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Big Tujunga Canyon Flood, 1969

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Trustees Monthly Meeting

The regular meeting of the Sheriffs' Relief Association convened on Thursday, January 12, 2017, at 11515 Colima Road, Whittier. The following officers and trustees were present: Mike Abdeen, President; Richard Maradiaga, Secretary-Treasurer; Trustees Teresa Garrett, J.P. Harris, Joe Hartshorne, John McBride, Diane Stone and Veronica Urenda; Bill McSweeney, General Manager; and Carol Leonard, Assistant General Manager.

The meeting was called to order at 4:37 p.m. A motion was made by Trustee Maradiaga, seconded by Trustee Urenda and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2016, meeting and the November Foundation expenditures.

COMMUNICATIONS

General Manager Bill McSweeney reported that communications were received from the following during the month of December:

From Matthew Squire to SRA, "While traveling on LASD business from Southern California, on December 2, 2016, I had a medical emergency that required me to be admitted to a local ICU. I was over 300 miles away from home and suddenly faced with the real possibility of some serious medical complications. My wife flew up to San Jose immediately to be with me. Your grant to defray the unexpected expenses associated with this event was incredible. I have been a member of Sheriffs' Relief for over 29 years. I

have been truly blessed to have not had the need to avail myself of your services, other than the Emporium and discount tickets. My family and I were truly humbled to receive your assistance. A huge thank-you as well for the amazing fruit basket that was hand-delivered to my residence. I cannot thank you enough for your leadership and kindness."

From Bob Windrim to Leo Norton, "Thanks for your help."

From Buddy and Brenda Fowler to SRA, "Thank you for your kind expression of sympathy upon the death of our daughter Katrese. Your prayers, your words, card and beautiful basket provided a tremendous amount of strength and support to the family and me during this difficult time. Once again, thank you."

From the Be Perfect Foundation to SRA, "We personally wanted to thank you on behalf of the Be Perfect Foundation and its scholarship recipient Kody Peraita for your generous and thoughtful donation. We have been fortunate to have such great support from people like you. As you know, critical injuries and illnesses are not only devastating, but emotionally and financially draining to families. With unexpected medical expenses, re-hospitalization, continued medical treatment and general necessities, it put families in a position oftentimes to quit their jobs and to care for their loved ones. Your generous donation will directly help Kody Peraita's therapy at Project Walk. Again, we would like to thank you

for thinking of our client during this very critical moment in his recovery."

From Sally Harwell to John McBride, "I'm writing to thank you for the lovely door prize for our Norwalk-Pico Retirees & Friends Christmas Bash. The Bash was a success with some of our retirees traveling from out of state to enjoy the festivities. It was nice to see them enjoying themselves, talking and making up stories of days gone by, experiencing a great meal and playing the White Elephant game. Again, thank you for the donation and for all the work you do for the members of the Sheriff's Department."

From Christine Ferry to SRA, "Thank you for being there for me for the past 25 years. If it wasn't for you, I'd be on the streets right now. God bless you all! Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year."

From Lawrence Gandsey to the Board and SRA, "Thank you for the LASD sweats."

BENEVOLENT REPORT

MORTUARY BENEFITS PAID DURING JANUARY: \$95,000

MORTUARY BENEFITS PAID YEAR TO DATE: \$95,000

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

A total of 70 new membership applications were received during the month of January. A motion

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Retired Deputies

By Chickee Nelson and Don Fandry

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On January 4, the Hi-Desert Retirees met at Marie Callender's Restaurant, 12180 Mariposa Road, Victorville, at 11 a.m.! We chose from the menu. We meet on the east side of the bar area. Those present were Dick and Lou Olney, Norman and Chickee Nelson, Beth Comb, Lee and Annette Henderson, Bob and Teri Kaufman,

and Joe and Sheila Ortiz. We laughed and had some great conversations. If you are in the area on the first Wednesday of the month, come join us for friendship and a good meal. You don't have to know any of us, but you will have some dear friends when the meal is over! The service is great, and Amber, our special personal waitress, is wonderful. Everyone is welcome

to come join us for lunch and bring a friend!

On January 4, the Desert Heat got together at the Lake Havasu Elks Lodge at 11:30 a.m. and ate at noon. Here is the list of attendees: Mike Robbins, Ed Ryan, Don and Susie Sackett, Jim Slay, Jerry Gillen,

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was made by Trustee Harris, seconded by Trustee Urenda and unanimously carried, to accept the following new members: Suren Abrahamyan, Aanhil L. Alferez, Maurice E. Alvarado, John A. Anderson Jr., Marc A. Antrim, Matthew G. Ayers, Elida Bاندك, Andrew J. Banks III, Sara N. Branham, Sterling W. Buck, Brian S. Ceballos, Cynthia C. Cervantes, Nicole T. Chiem, Ezri H. Coronado, Andrew J. Dacus, Christopher De Carlo, Josie Flores, Joshua L. Floyd, Michael J. Galosic, Victor M. Gamero, Chad A. Garcia Morales, Kevin C. Garcia, Ilian Garfias Gutierrez, Angel Gastelum, Gilberto C. Gomez, Carlos A. Gonzalez, Elza J. Guevara, Jennifer L. Gutierrez, David C. Henderson Jr., Brandon C. Hicks, Shant Honarchian, Christopher J. Jackson, Jason R. Jones, Miguel H. Kanemoto-Urias, Gannon P. Kelly, Jenny L. Kennedy, Peter J. Lavin, Carlos D. Leon, Esmeria I. Martinez, Michael R. Matthews, Jose A. Mayoral, Michael J. Mc Junkin, Antonio

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We had 2 deaths of active members, 8 deaths of retired members, no cancellations of active membership, 5 cancellations of retired membership, 1 new honorary associate member and 2 deaths of honorary associate members.

There were 19 members who resigned, 1 discharge and 1 who transferred from the Sheriff's Department/Relief Association during the month of December.

NEW BUSINESS

A DST class orientation being held at noon at BC still needs a presenter. Assistant General Manager Carrol Leonard will forward an email to all the Board for a volunteer.

Trustee McBride has volunteered at the Thursday, January 26, graduation ceremony being held at 7 p.m. at East Los Angeles College.

The Board has given General Manager Bill McSweeney the go-ahead to look further into the SRA offices and Emporium moving to Sybil Brand in the future.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:05 p.m., a motion was made by Trustee Harris, seconded by Trustee Maradiaga and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting of the Sheriff's Relief Association, Sheriff's Relief Foundation and Sheriff's Relief Services, Inc. ☆

Retired Deputies *continued from page 2*

Vito Cacucciolo, Richard Byrd, Bill Taggart, Jim Greenough, Doug Muchmore, Steve Root, Tom and Sonja Liles, Kevin Gavaghan, George Wilson, and Mike and Leseah Castorina. Come join us; we meet every month at the Elks Lodge in Lake Havasu City, Arizona. We meet the first Wednesday of the month. Hope to see you all next month! — Jerry Gillen

On January 4, the monthly Marshal's Old Timers luncheon was held at the *Lazy Dog* in Downey. There was a small but dedicated group, as this is a new location. Those who came out after the holiday were Alan Blomker, Leslie Taylor, Peter Mack, George Feten, Bob Castro, Al Barnet, Richard Duran and Cliff Hartfield. — Terry

On January 9, the Lakewood ROMEOs met at *Super Mex* in Lakewood. Attending were Bill Richardson, Frank Matillo, Jerry Berry, Debbie and Ben Hilliard, Dennis Flynn, Bill Snyder, Chris Beattie, Ed Dahlstrom, Peter Mack, Eljay Fatone, Michael O'Hara, George Boswell, Don Reeves, Sandra Escandon and Robert Pryor. The listed order is the order in which they arrived, so as you can see, Don Reeves, Sandra Escandon and Robert Pryor were the "Johnny-come-latelies."

There's some good news, some not-quite-so-good news and a little bad news. First, the good: We can again ask that Don Reeves' photo be removed from the milk cartons, because his new email address was provided thanks to Robert Pryor. Eljay (Lester) Fatone surprisingly attended despite the inclement weather — luckily (?), he didn't have to drive any of his luxury vehicles, thus avoiding the finish being

"soiled" with unclean rainwater. Someone mentioned that they saw him arrive via Uber, *but* that's not been vetted. It's undecided if that's "not-so-good news" or something else. It probably falls into the category of "Les who?" The bad news is that Dave Cruzen's wife, Colleen, couldn't attend, and some are speculating that's the reason Dave didn't show, rather than his claim of illness. I believe it was pointed out to Dave in November that his wife could attend future lunches but he was disinvited. This scribe wasn't there, so all I can do is speculate. We'll see Colleen so Dave can attend. I sat across from Ben Hilliard, and despite his wife's valiant efforts, he could not be silenced. He may have been shut away from civilized folks so long he

was craving the attention. I'm not sure — ask Jerry Berry, because he knows all that stuff and if he doesn't know he'll make up something plausible. Everybody seemed to enjoy themselves, and those who needed it brought their own Tums, etc., so they could self-medicate. We were at *Super Mex* restaurant, after all. Our March 13 (second Monday) lunch will be at *Lascari's Italian Restaurant*, 16255 Whittier Blvd., Whittier, 90603, always at 11 a.m., should you like to attend. Everybody is welcome. — Bill

On January 11, lunch for the San Diego Retirees was held at *O'Sullivan's Irish Pub* and

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San Diego Retirees, left to right: Pat and Bob Jordon, Bill Flannery, Bill Findon, a guest, former Deputy Chief Frank Reed (ret.) from San Francisco P.D., Richard Shockcor, Lou Brown, Bob Henley, Harry Penny, Ron Eoff and Joe Raffa

HONOR, COURAGE & SACRIFICE

By Robert E. McHaney

Editor's note: World War II veteran Robert E. McHaney joined the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department in March 1947 and retired in March 1973 as a sergeant. Now 92 years old and residing in Culver, Oregon, he sent us this reflection on his time in the military. "I enjoy the Star News and especially the Retired Deputies section," he added. "I have never written an article for your section, and I don't want to get too old to give it a try."

At 18 years old, I joined the U.S. Army, 75th Infantry, 289th Combat Team. WWII. We fought in Africa, France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. Awarded the European, African, Middle Eastern Campaign Ribbon with five Battle Stars.

The following is a record of the medals and certificates that I obtained during WWII and afterward:

- ⊛ Was named a Chevalier of the Legion of Honor by the French Republic and made a member of the American Society of the French Legion of Honor
- ⊛ Shook hands with President Obama, who thanked me for my service to my country in WWII
- ⊛ Was given a personal letter from Vice President Joseph R. Biden Jr., who also thanked me for my military service in WWII
- ⊛ Received a Certificate of Senatorial Recognition from the U.S. Senate
- ⊛ Received a Certificate of Commendation from U.S. Senator Harry Reid
- ⊛ Received a Certificate of Recognition from the Office of the Governor of the State of Nevada, Brian Sandoval
- ⊛ Was given a Certificate of Recognition from the Governor of Idaho, Dirk Kempthorne
- ⊛ Was presented the Honorable Service Medal from the State of Oregon



Sergeant Robert McHaney during World War II, photographed with a captured German flag in 1945

The remainder of this ode I have carried in my heart since the year of 1942, where we saw Death face to face. When we stood up to our enemy, many terrorizing thoughts raced through the minds of our fighting forces.

"Will I live through just one more battle?"

"Will I be the last to die?"

"Does it hurt to die?"

"I am so tired of killing!"

"During the heat of battle, at times Death would be a welcome visitor. The dead look so calm and peaceful. Fear has left their hearts."

"But I am my own destiny, and my comrades will hold me to the truth."

"I will fight but never surrender!"

Today, these words live in the hearts of those who watched their families march off to war. They never live a day without a loving thought for those who made the greatest sacrifice that a warrior can bestow when defending our country. Every fighting man and woman who fought in their shadows also carries tears of sorrow, as their souls cry out in agony over the loss of a very

close comrade. Memories of long ago will never be forgotten while a mother holds that precious dream close to her grieving heart.

Where have the proud young warriors gone? The answer rests in the souls of the men and women who were witnesses as Death took these young warriors by the hand and led them out of the reach of the roar of cannon, plucked them from a fiery plane or lifted them out of the bloody waters of a distant sea.

These are the military men and women, whose faces have faded with time, whose heroic deeds were only observed by a comrade who watched through his dying eyes, as his beating heart slowed to a whisper, then spoke no more.

As long as the Stars and Stripes wave over this nation, as long as our military come to the front to march with these forgotten ghosts, the boots of tyranny will never, ever tread on the greatest nation on earth.

Beneath the pale moonlight, there lies a lonely piece of hallowed ground, its surface supporting uncounted rows of cold, white markers. Inscribed on the surface of these stones is a name, rank and date. There is never enough room to tell of the courage, sacrifices and gallantry that these warriors endured. For beneath those stone markers lie the forgotten ghosts of men and women who made that great sacrifice so that freedom will live in our lives forever.

There, beneath each and every stone, lies a heroic ghost who fought to the last shell, making the ultimate sacrifice for our country. There are no cowards on the great fields of battle, and when the drums and bugles fall silent, a voice will rise over the clouds of war, proclaiming, "They were intrepid, their cause was great, they gave more than just their lives. They gave the born and unborn a heritage that will live forever, under the undaunted threads of the Stars and Stripes that wave so proudly over the greatest land on earth. Your country salutes you." ☆

Restaurant in Carlsbad. In attendance were, from left to right in the photo, Bob and Pat Jordon, Bill Flannery, Bill Findon, a guest, former Deputy Chief Frank Reed (ret.) from San Francisco P.D., Richard Shockcor, Lou Brown, Bob Henley, Harry Penny, Ron Eoff and Joe Raffa, the cute one behind Eoff. You two do a great job. — Joe Raffa

On January 13 to 15, the Sunshine Rollers got together for their monthly campout at Emerald Desert in Palm Desert. Those members present were Rick and Sandy Spence, and they had to be there because they were the Wagon Masters for this month! Even with the heavy rains one night, it was a great campout! All the other days were absolutely gorgeous. Sonja and Manuel Cruz, Carol Engle, Pat and Tom Jones (and *not* the singer), Louis and Mary Jo Mullady, Norman and Chickee Nelson, Gil Sherwood, and Dolores and Claude Waddle were also there. Birthdays for this month were Jeffrey Fitz-Gerald on January 5, Ray Hoyal on the 18th and Gil Sherwood on the 24th. No anniversaries this month. We have some new members who joined our club: Manuel and Darlene Lomeli, Michael and Barbara Buck, Al and Kathy Leyva, and Tom and Cathy Smith. They introduced themselves, and then the *old* Sunshine Rollers introduced themselves to the new Sunshine Rollers members. Now everyone knows everyone! March Campout will be hosted by Sonja and Manuel Cruz. Where was Robert Spence this weekend? Even if he had to work, where are his priorities? We missed him! Also, we would like to welcome all our new members. Thanks for joining us; we are glad to have you! The Sunshine Rollers normally meet the second weekend of the month. If you have a recreational vehicle and would like to join us for a weekend, you can contact Norman Nelson at Storminnorman1@outlook.com for more information.

On January 16 to 19, RELAC had their quarterly campout at Pechanga RV Park in Temecula. The weather was cool in the shade and pleasant in the sun. We got in some good visiting, after the task of hooking up was completed. Attending were Dennis and Wanda Klodt, Ed Clifton, Bob and Linda Reyes, Mike and Veronica Reyes, Al and Diana Medina, Don and Shirley Egbert, Janet Cerato, Paul Ladefoged and Stinne, Norm and Chickee Nelson, Bill and Janice Hayhurst, Leon and Diane Stegall, Max Georgi and Dulcy, Dave and Darlene Sorenson, Dave and Janice Coleman, Joe and Helen Quintana, Ernie and Cristina Blanchard, Jimmy and Marianne Valdivia, Dorie Fregeau and me, Jeanne Klauk. Ernie and Cristina are new members to our RV group, and it

so happens that Ernie and I worked at STARS Center at the same time. I have to stop here. For many years, Bob Reyes has been providing the group with his very famous habanero-and-various-fruits jelly. I have been somewhat reticent and very derelict in my duties to report on this well-known, unpublicized fact. I have received habanero strawberry, pomegranate, blueberry, raspberry and now lemon jelly. These are the very best hot jellies, and we really didn't want this fact to be out there, as we jealously guard our source. Our Tuesday potluck was one of our best — we had a great array of delicious trays of food. We held our drawing after our dinner. Our next campout is March 19 at Banning KOA, then May 21 at Flying Flags in Buellton, September 17 at Chula Vista RV Park and October 22 at Emerald Desert in Indio. Please come and join us; we really have a grand time. I never knew anyone before I started camping with the group. Now I have many new friends! Al Haney Jr. drove up to see and visit with some of his old friends and partners who were on the Department. If you have a recreational vehicle and would like to attend one of RELAC's campouts, you can contact Mike Reyes for more information at mikeandveronica@roadrunner.com.

On January 18, the Las Vegas Retirees got together for their monthly luncheon at the *Blue Ox* on Sahara at noon. We had a good turnout, as you will see below: John Hooge, Hershel Aron, Gary Gray, Jim Ellison, Pat and Nancy Burke, Vanette and Gary Christensen, Steve Hernandez, Carlos Gonzalez, Frank and Rosary Terkelsen, Mark Robinson, Barry Katz, Joan Raber and Ray Walker. Submitted by Hershel Aron, just got back last night from the Mexico cruise on the *Ruby*.

On January 19, the Retired Deputies had their luncheon at the Glendale Elks Lodge in Glendale at 11:30 a.m. I didn't take down the names because when I got there all nine of them were already sitting at a long table. I was No. 10. I might forget someone. I collected their lunch funds around the table and paid the bill. We decided to meet again at the Glendale Elks in April. We had a choice of three different lunches and they were all good. We just visited with each other and had a good time discussing the old days. Next get-together will be Thursday, April 20. — Don

On January 19, we missed the Retired Deputies Luncheon because we left on a Pacific coastal cruise out of San Pedro on the *Star Princess* that went nowhere. Because of the numerous storms going up and down the coast, we could not dock or be tendered in, so the ship just stayed in the

ocean. We did stop in San Diego for two days, but while we were wandering around in the Pacific Ocean we met up with retired Sergeant Don and Susan Garcia. Vicky McKown had sent me an email telling me that they were on the same nowhere cruise. We were able to sit and talk with them for a while on the 14 deck. Don retired in 2002. Susan retired from the crime lab after Don. They like cruising, too. Since we have to go out of the country in order to come back into the United States port, the Mexican port authorities came out to our ship to give them the paperwork so we could enter into the United States. That law is still on the books from 1886. It didn't matter to us not getting off in Ensenada, because we weren't going to get off the ship in Ensenada anyway! We still had a great time and it was fun seeing retirees Don and Susan Garcia!

On January 24, we went to the *New Peking Chinese Restaurant* in Cerritos. We enjoy that restaurant because it is family-owned by Jerry and Grace. The food has always been absolutely delicious. We have been going there over 28 years and used to have lunch there all the time when we were working. Now whenever we drive in from Las Vegas we go by to eat there. While we were eating, I looked up and a gentleman walked in with a beautiful lady, and I told Norman, "That man really favors someone I know." They sat in the booth next to ours, but I couldn't see his face as his wife was sitting directly in front of him. They finished eating and when they stood up to leave I had to ask, "What is your name?" It was retired Sergeant Ken Ostling and his wife, Deloris. I couldn't believe it! I haven't seen Ken Ostling in over 30 years, but he hasn't changed that much. He was our traffic sergeant at Lakewood back in the 1970s. I often wondered what had happened to him, and here he was, sitting in the same restaurant as we were after 30 years. Then Ken, Deloris, Norman and I stood there talking for the next 30 minutes. Ken is still working at Lakewood Sheriff's Station as a reserve.

On January 25, the Annual Lakewood Luncheon was held at *Chili's Restaurant* on Candlewood Avenue in Lakewood. After 12 years going to the *Elephant Bar* for our annual luncheon, the *Elephant Bar* closed and didn't let anyone know. So the luncheon was scheduled for there but had to be switched at the last minute. This location is convenient and the majority of the attendees enjoyed it. It was a nice turnout with George Boswell, Joel and Jerri Johnson-Baugh, Karen and Larry Tomes, Cindy Conner,

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By Kathy Haven

Pitchess Detention Center, North Facility

Greetings from the North!

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!

PDC North Facility would like to welcome some new members. We have six new deputies out of Class #416: Carmen Blanco, Marisol Denison, Steve Erickson, Francisco Marquez, Michael Noyola and Ken Picard. We also have two deputies out of Class #417, Eric Galang and Brian Steffen. (Eric's brother, Ian, is already assigned to North Facility.)

We also welcomed a new custody assistant, Richard Kuykendall.

Finally, we brought on a new senior deputy! It's been years since we had new double-chevrons walking this facility. Senior Deputy Keith Robinson is now the supervising line deputy for our PM crew.

North Facility looks forward to seeing what you're able to contribute to our facility before moving on to wherever your career takes you.

GOING 98

North Facility is bidding farewell to Sergeant Steve Basso and Operations Assistant II Kathy Cali.

Sergeant Basso was planning on throwing himself a farewell barbecue, but we at North don't let guests of honor throw their own parties. Deputy Jessica Rupp and Custody Assistant Kimberly Haberlack (formerly Kimberly Torres) decorated the briefing room for Sergeant Basso with the fitting theme of "mustaches." The majority of the facility pitched in enough to send me on a shopping spree to enhance the barbecue. Deputy Tony Alonzo ran the grill.



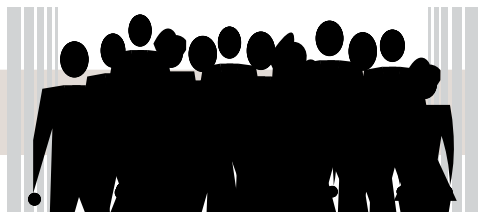
Kathy's farewell party was held at Cedar Lodge, and her co-worker found the *best* chair ever! If you know Kathy, then you would definitely agree this chair was made for her! The lodge was complete with pink decorations, shoe decorations, a cake with shoe cupcakes and a photo booth.



We wish you both the best of luck, and our facility will not be the same without you. Sergeant Basso, Module 5 will miss you! Kathy, we will miss your hugs!

MARROW DRIVE

Los Angeles County is joining with City of Hope to find a bone marrow match for one of our own. Sergeant Jorge Chavez was diagnosed with leukemia. Several units have been hosting blood drives and bone marrow drives in the hopes of possibly being his lifesaving match. North Facility set the date for Thursday, February 22, in our briefing room. ☆



PEER SUPPORT PROGRAM

By Mike Rodi

I hope everyone is doing well. As we begin the new year, I would like to remind all Sheriff's employees about our services at PSB-Employee Support Services and our Bureau's mission.

Our mission is to lead the way in providing psychological support and behavioral science services to law enforcement organizations, thereby increasing the health, well-being and productivity of the organization and its employees; to anticipate

problems before they occur, collaboratively develop innovative solutions and provide emergent services when needed, no matter the hour.

Here are top reasons employees come to PSB-ESS:

- Intimate relationships
- Depression
- Work and personal life stresses/anxiety
- Alcohol and substance abuse

- Illness/injury
- Critical incidents
- Grief/loss

All employees, both professional and sworn personnel, are eligible for free, short-term services. Spouses or significant others are also eligible to make a counseling appointment.

All services are *confidential* under state and federal laws. ☆

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Frank Matillo, Mary Michel, Dennis Flinn, Eberhard (EB) Krone-Schmidt, Jerry Berry, Bill Snyder, Ed Dahlstrom, Joe McDonald, Lester J. Fatone, Mike Collins, John Boyle, Dwayne Benson, Bob McLaughlin, Mike O'Hara, Vick McKown, Chickee and Norman Nelson, Robert (Bob) Pryor, Andy Guthrie, Peter Mack, Peter Mack Jr., Tim Lusk, John Johnson, Joe Manusia, Dave Rosenberger, Max Chance Sr., Max Chance Jr., John Kocis, Art Brown, Keith Mohagen, Charlie Vaughn, Steve and Gina Minnis, Jack Ferguson, Ken Wood, Tom Segars, Daniel Lamotte, Marlyn and Paul Meunier, Carol Foster, Clay Landenberger and Leo Norton in attendance. Tom Segars flew in from Alabama, and Dwayne Benson lives part-time in Illinois. We want to thank John Kocis for giving his book, *My Life as a Lawman: Memories From a Historic Era*, by Sergeant John Kocis, LASD Retired, to all who attended the luncheon. He autographed it for anyone who wanted it autographed. Thanks again, John. The next annual luncheon will be scheduled for January 25, 2018.

On January 26, RELAC had their Annual Recognition Luncheon at the Almansor Court in Alhambra. Three hundred people were scheduled to attend, and it looked like most of them were there. This luncheon recognizes the RELAC board members and the

volunteers who faithfully serve the RELAC membership throughout the entire year. RELAC is a nonprofit organization whose primary goal is to serve all retirees of Los Angeles County. They have over 1,900 members. Presentation of colors was done by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Honor Guard. We were entertained by the Transportation Security Administration Chorus, which was absolutely amazing! Their voices are unbelievable! The keynote speaker was Los Angeles County Fire Chief Daryl L. Osby. They had a great turnout for this luncheon.

On January 27, it was a cool but sunny morning in Lancaster after an overnight temperature of 32 degrees. This was a pleasant relief after all of the rainstorms we experienced this past month. I'm not griping; I hope we have more, but not with the intensity that these past storms had.

Now then, 15 of us retirees met for breakfast at *Denny's Restaurant* in Lancaster, the one at 20th Street West and Avenue K. We have settled in at this restaurant after *Carrows* closed down and are satisfied with the food and service. Topics of conversation were narrowed down to discussion of handguns and concealed carry, LASD affairs, promotions, etc. Retired Lieutenant Ron Shreves presented information on an upcoming sale of shirts memorializing the late Sergeant Steve Owen. More information is forthcoming as soon as I receive it. Attending the breakfast were Ron Oest, Glenn Hutchinson, Tom Ewens, Fred McNutt, Ron Shreves, John Ament, Mary McKain, Ron Nybakken, Pat Hood, Vance Kirkpatrick, Keith Hoyt, Daniel Gilmore, Kent Anderson, Dennis Saenz and yours truly, Carlos Valdez. The AV monthly breakfast is open to all retired members of the Sheriff's Department.

We meet every last Friday of the month, anytime between 7 and 8 a.m. For information, contact Carlos Valdez at valdez5150@msn.com. Till then, be safe and be happy.

Here it is March 2017 already. Where is the time going? You need to get up and get involved. Enjoy your retirement. There are plenty of things for you to do. Take advantage of them. Until the next issue, have a great life! — Chickee and Don ☆



The Transportation Security Administration Chorus was absolutely amazing!



By David Ibanez
Palmdale Station

OUT OF HIATUS

We are excited to once again be part of *Star News*! We had an eventful 2016, which included the 10-year anniversary of our new Station and a 9.9 percent reduction in crime thanks to our hardworking deputies. The following are a few of the many highlights of the past year.

SECRET SQUIRREL MISSION

Deputy Travis Ogle is our very own “American Sniper.” Travis is a sniper for the Army’s elite Special Forces. He recently transferred in-house to COPS but was shortly deployed on a



10-month operation to an undisclosed location in Iraq. Without hesitation, Sergeant Skaggs had the troops gather a care package full of goodies for Travis and his team. Mrs. Deputy Ogle, who works at Van Nuys Court, recently broke the news to Travis that they are expecting their second child. Congratulations, sir! Thank you for serving our country, and come home soon.

CHILI COOK-OFF

Last year’s chili booth theme was Oktoberfest. Deputy Day’s artistic talent created a life-size photo booth, which you may have taken a picture in. Our music, garments,



steins and enthusiasm won us second place in “Most Spirited Booth.” We plan on going even bigger this year and taking that first-place trophy.

THE GRINCH WHO ...

... almost stole Christmas. A parolee who was on parole for — you guessed it — burglary entered an apartment and stole a family’s gifts from underneath their tree. Unbeknownst to him, he was being filmed by a security camera. Detective Hall’s keen skills led him to identify the suspect and had a search warrant granted to arrest the Grinch. A generous citizen who heard the story through local media sources donated a gift card to the family to replace their gifts.

EXPLORER POST #0699

Fifteen Palmdale Station Explorers attended the annual Tactical Scenario Competition held

in Chandler, Arizona. Fifty-nine Explorer posts throughout the United States attended this event.



Each team demonstrated the skills they have learned through the guidance of deputies at their station. Explorers are judged on their planning, tactics and communication with their team members. Some of the scenarios included high-risk warrants, incident command system, vehicle stops,



crisis negotiations, hostage situation and an active-shooter scenario. Our Explorers met twice a week for several months in preparation for the competition. Their hard work and dedication were rewarded with four trophies.

COMMUNITY ACADEMY

Our last community academy graduated 65 Antelope Valley residents. The purpose of the academy is to build a better understanding between the community and the Sheriff’s Department through education. Civilians are given lectures by various bureaus, patrol ride-alongs and a jail tour. In the final session, they are put through live scenarios to experience firsthand what deputies encounter on the job on a daily basis.

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SPEEDY RECOVERY

On Christmas morning at approximately 0300 hours, Deputy Jason Kiger was inside his patrol vehicle, blocking traffic with his rotators on, after a vehicle collision occurred. Deputy Steve Quiroz saw a minivan rapidly approaching

of the way before his vehicle was "T-boned." Unfortunately, debris struck Jason's elbow and fractured it. The driver of the minivan was arrested for DUI. Jason was grateful to be able to spend Christmas with his family. Get well soon, brother.



Deputy Kiger's vehicle with no signs of slowing down and warned him. Jason miraculously jumped out

HELLO, GOODBYE

As we say hello to *Star News*, we would like to say goodbye to a few Palmdale family members. Recently, two great watch commanders went 10-7: Lieutenant Ken Wright, who retired after 33 years (20 of which were at Palmdale), and Lieutenant Brian Dunn, who spent his entire career serving the Antelope Valley community. Enjoy the retirement life, sirs! We also want to wish LET Frazier good luck in her new position at Headquarters. ☆

☆ IN MEMORIAM ☆

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| KENNETH FASULO | RETIRED 09-17-96, DECEASED 01-28-17 | DEPUTY/NCCF |
| LARRY A. GRISSOM | RETIRED 12-15-82, DECEASED 11-21-16 | DEPUTY/YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU |
| ANTHONY Z. HACKETT | ACTIVE, DECEASED 01-08-17 | SERGEANT/PARKS BUREAU |
| ERIKA HOUSER | ACTIVE, DECEASED 01-26-17 | LET/COURT SERVICES WEST |
| DAVID M. MEENK | RETIRED 03-31-10, DECEASED 12-29-16 | LIEUTENANT/PDC SOUTH |
| GARY P. MELLER | RETIRED 07-13-92, DECEASED 01-10-17 | DEPUTY/TSB |
| ROBERT W. ROBERTS | RETIRED 09-16-89, DECEASED 12-29-16 | DEPUTY/AVALON |
| JENNIFER E. ROBINSON | RETIRED 12-08-88, DECEASED 11-05-16 | DEPUTY/COURT SERVICES WEST |
| TERRY R. SANFORD | RETIRED 07-31-15, DECEASED 12-24-16 | ECT/SCC COMM/FLT |
| ELIZABETH BARRERA, WIFE OF ACTIVE MEMBER ARTURO BARRERA, DECEASED 12-30-16 | | |
| ROBERT D. CAMPBELL, HUSBAND OF RETIRED MEMBER ADELA O. CAMPBELL, DECEASED 12-20-16 | | |
| DENISE L. DAWSON, WIFE OF RETIRED MEMBER WILLIAM D. DAWSON, DECEASED 09-10-16 | | |
| MARGARET A. MARTINEZ, WIFE OF RETIRED MEMBER DAVID L. MARTINEZ, DECEASED 01-17-17 | | |
| GARY PIMENTEL, HUSBAND OF RETIRED MEMBER RHONDA HOISINGTON-PIMENTEL, DECEASED 01-02-17 | | |
| STEPHANIE PORTER, WIFE OF RETIRED MEMBER CHARLES PORTER, DECEASED 12-16-16 | | |
| JOHNNELL SMITH, WIFE OF RETIRED MEMBER BUFORD SMITH, DECEASED 01-22-17 | | |

DSB INTRODUCES NEW SERVICE DESK WEB PORTAL

Data Systems Bureau's Sheriff Data Network implemented Cherwell Service Management (CSM) on October 5, 2016. It replaces the Altiris HelpDesk Solution after almost six years of usage.

CSM includes the range of industry-standard ITIL (Information Technology Infrastructure Library) processes, such as Incident Management, Problem Management, Change Management, Knowledge Management and Service Catalog, to name a few. It is a service management software that is not exclusive to the information technology arena. CSM can be used by businesses that are interested in providing a faster, better and cost-efficient customer service to their clients through dashboards, automating common service requests and providing a single point of access for customers.

CSM is used in universities, medical centers, the airline industry, the insurance industry, the aerospace industry and now in law enforcement. Meet

the Sheriff Data Network's Cherwell implementation team: From left to right, pictured are Steve Packard, Lani Farias, Darlene Cottrell, Chris Hai, Perry Cooksey, Fabiola Olivares, Doug Cheatham, Wayne Clark, Cathy Magallanes, Thang Uong, Ray Agatep and Captain Paul Drake.

Not pictured are Deputy Deloy Baker, Tiffany Sam, Sotheavy Ros and Tanisha Byrd.

For additional information, visit our intranet site.

FROM THE WORLD OF SECURITY: YOU'VE BEEN HACKED — NOW WHAT?

In our last article, we discussed signs that may indicate you have been hacked. This month, we'll discuss what to do when you discover you've been hacked. Once you've detected a breach, it's a good idea to immediately disconnect from the internet and online connectivity. This way, should the intruder still be present, you've removed the source of their connectivity. You should also conduct a complete computer restore, which isn't as time-

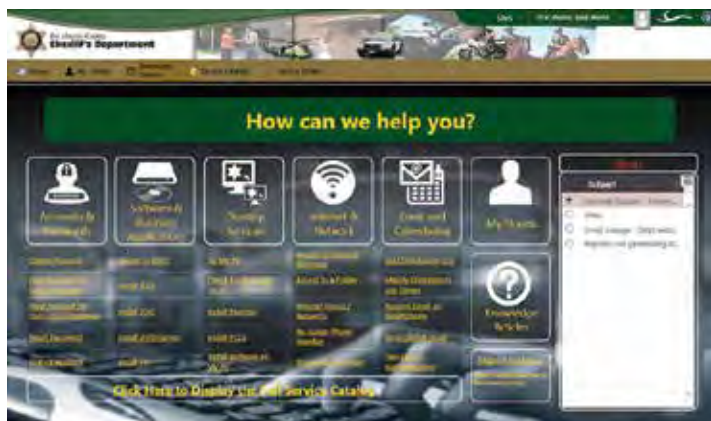
consuming as it sounds. Back up important files first. Some systems have a simple "Restore" button.

You should start resetting your passwords, starting with your email account first because that's where all of the password reset messages will go. Conduct a sweep of your computer with an antivirus/anti-spyware program you trust, and if

your identity has been stolen, generate a fraud alert with Equinox, Experian and TransUnion. Contact your local police and monitor your accounts for any unusual activity.

Contact your bank or financial institution and any store accounts to alert them of a potential crime. If you believe your email or social media accounts were compromised, contact your friends and let them know to delete emails from you and not follow any links if they have already opened them.

The aforementioned suggestions are just a few to remedy an unfortunate circumstance, but remember, hacking cannot be completely eliminated. A good rule is to follow some basic security protocols and learn what to look for so you can minimize the potential of being hacked. In our next article, we'll discuss what to do to prevent being hacked.



CUSTODY AUTOMATION UNIT: GEOMAPPING OF INCIDENTS

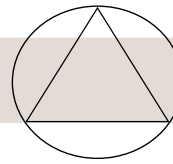
We are currently working with ISD to take existing facility maps and "geocode" them. The idea is to be able to drill down on a map to pinpoint where an incident occurred. Once the geocoding is complete, we will be able to identify on a map the location of occurrence, thus plotting the incident on the map. Once we have a collection of incidents plotted, we will be able to build reports from the existing data.

Geomapping has a couple of purposes. Custody facilities have only one RD, which doesn't allow us to drill down to conduct crime analysis and/or identify and prevent trends from occurring (which includes some administrative reviews; i.e., use of force, injuries, etc.). The coding would be utilized similar to an address on the Shad 49 report, so we know exactly where an incident occurred and then our crime analysts can utilize this information, similar to patrol where they are able to provide Operations the information. Custody wants to be able to utilize this coding for managing wheelchairs and eventually inmate movement.



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Peace Officer's Fellowship



By Willis Braggs

TIME FOR CHANGE

Is it time to stop drinking, or at least cut back? Not that you have a “drinking problem,” but maybe you drink too much at times. Maybe those times are on the weekends, RDOs, at off training parties or the end of shift. You work hard, so you play! Do you rationalize that it's OK to let loose on the weekends because during your work week you don't use alcohol? Have you ever heard of binge drinking? Maybe you discount or minimize it because you fit all your weekly drinking into one or two nights, so during the week you're good and sharp. Well, it's still binge drinking, and it's a form of problem drinking. Maybe you only drink occasionally, to unwind and relieve stress. And lately you've been feeling really stressed, so you've been drinking more often than usual and in greater amounts. But when you're not stressed, you'll cut back, right? Or will you be able to? It does taste good, and you like the relaxed feeling. Besides, it makes it easier to fall asleep, although you have noticed that you feel tired in the morning. That's because alcohol wreaks havoc on the second half of the sleep cycle. This is the deep sleep time, when you experience rapid eye movement (REM) and dreams. But when the added stress reduces, you maintain the same level of problem drinking. Does any of this sound like you or someone you know?

In the last two years, I've talked to many people with various issues related to drinking. Most are not alcoholics, but have been involved in an incident that resulted in discipline; they made bad choices and had to face the consequences. The

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

| NAME | HOME PHONE | CELL PHONE |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Eric Castano* | (562) 673-3374 | (323) 537-0927 |
| Joe Collins | (320) 684-4008 | (909) 240-0509 |
| Bob Ghan | | (714) 916-3299 |
| John Heckman | (661) 272-5756 | |
| Kathy King | | (714) 323-8600 |
| Chris Loomis | (626) 447-9011 | (626) 230-3137 |
| Dave Philippon | | (909) 296-0203 |
| Ray Terhorst | (505) 705-5656 | |
| John Valencia | (909) 599-1160 | (951) 316-3633 |
| Marty Weirich | (360) 570-1216 | |

*Active LASD

culture in law enforcement has been the same for decades and is not going to change overnight. But it must change, just as it is changing in society. This societal change is evident in that driving under the influence is not tolerated as it once was. Too many people have been hurt. Too many lives have come to an end tragically due to drunk drivers. These changes include mandatory jail time for first offenses plus increased fines and fees. Law enforcement personnel are not exempt. Law enforcement does not like to arrest other law enforcement, but they have no choice; they are put in this position by the person making these bad choices.

Even with the Department's discipline having been increased, it still has not deterred many from choosing the option to drink and drive. Some

Department members are now having to look for another job because they received a second DUI. So, how do we change the thinking that it's OK to drink until you can't see straight and then drive? It begins with you, the one holding the glass or bottle. You need to understand that nothing is in focus when looking through a fog.

If you want to stop drinking or have been told to stop, take a look in the mirror and honestly answer if you like what you see. If you feel as if you're weaving on the road of life or it has become uncontrollable, call Psychological Services Bureau (PSB) at (213) 738-3500 for resources and referrals, or seek out a Peer Support person at your unit. Call me, Deputy Braggs, or one of the Peace Officer's Fellowship members listed here. We are here to help you. ☆

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ARRIVALS/ DEPARTURES

A warm DSB welcome to Danielle Irwin and Lynette Braga, and a sad goodbye to Kanlue Zhang, who left to go to ISD.

DSB would also like to wish the very best to Grace Hallum, who retired after nearly 40 years with the Department. You may recall that Ms. Hallum was featured in the “Very Special People” section in our October 2015 issue. I met her for the first time while



preparing the article, and I can personally tell you that it was a pleasure to feature such a warm, wonderful human being. We will all surely miss her! The accompanying photo depicts Ms. Hallum at her cubicle prior to her departure.

IT QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“If we continue to develop our technology without wisdom or prudence, our servant may prove to be our executioner.” — Omar Bradley
Logging off until next month! ☆

COUNTY SERVICES BUREAU

By John Stanley
County Services Bureau

COUNTYWIDE 85

One final greeting from Countywide 85!

OPERATION WARMTH 2017 INSPIRING YOUNG HEARTS

Lupe Garcia teaches at the Cornerstone Preschool in Whittier. Her husband, Ralph, works at LAC+USC Hospital, and he told her about the Operation Warmth project sponsored by the Sheriff's Department. Lupe thought this would be a great teaching moment for her students. She made a flyer for her class and requested that each student donate a jacket. The students responded enthusiastically.

On Tuesday, January 10, Lieutenant Bob Maybury, Sergeant Martha Kennison and Sergeant Steve Perez went to Cornerstone School to collect the jackets and thank the children. As the little ones gathered around Sergeant Perez's radio car, you could see how this experience touched their

hearts — as it did all those adults who saw them. “And a little child [children] shall lead them.” Compassion and caring for others is something that needs to be taught to children. Ms. Garcia is a wonderful teacher, and we were honored to assist as part of her object lesson to her students.

FINAL OPERATION WARMTH STORY

Martha Kennison took the old expression “giving someone the shirt off your back” to a whole new level. During one of the handouts to the homeless, one man could not find a jacket in his size. Martha took his name and promised to return with a jacket that would fit him. She later reconnected with the man and gave him a coat that fit. Lieutenant Bob Maybury later learned through a third party that this jacket actually belonged to Martha and she frequently wore it. As one of the creators of this program, Martha's heart is (quite literally) on her sleeve(s) from the time this operation begins until it ends.

TRUMP PROTESTS

The early presidency of Donald Trump has certainly required law enforcement agencies around the country to demonstrate their competency in crowd control and civil disobedience techniques. On the day of President Trump's inauguration, massive protests were anticipated in downtown Los Angeles and CSB personnel stood ready. Fortunately, the heavy rain that day wetted rather than whetted the enthusiasm of potential demonstrators, and crowds were but a trickle. But when the skies cleared the next day, large numbers of protesters (approximately 750,000) descended on the Los Angeles Civic Center. At one point, two Sheriff's Response Team squads were deployed to the Hall of Justice to assist in crowd control. Fortunately, posing for pictures was as much action as was required of them. Former CSB Sergeant Victor Zavala and

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A Tale of Five Cities

By Mike Bartman
Lakewood Station

Greetings to all; welcome to March Madness month and the start of spring training for all you MLB fans (oh, and you Angels fans too). It seems like every month around here should have some sort of “madness” theme to it. It always seems to be off-the-hook busy, and I’m scrambling to find time to get anything done without being interrupted by two or three other projects. So I’d better get going with the January happenings here before those aforementioned interruptions start rolling in...

Lakewood Wounded Warrior updates: A lot of good news to report this month about our Wounded Warriors. Chris Allende has returned to work, and although he is “light duty” status at this time, it is still a huge step on his road to complete recovery. It is great to see him in uniform and walking the halls of LKD again.

After being presented with a framed photo of the PMS vs. EMS football game held in his honor, which also had a mat border signed (or “autographed,” as Hagey called it) by almost all of the Station personnel, Andrew Hagey responded with a “thank-you” email that included the following

update for him: He is now up and walking on his own, no more wheelchair or anything else. He is going to physical therapy a few times a week and “doing much better.” He says that he still has pain, which at times “SUCKS,” but it’s nothing that he can’t handle. He closed with: “I am recovering at a pretty great rate and hope to be back with you all very soon. If it wasn’t for the ongoing support, I doubt I would be doing half as well as I am.”

At the same PMS briefing where Andrew was presented with his photo, former Lakewood Deputy and now Sergeant Darren Offringa (Carson Station) and Deputy Kevin Ay were also presented with “autographed” picture frames and beautiful wooden “Thin Blue Line” American flag wall decorations. If you remember from last month’s article, Darren had stepped up and donated one of his kidneys to Kevin, who was dealing with kidney failure and undergoing dialysis. Now that’s a friend!

elite Baker to Vegas team runners. He was very pleasantly surprised to see Chad Vanden Berg in the midst of the group, working on staying in shape while still dealing with recovering from his gunshot injuries. Steve says he now has a “new hero” and wants to thank Chad for being an inspiration to all of us (and I will second that motion).

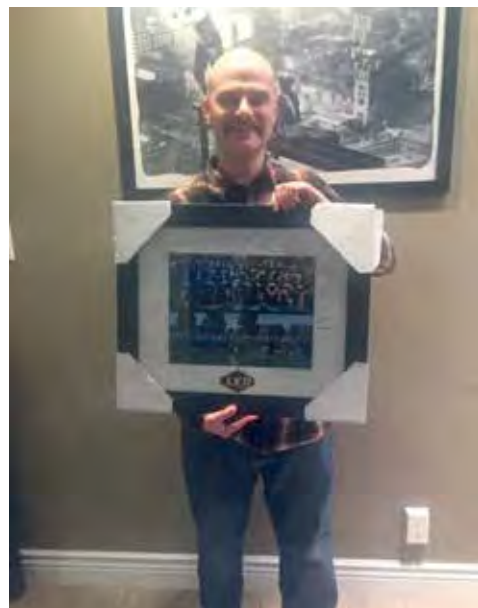
Sergeant Moses’ email was followed a few days later by a new post on Chad’s CaringBridge site by his wife, Amy. Amy related their experiences to the recent winter storm season we have had here in Southern California, stating: “Seven months ago our life was interrupted, we entered into a great storm and this season has been long and hard. It has been one storm after another, with little pockets of sunshine to balance out the grey and cloudy times.” She also shared the following updates on Chad’s condition. He is currently spending many hours a day

doing his own physical therapy, stretching to work on his “paralyzed hand (which has begun to atrophy due to lack of use).” And something almost all of us take for granted, *sleep*, has also become a big challenge for Chad, as he has trouble sleeping more than a few hours each night.

They are now trying to

pinpoint the cause of this insomnia problem, so they can help Chad deal with it and get the rest his body needs for continued recovery.

Amy also shared: “Today, Chad reached a MILESTONE in his recovery. He has been diligently stretching for many months now and been taking long walks, graduating into a little bit of jogging (see Sergeant Moses’ comments above). Last week we had the brakes on his road bike swapped (putting the rear brake lever on the left side, for his good hand) and he took a ride with our son Jacob, 16 miles down to the beach and back! The look on his face when he got home almost made me cry.” I just want to use these quotes to remind everyone to be thankful and show your appreciation for those loved ones in your lives who are greatly affected by the career choice we have made. It’s something I have too often taken for granted during my career.



Sergeant Steve Moses shared that while out on a run (aka: slow jog) he saw another group of LKD deputies running toward him, as they were nearing the end of their run. Based on their quick pace, Steve assumed it was a group of our



LASD CIB/TLO Sergeant Chris Kusayanagi's sister, Ms. Lisa Ho, wanted to do something nice for law enforcement due to all the attacks and negative publicity that law enforcement nationwide has been suffering lately, and Lakewood Station was suggested as a place that has had more than its fair share of incidents recently. I was lucky enough to be working the desk on PMS on Wednesday, January 11, when we were treated to a full catered meal from the *Stonefire Grill*, courtesy of Ms. Ho, along with a giant signed "Thank You" banner. We were able to give almost all of the on-duty Station personnel a chance to come in and load up a plate. Thank you, ma'am; it's always nice to be appreciated in such a delicious way.

Back in December, the City of Paramount recognized five LKD deputies, Mike Abbot, Pascual Delgadillo, Alfonso Esqueda, David Howard and Miguel "Miggy" Rivera, for 10 years of service to their city. Even though they are assigned to "The Mother Ship" (Lakewood), they have been dedicated

to the City of Paramount and gone 10-8 out of the Paramount Sub-Station for over 10 straight years. Congratulations to all of you.

I missed mentioning the retirement of one of our loooongtime LKD secretaries, Cecilia "CC" Terminel, in my last article, so I would like to correct that oversight right now. After almost 20



years of dedicated service to Lakewood Station, CC decided to ride off into the retirement sunset on November 30. She was always very helpful, willing to help us deputies out, even if what we needed done was not her "assignment" for that day. She was one of my all-time favorite secretaries here (and we have had a lot of secretaries pass through here in the past 20 years), and I know she will be greatly missed. We held a "Bon Voyage" luncheon for her up in the Secretariat and even decorated her car. Goodbye and good luck, CC; you will be missed. I hope you get to enjoy your retirement for many, many years to come.

I also missed mentioning our 2016 Station Christmas Party, which was held on Wednesday, December 7, at the Center Club in Costa Mesa. I missed this year's party due to working one of my mandatory overtime spots that night, but from all accounts it was another huge success, and kudos go out to Sergeant Steve Moses, Deputies Julie Williams and Ryan Vergel De Dios, and LET Haley Pierce (and a host of others too, I'm sure) for all their hard work. Several people



who attended really got into the holiday spirit by breaking out their best holiday clothing. Pictured are deputies Jason Perkins, Bryan Moreno and Torre Williams in some very fashionable holiday wear.

The Lakewood Station 2016 Employee of the Year awards were also presented at the Christmas party. Making acceptance speeches this year were Professional Staff OTY C/A Melanie Wiersma, Secretary OTY Edner Vilorio, Trainee OTY Scott Simpkins, Deputy OTY Dean Davis, Field Training Officer OTY Pablo Suarez and Detective OTY Victor Solis. Congratulations to all and keep up the good work. Sorry I did not have room for all the pictures.

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current Sergeant Martin Mercado were part of this platoon, which I commanded.

OLIVE VIEW SUPERVISORS PAST AND PRESENT

The retirement party for Olive View Sergeant John Kniest drew together an assembly of Olive View supervisors who have come, gone and still remain. Pictured from left to right are Sergeant Janice Benning, Sergeant Rich Kurimoto, Lieutenant Scott Gibson, Sergeant John Kniest, Sergeant Joe Koch,



Sergeant Bernie Patrick and retired Sergeant Hugh Kearns.

FOND FAREWELL

Sergeant John Kniest was not the only member of CSB to bid farewell to CSB and the LASD. Joining him in retirement were Lieutenant Dorothy Howard, Sergeant Gary Ogurek, Sergeant Carol Rogers, Sergeant Dave Brossoit, Deputy Billy Badow and this author. On behalf of one and all, it has been an honor. ☆

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We had several County service milestones here at Lakewood recently. Congratulations go out to LET Darlene Garcia (15 years), Deputy Mike Herrera and Lieutenant Matt Vander Horck (25 years), and Sergeant Wil Seelhorst (30 years). The majority of those years have been spent right here at Lakewood for all of them. Congratulations to all of you, and thank you for your years of service to the County and Lakewood Station.

This is one of the rare times when we have not had any transfer list come out between articles, so there are no goodbyes or welcomes to LKD to put out this month.

Well, that about does it for this month, but stay tuned for next month, same bat-time, same bat-channel. Until then, stay safe and God bless. ☆



Desert Dirt

By Maria Villalobos
Lancaster Station

Happy new year! The holidays came and went very quickly for our Station. We are still recovering from the devastating loss of Sergeant Owen, but our spirits have been lifted by the outpouring of support from our community and our brothers and sisters on the Department. We can't thank everyone enough for all the kind words, prayers and gifts our Station has received. We will continue to do our best to provide excellent service to our constituents, and we look forward to 2017.

PARK RENAMING

On October 25, 2016, City of Lancaster Mayor Parris proposed renaming Lancaster City Park to Sergeant Steve Owen Memorial Park. With Detective Tania Owen and Chadd Owen on hand to give their approval on the name, the proposal passed with a 4-0 vote (Council Member Mann was not on hand to vote). The temporary signs have been raised at the park, and a permanent monument, along with a kiosk about Sergeant Owen and his involvement in the community, is being developed.



RESERVE COORDINATOR OF THE YEAR

At the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Reserve Recognition Dinner held on November 18, Lancaster Station's Sergeant Theresa Dawson was recognized as the Reserve Coordinator of the Year!

Sergeant Dawson is a 26-year veteran of the Department and has a huge impact on our Station! Not only does she serve as the reserve coordinator, but she is also the search and rescue coordinator, disaster preparedness coordinator, community advisory committee coordinator, and Explorer post coordinator and adviser. She loves and cherishes her reserve deputies who assist our Station and personnel in events year-round.

We are so proud of you, Sergeant Dawson! Congratulations on this magnificent achievement!



HEROES OF THE MONTH

Our Heroes of the Month Award has to go to Training Officer Deputy Williams and his trainee Deputy Rodriguez, who responded to a vehicle-versus-pole traffic collision near Fourth Street East and Avenue L. By the time they arrived, the vehicle was fully engulfed. A good Samaritan was already attempting to pull the driver and passenger away from the burning vehicle. Deputy Rodriguez pulled the female passenger from the car and Deputy Williams, with the help of the civilian, pulled the male driver (who had an obvious broken leg) a safe distance away from the vehicle. Once the victims were safe, both deputies returned to the vehicle with fire extinguishers to ensure no other passengers were in the car and attempted to extinguish the fire.



Another phenomenal job done by Lancaster Station deputies! What a brave act by the civilian bystander who was already assisting the victims before deputies came on scene. Civilians and deputies working together to keep our city safe.

THANK YOU, ANTELOPE VALLEY

We could not close out 2016 and welcome 2017 without thanking the Antelope Valley! In this most difficult year for law enforcement throughout our country, our community rallied together and provided us with support and encouragement. Thank you, AV!

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The Chaplain's Notebook

By Chaplain Manton Daley
TPD/S. Los Angeles Station

KNOWING YOUR VALUES

I am deeply honored to write a word of encouragement to you, the sworn and the professional staff. We are all called on to serve in our own capacity. Not all are called to do the same work in the same way. No two deputies or support staff function in the same way. We do not have the same belief systems and may not be driven by the same motivation.

What I have discovered drives some people to serve the community are some of the following: money, prestige, fame, recognition, approval, hard work and the family's expectation. The problems that arise from these motivations are that they are usually short-lived, can lead to frustrations and can cause self-destruction if not managed correctly. For instance, money is something that is great to have because we all need it, but that should not be the main reason why one became a deputy. The main reason why one became a deputy should be because one wants to serve and protect. The truth is, money does not make us happy, and it does not always solve our problems and provide us with a sense

of inner peace. To some people, the more money they have, the more they seem to want it. But they never seem to be satisfied with what they already have. People who are truly happy are content with or without it.

In addition, there are some who feel superficially proud and exhibit the superman complex when they put on the uniform, simply because they are a deputy or a law enforcement officer. They may make mistakes and create problems for the supervisors. We need to realize the uniform does not make us; rather, our life makes us who we are. We should always stay focused on who we are and what our role is. There are some who say, "Here I am; do as I say," even if they are wrong. There are others who have just started and want to be supervisors immediately. I am a firm believer that we should take the time to learn our job well before we try for a promotion. We should work on our people and communication skills before we try to seek a promotion, not the other way around. If you work to the best of your ability by following directions well, studying and preparing yourself, you will render better service with humility. We

do not have to seek out approval. It will come with our hard work, because it's all about service and respect. Anything short of that is a waste of time and energy.

Serving as a chaplain, I have discovered it is not just having a title. Rather, it is about service with a great attitude. It is about doing the little things, like when a deputy or staff calls a chaplain at two in the morning because of the loss of a loved one. I wake up and take the call, and provide comfort, support and aftercare. Because we work in a service-oriented business, we have to be mindful that we represent the Department. People will judge the Department by our action. As we enter 2017, let us all pause, reflect and recommit our lives to the service we have been given to render. No matter what role we serve in, let us strive for excellence in all that we do, making our great Department even greater than in 2016.

May God richly bless and keep you.

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

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CONGRATULATIONS

A big congratulations to Deputies Mike and Kim Grijalva on the birth of their baby girl! Little Eastyn Rylee Grijalva was born on August 14 at 10:28 p.m. She weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces, and was 19.5 inches long.

Also congratulations to Deputy Taylor Landgren and his wife, Nicole, on the birth of their daughter, Emily Nicolette Landgren. Baby girl made an early appearance and was born on August 16 at 10 a.m. She weighed 5 pounds, 6 ounces, and was 18.75 inches long.

Moms, babies and dads are all doing great!

INS AND OUTS

We missed a few months, so try to keep up with us on this one!

We say farewell and see you soon to Deputies Fisk, Andrade, Bissell, Stogden and Banks, as well as Lieutenant Diez and Secretary Wonser. We saw some longtime Lancaster field deputies leave us on this list, and while we are sad

to see them leave, we wish them well on their new ventures!

We say happy retirement to Detective Rick Ellis and Deputy Dave Reddish. Enjoy your time at home, sirs!

We say farewell and happy promotion to newly minted Sergeants Thomas Kim and Mike Rose, and congratulations to new Lieutenant Morrow, who we are happy to say promoted and stayed here with us.

And finally, we say hello and welcome to Deputies Jenkins, Montesdeoca, Ornelas, Green, Swanson, Van Horn, Alvarez, Garcia, Lizarde, Valencia, Prather, Rafael and Eitner; as well as Matthew Davis, traffic investigator who came to us from Palmdale; Kaila Safford, our new CSA; and Adriana De La Torre, a brand-new LET. We also welcome Detective Summey, SSCs Jones and Armijo, CAs Reddy and McGlothen, and Sergeants Carr and O'Neal.

That catches us up for 2016, and we look forward to a prosperous 2017. We'll see you next month. Until then, stay safe! ☆





By Shirley Miller
Santa Clarita Valley Station

It's been another day in parrot-dise at SCV. Rumor had it that Crime Prevention Deputies Wilson and Cabrera were spotted on duty lurking in a Saugus neighborhood, hiding behind bushes, wearing hoodies and sunglasses. The rumor was verified as being *true*. Turns out they were participating in a PSA warning the public about theft. Yep, you guessed it, they were playing the "bad guys."



Captain Johnson is doing good. He's been practicing his selfies. The kids are impressed.

Congrats to Lieutenant Brenda Cambra on her retirement from 30 years of service to LASD. Thirteen of those 30 years were spent at SCV. She worked every lieutenant position here, from W/C, Ops, Crime Prevention and Community Relations to her last assignment, Detective Bureau.

And speaking of Detective Bureau, welcome back Ignacio "Iggy" Somoano. Iggy was a deputy and detective at SCV from 1995 to 2002. Fast-forward to February 2017, and say hello to our new Detective Bureau lieutenant. We've been breaking him in quickly. His third day on the job, we arranged to have Channel 4 interview him about a carjacking case.

Traffic Deputy John Morgan is still on his favorite shift, EM's. There are occasional sightings of him outside in the dark, practicing his pose of "Please, no sunlight — I like it dark."



Deputy Brian Heischuber was thrilled to participate in a recent photo shoot with a local animal rescue. We know he secretly wanted to take one of the puppies home, even though he denied it. His excited look says it all.



Detective Jeff Burrow of the COBRA Team was recognized at the January City Council meeting for his great work in catching a Canyon Country tagger. He still is receiving more

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By Matthew Verzola and Christian Perez
Personnel Administration Bureau

MILITARY AND VETERAN AFFAIRS UNIT (FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE MILITARY ACTIVATION COMMITTEE)

As the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's personnel workforce continues to grow, we are fortunate to gain deputies and professional staff who simultaneously serve our country in the Armed Forces. Currently, the Department has over 800 personnel who are currently serving in the active military reserve or are veterans of the United States Armed Forces.

It is the Department's vision to be at the forefront of supporting our military and law enforcement leaders, who serve our country proudly. With this vision in mind, the Military and Veteran Affairs Unit will ensure that our Department members have quality internal veteran affairs support. The unit will also be consummate advocates for external veteran community outreach, and additionally provide attention to veterans who are in the care and custody of our County's jail system.

The internal veteran affairs prong will regularly interact with Department members who are activated military reservists. We will ensure that these men and women and their families get the highest quality of support the Department can provide. Seamless transitions from County service to military deployment and back are extremely important

to our employees, their families and the respective departmental commands affected by such deployments.

The unit will provide resources to educate reservists of their federal legal rights in terms of military leave and veteran benefits, as well as providing them with any other available support the Department offers. In addition to helping current Department members, our unit will join forces with the LASD Recruitment Unit. The idea is to actively recruit military personnel who are ending their contracts, and veterans who are seeking a career in law enforcement.

The external veteran affairs component will act as a conduit for outside veteran resources and our Department. The Military and Veteran Affairs Unit will liaison with several veteran-based organizations, including but not limited to the Los Angeles County Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, CalVet and U.S. VETS. The unit's outreach will fully assist the Department's veteran employees and additionally provide veteran education to the community.

The Military and Veteran Affairs Unit will exhaust all efforts in assisting all veterans in our communities, including the veteran inmate population within our custody facilities. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Military and Veteran Affairs Unit will be the primary example of true patriotism, leading the way to a brighter future for our veterans.

WELCOME TO THE WORLD!

PAB would like to welcome to the world Samuel Michael Rojas,

who was born on December 29, 2016. Little Samuel weighed 8 pounds and 15 ounces. Samuel is the son of Hector Rojas Jr. of PAB's Processing and Compliance Unit. We were told that Samuel had the best head of hair in the nursery. Congratulations to Hector and the Rojas family!

PAB's Operations Lieutenant Rick Harpham was beaming during the "zero-six-something" briefing the morning of February 4, 2017, just before the sergeant's examination. We thought he was just proud of the great work produced by the Sworn Examinations Unit and the Operations Plan put together by his staff; however, that was not the case. Lieutenant Harpham had just received word that his granddaughter Aubrey Ann Harpham (aka Aubrey Ann "Harp-and-a-Ham") was born, coming in at 8 pounds and 8 ounces. Congrats to you and your family, Lieutenant, and welcome to the world, Aubrey Ann!

HELPING HANDS

Charitable Giving Campaign: This year's charitable giving came and went, and we are proud to report that PAB raised over \$1,000! Thank you to everyone who contributed to the opportunity drawing for the "Tiffany" necklace graciously donated by Sergeant Lucy Auner. PAB has designated our charitable contribution to be routed to the Southern California Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run. Great job, PAB!

City of Hope: A special thank-you goes out to our Military and Veterans Affairs Unit for their holiday toy contributions to City of Hope. Sergeant Patrick Blanchfield-Gadut, Deputy Christian Perez and Operations Assistant Kym Duxbury were acknowledged for their efforts in bringing cheer to pediatric cancer patients during the holiday season. Another job well done!

That's it for now, and until next month, "Trust the process!" ☆



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than his share of phone calls at his desk. Somehow, when the public calls the front desk and asks, "Can I speak to Detective Bureau?" it is translated as "Can I speak to Detective Burrow?" Sorry about that, Jeff. We can try to think of a new last name for you, if you like.

Special welcome to Deputies Jeffrey Heier, Edward Chow, Nicholas Anderson, Sigifredo Sandoval, Charlie Upchurch and Kyle Smith! They will be joining us at SCV Sheriff's Station. Welcome back, Deputy Jeremy Conn; it's nice to have you back.

Farewell to Deputies Yuri Polissky, Jon Sands and Travis Randall. Best wishes on your new LASD assignments. We will miss you. Congrats to Detective Geoff Elliot on his appointment to Commercial Crimes Bureau, Forgery and Fraud Unit. ☆



By Johnie Jones
Parks Bureau

The end of 2016 and the beginning of 2017 was a rough time for us here at Parks Bureau. In the span of 11 days, we lost Lieutenant Kevin Hannigan and Sergeant Anthony “Tony” Hackett. Kevin was on the transition team when Parks Bureau was formed. He was placed in charge of the South Zone, where he worked until roughly a year ago, when he had to leave due to illness. Kevin passed away on December 29, 2016. He was a great person and supervisor, and his dry humor will be remembered and missed by all. Tony — or, as he referred to himself, the “Senior Sergeant” — came to Parks Bureau soon after we were formed and became the Special Problems Team’s supervisor. Tony passed on January 8; his death was unexpected and impacted us all very hard. Tony would poke a stick at you from time to time in order to elicit a reaction out of you. He liked to play and joke around, but was very serious about his job. Both were great people with a lot of heart and will be truly missed.

Last time, Brian Lendman graced our article due to a run-in with a killer whale at Castaic Lake, and this month he makes another appearance with an additional water-related story. It’s a good thing for those of us who are tasked with writing these articles

that people such as Brian are available to make our job a little easier. The story goes that Brian was going through some necessary testing to gain the proper credentials to replace Roger Wallace as the sergeant in charge of our Marine Operation, or as I like to say, the “boat people.” Upon completing numerous strenuous tasks, Brian was told he had to tread water for 10 minutes, then an additional two minutes with his hands above his head. For anyone who’s had to complete this, treading water is one thing, but having to do so after all of the other tasks, with your hands above your head, that’s asking a lot. Being the orca fighter that he is, he completed the task with flying colors, but I thought the knife in his mouth was a bit much. Brian related to another instructor the difficulties of the test. The instructor said that he was not supposed to complete both of the tests. It’s an either/or thing, not both. Brian’s next conversation was with Roger, with whom he expressed his displeasure. Roger, who found this situation quite humorous, could only smile that Roger smile. I stated in an article years ago that they name streets after people like Roger, “One way.” I guess I might’ve been right after all, or he just made a simple mistake. Wonder what Brian will bring us next month ... stay tuned.

While working in this profession, there are a few minor things that you would never want to happen — things that are more of an annoyance, or a simple lapse of judgment, or bad luck, where your peers would mercilessly unleash their rain of insults and jokes in your direction. Many of us have suffered the ride of shame back to the Station in our radio car atop a flatbed tow truck. Many citizens get a real kick out of that. Maybe it was getting stuck in a ditch or soft sand, having to be towed out. There are those who I’m told have run over spikes in a parking lot, flattening all four tires of their vehicle. Anyway, you get the message at this point, but this leads us to the, as we say, deputy in the barrel this month. A certain deputy from the North Zone took off in his regularly assigned vehicle, which only he uses, to go to a meeting in Castaic from Mira Loma. About three miles into this trip, his engine began to sputter a bit, which is when he noticed the indicator on his gas gauge was on the wrong side of the “E.” Luckily, he wasn’t about five miles farther into his trip and in the no-cell-reception zone. He was able to contact one of his partners to bring him a little gas on the “down low.” Just when he thought he was in the clear and no cars would pass by at that time, his good friend who brought the gas began taking pictures, bless his heart. You’ve just been put on blast!

Many times in this profession, we are affected by things we see and people we come in contact with.

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SETTING THE **PACE** FOR

L.A. COUNTY INMATES

By Chris Miller

THE BEGINNING

In the spring of 1999, Captain Chuck Jackson, the commander of the Inmate Reception Center, received a phone call from the sheriff instructing him to create a program that would be a modern version of the historic chain gangs. Instead of having inmates clean up along roads and highways as they had done in chain gangs, the new program would have inmates, supervised by deputies, perform community improvement in neighborhoods. The purpose of the program was to not only improve neighborhoods, but also educate and train inmates so that once they were released from jail they would obtain jobs and not be rearrested.

When Jackson received the order, he knew exactly who he would choose to supervise the program. He contacted Sergeant Scott Chew, who agreed to start and run the program. Chew was assigned to write a concept and budget memo to explain how the program would operate and how much it would cost. His memo described the new PACE Program, which consisted of three crews of in-custody inmate workers, each supervised by a deputy sheriff, providing manual labor for public service projects. Two weeks after submitting the memo, Chew was instructed to find inmates to participate in the program.

PACE IS CREATED

The Prisoner Assisted Community Enhancement (PACE) Program began in May 1999, and was developed into a vocational program to educate and train inmates in a trade so that once they were released they could obtain employment in that trade. The program was funded by the Inmate Welfare Fund, which provided funds for programs that rehabilitated inmates and provided on-the-job training to prevent recidivism. Because it was an educational and vocational training program, the Inmate Welfare Fund paid for the vans, trailers, and tools and equipment needed by the inmates to clean up the communities. Some of the equipment purchased included lawn mowers, leaf blowers, rakes, shovels and weed whackers. There was no cost to the County or the cities where the work was performed.

Each workday, the PACE deputies checked all of the equipment and tools into the storage room. They made sure that everything that was checked out was returned, especially any tools that could be used as weapons by inmates.

GOALS

Their assignment was to complete community improvement projects. Each provided manual labor for public service projects throughout Los Angeles County. These projects included trash cleanup, graffiti abatement, landscape maintenance and support for various COPS programs (alley/street/home cleanup, abatements, etc.). The crews were available on a daily basis, Monday through Friday. If a community improvement project needed to be done but there was no money to perform the job, the PACE inmates would complete it.

The inmates cleaned up trash and garbage that was dumped onto the property. They loaded the trash into a truck provided by the city's public works, which then took the load to the dump. The public works employee who drove the truck would oversee the work as it was being completed. When the program was first formed, inmates did not paint over graffiti. Eventually, inmates did paint over graffiti on the exterior of some homes.

INMATE QUALIFICATIONS

The inmates chosen for the program were convicted of misdemeanors such as drunk driving and other traffic offenses. Inmates convicted of felonies were not allowed in this program. Also, inmates with drug convictions were not allowed in this program. The inmates who were chosen displayed the ability to do the physical work, and it was not required for them to have knowledge of how to operate the equipment prior to taking the job. All inmates were interviewed by Jail classification and a background check was conducted.

INMATE HOUSING

The inmates were housed at three different custody facilities: Men's Central Jail, Pitchess Detention Center South Facility and Tower II of Twin Towers Custody Facility. Each crew was supervised by a uniformed deputy, furnished by each of the facilities. The inmates were transported in a fully equipped, marked Sheriff's Department 12-passenger van. A trailer with work tools and a portable toilet were towed by the van.

TRAINING

The inmates were trained on how to properly operate the gardening equipment and tools by an instructor from the Hacienda/La Puente School District. This also added to the credibility of the program, since the inmates were trained by a certified teacher. The training was conducted before the inmates went out into the community. The instructor made sure that the inmates were properly trained on each tool and piece of equipment. Once an inmate was trained, they were presented with a certificate of completion.

PACE CONTRACT

The PACE teams could be deployed in any area of the county or any city in Los Angeles County. The only requirement was that the city manager or a member of the City Council must sign a contract with the County for these services. During the entire time of the program, there were no major inmate injuries. Inmates only suffered minor cuts. The only damage that occurred was one time when a rock was propelled by a weed whacker, breaking a window in the van. There was no charge to cities for the cleanup service performed by the inmates.

INMATE SECURITY

Before an inmate could be taken out on the PACE crew, the deputy who supervised them obtained a jail record card with the inmate's information and photograph. At Central Jail, the cards were left in the 6000 hospital control booth. When the inmates returned to Central Jail, each one was checked against the cards to ensure that all inmates had returned to the jail. If an inmate ever escaped, their information would be readily available.

FIRST PACE DEPUTY

The first deputy hired by Chew was Deputy Al Verduzco, who was working at Men's Central Jail at the time. Verduzco had been a coach. During his time as a coach, he watched films of NFL coaches. From these films he studied leadership. As a supervisor of the PACE inmates, Verduzco was able to utilize these skills to inspire inmates to complete a job even though the inmates were discouraged or overwhelmed.

CITY OF COMPTON

The PACE Program began during a recession. Many homes in the City of Compton were abandoned. HUD was so desperate to sell the homes, they were selling for as little as \$20,000 to \$30,000. Gang members were taking over abandoned homes and using them to sleep in. The gangsters painted graffiti all over the interior and exterior of the homes. The trees, plants and weeds had overgrown the yards, making the neighborhoods look completely run-down. Windows were broken out of many of the homes. Homes that had been boarded up were covered with graffiti, and trash was dumped in vacant lots. This type of atmosphere attracted criminals and criminal activity.

Verduzco contacted the Public Works Department from the City of Compton and coordinated with them to identify abandoned homes that the inmates could refurbish. The PACE inmates cleaned up trash that was dumped on the property, trimmed overgrown bushes and trees, and painted over graffiti.

Once the PACE inmates began cleaning up neighborhoods in Compton, City Council members began providing addresses in their neighborhoods that needed cleaning up. After an abandoned house was cleaned up, the City placed a lien on the house in order to have the homeowner maintain the property. When gang members observed a uniformed deputy supervising inmates cleaning up a property, they assumed that the Sheriff's Department owned the property, so they avoided it.

The marked Sheriff's van encouraged local residents to come by and ask what they were doing. Citizens were impressed that the Sheriff's Department was cleaning up their community even though it wasn't the agency providing police services to Compton. Citizens also asked how the Sheriff's Department handled different situations. They wanted to compare the Sheriff's Department services to those of their current Compton Police Department.

At times, City Council members would stop by and ask Verduzco about how the Sheriff's Department handled different situations. One day, the mayor of Compton came by and asked Verduzco questions about the Sheriff's Department. The Sheriff's Department took over policing Compton under a contract in the fall of 2000.

OTHER PROJECTS

One time, the PACE van used by Verduzco to transport inmates to their work location was being repaired. Because of this, he was not able to transport inmates to an area that needed cleaning up. Since his work crew was housed in Central Jail, Verduzco would take them outside, where they painted the outside walls around Central Jail. They also painted "Men's Central Jail" on the wall at the corner of the street leading to Men's Central Jail and Twin Towers Correctional Facility.

At times, the PACE deputies were contacted by other units on the Department, such as Homicide, Operation Safe Streets, COPS teams and special assignment teams, to clean up areas related to their cases. Homicide detectives contacted Chew and requested a PACE crew to come out to a warehouse filled with tires. They were informed that a dead body was concealed under the tires. Verduzco's crew moved all of the tires but did not find a body. There were other times when PACE inmates were required to provide additional workers to clean up after charity events.

After working the PACE program for a year, Verduzco transferred to Inmate Reception Center.

NEIGHBORHOOD ACCEPTANCE

Over the life of the program, there was only one complaint. A person who lived in the neighborhood where the PACE inmates were working complained because he didn't want prisoners working in his neighborhood.

Many citizens who lived in the neighborhoods that were being cleaned up would ask what the inmates were doing, and when they were told, the citizens were very appreciative of what was taking place.

In East L.A., the citizens were so appreciative that the inmates were helping beautify their neighborhood that a few times a week the residents would bring them cold drinks and homemade tortillas.

JOB EXPERIENCE

For many of the inmates, this was the first time they had a real job where they had a supervisor explain to them what they needed them to do. This was also the first time they had to go to work every day. They learned to work as a team and help each other succeed. Some of the public works personnel observed the exceptionally good workers, and after they were released from jail, some of them were hired by those cities.

INMATES' APPRECIATION

Deputy Karen Covey received letters from former inmates who had been on the PACE crew. In the letters, the former inmates thanked Covey for steering them in a new positive direction. Some of them were very artistic and had drawn pictures for the deputy. One of them sent Covey a picture she had drawn of the PACE van. Another inmate created crowns from palm tree leaves that they had removed from one of the properties.

Deputy Lynda Emberate replaced Covey when she transferred from Twin Towers to patrol. While Emberate was working the PACE Program, her father passed away. She took off work for two weeks to grieve and settle family affairs. When she returned to work, some of the inmates on her work crew had created sympathy cards for her. Other inmates picked flowers at the location they were cleaning up and gave them to her.

While Emberate was eating lunch with the inmates, the inmates would tell her about the difficulties they encountered growing up. One of the inmates told Emberate that her mother gave her heroin when she was just 10 years old. The girl became a heroin addict by the time she was 11. The inmates also asked her questions, such as "What is it like to be clean your entire life?" or "You never wanted to use drugs?" Many of the female inmates told details about being molested as they were growing up. This seemed to be a big factor in the direction their life took.

PACE PROGRAM DISBANDED

The PACE Program no longer exists. Budget constraints halted the program in 2001. PACE's successes and struggles are fondly remembered by those who led this unique program. ☆



By Christine Ostrander
Traffic Services Detail

Greetings from Traffic Services Detail! As many of you know, one of our primary duties is to assist station personnel in the event of a serious injury or fatality collision, as well as Department employee-involved collisions. Right now, we are trying to overcome some hurdles to get authorization to purchase a 3D scanner. This would allow us to better assist our partners in the field with their factual diagramming needs. The 3D scanner will replace our 1990s-era "Total Station" in mapping and diagramming collision scenes and cut our on-scene time from several hours to one hour or so (depending on the size of the scene).

So, what is a 3D scanner, you may ask? First, let me briefly describe the Total Station. The Total Station is essentially surveyors' equipment that has been adapted for collision reconstruction purposes. It connects to a handheld tablet and records GPS positions to create a map of the scene. It requires a minimum of two people to operate. One person must operate the tablet and the main portion of the unit, while the other person goes from point to

point to point within the scene, holding a targeting device known as a prism.

The Total Station sends out a focused light ray (laser), which targets the prism and sends back a signal to the main unit, which then records that position as a GPS point on the tablet. The target holder ends up walking back and forth across the scene, *sometimes for hours*, to get enough GPS points to accurately depict the scene. Sounds pretty time-intensive, huh? Meanwhile, the entire scene has to be contained, which means more personnel are required to restrict traffic from the area and traffic gets severely impacted. The final product is something akin to a "connect-the-dots" kind of picture that requires additional time in the office to polish.

The 3D scanner, however, was specifically designed for capturing minute details at crime scenes. Only one person is required to operate the 3D scanner. Rather than using a manual targeting system (prism), the 3D scanner uses the same sort of focused light (laser) technology to automatically capture everything in a 360-degree field. That information gets stored on a secure digital (SD) card and can be transferred to a computer to

quickly produce a clear, almost photographically detailed diagram of the scene. Using a 3D scanner, the time measuring the scene of a major collision could be cut from several hours to one hour or less.

With this new technology, Traffic Services Detail will be better equipped to assist field personnel with major collision scenes. We'll be able to cut the time spent on scene, get roadways opened faster, and create better-quality scene diagrams for prosecution and other litigation purposes.

Traffic Services Detail wants you to know that we are available to assist Department members with all your traffic-related issues. Currently, we have three detectives available to respond county-wide. One of us is always on call (24/7/365) and available. During regular business hours, we can be reached at our office at (323) 890-5400. For after-hours, holidays and weekends, we can be reached by calling Sheriff's Information Bureau at (213) 229-1700. Feel free to come by and visit our office at 4900 S. Eastern Ave., Ste. 102, in the City of Commerce.

Wear your belt! Wear your vest! Watch your speed! WIN — What's Important Now? *Remember: Complacency kills!* ☆

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Most of the time we are unable to react, help or even show any emotion when this happens. Well, on December 22, 2016, the Parks North County Special Problems Team (SPT) went to two locations in the Antelope Valley to deliver toys to some special children. Sarah Gillis (SVB detective and wife of Bob Gillis) was touched by the case of a couple of kids who had to be removed from their homes a few days before Christmas. She wanted to make sure they were remembered and show them that someone cared about them. Sarah advised her significant other of the situation, and his team was quickly on board for the cause. The team received donations and added their own money, which allowed them to purchase some Christmas presents for some less fortunate children. The team went to a residence where they met with a foster family and placed presents under the Christmas tree.

The team members met with two children, an 8-year-old and a 7-year-old, at the Penny Lane Foster Family Center. Their faces lit up when they saw us, especially as Chad Conroy put a Parks Bureau badge sticker on them. The children even gave each deputy a hug. One child said he wants to be

a "cop" when he grows up, and the other said he wants to be a fireman. Several foster home caseworkers literally had tears in their eyes, and they commented how they never experienced such a thing. The deputies then let the kids climb into Sergeant Gillis' Tahoe as they took photos. The children were glowing with happiness.



After the deputies left the location, their foster parent called Sergeant Gillis and said he thinks the kids will remember their kindness for the rest of their lives. The team hopefully brightened the lives of the nine kids they gave gifts to that day. It's a great feeling to make kids smile, even in tough times. It's times like this when you can make a difference, even for a moment, that makes you say, "Best job I ever had!"

Until next time, enjoy a day in the park! ☆

INDUSTRIAL STRENGTH

By Joe Morales
Industry Station

Hello, everyone. After a long break, we are glad to be back in the *Star News*. Those of you who have worked at Industry Station before know it's a great place to work. Some of the most talented, hardworking people in the county call Industry Station home. Under the leadership of Captain Tim Murakami, our dedicated team of professional staff, volunteers, jailers, detectives and, of course, patrol deputies work hard every day to exceed the high standards the residents of Los Angeles County have come to expect from us. We look forward to keeping everyone up to date with what's been going on at the Station. Let's start with welcoming new patrol trainees Kyle Newman, Victor Beas, Timothy Jennison, Priscilla Quinones and Justin Beeman to the Station. While we're at it, congratulations to Deputies Ernie Magana, Brian Gorski, Ryan Ortiz and Stavros Vitogiannis for recently making it off training.

PICTURE DAY

Last November, our PM Watch Commander Lieutenant David Infante was reassigned to be the — as he called it — “temporary EM watch commander.” After a short three months, our sleep-deprived lieutenant finally made it back to PM Shift. Both momentous occasions were officially recorded on our In-service to properly document the events.

| EM Shift In-service, Industry | | |
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| STATION SUPERVISORS | | |
| W/COMMANDER | 2100-0500 | INFANTE, D. |
| PM Shift In-service, Industry | | |
| STATION SUPERVISORS | | |
| W/COMMANDER | 1300-2100 | INFANTE, D. |
| WATCH SERGEANT | 1300-2100 | GUTIERREZ, N. |
| DESK OPERATIONS | | |

In all seriousness, though, it was great to have Lieutenant Infante working with EM's, even if it was only for a short while. Lieutenant Infante arranged for his friend, retired Walnut Station Motor Sergeant Marc Saunders, to take photographs of our EM personnel. Word got around, and what was originally planned as a picture night for EM Shift evolved into a Station photo night involving personnel from all shifts. People came together for individual photos, group shots and an unofficial Station photo. There was even a barbecue afterward.



CAPER OF THE MONTH

Our caper of the month goes to Deputies Christopher Carlson and James McClain for an outstanding observation arrest they made on December 14, 2016. While patrolling Hacienda Heights, they saw a vehicle with no license plates and conducted a traffic stop. They detained three occupants, one of whom was a gang member on parole for kidnapping. By the time their investigation was over, they recovered a loaded firearm with obliterated serial numbers and a large quantity of methamphetamine, and discovered the vehicle was stolen. All three occupants of the vehicle went to jail for numerous felonies. Great job!



BOB SEMINARIS' RETIREMENT

After an illustrious 35-year career with LASD, our very own Bob Seminaris retired from the Sheriff's Department in January. In 1981, Bob moved from New Jersey to California and joined LASD. He was first assigned to Men's Central Jail and did his patrol training at Malibu Station. Bob did his first tour of duty at Industry Station from 1985 to 1989. After leaving Industry Station, he went 10-8 at Walnut Station for a few months before becoming one of 14 deputies assigned to Transit Services Bureau when the unit formed. Bob later came back to Industry Station until his retirement. In total, Bob spent 26 years of his career at Industry Station! Bob



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DID YOU KNOW?

Part of the Food Services mission is to provide emergency meal service during a disaster or civil unrest for the Department's personnel and our contract city partners if needed. Your Food Services Unit has the ability to support the Department's mission whenever and wherever it's needed. The Unit's procurement team, led by OA III Debra Guzman, provides vital logistical support that enables our field operations to maintain a constant state of readiness.

Do you know of anyone who's looking for a good job in food service? The Sheriff's Department is looking for qualified men and women who are interested in a career in the correctional food services industry. The Department offers great benefits, competitive compensation and promotional opportunities, so if you know of someone, please have them contact us at (213) 893-2215 and ask for Dale Turner; we'll be happy to assist you in any way we can.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

With the winter rain and snow we've received over the last two months, now is a great time to enjoy a hearty chicken soup. Not only is it good for you, it's also good for the soul, they say. Enjoy.

CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP

- 1 cup penne pasta
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/2 medium onion, diced
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 medium carrot, shredded
- 1 rib celery, peeled and minced
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt

- 3 cups cooked chicken
- 1 bay leaf
- 3 sprigs fresh thyme
- 1/4 cup fresh oregano
- 5 cups chicken broth, low-sodium
canned or homemade (see below)
- Black pepper to taste

1. If you want to make your own stock, simply add the chicken with bones to 6 cups of cold water along with 1 stalk of celery, 1 carrot, 1/4 yellow onion, 2 cloves of garlic, 2 sprigs of thyme and 1 sprig of rosemary. Bring to a boil and reduce to simmer for one hour. Strain broth through a strainer and retain the liquid for your broth, discard the bones and shred chicken for the soup. This should yield you approximately 5 cups of chicken stock; if it is less than 5 cups, add water to make up the difference. Note: You may have to add additional salt to taste if you decide make your own broth.
2. Bring a large pot of cold water to a boil over high heat and salt it generously. Add the pasta to the boiling water and cook, stirring occasionally, until al dente, about 4-5 minutes. Drain.
3. Meanwhile, heat the olive oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add the onion, garlic, carrot, celery and salt; cook until tender, about 8 minutes. Add the chicken, bay leaf, thyme and broth to the vegetables, cover and simmer for 8 minutes.

4. Add the pasta to the soup just before serving so it can absorb the stock and become tender. Ladle into warm bowls and serve.

FOOD SAFETY TIP OF THE MONTH: DONENESS VERSUS SAFETY

Kids popping into the kitchen or dashing by a barbecue grill ask impatiently, "Is it done yet?" Is "done" the same as "safe"? How does the cook know? Appearance and color are not reliable indicators of safety or doneness. Studies have shown that using a food thermometer is the only way to tell if harmful bacteria have been destroyed, yet only about 15 percent of people consistently use a food thermometer.

What is "done"? Webster's dictionary defines "doneness" as the condition of being cooked to the desired degree. Food safety experts stress the internal temperature that ensures destruction of pathogens.

What is "safe"? Food safety experts agree that foods are safely cooked when they are heated for a long enough time and at a high enough temperature to kill the harmful bacteria that cause foodborne illness.

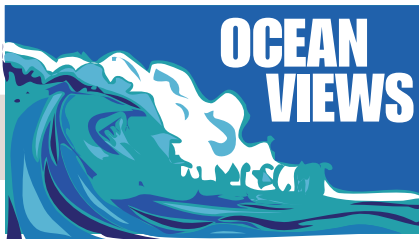
No more guesswork: Using an accurate food thermometer takes the guesswork out of cooking. No more cutting into your turkey or beef roast to see if it looks done. Simply place the food thermometer into the food and it will indicate the temperature the food has reached. You'll know if it needs to cook a few minutes more or if it is finished. This is especially helpful with combination dishes, such as lasagna or egg casseroles, that may brown on the top before they heat through. By using a food thermometer on a regular basis, consumers can be assured that the food they cook is "done" as well as safe. ☆

Industry Station *continued from page 25*

was previously awarded the Legendary Lawman and the Department's Meritorious Conduct Silver Medal for bravery during a rescue operation. Captain Murakami described Bob as "a rarity" for going 10-8 and doing his duty until his final day in uniform. During Bob's final shift, there was a special last day of service patch time in his honor. Station personnel got to express their gratitude to Bob for his tremendous

contributions he made throughout his career to his partners and the men and women of Los Angeles County. A barbecue (we like those around here) was also held in his honor at the Station following his last shift. During the barbecue, Deputy Vitogiannis asked Bob if he had any advice for other deputies as he reflected back on his career. We'll leave you this month with some words from Bob himself: "Do your

job like you want to do your job. Love your job. This is a great job. We get to take bad guys to jail. Don't listen to the criticism from the media. There's a lot more people who appreciate us than the ones who don't. Be faithful to your job, take care of each other, back each other up and don't lose faith." Thanks, Bob; we wish you all the best in the next chapter of your life. We will miss you. ☆



By Tony Del Pinto
Lomita Station

Lomita has been absent from the *Star News* for quite some time, so I will jump right into it.



EM Watch Sergeant Ford heard what he thought was an old hound dog wailing in agony from the gym and when he went to go check on the noise, he found Deputy Arana practicing on his bagpipes. With the door now open, the sound of “Amazing Grace” could readily be recognized. It seems Deputy Arana is quite the established bagpiper, and he doesn’t look too bad in a kilt, either (see picture, modified to prevent embarrassment). After all, it is winter, and hopefully by summer, we can tell the difference between his knee-high white socks and his skin.

Another tidbit you may not know: Lomita has another established musician in FTO David Johnson. Dave was quite the “Rage” (his band’s name) when he used to be in a heavy metal



FTO David Johnson in 1987

band back in the ’80s, and believe it or not, I saw pictures and he put Dee Snider of Twisted Sister to shame with his elaborate attire and hair. You can tell by the pictures, 30 years is *hard* on a person!

We have the best scheduling in the county — best at *what* is anyone’s guess, but Deputy Chor is pretty good at making beef jerky. One day, he made a large batch and had three different types sitting on his desk. Lieutenant Del Pinto was invited inside and offered samples as Deputy Chor stepped outside. Since the lieutenant doesn’t like hot food, he was smart enough to avoid the bag marked “hot” and the one labeled “habanero.” He saw another labeled with vague symbols and characters, and assumed it was Croatian for “mild.” You know what they say about assumptions; apparently it was Lance’s way of naming his cross of Carolina Reaper and ghost peppers. The lieutenant handled it like a champ, but the next day he said it came out like a flamethrower!

Speaking of cooks, it seems our very own Deputy Reece Souza is Lomita’s own Kacy Ribeck (from the movie *Under Siege*). He is an established chef who has given most of the deputies a recipe of his to try. He was actually the one

who bragged about how good his jerky was and coerced Lance into a “jerky-off” competition. As the great Yoda said, “Do or do not. There is no try.” Well, Lance “did,” and he put Reece’s very own, aptly named, “structure fire”-flavored jerky to shame. It would seem that Reece “Ribeck” Souza used his smoker too long and his jerky tasted like a structure fire. No one could tell if they were eating chuck roast or chuck innards. It was awful!

Our hook of the month goes out to EM Shift, and most notably to Crime Crusher (our very own superhero, who for now shall remain anonymous), who has made several excellent arrests. Rather than bore you with the details of the countless arrests, I will say that our contract cities invested in a digital population sign so that each morning after EMs has filled our jail, the populations of their respective cities can be adjusted downward more easily. Keep up the excellent work!

On a more serious note, we would like to wish a quick and speedy recovery to our beloved clerk, Nancy La Voise. Nancy fell ill a few months back and it has been a long road to recovery. Nancy has been a fixture at Lomita for the past 32-plus years, and her presence has been truly missed. We know she plans on returning, and since Nancy is a fighter, we know she will be back soon!

We also wish all the best to recently retired

Law Enforcement Technician Carla Lawson-Cousins. Carla served Lomita Station for well over 30 years and her “soft”-spoken, no-nonsense attitude will be hard to replace. Carla, Lomita Station salutes and applauds you for your outstanding career. We will miss your presence, your dedication, your loyalty and, most of all, your friendship. We hope retirement treats you as well as you have treated us!

From the Crown Jewel of the County, stay safe! ☆



FTO David Johnson in 2017



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By Joseph Badali
Cerritos Station



YES CERRITOS CITY MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY CELEBRATION

The City of Cerritos held the 11th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration at the Performing Arts Center. There was a full crowd seated with standing room only. One of the returning performers was our young resident Amir Greenidge, who recited Dr. Martin Luther King's "I've Been to the Mountaintop" speech. Following the ceremony, he was recognized by State Senator Tony Mendoza and members of the City Council.

CERRITOS PACK 529 VISIT

Station Volunteers Margaret Johnson and Mark Bollman and I had the privilege of hosting

Cerritos Cub Scout Pack 529 Den #6 and their parents, who received a VIP tour of our Station. The boys were deputized for the day and proudly wore their body armor. They were thankful to all the staff for their sacrifices and support of the community.



CERRITOS-ARTESIA ROTARY CLUB DINNER

Deputy Ramiro Arguello was honored as Deputy of the Year by Rotary International. Every year, the Cerritos-Artesia Rotary Club hosts an awards dinner to honor representatives from the Los Angeles County Fire Department and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department who have provided exceptional service and dedication to their communities. Deputy Arguello was overwhelmingly selected by his peers and supervisors to receive this honor from the Rotary.



ADDITIONS TO THE LASD AND CERRITOS FAMILY

Congratulations to our new Station Explorers, Tye Anderson, Alex Ortiz and Marc Reyes. They were among 169 young men and women

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

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

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By David C. Diestel
Malibu/Lost Hills Station

Lost Hills, home to beautiful beaches, rolling mountains and scampering wildlife. From our back door we can see deer trotting over the mountain and smell the sweet aroma of fresh baked goods emanating from the *Cheesecake Factory* next door.

But it is rockslides that dominate the news out here recently. In January, Topanga, Malibu Canyon and Kanan all closed on the same day, causing pandemonium. The roads were harder to pass than a coveted test. CHP immediately flew into action trying to prove all the slides were not in their area, environmentalists declared the slides new land formations and claimed the roads were destroying them, and a parenting group took offense to the negative implication of the word "slide," choosing to call the events "rock-downward choices." The good news is that no one was hurt and the situations were handled professionally by Lost Hills deputies and the other agencies involved.

In patrol news ... Sergeant Patin (eight years at Century) continued his lecture series on the CHP-180, "Fill in all the boxes! That's why they're there!" Deputies usually respond with "Can't we just fill in the boxes that matter?" But the Sarge is a great guy, and after a good laugh and a PPI entry, we fill in all the boxes.

In December, we welcomed Narcotics Sergeant Joe Prince back to the Station after a three-year

absence. When he is not in the hills on a vision quest with Sylvia Hayes, he is leading the charge to raise our stats on misdemeanors and infractions! You go, Sarge!

FTO Matt Doud and his trainee Deputy Meng-Gary Peng went 10-15 with six off of a traffic stop for speeding. The suspects had hundreds of dollars of counterfeit bills and weapons. Normally when we stop that many people in a car, it's the cast of *Glee* out joyriding (they steal a car and just sing in it).

In February, Matt was also recognized by the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge at their 40th anniversary celebration. He was honored for his

together "Days of Adoption," where deputies posed on the Lost Hills Facebook page with dogs that needed homes. Many of the dogs found homes and will soon be back where they belong, in supermarkets, restaurants and airplane seats near you.

In December, our Station was rocked by the tragic death of our traffic secretary, Terry Smith. She was a tireless employee at Lost Hills for the last 16 years. She always wore a smile and had a good word to say. She left a gaping hole in our lives with her passing. She will never be replaced. We miss her deeply.

When I was notified that I was the new author of our *Star News* articles, I sent out an



contributions to law enforcement in our area, along with local Los Angeles area firefighters.

At the end of 2016, the unsung heroes of Lost Hills were Deputy Mark Winn and LET Sharona Kay. Deputy Winn organized "A Season of Giving," which entailed rounding up and delivering toys to needy families in our area. Miss Kay put

email asking Station personnel for interesting stories. I'll never forget the responses I got: "You still work here?" "You're not funny" and "If we ever see you on EMs again, we are going to beat you senseless." A hearty LOL to you all. We have the funniest deputies at Lost Hills. Giggity. ☆

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who demonstrated the dedication to complete the extensive Law Enforcement Explorer Academy. The Sheriff's Explorer Class #97 graduation was held on Saturday, January 28, at the Whittier High School auditorium in the city of Whittier. Assistant Sheriff Barrantes awarded diplomas to our Explorers and possible future deputies.

Orange County Sheriff's Department Correc-

tional Services Assistant Robert Ram, a cancer survivor, delivered inspirational remarks to the graduates and their guests.

20-YEAR STATION ANNIVERSARY

The City of Cerritos (formally Dairy Valley) began contracting with the Department in 1956. March 8 will be the 20-year anniversary

since the City built our flagship station, which continues to be the Department's only full-service standalone station. The Department and City continue to have a close working relationship, and our personnel are proud to continue serving this great community.

Practice sound tactics, be well and always be safe! ☆

FISCAL ADMINISTRATION

By **Rachelle Jackson**
Fiscal Administration

Happy new year to everyone! The new year is a time for new beginnings, to put into action all of the promises made at the stroke of midnight. Resolutions are made with the hope that the new year brings health, wealth and love. What does that mean for all of us? It's a time to start fresh and move forward in our work, lives and ventures, and to continue the path of success from the previous year.

With that being said, Fiscal Administration is working to continue the vast amount of success that we provide and that you all have come to expect. In case you're not exactly sure who we are or what services we provide, I am here to enlighten. Fiscal Administration has eight specialized units: Contracts Unit, Contract Compliance Unit, Accounts Payable Unit, General Accounting Unit, Special Funds Unit, Central Supply Warehouse/Logistics Unit, Central Property and Evidence Unit, and the Asset Acquisitions Team. These specialized units offer our Department the support to do a variety of operations.

In order to give a really good perspective on just what it is the units accomplish, each month I will focus on the outstanding jobs they do. Our focus this month is on the Contracts Unit,

which is hard at work, *always*! Did I say *always* hard at work? Very good — then you can understand and appreciate the massive responsibilities they encounter. The Contracts Unit is responsible for securing service contracts from outside vendors on behalf of the Department's various client units. The team is composed of analysts, who work closely with our clients in developing work requirements, specifications and statements of work. The effort to build a contract is extremely complex and requires meticulous attention to detail. It is a highly collaborative process requiring input from as many as 10 to 12 separate groups within the County, all coordinated by the Contracts Unit. The analysts administer competitive solicitations, play a lead role in contract negotiations and serve as liaison to County counsel. The team also advises Department executives and Board deputies in all matters related to service contracting. Most importantly, the unit ensures compliance with all County ordinances, state and federal guidelines and regulations, and Board directives, including the Los Angeles County Fiscal Manual and the Internal Services Division Service Contracting Manual, in their contracting efforts.

Contracts Unit has two sections: Information Systems and Technology, and General Services, each supervised by a manager. The team currently maintains over 110 active contracts with an estimated value of \$700 million. Included in the total are four revenue-generating contracts that annually account for approximately \$29 million in revenue to the Department, as well as three living-wage contracts. Yes, definitely, applaud the hard work and dedication that the unit shows daily to keep our Department functioning. If you ever get a chance to stop by the sixth floor at the HOJ, please come and say hello; they would appreciate it. In the meantime, if you have any questions or your unit is in need of services provided by the Contracts Unit, please contact them for assistance.

Next month we will highlight the services of another of our fine and hardworking Fiscal Administration teams and the incomparable job they do! Until then, I leave you with the following quote to encourage you to continue to press forward in the year ahead, no matter what: "When the world says, 'Give up,' Hope whispers, 'Try it one more time.'" — Author unknown

Have a great month, and always be fiscally responsible. ☆

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Happy St. Patrick's Day, everyone. I don't know about you, but I will be enjoying some corned beef and cabbage for dinner.

RETIREMENT NEWS

Off to greener pastures — it's time for Lieutenant Larry Blackwell to move on to the next adventure in his life. We were blessed to have him and are sad to see him go. ISB will miss his stories from over 37 years in law enforcement and his positive, hardworking attitude.



CRDF NEWS

CRDF's Education Based Incarceration inmates enrolled in the vocational painting program just painted the outdoor recreational areas inside CRDF. The students are now attending class inside the outdoor recreation



area and get to enjoy the beautiful new artwork. CRDF also houses the START (Substance Treatment and Re-entry Transition) Program; they offer not only in-house rehab, but also yoga, bringing body, mind and spirit together.

HEALING LIVES THROUGH LAUGHTER

On January 10, Education Based Incarceration, in collaboration with Health Right360 (GRRP), hosted "Healing Lives Through Laughter," a comedy and motivational event, for the women housed at Century Regional Detention Facility in Module 3500. The event featured comedian Gilbert Esquivel, comedian/

actress Tania Estrada, musician Sal Rodriguez from the band War, inmate advocate Dolores Canales and Native American rights advocate Mitch Roca. Each guest brought laughter, hope and inspiration with their stories and performances. Throughout the event, Sal Rodriguez performed several oldies but goodies from War as the women swayed and sang along. EBI Lieutenant Slater introduced Commissioner Sanders to the ladies in the dorm. He gave a motivational speech

on the positive efforts of the Inmate Welfare Committee in providing programs for incarcerated inmates. I/M Sandoval, who is housed in 3500, said she "truly enjoyed the comedy show; it was down to earth and inspirational!" This event allowed for the women to participate in a healthy, sober and fun activity together, concepts that are often new for so many of the inmates incarcerated at CRDF. Finding new, enjoyable passions and hobbies such as comedy, public speaking and

music often strengthens recovery and healing for individuals impacted by years of substance abuse and trauma.

HIGH-FIVE

EBI would like to send a huge high-five to MCJ EBI staff for their daily hard work and determination, making the facilitating of classes possible. Your hard work does not go unnoticed.



Inmate Services Bureau hopes this article finds you well. Thank you for all you do and your continued dedication to the Department. ☆

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November 1

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FROM THE DOCS

WHY CAN'T WE BE FRIENDS?

By Michael E. DeMania, Ph.D.

One of the issues I come across in my consultations for our Department is employees who are not getting along. There are many reasons why this occurs, but a common theme I've seen recently is people being upset about a co-worker not being friendly enough, not wanting to be friends or not being social. In an agency as large as ours and with the amount of time we dedicate to our careers, it's common for us to meet others with whom we start long-lasting friendships. But it also seems that many believe we need to be friends with our co-workers and colleagues. Nothing can be further from the truth. And unfortunately, some of the folks with that expectation react negatively to their desire for friendship being rebuffed or rejected. What seems to eventually follow is some problem in the function of a work group that draws the attention of a supervisor.

We all have different styles of social interaction, and these styles impact the way we work and the way we communicate at work. They range from someone who prefers to do many things in groups, is very outgoing and seems to have many friends at work to the individual who is more reserved, prefers to work alone and has only a few friends at work. Neither style is better than the other. They're just different. However, it can be challenging at times for these different types to get along and work together. It can be difficult to do and sometimes easy to forget that when we communicate, the best way to get your message across is to package it in a way that the listener will understand. Very outgoing people might unintentionally overwhelm the quieter person if they start talking as soon as the other is close enough. The more reserved person might unintentionally insult the more outgoing person by not acknowledging them quickly enough or at all. Each needs to adjust from their style to maximize their work productivity with each other. It can also be helpful to let others know what your style is, so no one is guessing (or diagnosing) what your behavior means. Sometimes, a person's less social behavior isn't related to their interpersonal style but rather means that the person isn't looking for friends in the workplace. Finding a friend at work can certainly make our work go faster, be more enjoyable and allow us an opportunity to have outside-of-work relationships. But when a friendship is not on the table or a fellow employee is not as social as we are, we must

maintain our professional demeanor.

I'm often called when professionalism and productivity are affected. Frequently these consultations start as a request from supervisors for a "mediation." Outcomes from these "mediations" are usually twofold — that is, I can provide something for the employees and the supervisor. I often begin by talking with the supervisor to learn more about the perceived problem and then I meet with the affected work group, first individually and then as a group. We discuss individual social style and needs, the different personal experiences in the group and perceived issues. In the group meeting, themes and specific topics are discussed to try to reach understanding between members so that any conflict can be resolved. Although these meetings aren't about "making friends," we often discuss how to help each other so more positive connections can be made. This leads us to talk honestly about what we want out of work and whether or not friendships are a part of it. From our discussion, we set clear and unambiguous rules for engagement that are agreed upon by everyone in the group. These are then shared with the supervisor. Finally, we review the need to remain professional at all times, regardless of whether or not we like each other or even respect each other. There is never an excuse for unprofessional behavior.

Many supervisors facing these issues are first-time supervisors and often take a fear-based approach to changing the group's behavior. They usually find out quickly that it doesn't work. What I can often offer the supervisor is an

opportunity to translate and enhance many skills they already have and learn to apply them in this new situation. We often discuss how expectations are communicated and whether they are clear and unambiguous. We discuss approaches for supporting and coaching employees to meet these expectations (yes, even these "soft" interpersonal ones). We also discuss how to keep employees accountable. Keep in mind that an organization's most valuable resource is its employees. We also discuss how the supervisor embodies what they expect from employees and models the attitudes and behavior. Nothing will shut down an employee faster than a supervisor who takes a "Do as I say, not as I do" approach.

If you have any questions about this topic, or want a confidential consultation or a counseling appointment, contact Psychological Services Bureau at (213) 738-3500. ☆

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AFTERMATH OF A FLOOD

Editor's note: The following is a reprint of a 1969 newspaper article about the Big Tujunga Canyon Flood.

Issue: Have government officials done everything possible to minimize the loss of life and property damage resulting from floods?

Southern California has endured its worst floods in more than three decades. But the results, tragic as they were, could have been far more devastating.

Outstanding efforts by emergency personnel and volunteers kept the loss of lives to a minimum. The hundreds of millions of dollars invested in storm drainage facilities in Los Angeles County prevented what could have been a more massive property loss.

The flood toll nevertheless stood Monday at 91 dead and 7 missing. An estimated 3,000 persons were evacuated from their homes in the county during the 8-day downpour, which caused at least \$56.8 million property damage in the affected area.



As the clean-up continues, there remains the agonizing question: Could any of the deaths or damage have been prevented?

Certainly the firemen, policemen, public works and utility crews and the volunteers could not have worked any harder or more heroically. One deputy sheriff was drowned attempting a rescue. Numerous other emergency personnel were injured on duty.

The network of storm drains, channels and reservoirs, moreover, did a remarkably effective job of protecting most of the more densely populated sections of the county.

But again, it was the hillsides and canyon

dwellers who were most vulnerable to the flood, just as they are to the brush fires that annually ravage Southern California mountains. Hardest hit of all local areas was a section of Glendora, where mud swept down from hills stripped of brush by a fire last year.

In a storm of such magnitude, a certain amount of destruction is inevitable. Yet how much of it was due to poor planning and lax building permit policies which allow residential construction on hazardous sites?

How, for instance, could a large lake have been "accidentally" created on a golf course in Franklin Canyon, forcing numerous families in Beverly Hills to leave their homes?

No one can halt the rain. City and county officials, however, should undertake an immediate, comprehensive survey of both policies and facilities to make certain that everything possible has been done to prepare for the next flood.

We dare not wait until the waters start to rise again. ☆

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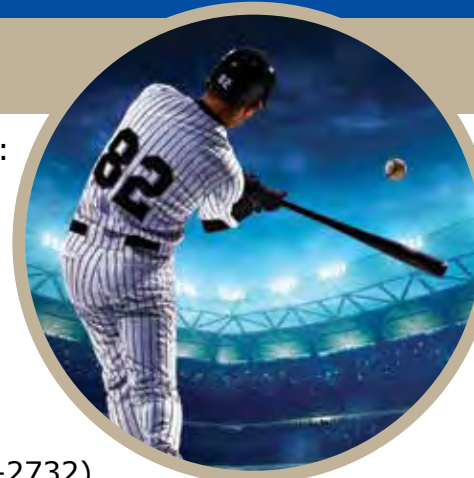
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