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SHERIFFS' RELIEF ASSOCIATION

Trustees Monthly Meeting

The regular meeting of the Sheriffs' Relief Association convened on Thursday, September 14, 2017, at 11515 Colima Road, Whittier. The following officers and trustees were present: Joe Badali, Vice President; Richard Maradiaga, Secretary-Treasurer; Trustees J.P. Harris, Joe Hartshorne, John McBride, Veronica Urenda and Glenn Walsh; and Bill McSweeney, General Manager. Trustees not present: Kerry Carter, Teresa Garrett, Diane Stone and Liza Vera.

The meeting was called to order at 4:38 p.m. A motion was made by Trustee Walsh, seconded by Trustee Harris and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2017, meeting and the July Foundation expenditures.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

To Denise Jezak from Wendy Rundall, "I want to thank you for helping me out during this difficult time of my life. Greatly appreciate it!"

To SRA from the Horan family, "Thank you for the fruit basket and flowers. Your love and support during this difficult time was so appreciated. My mom truly enjoyed the SRA Picnic with me." — Diane

"Thank you for your support of our family. The flower arrangement was a special touch to her celebration of life. Thanks for honoring her love for the Sheriff's Department." —Robert and LeaAnn Horan

To Benefits Manager and Dependable Staff from Kimberly Plummer, "Thanks for everything."

To Leo Norton from Vivianna Nieto-Foust, "Thank you so much for all of your assistance. Several retired Sheriffs sent emails to us. It was comforting to read their stories/memories. She was undercover in the Manson case — not much scared her."

BENEVOLENT REPORT

MORTUARY BENEFITS PAID DURING AUGUST: $69,500

MORTUARY BENEFITS PAID YEAR TO DATE: $662,500

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

A total of 67 new membership applications were received during the month of September. A motion was made by Trustee McBride, seconded by Trustee Maradiaga and unanimously carried to accept the following new members: Ivan Aguilar, Mayra Y. Aguilar, Muhammad N. Alam, Edna Amezquita-Wolter, Anthony D. Armstrong, Xavier Arreguin, Stacy E. Bautista, Jose M. Benavidez, Sonya L. Botero, Ana M. Campos, Anahi A. Cano, David D. Cantlope, Adrian C. Carmona, Valente Chavez Jr., Ryker J. Convento, Ava M. Cook, Armando A. Crespin, Karine Darabedyan, Cesar De La Rosa-Flores, Gloria A. Deluca, Clara U. Eke, Jeremy C. Ekizian, George A. Escobar, Claudia Garcia, Ana K. Gomez, Jaime Gonzalez-Negrete, Tatiana M. Gutierrez, Jessica L. Hall, Nicole S. Haymon, Mariela C. Hellewell, Manuel Hernandez Jr., Brandon R. Hernandez, Nicholas R. Hernandez, Robert S. Limon-Mercado, Maria A. Lira Rodriguez, Sarah Lopez, Carlos Lozano-Ortega, Christopher J. Lumpkin, Alberto

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Retired Deputies

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On September 6, the Hi-Desert Luncheon Retirees got together for their monthly luncheon at *Marie Callender's* Restaurant in Victorville at 11 a.m. Those attending this luncheon were Dick and Lou Olney, Chickee and Norman Nelson, Sheila and Joe Ortiz, Beth Comb, and Terri and Bob Kaufman. As usual, we ordered from the menu. Lee and Annette didn't attend because they are in Alaska on a cruise! If you are in the Victorville area on the first Wednesday of the month, come join us for a good lunch, excellent service from Amber and a nice group of people to spend some time with. Everyone is welcome.

On September 6, the Desert Heat Retirees got together at the Lake Havasu Elks Lodge in Lake Havasu City, Arizona. At the luncheon were Mike Robbins, Jerry Gillen, Ed Ryan, Don and Susie Sackett, Bill Taggart, Steve Root, Mike and Leseah Castorina, and Lee and Judy Anderson. Come and join us on the first Wednesday of every month. Thanks! — Jerry Gillen

On September 6, the Marshals Old Timers Luncheon was held at the *Black Bear Restaurant* in Buena Park. It was a good turnout and lots of fun was had by all. Those attending included Marshal Bob Mann, Jack Russell, Cliff Hartfield, David Grijalva, Richard Combs, Alan Blumker, Roger DeHaan, Peter J. Mack, Vicky McKown, Cristina Lokuan, Robert Ichikawa, Mario Martinez, Yolanda Lockhart, Al Barnett, Sharon Kramer, Leslie Taylor, Sam Combes and John Davis. Again, I didn't make the luncheon. Thanks to Roger DeHaan for the list.

On September 8 and 9, the Sunshine Rollers gathered at Chula Vista RV Resort in Chula Vista. Members present: Ron and Bonnie Moya, Manual and Sonja Cruz, Norman and Chickee Nelson, Claude and Dolores Waddle, Marv and Diane Love, Ray and Sandy Hoyal, Tom and Cathy Smith, and Arnold and Deborah Griffin. Thanks to our hosts, Ron and Bonnie Moya, for a great campout. Welcome to our guests: Walt and Betty McClure, Darrel and Marisol Arisami (sp.), and Richard and Dorothy Hodge. Happy September birthdays to Cathy Smith on the 2nd,

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We had 1 death of an active member, 6 deaths of retired members, 3 cancellations of active membership, 2 cancellations of retired membership, 1 new honorary associate member and 5 deaths of honorary associate members.

There were 12 members who resigned, 1 discharge and 1 who transferred from the Sheriff's Department/Relief Association during the month of August.

EMPORIUM REPORT

The north store benefited from having the World Games in the area. Sales helped offset the decrease in sales from the ballistic plates. This decrease was expected, as we are selling them at cost and saturated the market when first available.

PUBLICATION REPORT

Mark Deitch, of 911MEDIA, presented us with our Website Redesign Award. From tens of thousands of entries, our newly redesigned website was honored with the bronze award and presented with a statue. Sites are judged on the before and after designs, and how the new design is meeting stated goals.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Tickets for this year's Fall Festival have arrived, and members have started RSVPing and picking up the vouchers.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:25 p.m., a motion was made by Trustee Maradiaga, seconded by Trustee Harris and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting of the Sheriffs' Relief Association, Sheriffs' Relief Foundation and Sheriffs' Relief Services, Inc. The meeting reconvened in Executive Session. ☆

Retired Deputies

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Scott Carter on the 3rd, Dick Cooper on the 21st and Art De Groot on the 24th. Happy September anniversaries to Jeff and Sheila FitzGerald on the 1st, Ray and Sandy Hoyal on the 6th, Michael and Barbara Buck on the 11th, Tom and Cathy Smith on the 15th, and Rick and Sandy Spence on the 15th. Ray and Sandy Hoyal announced they have scheduled a campout at the Vista Elks for the second weekend of February 2018. The November campout will be hosted by Lenore Carr and Tom and Cathy Smith on November 10–12 at the Orange County Fairgrounds. Manual and Sonja Cruz reminded everyone of their campout at Canyon RV March 9–11, 2018. The Christmas luncheon was scheduled to be hosted by Dick and Marcia Cooper at the *Elephant Bar Restaurant* in Downey, but the *Elephant Bar* has closed permanently. Dick fell and injured his hip, is now in a rehab facility and is unable to secure a replacement location for the luncheon. Norman and Chickee Nelson volunteered to secure a new place for the luncheon. Chickee announced that they have booked the *Luxe Buffet Seafood*, and there will be more information to follow as they finalize the cost and time of the event. Respectfully, Dolores Waddle, acting secretary.

On September 16, Firestone retirees and friends got together for a dinner at *Maggie's Pub* in Santa Fe Springs at 4 p.m. Thank you to everyone who came to the Firestone Reunion and for making it a big success. It was fun and we had 125 people who attended. Since there were so many people, I cannot list all of the names, but there were retirees who worked Firestone throughout the years. Don Bricker was at the dinner and he was at Firestone in 1954. Great history. Different people took pictures. The food was delicious, as it always is at *Maggie's Pub*. Toni Veltri and Jim Lally did an excellent job setting up this dinner for everyone. Thank you.

Firestone Reunion dinner at Maggie's Pub in Santa Fe Springs on Saturday, September 16. Don Bricker is in the second row, the fifth one from the left!

On September 20, the Club 188 met for a luncheon at *Roadhouse Restaurant* in Whittier. Those attending this luncheon were Peter Mack, Jim Pendergist, Sally Harwell, Leo Norton, Vicky McKown, Mike O'Hara, Bob Lenouse, Bob Sepo, Rick Monteverde, Gene Rudolph and Mary Leef.

From September 24 to October 1, we went on a Pacific coastal cruise on the Celebrity *Infinity* out of San Pedro. As we were waiting in line to embark, we saw Vicky McKown running around working in the terminal. She normally works Carnival out of Long Beach, but when San Pedro's terminal is short of employees they call her to come in. She was there working hard! We got off the ship in Santa Barbara to go to lunch with my cousin who lives there, and as we were walking down the street, in my peripheral vision I saw a gentleman having lunch at a restaurant who reminded me of Paul Myron. I turned around and went back because I was going to tell him that he looked like someone I knew. Sure enough, it was Maria and Paul Myron eating outside. They were on the same cruise as we were. The day before the cruise ended, we went to the movie. When the movie was over it was still kind of dark in the theater, and as we were walking by this lady, I thought to myself, "That looks like JoAnne McLaughlin," and sure enough, it was! JoAnne and Bob were on the same cruise, and we

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LASD RESPONDS TO LAS VEGAS SHOOTING

By Rick Jennings

On the night of October 1, 2017, a gunman opened fire with hundreds of rounds on a confined crowd of over 22,000 concert-goers at the Route 91 Harvest Festival on the Las Vegas Strip. As the world learned of this tragic shooting through chaotic and fragmented news reports, members of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Emergency Operations Bureau (EOB)/Department Operations Center (DOC) were meticulously reviewing all news feeds and social media sources, and fielding numerous telephone calls. It was not immediately clear if this was a terrorist event, if there were multiple shooters and/or numerous locations involved, or exactly what aid the LASD might be requested to provide in this ever-changing event. However, within a short time, after careful analysis, it became clear that there were many LASD members attending the concert, along with their families and friends, and some were injured and in need of assistance. During this critical time, as the Department executives and the DOC were making decisions and formulating plans, a significant call came into the DOC. Off-duty Chief James Hellmold was in Las Vegas on a flight layover. When Chief Hellmold heard about the incident, he responded to the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD) command post. Embedded with the LVMPD command post, Chief Hellmold was able to provide valuable real-time information to the DOC.

In response to the Las Vegas shooting, a Special Enforcement Bureau team was activated and staged; Emergency Services Detail, Aero Bureau, and Arson and Explosive Detail were activated as well. At 0130 hours, EOB initiated a conference call with Sheriff McDonnell and his senior executives to provide situational awareness of the situation in Las Vegas and to have the appropriate state of Department preparedness. At 0200 hours, an Incident Management Team (IMT) was mobilized under the direction of Captains Chris Marks and Bobby Wyche. In addition to Captains Marks and Wyche, a total of three lieutenants, three sergeants, 20 deputies, two professional staff members from Injury and Health Services (IHS), one Department psychologist from Employee Support Services (ESS) and one County physician responded to Las Vegas to assist with LASD's response. By 0500 hours, the LASD team was in Las Vegas and the command post was set up and operational in a conference room at the Las Vegas M Resort.

Once all personnel were on scene, EOB divided the members into two incident command teams, both of which were on 12-hour shifts. This enabled the command post to be operational on a 24-hour basis. The DOC was able to determine that there were 131 Department employees who were at the concert. The command post's immediate mission was to identify all Department employees and family members who had been injured, and contact them in the hospital. Department members suffered casualties, including an active member's son and a retired member's son-in-law who were killed, two active members and a daughter of an active member who sustained gunshot wounds, and several other loved ones of Department members who were injured as well.

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The EOB command post in Las Vegas was a valuable resource for the numerous Department members and their families and friends who found themselves facing this tragedy. During the four days the EOB command post was operational, they secured hotel rooms and meals for those already in Las Vegas, as well as for those who were traveling to Las Vegas to be with their injured family members. They arranged for transportation via Aero Bureau for Department members and family members, and one of our wounded employees was transferred from a Las Vegas hospital to a Southland hospital.

EOB contacted ALADS, PPOA and SRA, who graciously ensured that the injured employees and their families had lodging, meals and other incidentals covered while they were attending to their families.

In the wake of the deadliest mass shooting in modern United States history, which left 59 dead and hundreds injured, it is reassuring to know that the Sheriff's Department, ALADS, PPOA and the Sheriffs' Relief Association will band together to care for and support the employees and family members who were affected. ☆

Retired Deputy Maria and retired Undersheriff Paul Myron

Retired Sergeant Bob and retired Deputy JoAnne McLaughlin

had breakfast together before we disembarked the ship! What a small world!

September 29 was the monthly breakfast for the Antelope Valley retirees (Dinosaurs). The morning was nice and clear with a slight coolness, which was fine with all of us, and a relief from the very hot days that we had been experiencing. For me, having returned on Thursday from a two-week stay in the Dallas, Texas, area, it was nice to come back to cloudless skies. While in Texas we had several days of cloudiness with some thunderstorms that drenched the area and elevated the humidity. At the breakfast were 12 of us "Dinosaurs," and most must have been quite hungry, as when I arrived at 7:30 (official time is 8 a.m.), the ones already seated had placed their orders. One point of discussion was the many former colleagues we had lost within the past month, and most recently the loss of Sandra Oest, wife of retired member Lieutenant Ron Oest. Sandi was a very nice and warm lady who many of us knew. Also recently lost was retired Lieutenant Donald Maben. Don retired many years ago from Antelope Valley Station and went into politics in Kern County, where he went on to become a County supervisor. In addition, we all lost a very dear friend and retired sergeant from Antelope Valley, Vincent Bogdanich. Also lost was Caroline "Etta" Licht, longtime companion of former Antelope Valley Deputy/Retired Sergeant from Arson-Explosives Bob Briley. May they all rest in peace. Much discussion was held regarding the recent political attitudes of the professional sports figures, primarily in the field of football, which are of great concern to all of us. We wonder in which direction our great country is headed. With due respect to our publishers, details and opinions of the discussions will not be in this report. Attending the breakfast were Tom Ewens, Vance Kirkpatrick, Ron Nybakken, Curtis Clifton, Fred McNutt, Al Shoomliansky, Kent Anderson, Danny Gilmore, Mary McKain, Glenn Hutchinson, Don Ott and me, Carlos Valdez. The AV monthly breakfast is open to all retirees from the Sheriff's Department and is held every last Friday of the month.

RDIEs hiked to Mt. Williamson on August 3. Our six-mile round-trip hike to the top of Mt. Williamson was a lot of fun. We started on the PCT and proceeded to climb the three miles to the top with Rich "Mountain Goat" Esquer and Tommy "FNG" Jimenez leading the way. Esquer can walk uphill at a steady pace without stopping, hence his nickname. Tommy is the new guy and pretty tough at climbing. The weather was warm with rain in the air. This was a heavy forest area with a steep trail consisting of injection, hornblende and granite gneiss. As we hiked, not a sound could be heard. Upon reaching the fork to the peak we stopped, had a drink and took the photo. Then we began the climb up. Upon reaching the summit at 8,214 feet, we were rewarded with a view of the Mojave Desert. We could see the San Andreas Fault with its long crack exposed, the rugged V-shaped upper Bear Creek wilderness and the Devil's Punch Bowl. We also looked for a crashed USAF C-117 (piloted by an LAPD sergeant who was a USAF reserve) but were unable to locate it. Lunch was taken upon the summit with enjoyable talk among friends while watching the rain in the distance. After signing the register book on the peak, we started back down as the weather became threatening. After a mile, the heavens opened up with a warm downpour that required us to don our rain gear for the first time. Helen Pena did not have any, and her knight in shining armor who saved the day was Roger Silos. He had an extra one in his pack, which she gladly accepted. We then continued in the rain with Mark "Tail-End Charlie" Weldon in the rear position to make sure no one was left behind. By the time we reached our vehicles, the rain had stopped and we returned to La Cañada, where we dined at a local restaurant for a very nice lunch. Later I got the location for the C-117 from some Aero Bureau boys with photos. We will return

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Retired deputies above Bear Creek: Cornelius Healy, Roger Silos, Rich Esquer, Mark Weldon, Tommy Jimenez and Helen Pena

Data Systems Bureau
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

By Jennifer L. Knore
Data Systems Bureau

November has arrived, and with it comes the season of eating! This is the time of year when we reconnect with distant relatives and spend time together in laughter and merriment. It is also the time of year when DSB staff begin looking forward to the Thanksgiving luncheon, which will hopefully include Aida Osborne's famous cake.

DATA SECURITY ISSUES

On September 7, credit reporting agency Equifax announced that hackers stole records containing personal information on up to 143 million American consumers. On September 13, Equifax released a statement advising that the security vulnerability was in a popular open-source software package called Apache Struts. Apache Struts is a programming framework for building web applications in Java. A patch for the vulnerability was released on March 7, the same day the vulnerability was discovered. It would appear that Equifax failed to update its system with the new patch and, according to Equifax, the hackers exploited the bug to break into its servers two months later, in mid-May.

Apache Struts has been used by companies in both the private and public sectors for years. Currently, Apache Struts is used by at least 65 percent of Fortune 100 companies, according to researchers who discovered a separate vulnerability in the software in September.

Equifax reported that most of the consumer information accessed by the hackers includes "names, Social Security numbers, birth dates, addresses, and in some instances, driver's license numbers," as well as "credit card numbers for approximately 209,000 consumers."

This breach has reminded us once again how critical it is to keep security patching high on our priority list. Department Information Security Officer Soheil Naimi keeps a constant watchful eye on the progress of our security patching, and keeps Data Systems Bureau units apprised of this progress.

999 FOR KIDS

During this year's 999 for Kids campaign, Sheriff's Data Network, along with Data Systems Bureau operations staff, were able to meet their fundraising goal by raising $1,000 for 999 for Kids. Members of the Data Systems Bureau 999 for Kids fundraising committee attended this year's ice cream social and were recognized for their fundraising efforts. This year's poster child, Fernando, was in attendance and

was an absolute superstar! Fernando and his family were very appreciative of the Sheriff's Department and our commitment to providing assistance to children and families in need. Thank you to everyone who participated in the fundraising efforts!

MORE CHARITABLE GIVING

Sheriff's Data Network Student Worker Yesenia Garcia has been doing more community outreach in Mexico. She has raised money through fundraisers such as food sales, restaurant events where the establishments donated 50 percent of their sales for the day of the fundraising event, and sponsorships (H. Salt Fish and Chips, Fernando Loza, Las Sirenitas, 951 Customs, Rosalinda Jimenez, Garcia and Jimenez family, friends and co-workers). The money raised has assisted children in need in Cañadas de Obregón, Jalisco, Mexico. The first goal was to provide school supplies to the children who live on farms and cannot afford them. After providing the children with much-needed pencils, paper and notebooks, motivation to attend and strive for success in school was next on Yesenia's agenda. She challenged the schoolchildren to perform well in school, promising the top 10 students a Samsung Fire HD 8 tablet. The children were extremely excited and promised to put forth their best efforts!

Thus far, Yesenia has hand-delivered five tablets to the children and plans to deliver the remaining five tablets by the end of 2017. Awesome job, Yesenia!

DSB GOLD MEDALIST

The 2017 World Police and Fire Games were held here in Los Angeles, and one of our very own DSB lieutenants was among the participants! Lieutenant David Sum managed to find his way out of the basement long enough to medal in two events. The 10-person men and women's team (mixed) finished first in their category, earning a team gold medal. The 20-person men and women's team (mixed) finished third in their category, earning a team bronze medal. Way to represent!

Enjoy your turkey dinners! Until next month… ☆

Peace Officer's Fellowship

By Willis Braggs

NO SHAME

When I first heard the word "alcoholic," I used to think of a bum living behind the liquor store, with dirty, tattered clothes. This is what I would see while walking to school in the morning. Crates decorated the sidewalk where drinkers sat alongside the liquor store, spending the majority of their time drinking; these men and sometimes women had lost most of their teeth, and there would be a brown paper bag in their rear pockets. Often they would beg for change and say they were hungry. But if you offered them food they would become angry, because they wanted money to buy their next drink. I would wonder what had happened to these people, and how they got there.

Today I understand that an alcoholic can be almost anyone — a doctor, actor, law enforcement officer, pilot, etc. Alcoholics are often people who go to work daily and perform their jobs. They are referred to as "functioning alcoholics." Although they seem to be functioning, they are usually not functioning up to their potential.

The image I have of an alcoholic today is totally different. I know that almost anyone in the world may be or has the potential to be an alcoholic. I do not believe that there is anything to be ashamed of if one is an alcoholic and seeks help. There is no more shame than a person seeking treatment for other diseases.

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

NAME	HOME PHONE	CELL PHONE
Eric Castano*	(562) 493-5465	
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

Alcoholism is a progressive disease, in the sense that things do not take a turn for the better while the alcoholic is still drinking. Over a period of time, there will be physical, mental, work and relationship deterioration. A person may be coming to work with a hangover, thus affecting their job performance. They may begin to call in sick more often due to a hangover or from being drunk from the night before. They may find themselves being angry with the world because it is not in step with their immediate needs. Family problems may develop, and life in general will take a turn for the worse. In a nutshell, everything starts to go wrong that could go wrong. Most alcoholics will blame all of the troubles on everyone and anyone around them. Not until they accept the fact that they have a disease and seek treatment will things get better.

Usually the alcoholic is the last person to figure out that he or she is an alcoholic.

If you think that you might have a drinking judgment problem, or someone has mentioned this to you, there are several options available to you. Contact Psychological Services Bureau (PSB) at (213) 738-3500 for a confidential consultation or counseling. Check to see if you have a Peer Support Program member at your unit and talk with them, or call one of the Peace Officer's Fellowship members listed here. ☆

Retired Deputies

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Vice Admiral Tyson and her officers with retired Deputy Yolanda Duran

later to explore this wreck. The idea of placing a plaque for the LAPD officer is being explored.

Retired Deputy Yolanda Duran is the owner of *Sirens Java and Tea* in San Pedro. She wants to thank all of our fellow deputies and LASD members who bought drink tickets for all our military personnel during Fleet Week at the Port of Los Angeles. She says: In this time of such turmoil around the world, it was my wish to show how much we love and appreciate our servicepeople. These young men and women give so much, and we owe them so much for their service. The vice admiral of the Third Fleet made a special visit to my coffee shop, *Sirens Java and Tea*. She remembered us from last year and was so impressed by the love and support for all of the military. It was my honor to give her tokens for her staff and her personnel. I told her that this year our LASD family purchased tokens once again. She said to thank each and every one of you. We provided every military person who came into *Sirens* with a free drink — espresso, latte, smoothie, frappe and anything they wished. We have also put a game room in our upstairs mezzanine for them to enjoy. I am so humbled by your support.

Please note that the Retired Deputies Luncheon venue has changed. It is now going to be in Arcadia. Hope you will be able to attend.

This is all for this month. Thank you for taking the time to read this article, since you are retired and there are lots of things to do. Have a great month. Until our next adventure, be safe. — Chickee and Don ☆

OCEAN VIEWS

By Tony Del Pinto
Lomita Station

LIFESAVERS

On August 30, Lomita was honored to have two recipients at the annual Lifesaving Award Ceremony. On February 23, our first recipient, Deputy Angel Ochoa, was on training in the city of Rancho Palos Verdes. He responded to a rescue call of a 64-year-old female in distress. When deputies arrived, they found the woman's husband administering CPR to her. Deputies checked her and discovered that she was not breathing and had no pulse. Deputy Ochoa immediately took over CPR from the fatigued husband. After a few minutes, the victim suddenly began to breathe on her own. Paramedics arrived shortly afterward and assumed rescue efforts. The victim was transported to the hospital, where she was listed in stable condition. The quick actions displayed by Deputy Ochoa undoubtedly contributed to saving the victim's life.

On November 20, 2016, Deputy Alexandra Panzone answered a 9-1-1 call from a frantic woman who stated that a baby was choking inside a store. Deputy Panzone sought to calm the caller, who informed her that the 3-year-old son of one of her regular customers was choking on a piece of candy. Deputy Panzone continued to calmly explain to the caller how to give gentle back blows to dislodge the candy from the child's airway. The caller relayed the information to the frantic father, who then began to implement the lifesaving measures. Deputy Panzone continued to direct instructions until the candy was dislodged from the boy's throat and the child began to breathe on his own. Deputy Panzone's calm demeanor and lifesaving instructions undeniably made the difference between life and death.

For their heroic actions, Deputies Angel Ochoa and Alexandra Panzone were awarded the Lifesaving Medal.

FAREWELLS

Lomita wished a fond farewell to several valued employees. Deputy Andrew Gill was promoted to sergeant and is off to Cerritos. Andy worked at Lomita for nearly 26 years, and his expertise at everything will be truly missed. Andy has worked every spot at Lomita, most of them on overtime, and his knowledge will be greatly missed. Cerritos is lucky to get you! We also shed a tear for Sergeant Jacqueline Luna, who is leaving Lomita for Fraud and Cyber Crimes. Congratulations on your transfer, and know that you touched many lives while at Lomita. LET Patrick Duran got a full ride to the North Academy and will become a deputy while enjoying the desert heat. We know you'll do great, and we will see you in tan and green soon. LET Sha'nell Jameson is off to Cerritos and will be missed greatly on EMs. CSA Natasha Johnson is off to the SO Academy, and Days will miss all the reports you saved them. Last but not least, our *Star News* regular fixture, Sergeant Thomas Anderson, is off to EOB. Tom was a great partner and has the biggest heart. Although he was leaving, he found the time to organize a wonderful luncheon for Lomita's hardest worker, Reserve Deputy Juanna Lamb. The vending machine and Tahoe shed tears (of joy) when Tom's name came out on the transfer list. You will be truly missed!

HOOKS OF THE MONTH

Deputy Guastalli is the proud co-recipient of the Hook of the Month award. During a recent EM barbecue, an ALPRS hit was received pretty far from the station. Deputy Guastalli responded, and fortunately for him, the suspects decided to go on a mail-stealing spree. Deputy Guastalli was able to track the suspects down and arrested all four of them for several felony charges, including the G ride, stolen mail, identity theft and narcotic violations.

Deputies Wells and Smith (notice the theme, EM Shift?), codename Strike Force Hotel Bravo (Hook and Book), conducted a traffic stop and, during a lengthy investigation, discovered the car had been stolen by the suspect earlier in the day. The driver had apparently suffered an emotional breakdown, and our brothers and sisters in blue committed her 5150. *Not* at the owner's request, they decided to leave the keys in the parked car as the suspect watched. As the Blue Crew drove away, the suspect jumped in the car and drove away. Unfortunately for him, the Tan and Green Hooking Machine was patrolling in the next city over and quickly put an end to his shenanigans.

SERIOUSLY?

During a recent traffic collision call, a newly assigned deputy was asked if he had handled traffic collisions before. The deputy reassured everyone that he had handled more accidents then he could remember, and said he would do an excellent job representing the finest law enforcement agency in the world to all those who would view his masterpiece. The picture was not drawn by a 3-year-old, but was in fact drawn by a deputy who has supposedly handled numerous accidents. The sketch was not in jest, and was actually turned in for review. The red ink shows what our Traffic Detail thought of it. Could you at least have used a ruler?

While doing a Google search for articles related to Sheriff McDonnell, a deputy found that the desired article did not immediately populate. With CORE Deputy John Despot looking over his shoulder, the deputy was corrected and advised by John that it was Sheriff "McDonald." Seriously?

Stay safe! ☆

By Patrick Morey
Carson Station

CARSON DEPUTY SAVES THE DAY

On September 6, Carson Station deputies responded to a call regarding a 902R/ Baby Not Breathing. Carson Deputy Lauren Gray-Mcallister was the first to arrive on scene prior to Los Angeles County Fire Department personnel and other responding deputies. Deputy Gray-Mcallister's quick thinking and rescue training immediately went into action as she used some of her emergency medical knowledge to assist the three-day-old baby who was having difficulty breathing. As she conducted these emergency medical procedures, Fire Department personnel arrived on scene, taking over primary responsibility of the rescue. The baby began breathing on its own, with mucus being the culprit of the labored breathing. Deputy Gray-Mcallister's quick response and even quicker thinking helped avert a possible tragedy. Outstanding job, Lauren!

A BEAUTIFUL DAY AT CARSON PARK

On a gorgeous sunny day in September, I was advised by our Carson Station fleet representative Martin Fawcett that our station had a shortage of patrol vehicles. Based on his findings, I conducted a survey with the deputy personnel and asked them to assist in finding the perfect strategy to eradicate our vehicle shortage. Deputies Emily Dilelio and Kelly Phillips contacted the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department fleet management unit, which assisted them in getting a few more patrol vehicles assigned to the station. Here we have Deputies Dilelio and Phillips showing off our newly assigned patrol vehicles. They were a little critical of the slow acceleration (probably

because they're only one horsepower), but gave high marks for the suspension.

THE CURSE OF STUBHUB CENTER CONTINUES

In early September, Sergeant Patrick Morey was working a StubHub event, with the idea of breaking in a new pair of work boots that he had recently purchased. Needless to say, the curse of StubHub Center got the best of him. Sergeant Morey was the third victim this year stricken by the curse. Not only did his miscue (walking up the stairs and not down) hurt his pride, but it also hurt his pocketbook, along with making his left knee swell up to the size of a small grapefruit. Sad to say, it looks as though we'll need to incorporate basic walking and stair-climbing techniques into our crowd and riot control training.

CARSON STATION'S READING CLUB

Carson Station Deputies Laura Morales, Nedlia Estrada and Keenan Fyles responded to a local elementary school and participated in a reading program. The program exists as a vital tool to show the children the importance of reading and education. The program also forms bonds with some of the older children, who benefit from time spent with real-life role models. The reading event was

an all-around success. What a great way of giving back to the Carson community. Great teamwork!

In closing, the Carson Station family would like to congratulate Deputy Sean Hylands and his wife on the arrival of their new baby girl. All are well and healthy. ☆

By David Ibanez
Palmdale Station

9/11 REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

On September 11, Palmdale and Lancaster Stations participated in our annual remembrance ceremony, honoring those whose lives were lost in the 2001 attack on the United States of America.

The ceremony was hosted by collaborating law enforcement and fire departments throughout the Antelope Valley, and was held at the Antelope Valley Mall. Over 100 community members came out in support of this event.

This year's master of ceremonies was Lancaster's Captain Todd Weber. Our own Captain Dennis Kneer had the honor of recognizing the fallen heroes and surviving families of the Antelope Valley. Additionally, Captain Kneer paid his respects to our local hero, Sergeant Steve Owen, who was killed in the line of duty on October 5, 2016. Sergeant Owen's name was added to the Fallen Heroes memorial pillars, which are located at the main entrance of the Antelope Valley Mall.

PAC FILES

In April's issue of the *Star News*, there was an article involving a certain deputy attending a 4x4 off-roading class and getting stuck in the middle of the desert on his first assignment. Well, he's at it again. Deputy Wyatt Waldron attended a second 4x4 training class, and managed to get the Expedition stuck in the dirt. He said he wasn't stuck, just "temporarily immobilized" … "260 David, can we get a 926?"

HOOK OF THE MONTH

This month's Hook of the Month is a multi-collaboration with three different units at the station. Zone Deputy Dustin Wiemann took a grand theft report of a bicycle from a victim who was participating in the World Police and Fire Games. The bike race was being held in our RD, and the victim was staying at a local motel. Unfortunately, an unknown criminal helped himself to the $5,500 bicycle, which was inside the victim's vehicle. Deputy Wiemann put the word out to all deputies that a brother needed our help. Robbery Team Deputy Jason Viger quickly gathered information and discovered the bicycle had changed hands several times. He also learned the bicycle was last seen at a

local motel. Deputy Wiemann made several patrol checks of the motel until he was able to locate the bicycle inside a vehicle parked at the location.

Patrol Deputy Martin Alcaraz arrived at the location to assist Deputy Wiemann. Deputy Alcaraz contacted the motel manager, who stated that an unknown person had parked the vehicle and left the location. Deputy Alcaraz began towing the vehicle as evidence to the crime when a male suspect ran out of the manager's room stating that the deputies were towing his vehicle. The suspect admitted to buying the stolen bike from another person, and was arrested for receiving stolen property. Deputy Alcaraz re-contacted the motel manager, who additionally admitted knowing the bicycle was stolen. She was also arrested for receiving stolen property.

This collaboration led to the arrest of two suspects and the recovery of the victim's property.

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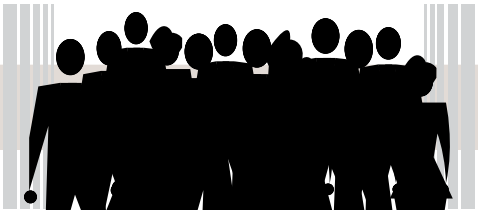

PEER SUPPORT PROGRAM

By Mike Rodi

Hello, everyone; I hope all is well.

WHO ARE THE DEPARTMENT CHAPLAINS?

The Chaplains Program assigned to Psychological Services Bureau should not be confused with jail chaplains, who are compensated for their time to work with jail inmates; they should also not be confused with clergy who are volunteers assigned to Sheriff's stations to work within the community.

The chaplains of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department are trained leaders who meet the strict requirements of the Department. They serve on an interdenominational basis and do not recruit to their faith or replace an individual's own clergy. They serve as an additional resource for all Department employees.

Chaplains respond to the needs of personnel during times of crisis or emotional distress in the following ways:

- Assist Department officials in making notifications to families of seriously injured or deceased deputies
- Are available to all personnel and their families following serious injury or death of a Department member
- Provide invocation and/or benediction at Department memorial ceremonies and special events
- Provide spiritual support and guidance upon request

All chaplains have received special training to better serve Department employees and their families.

Department chaplains are available by calling the Psychological Services Bureau at (213) 738-3500. ☆

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Although the victim had to borrow a bicycle for the race, he won second place in the event!

KARIN'S CORNER

Surprise, Karin! Karin Kingsley is our station secretary and the station's No. 1 fan. She has devoted her wall to the accomplishments of the deputies and has them sign their respective articles. The only thing is, Karin has declined to be featured in *Star News*. I had to Code 5 her desk to get this picture, because every time she saw me, she would duck and hide. Yes, Karin, you do have to sign your own article and post it on the wall.

STATION PICNIC

Our annual tradition is to have our station picnic at the Fin and Feather Club in Palmdale. This year's turnout was fantastic! A huge shout-out goes to Detective Matt Pereida and Sergeant Rob Benning. They did a great job organizing and planning all of the events. Also, a big thank-you to Deputy Scott Short's stepson, who works for L.A. County Fire. He brought out their custom barbecue trailer grill and the best tri-tip chefs on the fire department. The big event of the day was the tug-of-war. Folks around the station have been talking smack for weeks and challenging each other. Deputy Shane Wolf's team made a valiant effort, but they were no challenge with Big Mike Suarez as the anchor on the opposing team. It didn't help that Shane's sandal ripped and he had to finish the competition barefooted. We are looking forward to next year's rematch and hope to get an even bigger turnout to continue the camaraderie in the PLM26 family. ☆

FROM THE DOCS

CHRONIC PAIN ISSUES IN PATROL DEPUTIES

By Ana M. Gamez, Ph.D., MBA

Slightly fewer than 3,000 deputies are assigned to Patrol Operations and Countywide Services Division. Historically, making it out to patrol has been an exciting and highly anticipated experience for most sworn personnel. One of the reasons has to do with the length of time it has taken to make it out to patrol. Upon making it to patrol, the duties and expectations of the job seem infinite. Deputies are required to maintain the safety and security of the public as well as their own. It is a normal part of the job to engage in arduous physical activities such as running, bending, climbing walls, and getting in and out of vehicles to apprehend suspects.

Being on patrol requires mental preparation, psychological health, physical health, agility and high levels of performance. Deputies must be at their best virtually all the time. Unfortunately, the working conditions of patrol deputies make physical injuries highly likely at some juncture of their career. For example, the occurrences of traffic collisions can sometimes lead to chronic pain issues. According to Wolfe et al. (2015), between the years of 2000 and 2009, a total of 25,840 vehicle collisions occurred in California involving law enforcement. Of those, there were 39 officers killed by the collisions and 7,684 officers physically injured. Within the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, between 2014 and 2016, there was a minimum of 2,913 sworn traffic collisions. Of those, only about 61 to 62 percent wore a seat belt. The rate of wearing seat belts was substantially lower, 25 to 33 percent, for Code-3-involved traffic collisions. Physical injuries are very likely in traffic collisions, and can certainly lead to developing chronic pain issues in the future.

Chronic pain impacts everything in our life (e.g., mood, behavior, performance). The experience of physical pain can be exacerbated by stressors and depression. And sometimes, we become depressed because we are in pain. How exactly do people cope with pain issues? Some people try to pretend that the pain is nonexistent, but this doesn't work well. Others use over-the-counter (OTC) medications (e.g., ibuprofen, Tylenol) and prescription pain medications to mask the pain. A common issue with OTC products is that they may not be strong enough, while prescription medication may have the opposite effect (Tennant, ND). As a way to remove the "edge," alcohol is used as another way of attempting to cope with pain. Lots of issues arise with the use of alcohol, including becoming dependent on it or mixing it with medication(s).

What are some positive ways of addressing chronic pain issues? First, obtain a consultation from a medical provider who can diagnose the problem and make recommendations to treat the chronic pain issues. Second, together with your physician, come up with a strategy on dealing with the chronic pain *and* adhere to the treatment recommendations. Working through chronic pain issues can be challenging, but you need to stay on top of your treatment. Third, discuss with your physician the benefits of obtaining treatment at a specialty clinic, like a pain management program. Fourth, follow up regularly with your medical provider(s).

In addition to your follow-up care, there are some basic things that have been found to be helpful in dealing with chronic pain issues: (a) use deep breathing and meditation strategies to help your body relax when muscles become tense; (b) maintain a balanced diet; (c) get enough sleep; (d) reduce stress levels; and (e) consult with your doctor about the use of hot/cold compresses, taking hot/cold showers and the use of massage techniques. Also, keep a monthly calendar that tracks your pain levels daily, and note what makes the pain better or worse. You will want to share this information with your medical provider and pain management team.

If you can relate to any of these or similar situations, and think that a confidential consultation or a counseling appointment to address this issue might be helpful, please feel free to contact Psychological Services Bureau at (213) 738-3500.

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L.A. County Retired Marshals Lunches for 2017

ALL LUNCHES ARE SCHEDULED FOR 12 NOON

November 1
Yang Chow
3777 E. Colorado Blvd.
Pasadena

December 6
Villa Tepeyac
2200 E. Garvey Blvd.
West Covina

By Kym Duxbury
Military and Veteran Affairs Unit

Welcome back! November is a busy month of thanks, as well as kicking off the official holiday season. With Thanksgiving Day upon us and Christmas around the corner, the MVA is getting ready for our holiday activities, which include care packages and extra family contact for our deployed partners who are away from family and whose families miss them especially at this time of year. If your unit has personnel absent for military obligations, perhaps you can take the handle to coordinate some special projects or care packages to show them and their families support and send wishes for happy holidays from your unit as well.

MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY: NOVEMBER 10

This year on November 10, the United States Marine Corps (USMC) will celebrate its 242nd birthday. Marines everywhere will celebrate the Marine Corps and its traditions to honor those who have gone before them and to keep the Marine Corps spirit alive. It is rumored that Marines celebrate the birthday regardless of where in the world they are, even in "austere environments or combat." At home, the day is most commonly celebrated with traditional balls and cake-cutting ceremonies. As part of the cake ceremonies, it is also tradition that the most senior Marine passes the first piece of cake to the most junior as a symbolic gesture of the passing on of the elder's experience and knowledge. This tradition begins in recruit training and at Officer Candidates School, where a recruit recognizes the history and traditions of the Marine Corps and therefore the importance of living up to the Marine Corps expectations of professionalism and excellence. Expect to hear Marines everywhere saying "Semper Fi, Marine" to each other. Happy birthday to all United States Marines!

VETERANS DAY: NOVEMBER 11

What we know as Veterans Day was actually originally called Armistice Day and assigned to honor the end of World War I, which occurred officially on November 11, 1918. After World War II and the Korean War, the 83rd Congress of 1954 amended the title of the holiday by replacing "Armistice" with "Veterans" so that the day would honor veterans of *all* wars. The observance of the day varies among federal, state, local, and non-government companies and businesses, but in any case, this day is set aside for Americans everywhere to have the opportunity to celebrate the bravery and sacrifice of all U.S. veterans. As I write this, our unit has some unconfirmed events for Veterans Day, but we will surely be out there somewhere to signify our thanks to the veterans on LASD and everywhere. We hope you and your unit may find some time, even if small, to do the same.

MVA EDUCATING!

As a major goal of our unit is to bring education and proper information to each unit's scheduling teams, appropriate supervisors and military reservists about military absences required for reservists' weekend drills, annual or other trainings and deployments, the MVA is planning visits to all units to discuss proper procedures, federal law and the rights and benefits provided for reservists continuing to serve our country while also employed with LASD.

If your unit has not yet been contacted by the MVA to set up one of these informational sessions, it will be. We are currently working on a schedule that will allow us to meet with every unit on the Department, and this will obviously take some time to accomplish. We are prioritizing our visits by going first to those units with the most reservists; however, if your unit would like MVA to visit sooner than later, please contact me at (213) 229-3152 to discuss how we can make it happen.

GOING, GONE AND GRATEFULLY BACK

These next sections highlight those on LASD who have recently left for, are currently serving or have finally returned from a military obligation. We thank them all unendingly for their service.

DEPLOYING

Deputy Rayman Bailes, Carson Station: In late September, Deputy Bailes left patrol at Carson Station to deploy for the fourth time! Rayman is a sergeant first class with the California Army National Guard, hoping to soon be promoted to first sergeant. While he is at Fort Bliss, Texas, at the time of this writing, by the time you read this, his Infantry/MP unit will be in Bahrain, activated under Operation Enduring Freedom. He is pictured on the day he took care of his outgoing process at the Employee Service Center.

Sergeant Michael Gonzales, Men's Central Jail:

In late September, Sergeant Gonzales from MCJ also left for deployment. He is a United States Marine Corps captain with his infantry unit, and they have been activated in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He will be gone for a little less than a year. Sergeant Gonzales is also pictured here, along with MVA member Deputy Richard Valenzuela, on the day he came to ESC.

Both Bailes and Gonzales are well-versed in the comings and goings of deployment, but their families and children will surely miss them very much, as will their units and the MVA. God bless you both.

STILL SERVING

As of this writing, we have 16 friends and coworkers deployed across the world in active military duty obligations:

United States Army:

- Deputy Jamhari McDonald, TSB
- Custody Assistant Darcell January, IRC
- Security Officer Atzelvy Alcantara-Vieyra, County Services Bureau
- Info Systems Analyst II Jorge Palomera, Data Systems Bureau

United States Marines:

- Sergeant Michael Gonzales, MCJ
- Deputy Matthew Newhouse, IRC
- Deputy Gregory Johnson, Central Operations Bureau

United States Navy:

- Sergeant Marko Tinoco, TDP South
- Sergeant Rodney Loughridge, Lost Hills Station
- Sergeant Mitchell Jones, South L.A. Station
- Nurse Cecilia Mendoza-Rivera (DHS/MSB), CRDF/IRC

California Army National Guard:

- Deputy Jorge Olmos, Lakewood Station
- Deputy Rayman Bailes, Carson Station
- Deputy Christian Maciel, IRC (Basic Training)
- Custody Assistant Joel List, Twin Towers

California Air National Guard:

- Deputy Michael Doucet, Lancaster Station

HOME

Deputy Travis Ogle, COPS Santa Clarita Station: Welcome home, Deputy Ogle! Deputy Ogle has had an extensive career with the U.S. Army, where he is currently a staff sergeant. He earned his way onto Special Forces and has completed several elite schools since. He has been deployed numerous times to areas in the world such as Iraq, Bulgaria, Nigeria and Greece, to name only a few. His latest deployment posted him in Afghanistan. Although Deputy Ogle has been back to work for a while, working the COPS team out of Santa Clarita Station, he was finally able to meet with Sheriff McDonnell on September 7. Sheriff McDonnell gratefully welcomed Travis home and offered kind words of thanks. Deputy Ogle's service and sacrifice over multiple deployments attest to the kind of integrity and tenacity that I personally know characterizes Travis, and LASD is rightly proud to have him back home among its ranks!

Deputy Daniel Acquilano, Lancaster Station: Welcome home, Deputy Acquilano! On September 26, Sheriff McDonnell met with Deputy Daniel Acquilano, who has also returned from deployment. Deputy Acquilano is in the California Army National Guard, where he is a sergeant. His unit, a Military Police unit, had been stationed at Guantanamo Bay. He will soon complete 10 years with the National Guard and is coming up on his fifth year with LASD. Now home, he has returned to regular patrol at Lancaster Station. Deputy Acquilano has many goals on the Department, and with his strong work ethic and devotion to service to his country and community, he will no doubt go far!

Deputies Dewahn Books and Gina Cali: Just as important to note, two other LASD members have also recently returned from deployment and to work: Deputy Dewahn Brooks of TSB (pictured) and Deputy Gina Cali of the Asset Acquisitions Team. I was able to get this picture of Deputy Brooks at his visit with the Employee Service Center, but regretfully I do not have a picture of Gina yet. Both are awaiting their visits with the Sheriff, and when that happens there will certainly be more about them in an upcoming *Star News* issue!

Again and again, the MVA and LASD family extends its heartfelt appreciation to all four of these service members, Deputies Ogle, Acquilano, Brooks and Cali. We are so glad you are home!

ARE YOU A VETERAN OR RESERVIST?

You may be surprised to hear that we have no comprehensive tally of all employed by LASD who have served or are currently serving. Would you *please send me an email if you are a service member,* past or present? I implore you to take a moment to do this. This information can be used to emphasize the number of veterans employed by the LASD and affirm the need for the efforts of the MVA, Employee Services, our Vets 4 Vets programs and our partnerships with outside veteran service organizations. *Please* email me at *kjduxbur@lasd.org* with the following information:

- Name
- Best contact phone number
- Best email (if not the one you used)
- LASD rank or position
- LASD UOA
- Branch of service
- Current or last rank
- Number of years you serve(d)
- If major campaigns (please name)
- Y/N combat experience
- Y/N we can email you information regarding laws, outreach and support efforts, veteran-centric related events in and outside of LASD as they occur, etc.

AS ALWAYS...

If you have any questions regarding your military obligations, or you are a supervisor and have questions about those of an employee, please contact the MVA at (213) 229-3152 or *MilitaryandVeteranAffairs@lasd.org*.

You can also find us on Facebook *@LASDMilitaryandVeteranAffairsUnit*, and on Twitter and Instagram *@LASDMVA*.

Finally, we certainly have a lot to be thankful for in this country. At the top of that list are our military reservists and active-duty service members who selflessly give so that we remain free and safe. Continue thanking them, especially in November with Veterans Day and Thanksgiving, the day of all days to give thanks! It's the least we can do, considering what they have done. ☆

Desert Dirt

By Maria Villalobos
Lancaster Station

Welcome back to school to all the kids and teachers. We can't believe fall is here. I'm sure our patrol guys are not sad to see summer go!

CELEBRATE AMERICA

We had a chance to host a booth at the City of Lancaster's Celebrate America — a special night with a classic car show, lots of Americana displays and a pie-eating contest. We had a wonderful time meeting so many residents and handing out stickers! Even our watch commander had a chance to walk outside and hang out for a bit.

FALLEN HEROES TRIBUTE

Every year, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and Lancaster Sheriff's Stations, the Los Angeles County Fire Department, the U.S. Forest Service Daniel Boone National Forest and the California State Prison, Los Angeles County, gather together at the Antelope Valley Mall to jointly honor and remember the fallen heroes who tragically lost their lives in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. In addition, we also pay tribute to our local heroes who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

This year, our station's Sergeant Steve Owen's name was added to the memorial pillars located in the front of the mall. During the somber ceremony, as Palmdale Station's Captain Kneer reflected on Sergeant Owen and the tremendous impact he had on us all, the clouds parted, the rain stopped and a big ray of sunshine came through. The pillars are located by the mall's entrance and seen daily by hundreds of people.

COFFEE WITH A DEPUTY, PLUS A SPECIAL EDITION

Every month, we host Coffee with a Deputy at *Lemon Leaf Café*, a local restaurant near our station. While we always have a great turnout, this month we also decided to do a special-edition event at a local *McDonald's*! We had the chance to meet so many new faces, and our deputies even got a turn at working the cash register and the drive-through. Let me tell you, the drive-through window was as busy as dispatch on a summer PM Shift in Lancaster!

RAMP FOR INJURED DEPUTY

A few weeks ago, one of our motors deputies was involved in an on-duty traffic collision. Thank God he is OK, but he does have a long recovery ahead of him. One of the biggest concerns was his mobility around his house, since he will be wheelchair-bound for a bit and has several steps leading to his home.

Without anyone asking them to, several of our detectives purchased supplies on their own and went out to build our partner a ramp to his home. He is now able to move around a little more easily! In our little family, no one ever fights alone. We're not sure how Detective Gore was selected to sit in the wheelchair for the test run, but fortunately they built a great ramp! Nice job, guys!

IN MEMORIAM

At the end of September, we honored and remembered Lancaster Sheriff Station's Deputy Rosemary Iris May.

Deputy May, 49, died in a traffic accident in September 1989. A vehicle being driven at a high rate of speed by Edgar Gastelum, 22, of Rosamond, failed to stop at a stop sign and hit Deputy May, who was driving an unmarked patrol vehicle.

Deputy May was rushed by ambulance to the Antelope Valley Medical Center in Lancaster, where she succumbed to her injuries. Gastelum was booked for vehicular manslaughter. He eventually pled guilty to one count of manslaughter and was sentenced to one year in jail.

A 21-year veteran, Deputy May, who preferred to be called Iris, was on the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Pistol Team for several years and won several awards for her marksmanship. She also traveled to other cities with the Department's shooting team for inter-city meets. Thank you for your service, ma'am.

NINJA TURTLE

When you track the stolen cell phone to the drainpipe.... If this isn't top-of-the-line service, I'm not sure what is.

INS AND OUTS

Hello and welcome to Sergeants Layne Arnold from Palmdale and Jason Goedecke from Santa Clarita, Custody Assistant Manual Ramirez from Santa Clarita, and Trainees Steven Ament, Rudy Hernandez and Daniel Aguilar from NCCF. Welcome to Lancaster!

And we say a sad, sad goodbye to our wonderful OAII Christina DeCarlo, who is heading back to Palmdale. She will be dearly missed!

We (I) sadly say goodbye to summer, but we will see you next month! Be safe! ☆

By Kristy-Dee Mendizabal and Darlene Zamora
Personnel Administration Bureau

NATIONAL PAYROLL WEEK

Created by the American Payroll Association, National Payroll Week has been celebrated since 1996. An invitation sent out by PAB's very own Pay, Leaves and Records Units noted that "this special week celebrates the economic, cultural and social achievements of workers and the significance of 'an honest day's work for an honest day's pay.' National Payroll Week is a national campaign to help America's workers understand more about their paychecks, the payroll withholding system and other payroll-driven benefits." On September 5, the Pay, Leaves and Records Units celebrated National Payroll Week with Sheriff McDonnell's Scroll Presentation, service awards and even a money-themed costume contest!

SNACK SHACK

Personnel Administration Bureau is proud to have a successful Snack Shack, which raises funds in support of 999 for Kids. This organization benefits more than 1,000 children who fall victim to child abuse, neglect or domestic violence. The Snack Shack makes an average of $75 to $100

weekly. The success of this ongoing fundraiser could not have happened without the dedication of our EPETS Support staff, who pioneered the effort in November 2016. DeAnna Gonzalez, Sheenia Stewart, Christie Wissa, Maria Sanchez, Kimberly Dillon and their supervisor, Lucia Diaz, have done an amazing job replenishing and operating the Snack Shack. As of September, all of the above-mentioned members of EPETS Support transferred to new assignments, but not without their beloved Snack Shack! You can now find the Snack Shack located at the west end of the fourth floor at the Hall of Justice.

PAB 2017 HOLIDAY PARTY

As the end of 2017 approaches, so does this year's Holiday Party! The Personnel Administration Bureau would like to thank everyone on the Holiday Party Committee for planning what will be an amazing event on Friday, December 15. The committee includes Sergeant Brian J. Mann, Blanca Macias, Linda Perez, Yvette Medrano, Monica Moreno, Jaclynn Salas, Matt P. Peralta, Skye S. Shaw, Crystal Maldonado, Debra L. Ray, Pedro Hernandez and Gabriela Frierson. Their hard work and effort is truly reflected in all of their successful fundraisers. Please look closely at their flyer for details and pricing of the event!

DODGERS GAME: LAW ENFORCEMENT NIGHT

Though Vin Scully was not there to say, "Hi, everybody, and a very pleasant good evening to you wherever you may be," on Thursday, September 7, the Los Angeles Dodgers held an amazing Law Enforcement Appreciation Night at Dodger Stadium. Such an event could not be passed up by many Dodgers fans from PAB. Special thanks to avid Dodgers fan Diane Stone, who orchestrated this night for 10 of us. Upon arrival, we received an unexpected, once-in-a-lifetime surprise: Our PAB group had the opportunity to go on the field before the game! Watching the first pitch be thrown while on the field was, by far, the highlight of our night. Good luck to the Los Angeles Dodgers as they go into the postseason as NL West Division champs with the home field advantage. *Go, Dodgers!* ☆

L.A. SHERIFFS' MUSEUM

By Chris Miller and Mike Fratantoni
Los Angeles Sheriffs' Museum

THE LAST GREAT TRAIN ROBBERY IN CALIFORNIA

It was November 10, 1929. The Southern Pacific Railroad line West Coast Limited bound for Portland, Oregon, had just passed through Saugus and was in Mint Canyon, about one hour northwest of Los Angeles. Suddenly, without warning, the train's engine lurched forward, stopped for a split second, lurched again, then flipped onto its side. Scalding steam poured from the boiler while blazing oil burned the sides of the canyon as it shot from the firebox. Fireman George Simms rushed to the cab and worked frantically to free engineer R.C. Ball, who was pinned inside.

The shocked moment of dead silence immediately following the shattering crash erupted into pure chaos. People began yelling and screaming as the trainmen vainly attempted to calm everyone down. The train contained nine cars, including two baggage cars and two passenger coaches. People swarmed from the coaches that still stood upright, while others crawled out of the windows and doors from those that had overturned. Mail clerks and baggage men now struggled frantically to escape the twisted metal cages that, moments before, had been their steel-barred work enclosures.

Backlit by the flames from the burning oil, the silhouette of a tall, thin man with a blue bandana covering his face suddenly stepped up and said, "Stick 'em up, everybody! I mean business!" The passengers were terror-stricken. A nickel-plated revolver was pointed directly at them, and the handle of a semiautomatic handgun peeked menacingly from the gunman's left pocket.

Just then, George Simms yelled for assistance as he desperately attempted to remove Ball from the mangled wreck. Defying the gunman, two men stepped out of the crowd. One of them was F.H. Campbell, who said, "We're doctors. For God's sake, let us go up there to the engine, where we are needed." Receiving no reply, Campbell tossed his wallet to the robber. Then the physician, accompanied by Dr. W.P. O'Rourke, ran to the train engine to help.

Focusing once more on his captives, the masked robber ordered, "Shell out, all of you, and be quick about it." After gathering just over $300 in cash and jewelry from the nearly 100 passengers, the robber turned and fled into the darkness. A voice with an English accent could be heard from the back of the crowd, asking, "Is this the wild and wooly west of which I've read?"

By now, Doctors Campbell and O'Rourke had freed Ball from the engine's cabin and begun administering first aid to the steam burns that covered his body. The engineer was the only one badly injured, with most of the others suffering mainly from shock or bruises.

Several members of the train crew had set off to find the nearest inhabited building from which to call for help. They happened upon Baker's Ranch, the estate of "Snowy" Baker, an internationally known Australian sportsman and one of America's leading polo players. From there, they called the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's substation in Saugus to report the train wreck and robbery.

Within 20 minutes, Sheriff's deputies, doctors, nurses and ambulances were on the scene. Engineer R.C. Ball was taken to a hospital, where, for the next 24 hours, his life hung precariously in the balance.

Forming a posse, the Sheriff's Department began a search throughout the countryside, looking for the daring criminal in every hideout they could find.

THE INVESTIGATION

Investigators had no problem determining what caused the accident. A toolbox had been broken into and a wrench and pinch bar removed. These were used to pry the spikes from the fishplates that bound the rails to the ties. When the train reached the damaged rails, they came loose, causing the train to derail.

It was clear to investigators that the person who caused the wreck knew railroading and had cleverly sabotaged the track without alerting the engineer. The spikes had been pulled out, but the electrical connections between the rails had remained intact. If these connections had been broken, the elaborate semaphore system would have set up blocks stopping the oncoming train, while warning about the danger ahead.

The investigation — involving deputy sheriffs, railroad detectives and officers from half a dozen nearby towns — was still in progress when a relief train arrived to transport the train crew and passengers, many suffering from shock and hysteria, back to Los Angeles.

It wasn't until the first light of dawn that the investigators found their first clue: a light-colored coat with a torn pocket fitting the description given by victims. Since the suspect had been wearing a blue bandana, there were very few other details except that his face was thin. One victim said it appeared that the robber had freckles. Los Angeles County Sheriff William Traeger and his deputies checked out hundreds of leads on the case without success.

A SUSPECT LOCATED

The day after the train wreck, Lester F. Mead

Deputies Higgins (second from left) and Jones (far right) teaming up to search attendees at a trial in 1928

was hired as a ranch hand at a farm in Riverside County. He bragged to the other workers that he had wrecked the train and robbed the passengers. When interviewed by Sheriff Traeger and Captain Howard Brooks, chief of the Robbery Squad, he said that he was walking along a highway when two men approached him. They asked if he wanted to participate in a train robbery with them. He said that he stole the tools and pulled the spikes, then they gave him $250 and told him to beat it. He said he wasn't in on the robbery and gave a very poor description of the two men.

Sheriff Traeger — head of the largest sheriff's department in the United States — and 926 of his deputies were convinced that they had the robber, but the two investigators on the case, Deputies Tom Higgins and Casey Jones, thought otherwise. They had a hunch that Mead was mentally ill and confessing to a crime he didn't commit. Higgins said that Mead could never fit into the coat that was found at the scene. Jones whispered that he agreed with Higgins.

DEPUTY CASEY JONES

Deputy Jones had spoken in a whisper since he was shot in the throat by an inmate during an escape attempt at the Hall of Justice just 10 months earlier. On January 21, 1929, Deputies Higgins and Jones had been on the jail elevator escorting Jack Hawkins and Robert Hayes from the grand jury room on the sixth floor back to the upper jail floors. The pair of inmates, nationally known gangsters, were being pressured to testify on corruption in the Los Angeles Police Department and the District Attorney's Office. In order to keep from giving their testimony, they had arranged to have a gun smuggled in so that they could escape. Once they were on the jail elevator, Hawkins pulled a .32 automatic from his waist and began shooting, one of his rounds striking Jones in the neck. Both deputies immediately pulled their guns and fired. Jones' rounds struck Hawkins in the chest, killing him. Since surviving that shooting, Higgins and Jones continued on as partners, working together through the rest of their careers. During that time, Higgins did most of the talking.

The major players in the LASD's train wreck investigation, at a retirement dinner three years earlier

FALSE CONFESSION

After signing a confession, Mead was interviewed by Deputies Higgins and Jones. Five hours later, they received a telegram from the superintendent of the Medical Lake Asylum in Spokane, Washington, stating that Mead had escaped from the institution and on several previous occasions had confessed to crimes he could not have committed because he was locked up at the time. After admitting that he had lied to Sheriff Traeger and Captain Brooks so his name would appear in newspapers, Mead was returned to the psychiatric hospital.

A NEW LEAD

In order to obtain new leads, newspapers reprinted the story about the train crash and robbery, including a description of the suspect, saying that his face was thin and possibly freckled.

Helene and Evelyn Frith, two sisters who lived a few miles northwest of Los Angeles in Burbank, read the story intently as they recalled a car ride with their parents the day of the train wreck. A man without a hat or coat was walking along the road and flagged them down, said he had been involved in a train wreck and asked if they would take him to the Hollywood hospital. The father sat him in the back seat with the girls, and during the 20-minute drive the stranger explained that he had been aboard the train when it derailed, but never mentioned anything about a robbery. The daughters noticed that the man's face was thin and had liver spots, which, in the darkness, might be mistaken for freckles. They dropped the man off at the hospital and drove away without seeing if he went inside. After reading the story in the newspaper, the two girls told their father about their suspicions and he encouraged them to call the Sheriff's office. They recounted their story to Deputies Higgins and Jones, with Helene adding that the man had a drooping left eyelid.

SUSPECT REMEMBERED

For a full day, Higgins could not get the drooping eyelid out of his mind. He knew he had run across a suspect in the past who had a drooping left eyelid — he just couldn't remember who it was. The next day he was sitting in his office when it came to him. He yelled out, "I've got it, I've got it!" and rushed into Captain Brooks' office. Other deputies in the office thought he'd lost his mind. Higgins told Brooks that he knew who was responsible for the train wreck

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and robbery in Los Angeles, as well as a later train wreck and robbery in Wyoming.

WYOMING DERAILMENT AND ROBBERY

Higgins was referencing the "Wyoming job." On November 25, 15 days after the Los Angeles incident, the Union Pacific System's Portland Flyer was derailed and the passengers robbed near Cheyenne, Wyoming. Although the execution of both crimes was the same, with the signal system wires untouched while the spikes were removed from the fish plates, investigators didn't think the incidents were related because the traumatized passengers gave different descriptions of the suspect.

SUSPECT IDENTIFIED

Captain Brooks was not convinced that they had their man, so Higgins and Jones located a photograph of the suspect in the Sheriff's gallery of mug shots. They took the photo and showed it to the Frith girls, who identified him as the man they picked up the day of the train wreck, specifically pointing out his droopy eyelid. Higgins and Jones rushed back to L.A. and told Brooks that the suspect was Tom Vernon, an ex-con who did time in Pennsylvania and Ohio for robbery. They surmised that he learned about railroads while he was operating a donkey engine within the prison walls of Folsom. That's how he knew not to cut the tie wires to the semaphore system that would alert the engineer to problems ahead.

PRIOR SUSPECT CONTACTS

Higgins realized that Vernon had come into his office in October the previous year, saying that he was going straight and talking about his rough childhood. His father, Tom Avirell, was a cattle rancher in the Dakotas, and his mother was known throughout the county as "Cattle Kate." Vernon was known for telling wild stories like the one he told about his parents' death — that they were attacked by a band of Indians who came to their cabin, stole their cattle, and hanged his father and mother. Tom said he was hanged and left to die, but was rescued by another tribe of friendly Indians. He was raised by the Indian tribe until he was 16 or 17 years old, then ran away and began working for a man whose last name was Vernon, which he adopted for himself. After riding through the Dakotas, Wyoming and Arizona, he traveled to Pennsylvania, where he committed a robbery and spent a short time in the Western Penitentiary at Pittsburgh. Moving on to Ohio, he committed another burglary and spent time in prison there. As he continued west, his ability to ride horses helped him obtain jobs in Hollywood, working with film actor Harry Carey in his popular western movies.

Higgins had arrested Vernon for burglary 10 years earlier. After spending time in prison, Vernon was released and then committed another burglary; this time he was sent to Folsom. When he was freed in October, Tom came by the office and met with Higgins. A short while later, he came by again and said that he had applied for a job as a fireman with the Southern Pacific Railroad, but was turned down after they learned of his criminal record. Even though he was bitter, he said that he was going to continue on the straight and narrow.

AN ALIBI

Vernon wrote to Higgins from Denver; the envelope was postmarked November 14. In the letter, he claimed to have left Los Angeles on the morning of November 10, which was the day of the train wreck. Higgins didn't realize until later that Vernon was trying to establish an alibi that he was not in L.A. when the crime occurred. Higgins checked out the alibi and discovered that Vernon had, indeed, left on a bus bound for Denver on November 10. But instead of leaving in the morning, he left at midnight, four hours after the train robbery.

Thomas Vernon's Folsom Prison ID card

HELPING A FELLOW DEPUTY

Higgins asked Captain Brooks if he could go to Denver to interview Vernon. Brooks gave his approval, but Higgins' hopes were dashed when he discovered there was no money to go to another state to gather evidence. Funding was only available to travel to another state or country to pick up a prisoner who was already in custody. Higgins was underpaid and didn't have the cash to pay his own way. Jones listened to Higgins plead for money, then dashed out of the room. He contacted other deputies and collected $200 to send Higgins to Denver. He also received pledges for another $200 that would be sent to Higgins in the future.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENTS COMPETE FOR A SUSPECT

Two days later, Higgins was at the Denver Police Department seeking the assistance of Acting Captain of Detectives James Maxwell, who was one of the cleverest manhunters in the West. Higgins and Maxwell checked all of the rooming houses and hotels, showing Vernon's photograph at each one. They finally got the break they were looking for when a hotel clerk recognized Vernon. Unfortunately, he had left for Cheyenne a week before. Higgins was on the next train to Wyoming — where, just like before, the hotel clerk recognized Vernon but said he had already left, this time for Denver. Higgins returned to Denver, only this time, Sheriff G.H. Romsa of Laramie County was on the train with him. He wanted Vernon in connection with the Union Pacific train wreck and holdup in Wyoming. The manhunt turned into a race between the sheriff's departments, each wanting to arrest and try Vernon in its own state. As an added bonus, a $10,000 reward was offered by the railroad and government, which, at the time, could be collected by law enforcement officers. But more importantly, the railroad wanted the criminal who had caused so much damage to its trains and terrorized its patrons.

THE BIG BREAK

When Higgins arrived in Denver, he was very tired. Being unfamiliar with the city, he started walking up 17th Street from Union Station. Normally he would've checked into a nicer hotel, but he stopped at the first respectable-looking

place he could find. Settling into his room, Higgins began studying his notebook and papers to review the facts of the case. He set the photograph of Vernon on the dresser, and it was still sitting there the next morning when the maid arrived to clean the room. He noticed her reaction when she saw Vernon's picture.

"Do you know that man?" he asked.

She said, "Indeed I do. He lived here until two days ago. He left for Oklahoma, where he is going to meet Pawnee Bill so they can write a book together. He told me to forward any mail that came for him to Pawnee, Oklahoma."

TAKING A GAMBLE

Realizing he had found the suspect's exact location, Higgins was shocked speechless. He was finally on the verge of capturing Vernon, but only had enough cash left to get back to L.A. He contacted Captain Brooks, who asked Sheriff Traeger for additional funding. The Sheriff had previously requested money from the Board of Supervisors, who made an exception and granted a travel allowance for Higgins to chase down the suspect. Not wanting to ask for any more, Traeger turned down the second request, telling Brooks to instruct Higgins to come back to L.A. and let the Wyoming sheriff arrest and prosecute Vernon.

Higgins wasn't going to give up. His only hope of capturing this train wrecker was to take a chance. Laying his money down, he gambled on Lady Luck ... and won! Having doubled his cash, he was now ready to travel to Oklahoma, arrest his prime suspect and get back to L.A.

ARREST WARRANT

Dumping all his clothes into a suitcase, Higgins left the hotel and went to the train depot. It would still be several hours before his train left, so he decided to go to police headquarters and thank Acting Captain Maxwell for assisting him. When he stepped into the police station, Sheriff Romsa was standing there. Somehow, he had learned that Higgins was heading to Pawnee, and when Higgins boarded the train, Romsa was on it. Higgins was concerned because the Wyoming sheriff had a warrant for Vernon's arrest. Higgins had nothing to hold Vernon. That night, Higgins got off the train in a little Kansas town and wired Deputy Jones, begging him to wake up a judge, obtain a warrant and then telegraph it to the Pawnee sheriff. He was to ask the sheriff there to find Vernon and arrest him for Higgins.

FIGHTING OVER A SUSPECT

When Higgins arrived in Oklahoma, he was delighted to find that Jones had contacted the sheriff there and Vernon was in jail waiting for him, but Sheriff Romsa wasn't giving up without a fight. He had a great argument for taking Vernon back with him, pointing out that in Wyoming, train wreckers would be hanged. California had a similar law, but nobody had ever been sentenced under its provisions. Higgins told Romsa that he would demand the death penalty, but in reality he knew the most a train wrecker would receive in Los Angeles was a life sentence. Another concern he discovered was that the governor of Wyoming had just returned home from a hunting trip with the governor of Oklahoma — and now the Wyoming governor was asking for extradition papers from Oklahoma.

EXTRADITION PAPERS

Higgins rushed to the phone and called L.A. County District Attorney Buron Fitts. Fitts told him that he did a great job and to stay put, that he'd see him tomorrow. Higgins couldn't figure out how the DA was going to obtain extradition papers and travel to Oklahoma in just one day.

Fitts grabbed a suitcase that he always kept packed, and ran from his office to the Sheriff's office on the second floor of the Hall of Justice. He asked the Sheriff to send a man by airplane to the State Capitol in Sacramento with a demand for Governor C.C. Young to provide extradition papers requesting the return of Tom Vernon to California.

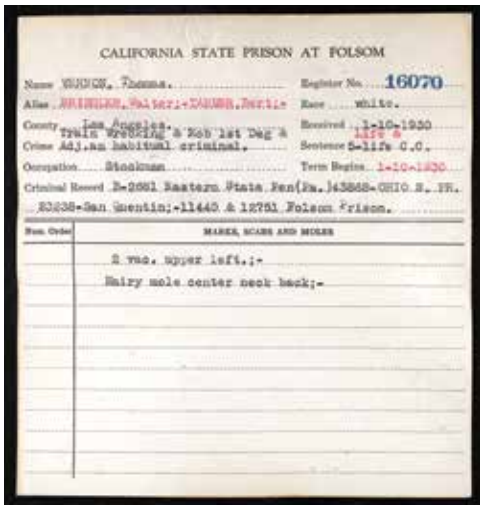
Chief Criminal Deputy Frank Dewar was given the assignment from the Sheriff, and within five hours he had the extradition papers on their way to Oklahoma City.

Sirens were blaring as Fitts was rushed to the terminal of Western Air Express to charter a plane. His pilot was Jimmy Doles, one of the nation's most famous flyers.

THE CONFESSION

By the time Fitts arrived in Oklahoma, Vernon had made a full confession, admitting to the California train wreck and robbery. This helped California receive the extradition instead of Wyoming. During the hours of questioning, Vernon denied any involvement in the Wyoming train crash, most likely because he knew Wyoming would hang him if he was convicted. The Oklahoma governor explained that he awarded the extradition of Vernon to California because, since the first of the two train wrecks occurred there, he should be returned to that state. In exchange, Fitts assured Wyoming authorities that if he failed to obtain a conviction, Vernon would be sent back to Wyoming for trial.

On December 10, exactly one month after derailing the train in Saugus, Vernon was transferred to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Hall of Justice Jail. Two days later, after giving a more detailed confession, he was taken to the scene of the crime, where he re-enacted exactly what he did the day of the train derailment. He said that at first he just wanted revenge against the railroad for not hiring him and had no intention of staging a robbery, but after seeing all the confusion, he realized it would be easy to hold up the passengers, so that's what he did.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Name VERNON, Thomas. Register No. 16070

Alias [redacted] Race white.

County Los Angeles. Received 1-10-1930

Crime Train wrecking & Rob 1st Deg & Adj.an habitual criminal. Sentence Life C.C.

Occupation Steelman Term Begins 1-10-1930

Criminal Record R-2661 Eastern State Pen(Pa.)43868-OHIO S. PR. 82838-San Quentin;-11445 & 12751 Folsom Prison.

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	Hairy mole center neck back;-

The back of Thomas Vernon's 1930 Folsom Prison ID card noted his life sentence for train wrecking and robbery.

LIFE IN PRISON

On Friday, December 13, Vernon pled guilty in front of Superior Court Judge William Tell Aggelar. Fitz made a passionate plea for the death penalty, telling the judge that Vernon was worse than a murderer; he intended to kill not one person, but scores of innocent people he had never seen before and did not know. Judge Aggelar refused to pass sentence until a commission of doctors examined Vernon for his sanity. On December 18, Tom Vernon was sentenced to life behind bars at Folsom Prison. Since he was being held as a habitual criminal, California statutes prevented him from receiving either probation or parole.

A JOB WELL DONE

After Vernon was sentenced, fellow deputies congratulated Higgins on tracking down and arresting this criminal. Sheriff Traeger complimented Higgins on what a great job he had done. Higgins' partner, Casey Jones, congratulated him and shook his hand vigorously. Captain Brooks patted him on the back. Higgins smiled as he thanked everyone and said, "But there's no credit coming to me. Save the bouquets for the greatest detective in the world — Lady Luck. From the hour I got this case that old girl has been right by my side, working every minute, just as she is nine times out of 10 when a peace officer is hot on a trail. And, all fiction stuff to the contrary, I'd rather have her for a partner than anybody I know — even Jones."

Edited by Jan Jenkins (ret. LASD). ☆

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The Chaplain's Notebook

By Chaplain Fred Krause
Compton Station and SEB

A TIME OF REFLECTION

As I sit down to write this column, I cannot help but think about the tension and division in our country. Messages conveying mistrust, anger, hate and even fear of law enforcement pervade today's media culture. These messages are changing how the public views law enforcement and the criminal justice system. These changing views of law enforcement are very serious political issues that are being debated. Changes in policy are happening almost daily as misperceptions are informing attitudes on policies and choice for politicians.

It is not my intent to raise another debate, but only to state the fact that changes in attitudes about law enforcement weigh heavily on all of us. They affect our attitude, motivation, morale and, ultimately, our safety. They also create a sense of uncertainty toward our future.

Thinking about these changing views has made me reflect on the purpose of my position as a chaplain. I reflected on the commitment I have made and my resolve to help my Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department family. When people ask me why I volunteer, I have several reasons, but I will sum it up in one statement: "At the end of the day, I like knowing that I have done something to make a positive difference in people's lives."

One thing I have come to realize is that other people may not always recognize, understand or appreciate what I am doing, especially those on the receiving end of my efforts. Most of the time, in order to make a positive impact on others, difficult issues have to be confronted. This is not usually a pleasurable experience. The same is true for deputies — people do not always recognize, understand or appreciate your efforts to protect and serve the public and the community. But this has not deterred me, and please do not let it deter you. Being a deputy is one of the greatest and noblest of professions. Few have the opportunity or the ability to make such a positive impact on an individual's life or society as a whole.

During difficult times, it is good to step back and take a look at the big picture, to evaluate our purpose, goals and what role we have to play. We should focus on our ultimate purpose and do everything we can to accomplish it. Do not let anything or anyone discourage you!

The Bible says in Galatians 6:9–10: "And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone."

The reality is that there are things in life that are beyond our control. We can only do our best to manage what is around us. This reminds me of "the Serenity Prayer": "God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference."

In my own life, I have made a commitment to never compromise on my values and beliefs. When confronted with a difficult decision, I have learned that doing the right thing is not always easy and can sometimes have consequences. Nevertheless, I have also realized that at the end of the day, when I lay my head down on the pillow, I can be at peace knowing that I did not compromise or give up on my values and beliefs, regardless of any consequences I may have to face.

I am very proud to be a part of this organization. I truly believe that the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department is the finest agency of its kind. There is only one reason, and that reason is 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.* ☆

By Dale Turner
Food Services Unit

The Food Services Unit has lost a valued member and a great mentor and friend. Mr. Benson P. Li, manager with the Food Services Unit, passed away on September 13, 2017.

Benson joined the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department in October 2004 after many years of service with the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department. He had over 40 years of experience in the food management industry and graduated from the University of Hawaii with a Bachelor of Business degree in hotel restaurant management and a Bachelor of Science degree in food and nutritional sciences. Benson had many years of experience in teaching and sharing his knowledge at the college and university levels, as well as his expertise in the health and food service industries. He served as an instructor at San Bernardino Valley College for many years, teaching a food safety certification management class. He also taught at Pasadena City College.

Benson was a member of the Association of Correctional Food Service Affiliates (ACFSA) for many years, serving as its president for six years. He served on the board in various positions and as the conference chair. Over the years, Benson received numerous awards and was recognized by several government and private entities for his vast knowledge of the food industry. Just a few months ago, the ACFSA leadership team voted to rename their President's Award in his honor. On September 26, the first recipient of the Benson Li President's Award was announced at the ACFSA conference in San Diego.

Benson was 65 years old and is survived by his wife, Marie, and his adult son, Steven. He was loved by many and will be missed by all. ☆

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By Tania Giggles
Marina del Rey Station

999 FOR KIDS

Many deputies and law enforcement colleagues are so dedicated to the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department's 999 for Kids program, which provides specialized medical equipment and services for disabled Los Angeles County youth. Volunteers participate in fundraising events all on their own time. Few take that dedication further than the participants of the annual 26-mile team relay swim from Catalina Island to Cabrillo Beach in San Pedro, which is now in its seventh year. On September 16, seven swimmers from LASD and a few other participating agencies crossed the Catalina Channel and raised money for this very worthy cause.

The swimmers braved the cold, dark waters of the Pacific Ocean one at a time, but all the swimmers completed the last leg of the relay together, emerging from the San Pedro surf 13 hours later to a welcoming crowd.

HOOK OF THE MONTH

Recently, while working marked and uniformed patrol on our station's east end, Deputies Tyson (Overtimer) and McCullough conducted a traffic stop, which subsequently resulted in a great arrest. The deputies initially observed a vehicle being driven in an erratic and unsafe manner through a residential neighborhood. Moments later, they contacted the driver and discovered that he had a suspended driver's license. Upon further investigation, they detained him pending a narcotics investigation. During the course of their investigation and subsequent vehicle search, they located a loaded handgun with an extended magazine inside the vehicle. Based on their investigation, the driver was arrested for driving on a suspended driver's license and having a loaded firearm with a high-capacity magazine. The deputies are to be commended on a job well done. This type of proactive police work not only keeps the citizens safe, but our fellow brothers and sisters in law enforcement as well. Deputy McCullough was asked how he felt about such a great arrest. He said, "Hey, man, even a broken watch is right twice a day." Hmm…. We know who all the credit should actually go to. Thanks, Deputy Tyson, for showing Deputy McCullough how it's done. OK … I'm sure Deputy McCullough helped a little.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Frank D. Parent Elementary School is the home site of Marina del Rey's Youth Activities League program. In August, Community Relations Deputies Winfrey and Del Toro participated in the "Build a Playground" project at the school. "Build a Playground" is a grant-funded project. Many schools apply for this grant, and Frank D. Parent Elementary School was selected. Community in Schools Foundation, along with Robert Downey Jr.'s foundation, assists with the growth of students to effectively learn and thrive in school, while preparing them for the next chapter in their lives. To date, Community in Schools Foundation is one of the largest dropout prevention organizations in the United States.

With the support of these foundations, Parent Elementary School was able to build a new playground for its students. This project was composed of different elements, providing the students with a new and improved playground. The new playground includes backpack racks, a new jungle gym, hopscotch, tic-tac-toe, twister and additional games that will all aid in teaching their students their shapes and colors.

The first day of school was August 21, and the students were surprised and excited to try out their new playground.

SHELBY AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF L.A.

On September 16, the Shelby Automobile Club of L.A., in conjunction with Marina del Rey Station, hosted a car show in Marina del Rey. This is

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By Paul Ramirez
Cerritos Station

Cerritos Station entered its first LASD sponsored softball tournament in quite some time. It was a valiant effort by all those who laced up their cleats for competition. Even though the team did not make it to the big event, it was time well spent in building camaraderie. Lieutenant Ed Wells — or "Big Ed," as he is commonly known — tossed three complete games and only complained six times about his throwing arm. Thanks to all who participated; it was a good time.

Shelly Pierce was honored at the 11th annual Professional Staff Day as the South Patrol Division honoree. Her recognition is well deserved and long overdue. She has been assigned to Cerritos Station since 1997 and continues to meticulously and effortlessly serve the needs of the station without complaint. We are fortunate to have her.

Deputy Redondo, recently off training, made a Hook of the Month. She made an excellent observation arrest while conducting a patrol check at one of our local shopping areas. She detained a person acting suspiciously and arrested the suspect for possession of a loaded firearm and a dagger. During the subsequent interview with the suspect, she obtained incriminating statements that helped solidify her nomination for distinction.

Cerritos Station has a newly featured entry that challenges one's powers of observation. It will be called "Who Dat?" A clue to help identify the individual is the word *persnickety.* This person has been known to have zero tolerance for hijinks, tomfoolery, chicanery or skylarking. Do you know this person?

A hearty Cerritos Station welcome is in order for Sergeants Mattison and Gill; Deputy Zendejas; Station Clerks De La Rosa and Gama; and Law Enforcement Technician Sha'Nell Jameson.

Farewell to Deputies Peralta and Jones, who transferred to other units. We wish them well at their respective new units of assignment. ☆

Marina del Rey Station *continued from page 28*

an annual event for the Shelby Club, but its first year in MDR. All proceeds from the show went to Help for Heroes, which is a nonprofit organization that supports law enforcement and other first responders. This charity is supported by Detective Tania Owen, wife of Sergeant Steve Owen. Tania was on hand and helped pass out awards. Also on hand was TV personality Jay Leno. Mr. Leno is a supporter of the Shelby Club and a big supporter of law enforcement.

INS AND OUTS

We would like to welcome Deputies David Sanchez, Francisco Sol, Marc Richardson and Markee Wilson to our Marina del Rey family. We also welcome and congratulate Deputy Raul Gutierrez on his promotion to boat operator.

We will be losing Deputy Royce Cooley to Community Colleges. I guess Marina del Rey was too busy for him and he was unable to hang. Good luck on your new assignment! You will be missed at MDR.

We would also like to congratulate Oscar Rodriguez on his new promotion to sergeant. You will be an excellent leader.

CONGRATULATIONS

On September 29, our AM Watch Deputy Brett McCann pulled the plug after 31 years of service to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. The entire MDR family would like to take this opportunity to congratulate him on gaining two new friends upon his retirement. Their names are Bed and Couch. You will be hanging out with them a lot. Thank you for your excellent service, and we wish you many blessings! ☆

By Mark Slater
Crescenta Valley Station

I know that summer has wound down and kids have returned to school, but we hope that everyone was able to enjoy the past few months with their families and friends.

REVOLVING DOOR

Our doors have been flying open lately with all the recent movement. We welcome to the station Sergeant Donald Knight (Palmdale Station), Detective David Cary (Transportation Services Bureau), Deputy Daniel Haven (Palmdale Station), Deputy Joseph Loprino (Palmdale Station), Deputy Patrick Perdisatt (Court Services East Division), Deputy Jason Watkins (Transportation Services Bureau), Deputy Kurt Wurzer (County Services Bureau), Deputy Susan Yu (Century Regional Detention Facility) and Custody Assistant Felipe Leal (Norwalk Station). We hope you enjoy your time at Crescenta Valley Station. We say goodbye to Sergeant Patrick Coussa (Walnut Station), Deputy Aracely Walton (San Dimas Station), Deputies Daniel Jimenez and Michael Spears (COPS Bureau), Deputy Destiny Nelson (Court Services Central Division) and Deputy Marvin Alvarado (Court Services Transportation). Lastly, we welcome our new Crime Analyst Marisa Tomlinson and we say goodbye to Amanda Wahlquist, who transferred to LA DA Special Enforcement Team. We wish all of you good luck in your new assignments.

AAA WITH A GUN

Parts of the Crescenta Valley area are only accessible using a 4x4, but some of the dirt roads are very treacherous. Recently, deputies received a call of a man threatening some hikers deep in the Angeles National Forest. Deputies Jasmyn Arredondo, Marcelo Ruiz and John Gaudino parked their radio cars and all hopped in a 4x4 to reach the secluded campsite, which was several miles from the nearest paved road. After handling the call, the deputies were on their way out when one of the 4x4's tires blew out. Due to the remote area, the only option available was to change the tire. After trying the diplomatic approach and a game of "rock, paper, scissors," they finally decided that Deputy Arredondo should have the honors. We were not completely sure how this was decided, but I heard that she drew the short straw. Anyway, take a look at Deputy Arredondo finishing up with the tire change as her partners actively monitored the forest for bears. Once the tire was changed,

our deputies were able to safely return to their patrol duties.

RUN, FORREST, RUN!

Deputy Jasmyn Arredondo is a member of the elite LASD Women's Baker to Vegas team. (Needless to say, she runs a lot!) She recently competed in a relay race when the temperature was well over 100 degrees. Good job and keep running!

DEPARTMENT SERVICE AWARDS

Captain Christopher Blasnek has been very busy awarding the Department service awards. A lot of

the station personnel have reached milestones in their careers: Property and Evidence Custodian Marc Harvey and Sergeant Jeffrey Curran were recognized for their 25 years of Department service. Congratulations, Marc and Jeff! In addition, several more personnel reached milestones: Sergeant Kimberly Mendoza (20 years), Deputy Melanie Cook (15 years), Deputy Michael Spears (10 years), Deputy Michael Cerveny (10 years), Deputy Daniel Haven (10 years), Law Enforcement Technician Julia Tafoya (10 years) and Supervising Sheriff Station Clerk Erica Laska (10 years). Congratulations to all of you!

GUESS WHO?

Recently we had an arrestee housed at our station jail who was a little less than happy. However, he bonded with one supervisor and, during the shift, asked for the "old, bald, white guy." Each time the inmate spoke to our superhero, he would calm down. I guess it was like talking to his dad. Can you guess who the supervisor is?

WORD SCRABBLE

The station has been undergoing a lot of remodeling lately, and we have been experimenting with some lettering for a few sayings around the station. Well, it would appear that if you leave the letters laying around, unattended, a game of Scrabble will be played. Here are a couple of pictures of the notable phrases played.

OPEN HOUSE

On August 1, Crescenta Valley Station hosted National Night Out and our annual open house. Hundreds of community members learned about Crescenta Valley Station, toured our newly remodeled and painted station, and enjoyed a free barbecue.

Well, until next time, buh-bye! ☆

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MARCIA D. HODRICK	RETIRED 09-20-13, DECEASED 09-01-17	CUSTODY ASST/MIRA LOMA
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EVA M. PEEPLES	RETIRED 04-06-10, DECEASED 09-18-17	REC. SYST. CLERK III/RIB
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CARL W. SPREEN	RETIRED 01-31-90, DECEASED 08-27-17	SERGEANT/WAYSIDE
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RONALD B. YOUNG	RETIRED 09-01-80, DECEASED 09-07-17	DEPUTY IV/VICE

SANDRA OEST, SPOUSE OF RETIRED MEMBER RONALD OEST, DECEASED 09-19-17

DOMINGO ORTEZA JR., SPOUSE OF RETIRED MEMBER MACANDRIA BAILON, DECEASED 08-24-17

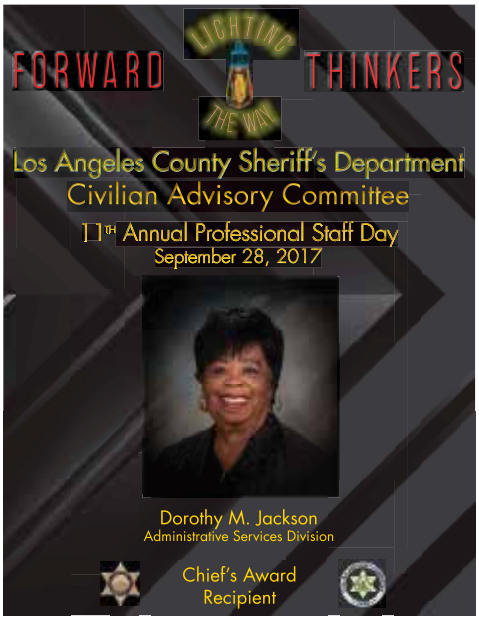
FI$CAL ADMINISTRATION

By Rachelle Jackson
Fiscal Administration

Greetings, everyone, and welcome back to Fiscal Administration. I hope this article finds everyone healthy, wealthy and wiser. In the last few months, our country and others have been dealing with some unspeakably horrifying weather and natural disasters. It is our hope and prayer that all of your loved ones are safe from the perils of Mother Nature. Whether it was heat surges, firestorms, earthquakes or hurricanes, may those affected find comfort and strength to restore and rebuild their lives with the help and generosity of many. This is when our nation excels and exudes togetherness and brotherhood, and we can come together to help one another.

TIME TO CELEBRATE

Fiscal Administration is celebrating one of our own: Ms. Dorothy Jackson, Procurement Aid, assigned to General Accounting, is the 2017 Chief's Award Recipient for the 11th annual Professional Staff Day. The award is presented annually at the Professional Staff Day event held by the Civilian Advisory Committee. This year's event was held on September 28 at the Odyssey Restaurant in Granada Hills. Ms. Jackson was recognized with this distinguished award to acknowledge her outstanding accomplishments and dedication to service. Please join me in congratulating Ms. Jackson for achieving such recognition.



UNIT OF THE MONTH: GENERAL ACCOUNTING UNIT

Fiscal Administration provides operational and support services to the Sheriff's Department. That includes fiscal responsibilities as well. The General Accounting unit is responsible for just that, maintaining an accurate accounting of all Department encumbrances. Managed by Manager Elida Rodriguez, General Accounting and the two other units under her command are responsible for a host of functions, many too meticulous to explain here. Yet it was mentioned that many of you have tons of questions regarding services. With this quick overview, my hope is to assist in your search for answers to questions you may have.

The General Accounting Unit handles all the travel and training for the Department. The unit processes all expense claims from Department members. In fiscal year 2015–16, the staff processed over 1,600 expense claims. All claims for damage to personal property and damage to personal vehicle for Department "permittees" are also processed by General Accounting. Requests for "emergency" petty cash purchases are processed through this unit as well. In addition, the unit also handles Cal Cards (credit cards) and Voyager Cards (gas cards) for the Department. Catalina Island vouchers are another request processed by the unit. The requests are for Catalina boat and helicopter vouchers and used whenever employees have official County business to conduct on the island. If you need further information on how to get started, please visit Fiscal Administration's website to review FAQs on the topics listed.

PROCUREMENT COMPLIANCE UNIT

Procurement Compliance is another unit that you should recognize if you are in need of eCAPS training. The unit conducts training on County and Department purchasing policies and procedures. The unit is responsible for conducting monthly buyer, approver and receiver eCAPS Procurement Training for Department members who participate in these services. Procurement Compliance also provides help desk support for purchasing and/or eCAPS inquiries. The buyer class is a two-day class. The approver and receiver classes are four hours each. Employees interested in classes should contact their budget representative to be placed on the list for the next available class.

SPECIAL FUNDS ACCOUNTING

Special Funds Accounting is responsible for the full-cycle accounting of eight Special Revenue Funds: Inmate Welfare, Narcotics Enforcement Fund, Special Training Fund, Processing Fee Fund, Automated Fingerprint Identification System Fund, Countywide Warrant System, Sheriff Automation and Vehicle Theft Prevention Program (TRAP). Their services also include preparing financial statements and special reports for Department executives, Inmate Welfare Commission and board offices, and responding to requests from professional auditing firms.

Fiscal Administration regularly sends out Fiscal Notices to keep employees up to date on all fiscal policies. Fiscal Notices can be found in Outlook under Public Folders. If you have additional questions after visiting the website or folders, please feel free to contact any of the units listed here for assistance. All of the units are located at the Hall of Justice on the fifth floor.

Until next time, I leave you with the following quote: "Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy, and change ordinary opportunities into blessings." — William Arthur Ward

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

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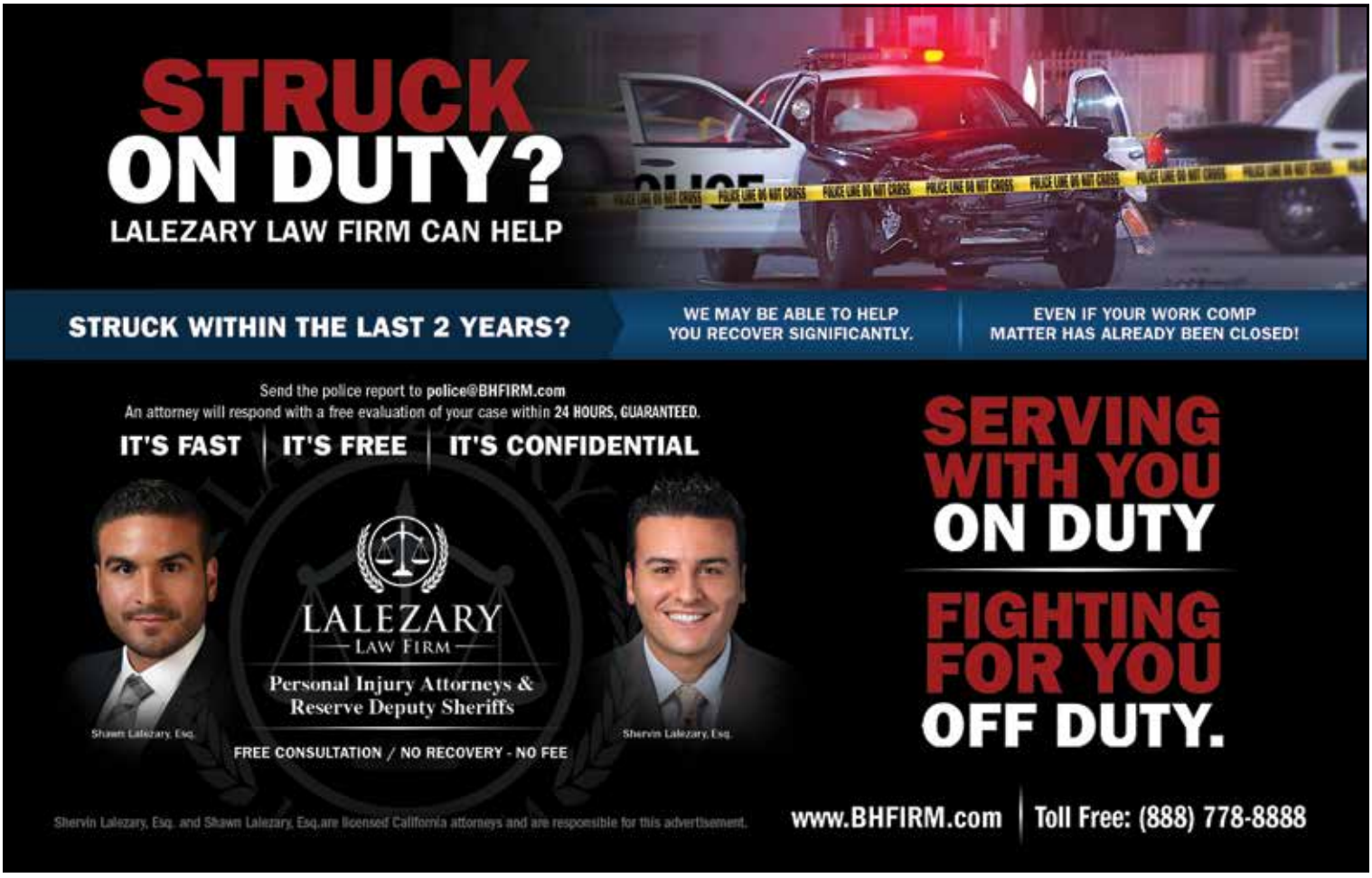

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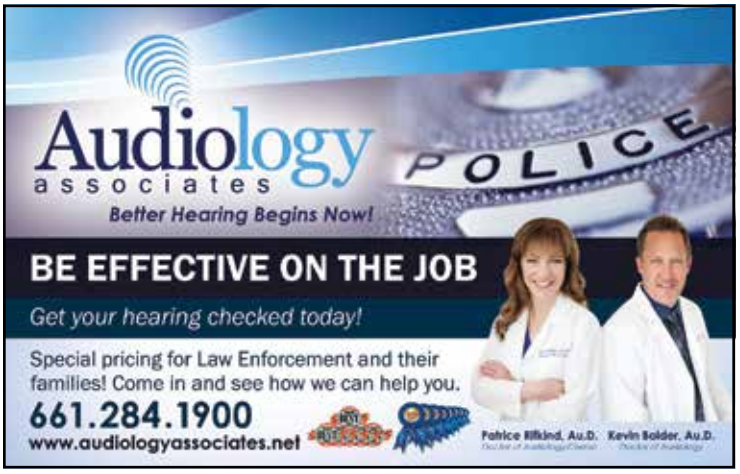

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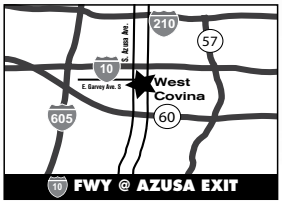

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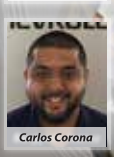
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