I cannot tell you how our Board will vote and what our policies will be on determining spiking. However, I can tell you that I will STRONGLY argue for our rights as members to retain all compensation that is currently considered pensionable, such as vacation time, cash outs, sick time, etc. As pension trustees, we have a fiduciary responsibility to administer the fund — not determine your benefits. That is the purpose of collective bargaining, and we should not be reducing or eliminating any benefits that you currently enjoy. I believe that the act protects your rights as active members and also believe that a majority of my fellow Board members will agree. However, I cannot guarantee this and I don't want to mislead you. I just want you to be informed that our Board ultimately has the authority to determine some of your pay as being spiking and there is a possibility that this will reduce your final pensionable compensation. As I stated earlier, I will fight STRONGLY to ensure your benefits remain as they are and that this does not happen.

Another area that will impact active members is the cost sharing between plan sponsor (the County) and you as an employee. The act encourages (not required) that there is 50-50 cost sharing. However, it is not as simple as this. There is a cap for cost sharing and some disagreements between attorneys on what this cap will be. Also included in this portion of the act is that the Board of Supervisors can ultimately force cost sharing by 2018 if it is not agreed upon during collective bargaining. What does this all mean to you? First off, this is entirely up in the air and it will ultimately be set through collective bargaining between the unions and the Board of Supervisors, except that the Board will be able to force sharing by 2018. Since LACERA is a well-managed and funded plan, there is a chance that nothing will change — but that is probably unlikely. It appears as though the 30-year cancellation enjoyed by safety members (not paying into LACERA after 30 years) will most likely go away as $0 is not cost sharing. I also suspect that the "age of entry into system" percentages will go away and we will all be paying an equal percentage into the system — which, if we are sharing costs, would be much higher than we pay right now. How much higher is a subject for debate beyond this article. If they eliminate the 30-year cancellation, LACERA will receive more funds from active members, probably reducing overall costs. In short, an actuary will need to perform a study and determine actual costs to the system (after implementation of the act) in order to determine equal cost sharing.

The good news is that there is a provision of the act (with a 2018 sunset clause) that will potentially increase minimum disability benefits. Some members that retire early on a disability receive only 50 percent of their salary. This act will allow their LACERA contributions to be used in order to bump up this percentage. Of course, this will most likely have an increased cost on LACERA and will have to be factored in when doing their actuarial studies. But at least it helps the unfortunate individuals who are disabled from working and are receiving less than they need to survive. I am glad to see the Legislature adding some positives in this act.

Finally, there are two more areas that impact active members. First, there will be no pension holidays (stopping payments into the pension system) except in rare situations of high overfunding. Additionally, all members will be subject to a loss of their pension should they commit a felony tied into their employment. Who will make this determination and how exactly that is defined is not explained in the act. We expect further legislation on this to help clarify oversight — just hope you don't have to worry about this part of the act.

The above is really your primary focus as active members. The act adds a salary cap for NEW employees of $132,120. This will have some seri-

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The Executive Clergy Council

By Derrick A. Thompson

By the time this article goes to print, Summer will be over. Vacations are officially done, the kids are back in school and every freeway will be back to being jammed-packed. Now that I've thoroughly depressed you all, I hope everyone had a great Summer.

There's been a lot of activity going on with the Sheriff's Executive Multi-Faith Clergy Council, starting with the addition of yours truly. I assumed my role with the Council late in July and I have been extremely pleased with my new assignment. The Council is comprised of faith-based leaders whose mission is to raise the level of communication between our Department members and the residents of the community and to address quality-of-life concerns throughout the Department's service areas. They also assist and intervene with spiritual guidance during crisis situations in their respective communities. The Executive Multi-Faith Clergy Council is the vital link between the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and the faith-based communities throughout Los Angeles County.

Since being assigned to my new position, I have had the pleasure of seeing firsthand just how dedicated and serious the clergy members are about each and every task they're assigned. They are all Department volunteers and have gone through the Department volunteer training to receive the title of Sheriff's Executive Multi-Faith Clergy Council member, and let me tell you it is not something they take lightly. A perfect example of their dedication is the planning they put into the 4th Annual Unity Day Celebration, held Saturday, August 18, 2012, at Whittier Narrows Regional Park in South El Monte. The Unity Day Celebration was created in 2009 by Sheriff Leroy Baca, Bishop Edward Turner and Clergy President Gerald Murphy. The trio realized all work and no play seemed impossible to continue to successfully move the vision forward without rewarding the dedicated, loyal staff and volunteers for their extraordinary work. The celebration is an acknowledgement of the Executive Multi-Faith Clergy Council's collaborative efforts for the year thus far.

After dozens of meetings, hundreds of phone calls and emails, the event finally arrived on what could have been arguably one of the most beautiful days of the year. Over 500 community and Department members, civic, religious and business leaders attended the event. There was live music, a talent show, plenty of food, prizes and giveaways, not to mention the beautiful scenery provided by Mother Nature and Whittier Narrows Regional Park. Until next month, take care and stay safe. ☆

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ous consequences long after we are retired. High-income individuals (such as doctors that work for the County) will retire once their caps are met, requiring constant training and retraining. Additionally, executives will be more likely to leave to other agencies once caps are met. Expect a lot of movement in 30 years from now. Speaking of movement, there is a rather benign provision for double-dipping — you now cannot return to the same system full time and must wait a specified time before returning to this same system part time. However, you can go to any other system with no penalties. This means you can retire from LACERA and then go work for Orange County without stopping your LACERA pension. On this regard, you can also leave and go to a reciprocal retirement system (following all the rules of reciprocity) while entering into the pre-act retirement system. Translation: You can resign from LASD and go work for the CHP, entering into the previous PERS retirement of 3 percent at 55 (as an example) should the employer offer you this benefit. You are not considered a new member unless you are hired after January 1, 2013, and do not have reciprocity. In short, you can go work for another agency and enjoy their current retirement system if they offer this to you.

That about sums it up. Sorry, I don't have all the answers; hopefully this will give you options and help clarify what you would like to do in the near future. If I were writing about new members, I would need a book — the act includes many more provisions for new members. Additionally, this is not an all-inclusive guide and as I mentioned above, this is entirely subject to change. LACERA staff met with the County staff in mid-September and the Board of Retirement should know more by the October Board meeting. There are many unanswered questions. We will then be sitting down as a Board to set policy and interpret the law. I expect that some of our interpretations will be challenged in court. As you are well aware, not all laws are written properly, and this law certainly has many questions that only a court will be able to determine.

Stay tuned. I will keep you informed as much as I can.

Respectfully,
Shawn Kehoe
LACERA, Board of Retirement
Sergeant, Contract Law Enforcement Bureau ☆

By Jeff Dailey
Twin Towers Correctional Facility

On August 15, TTCF held a BBQ for Deputy P. Navarro-Ortiz. Deputy Navarro was diagnosed with a serious illness and has been off work for the last few months. Through this event, TTCF was able to raise $2,700 for him and his family. An upcoming drawing will be held in order to raise even more money for the Navarro family. Deputy Navarro, his wife and five children are all in our thoughts and prayers. We wish him a speedy recovery and hope to see him return here to Towers when the time is right.

Deputy T. May is out to East Los Angeles Station under the 30-day Ambassador Program, while Deputy D. McClellan is on loan to Temple Station. Deputy A. Vasquez is currently 10-8 at Lancaster Station for the same program. To date, TTCF/LCMC has sent a total of nine deputies out to Lancaster, East Los Angeles or Temple stations to go 10-8 under the program. Three more deputies are scheduled to go out to experience the program next month. With such a large amount of personnel having been exposed to this program, it is needless to say that Towers deputies are being given a tremendous opportunity in advance of their numbers being called for patrol.

ADDITIONS TO THE FAMILY

Custody Assistant C. Bryant and Deputy M. Bryant welcomed their first child Marissa into the world on August 15. She weighed in at a healthy 7 pounds and was 19 inches long.

TTCF welcomes the following Deputies into our family: F. Garcia, R. Goudy, J. Hurtado, B. Jones, T. Nguyen, R. Orozco, T. So and M. Trimble. We would also like to recognize three former Custody Assistants who have returned here to the ranks of Towers as Deputies: J. Corral Mercado, A. Tompkins and T. Tran. Congratulations to all, both new and old!

FAREWELLS AND WELL-WISHES

Deputy M. Ahrari will be leaving Towers and heading out to West Hollywood Station for patrol training. We wish him well in his future career endeavors, and thank him for the countless laughs that he was able to provide. They got many of us through our shifts. After spending months upon months at the top of the list, Deputy D. Richards is finally headed out to Compton Station. Also, Deputy R. Benzor has transferred out to TST. We hope you received the stack of phone books that were ordered so you can see over the steering wheel!

We hope everyone enjoyed their Labor Day weekend. Whether you were out at the river, relaxing at a BBQ or holding down the fort here at home, hope you took some time to enjoy the holiday and soak in the beautiful weather. Until next time, Towers! ☆

☆ IN MEMORIAM ☆

WILLIAM M. CONROY	RETIRED 10-03-73, DECEASED 08-22-12	INSPECTOR/COMMUNITY SERVICES
ROBERT T. HUNNICUTT	RETIRED 05-07-80, DECEASED 05-27-12	LIEUTENANT/MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL
MAURICE JONES	RETIRED 11-27-91, DECEASED AUGUST 2012	DEPUTY/COURT SERVICES WEST
RUSSELL L. PETRIE	RETIRED 03-31-82, DECEASED 06-07-12	DEPUTY/VICE BUREAU
WILBUR F. SARTER	RETIRED 01-18-92, DECEASED 08-06-12	SERGEANT/METRO/VICE BUREAU
HEROLD H. TURNER	RETIRED 03-31-75, DECEASED 08-22-12	DEPUTY IV/SCIENTIFIC SERVICES BUREAU
ROBERT J. WALLACE	RETIRED 01-22-79, DECEASED 08-22-12	SERGEANT/ANTELOPE VALLEY STATION

HEIDI GALCERAN, WIFE OF RETIRED MEMBER DAVID D. GALCERAN, DECEASED 08-09-12

NORMA SLACK, WIFE OF RETIRED MEMBER HOWARD D. SLACK, DECEASED 08-27-12

By Jenna Underwood-Nunez
Century Regional Detention Facility

Extra! Extra! Read all about it — CRDF is at it again!

Congratulations are in order for the CRDF women's softball team! They played in the Nevada Police and Fire Games and showed true determination and spirit. Although the scoreboard didn't reflect a "W," they still came out winners. They made long-lasting friendships and had a blast. Look out for these ladies next year. Special thanks to Coach Senior Kellee Hicks, who organized this fantastic team! We are lucky here at CRDF to have such determined and motivated women. Great job, girls! Also, good luck to the Disney half marathon team; they are running on behalf of the Southern California Special Olympics. They have done a great job raising money and training for the event. We will keep you updated with team results and photos.

CRDF bids farewell to Officer John Bryant. After working 12 years at CRDF, he is ready for some R&R. Prior to his work at CRDF, Mr. Bryant worked 25 years at Compton Police Department. At Compton, he worked the station jail, City security and park patrol. Mr. Bryant said he is going to spend his free time vacationing and hanging out with his family. Mr. Bryant will truly be missed as he was a valued part of our CRDF family.

CRDF's Medical Services Bureau would also like to thank Ms. Gail Boyden for her 22 years of County service. Ms. Boyden started at Sybil Brand Institute; from there, she moved over to Twin Towers Correctional Facility. After its closing, she finished her career here at CRDF. Ms. Boyden is now moving to Pennsylvania, "Steeler Country," to live with her daughter and grandson.

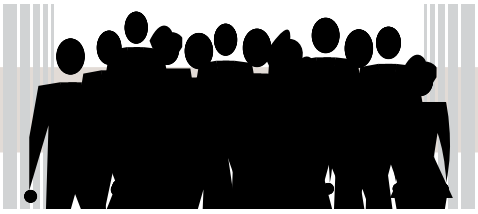
CRDF would like to take a minute and honor a few of its military service members whose dedication and continued patriotism to our country are unyielding. Lieutenant Alexandro Villanueva was a Veteran Captain of the United States Army Inactive Ready Reserve from 1992-2000; he was a 1st Lieutenant of the California Army National Guard from 1985-1992, a Sergeant in the California Air National Guard from 1984-1985 and in the United States Air Force active duty from 1983-1984. Senior Carolyn Gallobruno served our country for six years in the United States Army. Officer Lee Mena served our country as a Lance Corporal and T.O.W. Gunner in the United States Marine Corps. Deputy Antonio Alvarado served 12 years in the United States Marine Corps as a Staff Sergeant and Infantry Platoon Sergeant. Assistant Food Manager Jimmy Ledesma serves as a United States Air Force Reserve Sergeant (E-7) and Air Transportation Specialist under the aka of the "Port Dawgs." He is based out of March Air Reserve Base in Riverside. Officer Edwin Bonilla served eight years in the United States Marine Corps from 1986-1994. He was a Sergeant (E-5) and an expert rifleman. He enjoyed his time in the Marines tremendously and he said his year in Japan was very interesting and educational. Officer Roxy Sanchez serves in the United States Marine Corps as a Reserve. She has served our country for three-and-a-half years now and looks forward to many more years to come. She is a Lance Corporal (E-3) and will be promoted to Corporal (E-4) in October of this year. Deputy Frank Medrano is a Navy Chief Expeditionary Warfare Specialist. He has served 13 years in the Navy Security Forces, Navy Expeditionary Combat Command and Naval Special Warfare. He has done four tours of duty and three active duty for Special Work at Operation Infinite Justice, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Noble Eagle, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn. Deputy Ashley Espolt served in the United States Navy from 2002-2006 as a (E-5) 2nd Class Petty Officer assigned to HS-8. She traveled with the *USS Carl Vinson* and *USS John C. Stennis*. She also served in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, where she received two Navy Achievement Medals. Great job, CRDF heroes!

Can you believe it has been five months since our new Captain, Joseph Nuñez, arrived at CRDF? Man, how time flies! Since his arrival, we have had amazing support for Baker to Vegas, fundraising boutiques, bowling nights, baseball games, as well as softball and basketball tournaments. We've created a triathlon team with our first race in October, and we're planning for the best Christmas party ever. Our morale is at an all-time high and employee relations are booming. We are feeling very happy and blessed to have him.

It's time to give a few "attaboys (and girls)" to a few deserving CRDF employees that are doing such a fantastic job their peers want to recognize them. CRDF recognizes Officer Wilson for her continued hard work and pleasant attitude in the reception area. Deputy Maria Trasvina is being recognized for her diligent police work in module 1700. Deputy Trasvina initiated a search where methamphetamine was found. Without her, it would never have been recovered. Deputy Rafaela Avina is recognized for her amazing spirit, beautiful personality and work ethic in the CRDF PPO/Classification office. She is a joy to work with. And last but not least, Senior Sherman is recognized for her continued dedication to 999 for Kids and other Departmental events. She has singlehandedly initiated fundraisers to raise money for the cause, raising over $3,000 this year. She is always there to help her partners and people in need. Her outgoing and selfless personality makes her a pleasure to work with. She always stays loyal and follows through with her commitments. Let's give a round of applause to these superstars of CRDF!

Keep up the outstanding work!

As always, here at CRDF we are committed to "Excellence Through People" like you! ☆



PEER SUPPORT PROGRAM

By Mike Rodi

I hope everyone has enjoyed their Summer. This has definitely been one of the hottest Summers in years. I have to hand it to the deputies in the North end of the County; temperatures were reaching 113 degrees. I know how tough it can be handling calls wearing a vest and gun belt in those conditions, so great job.

Bringing you up to date at ESSB:

In June, we held our three-day Peer Support certification class and it went great. We held it at a new location, Cedar Lodge at the Wayside Honor Ranch. The facility was very nice and the training went well. I would like to welcome our new Peer Support members to our team: Daniel Reyes, Greg Maxwell, Matthew Davis, Trish Riely, Chad Eitner, Mark Collins and Tabatha Carter.

They will all bring a lot of experience to our team.

For new members to our Department (deputy and civilian employees), I would like to let you know about our Vets4Vets (V4V) program. Vets4Vets is a group within our general Peer Support membership. It is comprised of Department members who have military experience. Some of the members in the program have combat experience, while others do not. Vet4Vets members attend training that is specific to providing peer support to Department members who are military veterans dealing with issues specific to their experience.

We are currently recruiting Department members who would be good for the program. Just like the general Peer Support program, it is open to all Department employees, both sworn and professional staff.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Vets4Vets, please contact me at ESSB, (213) 738-3500, or email me at *marodi@lasd.org*.

Please visit our Bureau's Intranet site at *http://intranet/intranet/ESS/Index.htm*. ☆

The Chaplain's Notebook

By Chaplain Mike Hidalgo
Norwalk Station

PEACE FOR THE PEACE OFFICER

It does not matter if you are a deputy sheriff or a police officer, the California Penal Code classifies each as peace officers. The responsibilities are primarily the same: to serve the community, protect life and property and to keep the peace. In upholding those responsibilities, you may be placed in harm's way. When everybody else is running away from a dangerous situation, you are trying to get there as fast as you can.

Recently, I can only think of the theater shooting in Aurora, Colorado, that occurred this past July. Hundreds of people went to the midnight premiere of a movie not knowing what was to take place. You all know what happened as there has been much coverage of the incident in the media. I watched the aftermath of the shooting as many of you did.

Being a retired police officer, I wanted to read and hear how the law enforcement agencies handled and controlled the situation. I read and heard recordings of police radio transmissions. In the midst of all the chaos, I learned that law enforcement personnel did their job courageously and professionally.

You could definitely hear some excited and higher-pitched voices in the radio transmissions. You heard law enforcement personnel attempting to control the large crime scene, asking for gas masks and ambulances, advising multiple casualties, all the time knowing the suspect was armed with an assault rifle. Responding officers arrested the suspect soon after the initial calls. Again, law enforcement personnel did their job in controlling and stabilizing a very chaotic situation. I wondered if those law enforcement agencies had anything in place to help those who had been involved in that situation.

As LASD deputies, you are also placed in harm's way, going to dangerous and chaotic situations while others flee. Once there, you do your job by controlling, stabilizing and bringing peace to it.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." (Matthew 5:9)

Who brings peace to deputies when they need peace? That is what the chaplains do. We bring peace to the peace officer.

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

L.A. County Retired Marshals Lunches for 2012

ALL LUNCHES ARE SCHEDULED FOR 12 NOON

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

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.

Evelyn L. Anderson
Community Transition Unit

Marie P. Armstone
Inmate Reception Center

Sylvia Atondo
Risk Management Bureau

Ruben L. Corral
Court Services East Bureau

Margaret E. Coutu
Data Systems Bureau

Nathan A. Doyle
San Dimas Station

Mary E. Fernandez
West Hollywood Station

David P. Florence
Men's Central Jail

Stephen A. French
Walnut Station

Joaquin J. Herran
Executive Offices

Patricia A. Houseal
Lancaster Station

Gregory L. Key
Century Regional Detention Center

Julia K. Kiser
Internal Affairs Bureau

Patrick D. Kieva
Court Services West Bureau

Albert Leyva
Parks Bureau

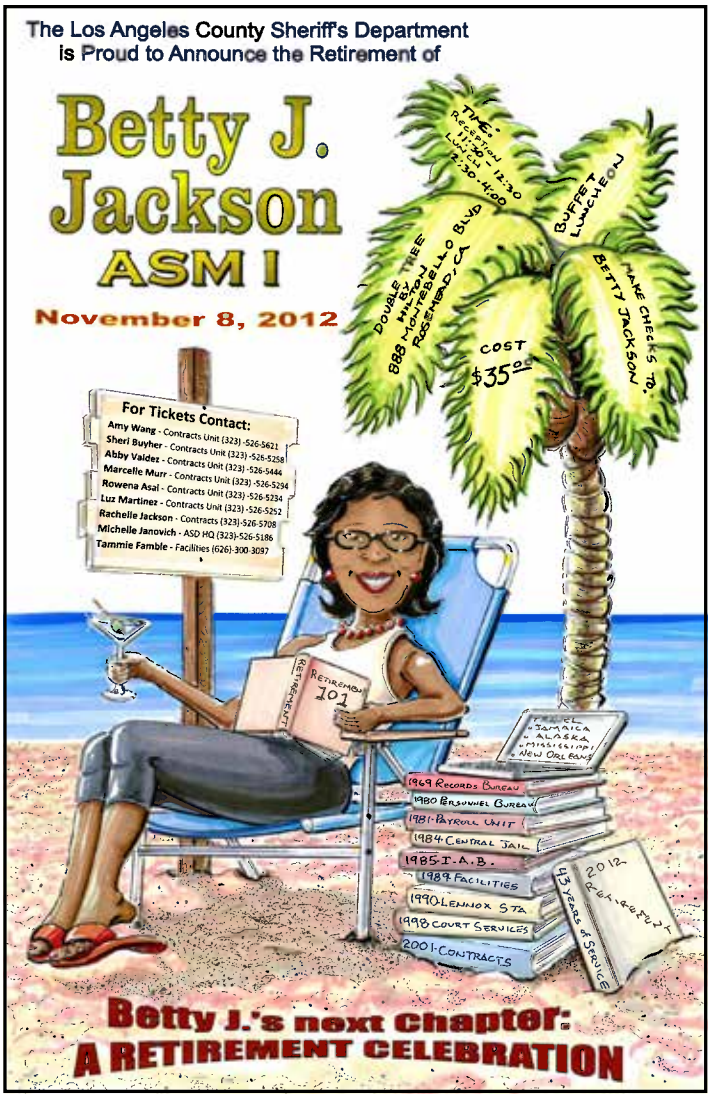
Michael F. Linn
Court Services West Bureau

Ruth A. Mattox
Records and Information Bureau

Joan M. Raber
County Services Bureau

Fred W. Roberts
Scientific Services Bureau

Ramona M. Watkins
Medical Services Bureau



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FOR
COMMANDER BOB OSBORNE

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DATE: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2012

TIME: SOCIAL - 1730 TO 1900 HOURS
DINNER - 1900 HOURS

LOCATION: ALMANSOR COURT
700 SOUTH ALMANSOR STREET
ALHAMBRA, CA 91801

ATTIRE: BUSINESS CASUAL

COST: $40 PER PERSON

FOR TICKET PURCHASES CONTACT:

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TERI SELTER - DET. DIV. HQ - (323) 526-5169
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KNOTT'S BERRY FARM	**$30.99/$21.99**	**$46.99/$24.99**
Tickets good thru 12/31/12	*(Children 3-11; Senior 62)*	
LEGOLAND	**$55.00**	**$75.00/$65.00**
Tickets good thru 03/30/13	*2nd day free — must use w/in 90 days of 1st visit/use*	
LEGOLAND HOPPER	**$65.00**	**$95.00/$85.00**
Tickets good thru 07/25/13	*2nd day free — all visits must be used by expiration date*	
LONG BEACH AQUARIUM	**$17.95/$10.95**	**$25.95/$14.95**
Tickets good thru 11/30/12	*(Children 3-11)*	
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Tickets good thru 05/12/13	*(Children 3-11)*	
SAN DIEGO ZOO-DELUXE	**$34.00/$26.00**	**$42.00/$32.00**
Tickets good thru 04/05/2013	*(Children 3-11)*	
SEAWORLD-Single Day	**$48.00/$48.00**	**$78.00/$70.00**
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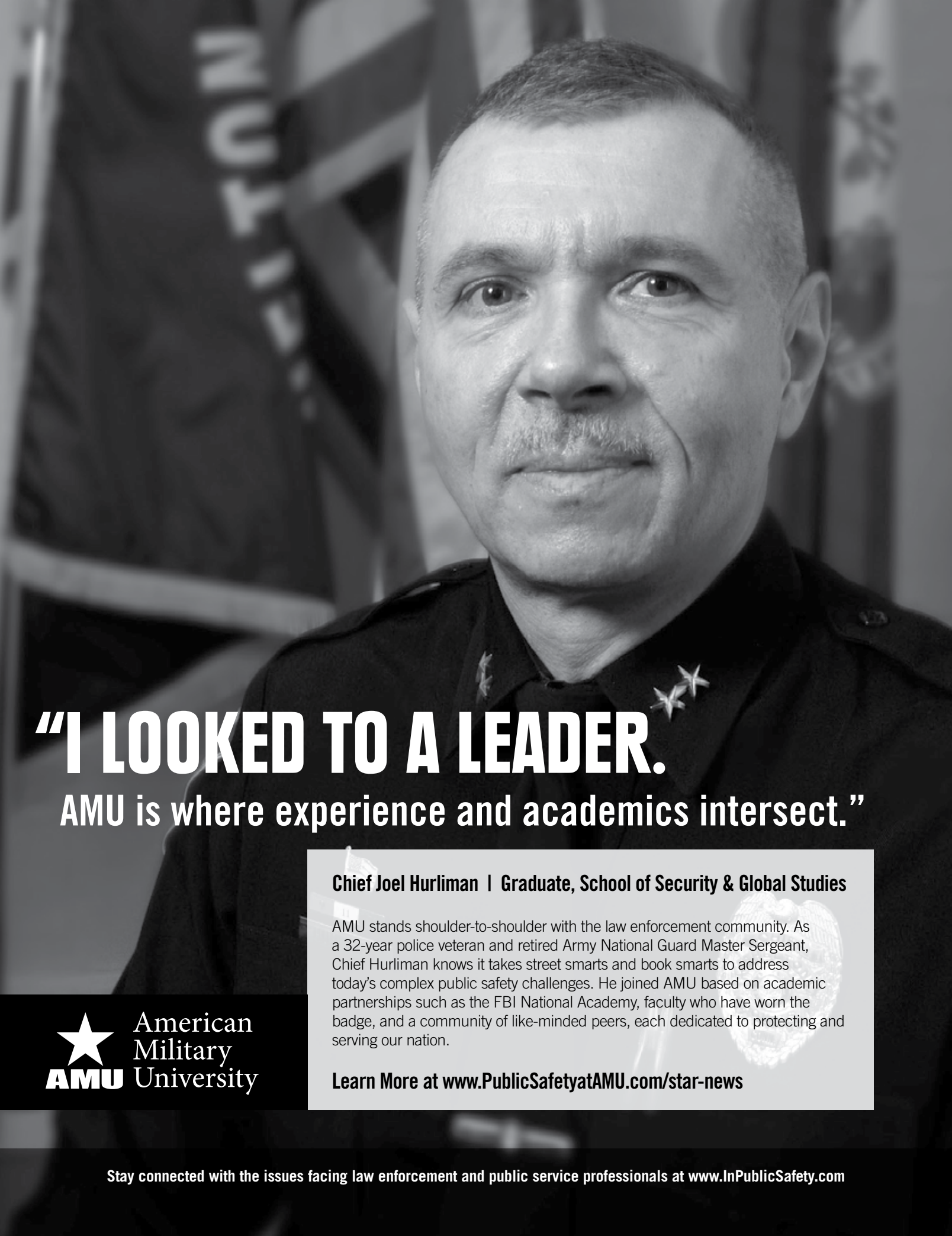

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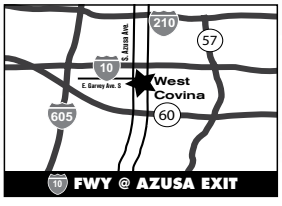

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