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The regular meeting of the Sheriffs’ Relief Association convened on February 14 at 11515 Colima Road, Whittier. The following officers and trustees were present: Joe Badali, President; Mike Abdeen, Vice President; Diane Stone, Secretary-Treasurer; Trustees Chuck Becerra, Kerry Carter, Joe Hartshorne, Steve Katz, Rod Kushe and Veronica Urenda; and Bill McSweeney, General Manager. Trustees not present: Teresa Garrett, Liza Vera and Glenn Walsh.

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m. A motion was made by Trustee Urenda, seconded by Trustee Abdeen and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the January 10 meeting and the December Foundation expenditures.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

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

From Keith Bushey for Devil Pups: “Once again, the entire Devil Pups organization extends its deepest appreciation to the Sheriffs’ Relief Association for supporting our summer youth encampments. 2018 was another great year. Also, once again, we sent a great many LASD kids.”

From Michael McHaney to Leo Norton: “Thank you Leo Norton for your kind words and your staff a happy, healthy and prosperous new year!”

From Sally Harwell to SRA: “Thank you so much for the giant gift basket door prize donated for the Norwalk – Pico Retirees and Friends Christmas Bash held on December 20, 2018. There were 40 guests in attendance and I think everyone there thoroughly enjoyed the food, the laughter and the chatter. Thank you again for helping make this bash a great success and for all you do for our members. Here’s wishing you and your staff a happy, healthy and prosperous new year!”

**BENEVOLENT REPORT**

MORTUARY BENEFITS PAID DURING JANUARY: $181,500
MORTUARY BENEFITS PAID YEAR TO DATE: $181,500

**EMPORIUM REPORT**

Uniform sales at PDC are going well.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

A total of 45 new membership applications were received during the month of February. A motion is required to accept these new applications. Motion by Trustee Urenda was seconded by Trustee Abdeen and unanimously carried to accept the following new members: Christopher Andrade, Jaime E. Antolin, Moises Arias, Juan M. Arroyo, Yessica Barcenas, Conner J. Bootta, Kurtis D. Brawner, Edward C. Chen, Dinney Chhan, Ryan M. Elijo-Ramirez, Tony E. Escalante, Christian W. Fitzpatrick, Dalia M. Galdamez Jacobo, Edwin M. Hernandez, Juan Hernandez-Jimenez, Daniel F. Herrera, Shelby E. Jackson, Christopher S. Jones, Joseph L. Keller IV, Christopher Le’mus, Christopher B. Low, Monique Melgar-ejo, Joseph D. Miller, Mitchell T. Montes, Ernesto A. Montoya, Edgar Moreno, Nikko C. Motley, Victor M. Muniz, Joshua A. Orowa, Leticia M.F. Ortiz, Jonathan J. Padilla, Kevin K. Paliakara, Dorian T. Penn, Anthony R. Perez, Bertha Perez, John L. Pham, Charisse M. Powell, Luciano E. Ramirez, Daniel C. Rose, Kevin M. Salazar, Diego F. Sanchez, Elias Sanchez, Amanda M. Summers, Phillip M. Torres and David B. Young.

We had 2 deaths of active members, 18 deaths of retired members, 0 cancellations of active membership, 2 cancellations of retired membership, 1 new honorary associate member and 8 deaths of honorary associate members.

There were 9 members who resigned, 0 discharges and 0 who transferred from the Sheriff’s Department/Relief Association during the month of January.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Bylaw modification of sick claims. A motion was made by Trustee Abdeen, seconded by Trustee Hartshorne and unanimously carried to approve Article 13 modification.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:45 p.m., a motion was made by Trustee Abdeen, seconded by Secretary-Treasurer Stone and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting of the Sheriffs’ Relief Association, Sheriffs’ Relief Foundation and Sheriffs’ Relief Services Inc. 🌟

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**Next Luncheon:**

Wednesday, April 10
11:30 a.m. Buffet $10.95
**Villa Catrina Restaurant**
251 N. Santa Anita Ave.
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**Retired Deputies**

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On Wednesday, February 6, the Hi-Desert Retirees and friends got together for their monthly luncheon at Marie Callender’s in Victorville at 11 a.m. It was freezing but these faithful retirees came out to eat: Annette and Lee Henderson, Beth Combs, Sheila and Joe Ortiz, Chickee and Norman Nelson, Shannique and Brandon Solaita, Lonjay Shahid and Cindy Frazer (Olesinski). We ate and carried on several different conversations for a few hours. Everybody is welcome, so if you are in the area or passing through, stop by and join us for lunch.

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The monthly luncheon for the Desert Heat Retirees was held at the Elks Lodge in Lake Havasu City, Arizona, from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. on February 6. The cost was $10 and that included tax and tip. A no-host bar is available, and we welcome all retirees. Those attending were Don and Susie Sackett, Jerry Gillen, Brian Smith, Mike Castorina, Tommy Jiminez, Steve Root and Nick Tippings. If you want to mark your calendars, here are future luncheon dates for this year: April 3, May 1, June 5, July 3, September 4, October 2, November 6, and December 4. The kitchen will be closed August 7 for cleaning and upgrades. Any questions, contact Jerry Gillen (lnx1993@yahoo.com)

The Retired Marshals luncheon was held at Damon’s Restaurant in Glendale on February 6. The turnout wasn’t as large as usual, but those who did attend enjoyed themselves. They included Terry Glisson, Barbara Jones, Ophelia Holguin, Richard Duran, “Wild” Bill Bevans, Eugene “Swannie” Swanston, Dave Grijalva, Darryl Muckala, Cliff Hartfield, Steve Jimenez, Al Barnett, Terry Black, and Hal Richey stopped by to say hello. — Terry

On February 13, the San Diego Retirees met at O’Sullivan’s Irish Pub and Restaurant in Carlsbad Village. A good time was had by all as we recuperated from the hustle and bustle of the Christmas and New Year excitement. In attendance were Bill Findon, Lou Brown, Greg Simon, Harry Penny, Bob Henley, Al Henkel, Karen Green-Henkel, Bill Gaynor, Joe Raffa and Ron Eoff. — Joe

The LASD Retirees of NorCal had their bimonthly brunch meeting at Awful Annie’s Restaurant in Lincoln, California, on February 20. The 11 a.m. meeting was well attended by 11 members and five spouses. Three of the 11 — Ken Skarin, Mick Kelleher and Greg Everett — have only recently retired! Welcome aboard! Those attending were Mary Berger, Norm Williams, Ken Skarin, Dave and Joan Crissman, Debbie Fogarty, Jane and Ron Riordan, John Nickols, Joe Berger, Mick Kelleher, Greg Everett, Dennis Lessiak, Paul Harman, Clyde King and Bruce Fogarty. Once again Awful Annie’s came through with delicious menu selections for breakfast or lunch. The staff went out of its way to provide good and timely service during the approximately 90-minute-long dining confab. LASD Retirees of NorCal meetings will occur bimonthly at Awful Annie’s with future dates and times listed on the MOON LIST, at least 30 days before the events.

On February 20, the Las Vegas Retirees got together at Charlie’s Lakeside for lunch. Those present were Hershel Aron, Chickie and Norman Nelson, John Hooge, Virgil Bartlett, Debbie and Randy Sulstrom, Jim Ellison, John Baylis, Gary Griffith, Gary Olson, Joan Raver, Deanna and John Rodina. We talked and solved all the world’s problems. If you want to get some real laughs, you have to hear the dating stories that Joan and John have to tell. You will be cracking up! If you would like to join us at our monthly luncheons, come on in the third Wednesday of the month at noon, and enjoy a good meal with some fun people. We will take a group picture at the luncheon on Wednesday, April 17. Come join us and say, “Cheese!”


On February 22, we awoke to a beautiful, clear, blue and cloudless sky. This in contrast to the day before, when the day was gloomy and cloudy with periodic moments of rain, snow and sleet, depending on where one was. Thirteen of us dinosaurs met at Denny’s restaurant for the Antelope Valley Retirees’ monthly breakfast and exchange of war stories from our years on the department. Strangely enough. At one end of the table, the conversation focused on retirees’ activities, such as coaching youth sports and the problems inherent with the responsibility; all very interesting. At the other end of the table,
the conversations were about exchanging books, of which Vance Kirkpatrick brought in a bucket full of them. Other subjects involved remembering personnel of the past. Also discussed was the experiences of driving the transportation buses. The best remembered were the old Flex bus that was used for statewide transportation and the Ford bus with the Industrial 500 engine (so I was told) and no muffler because the engine kept blowing them out. The Ford bus was used for the Mira Loma prisoner run because it was powerful enough to make the run up through Bouquet Canyon and over Godde Pass. I related a harrowing time when we were returning to Mira Loma with 12 prisoners, and cresting over Godde Pass, I realized the brakes were almost gone, with maybe one braking attempt left. I told my shotgun partner, Ed Collins, about the situation and that I would save it for the last curve, which was the most treacherous. We made it safely to Mira Loma although by then I was using the E brake. We all breathed a sigh of relief, including the prisoners who were scared.... Ed’s hands were glued to the safety bar and seemed a little white. Mary McKain, who in her other role in life is an accomplished musician, is completing her training as a mariachi trumpeter and will soon be performing with mariachi bands. So when you hear mariachi music, look for Mary to be in the band. Attending the breakfast were Mary McKain, John Ament, Steve Mulcahy, Gus Risinger, Ron Shreves, Pat Hood, Al Shoomiansky, Fred Mcнутt, Tom Ewens, Ron Nybakken, Glenn Hutchinson, Vance Kirkpatrick and yours truly, Carlos Valdez.

The Northern Nevada Retired Law Enforcement group met for its quarterly luncheon on February 25 at the Taildragger Cafe in Minden, Nevada. The airport is known for its annual airshow featuring the Blue Angels.

Approximately 20 confirmed RSVPs and almost 40 retirees, from varying law enforcement agencies, attended. They included Jim Wetzel, Carole Freeman, Allen Kunihiro, Monica and Stephen Huss, Tica Sances, Chuck Sances, Jan Rhoades, Betty Valdez, Jeff and Kim Donahue, Maria Kunihiro, Sylvia and Tim Hayes, Cathryn Kotler, Doug Morrill (Garden Grove P.D.), Maria and John Czarnock (Beverly Hills P.D.), Mike Rhoades, Mike Valdez, Ed Anhalt, James “Mats,” Karen and Allen Harris, Bill Isaac, Will Neumann, unidentified, Tony and Kim Till, Cal Fitzgerald and Ron Olfert (the tallest of the group).

It was quite chaotic for the servers, since we did not expect that number of attendees. They just kind of came out of the woodwork. Allen asked several of them how they had found out about it and some responded they had read it on Moon’s site and others responded they had heard it through the grapevine. It was quite chaotic for the organizer as well, because they were not familiar with some of the attendees. Most of the attendees were recognized but some of them were not identified.

The monthly Prescott-area Retired Law Enforcement breakfast will be held March 5 at 8 a.m. at the Lone Spur Cafe, 106 W. Gurley, in Prescott (right across from the Courthouse Square). We are usually seated in the back room. Last month we had 34 attendees! If you have any questions, please contact Tony Hollins at ctln48@msn.com.

Future breakfast dates this year are April 2, May 7, June 4, July 2, August 6, September 3, October 1, November 5 and December 3. We always meet on the first Tuesday of the month.

This year is really flying by. It is April already. It is really a joy to see how many new retiree luncheon groups are getting started in different places. Make sure you are enjoying your retirement. Get out and about. Go to a luncheon now and then. There are plenty of things to do and get involved in. So enjoy your life and have a good time wherever you are. — Chickee and Don
BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

On February 21, Administration Services Division and Personnel Administration (ASD) hosted a Black History Month Celebration soul food luncheon at the Hall of Justice (HOJ) in the Media Room. A paltry donation of $10 guaranteed a hearty plate of good homemade soul food. What began as a relatively small annual office event has steadily grown year after year. This year, it was moved to the HOJ Media Room to accommodate 150 people who took part in the event. In addition to the scrumptious grub, the affair also included entertainment, music, African art and pictures of myriad individuals and groups of people who have been instrumental in and a stimulus to black history.

Division Director Conrad Meredith and Operations Assistant Shawn Foster of ASD were the masters of ceremony and were very proud of the number of people that supported the event. Operations Assistant Yvette White of Personnel Administration Bureau also was a big help with spearheading this joint event.

Entertainment was highlighted by our resident author/poet ASD Manager Dernice Samuel of the Contracts Unit. She performed a self-written poem about the historical impact of Martin Luther King Jr. and former President Barack Obama. More than 13 attendees also recited quotes from past and present notable black agents of social change, including Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglas, Malcolm X and Maya Angelou.

The smiling faces in the photos exhibit the fun, laughter and pride had by all, and we hope to see you next year. 🌟
40TH ANNUAL
LASD RETIREES’ REUNION

Sunday, June 16 – Friday, June 21
Inter-Mountain Fairgrounds · McArthur, California

All retired members, including civilians and your traveling companions, of the Los Angeles County Sheriffs’ Department are invited to gather at the Inter-Mountain Fairgrounds in McArthur, California, for the 40th Annual Reunion. The location is on Highway 299, approximately 70 miles east of Redding, between the peaks of Mt. Lassen and Mt. Shasta. The registration fee is $10 per person paid upon check-in.

Bring your RV, tent or stay in one of the local motels in Fall River Mills. Full hookup camping, showers, laundry and 30-amp and some 50-amp service is $15 per night starting Friday prior to the event. Early campers arriving before Friday will pay the regular campground rate.

Activities include golf tournaments at a championship 18-hole golf course, Bocci ball, card tournaments, potluck dinners, steak fry, a catered dinner, a pancake breakfast, fishing, nearby casino and sightseeing. Or just kick back and relax. Plenty of war stories, tales of then and now and lie swapping may be heard daily. Newly retired and surviving spouses are especially welcome.

Please RSVP and for additional information, contact:

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Thousands of law enforcement personnel from around the country and the world competed in the 35th annual Baker to Vegas run March 22 and 23. The relay race, put on by the Los Angeles Police Revolver & Athletic Club, took runners through 120 miles of the barren desert. Nearly 300 teams, which included those from countries such as Canada, Australia and Belize, vied for bragging rights in the largest law enforcement race of its kind.

Congratulations to everyone from 37 LASD teams who participated — runners and support team members — for their enthusiasm, endurance and teamwork! Mark your calendars for next year’s run, which will take place April 4 and 5.
UNDERCOVER DECOYS: TARGETING HUMAN TRAFFICKERS AND RESCUING VICTIMS, PART 4

In the city of West Hollywood, it is common for male sex workers dressed as women to stand along Santa Monica Boulevard, waiting to be propositioned. These stings are done the same way as the female prostitute operations. Male deputies drove up to the male prostitutes, made an agreement and arrested them. Then a male deputy decoy, not dressed as a female, took their place.

THE EFFECTS OF BEING A DECOY

Deputies Sheri Anderson and Anna Enriquez tried to prepare new decoys for what they would encounter. They were told that if a guy came up and offered a lower amount than the going rate for the area, it wasn’t because of their looks or anything about them; the guys were just trying to get a deal. Also, if they were out on the street longer than another decoy and didn’t get propositioned, it had nothing to do with whether or not they were good-looking; it was usually because of personal preferences. Some men prefer blondes, some brunettes; some prefer heavy women and others skinny women. It just depends on who is driving by at the time. The decoys were also told that there would be good offers and bad, but not all resulted in an arrest. And to never to take anything personally, although some still did.

Posing as a prostitute affected each female deputy differently. Some felt dirty agreeing to a sex act with a stranger, while others felt like actors portraying a role. One surprising aspect was how their self-esteem was impacted by how quickly they were propositioned. Some were on the street for 30 seconds before being propositioned, while others waited for what seemed an eternity, leaving them feeling unattractive or undesirable. During one operation, a female deputy was on the street for 45 minutes and never received a proposition. Finally, a driver stopped and tried to sell her drugs. After he was arrested, she entered the motorhome and told the sergeant in charge that she was not going back on the street.

Men who are used to seeing sex workers who are drug users or are missing teeth know that the clean-cut decoy with all of her teeth is a cop. Sex buyers are very concerned that a woman who appears to be a sex worker may turn out to be a police officer, so anything that seems unusual — such as body language, dialogue or demeanor — may scare them off. Some sex buyers admitted that they thought the woman was probably a cop, but she was so beautiful and had such a great figure, they just had to take a chance.

LITTLE TRICKS USED BY DECOYS

Deputy Cindy Conner knew that many prostitutes had bad teeth, so, when working as a decoy, she would constantly eat sunflower seeds. This would blacken some of her teeth, making it appear that she needed dental work.

Deputy Rene Martinez found that licking a sucker or Popsicle not only hid her teeth but made her appear sexier as well.

TECHNOLOGY CHANGES

Since the introduction of the internet and other technology, sex can now be advertised on websites and dating services. Although street sex workers are still concentrated in certain areas of the county, the Sheriff’s Department must now keep track of both street and online sex workers to combat the human trafficking problem.

Along with the advances in technology came changes in the terms referring to suspects and victims. Pimps are now traffickers or exploiters, while prostitutes are now victims or victims of human trafficking, since law enforcement recognizes the exploitation behind the typical sex worker. Minors, referred to as Commerically Sexually Exploited Children, or CSEC, are now rescued and provided with services to get them out of “the life.” Changes in California state law now preclude law enforcement from arresting minors for commercial sex-related charges and to provide for services designed to assist them in changing their future.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

When people hear “human trafficking,” many think of women chained in storage containers or basements of homes. These types of incidents are dramatized by movies and television shows that highlight the worst-case scenario. Human trafficking is the commercial exploitation of a human being for profit. It is modern-day slavery. Victims of human trafficking often include minors, forced into the sex trade at the average age of 12 to 14 years old.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department formed the Human Trafficking Bureau (HTB) in November of 2015, when newly elected Sheriff Jim McDonnell recognized the deficiency. From
his previous experience, the sheriff knew that “the harder we look, the more trafficking we will find” and wanted a team in place to impact human trafficking in Los Angeles County. Previously, only two Major Crimes Bureau detectives were assigned to handle trafficking cases. As the bureau was taking shape, the Los Angeles Regional Human Trafficking Task Force was also formed, because a regionalized effort was needed to truly impact the heinous crime.

The HTB adopted a three-pronged approach to fight trafficking.

1. To identify and rescue the victims of human trafficking.
2. To identify and arrest the exploiters and charge them to the full extent for their crimes against adult and child victims. Those who victimize children will be charged as the molesters they are.
3. To disrupt the demand for sex trafficking by arresting the customers and disrupting the commercial sex trade by amplifying the risk, arresting the customers and removing some of the anonymity provided by engaging in the sex trade on the internet.

Unlike any previous effort, the Los Angeles Regional Human Trafficking Task Force (LARHTTF) incorporated federal, state and local law enforcement; federal, state and county prosecutors, government social service agencies and private agency victim service providers, all co-located at the Sherman Block Headquarters Building to collaborate against human trafficking in Los Angeles County. The task force was designed to handle sex and labor trafficking of adults and juveniles in Los Angeles County.

The co-located team committed to a victim-centered, trauma-informed approach in dealing with the victims of exploitation. The “No Such Thing as a Child Prostitute” campaign was adopted, and the exploited children were recognized as the true victims they were.

Tenured detectives from throughout the Department were reassigned to the task force and began an aggressive, proactive effort to rescue juvenile exploitation victims as well as adults coerced or forced into lives of prostitution. The Detective Information Resource Center (DIRC) was reassigned to the unit to provide invaluable open source research for the detectives in support of their criminal investigations, many of which originated on the internet.

The Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC-SAFE) Team joined the bureau and continued to impact the crime of child exploitation by identifying and arresting those who hide behind the cover of the internet to exploit children. Working in concert with the trafficking detectives, the SAFE Team’s expertise proved invaluable toward the shared mission.

ARRESTING TRAFFICKERS

Detectives assigned to the Human Trafficking Bureau receive special training in social media as an investigative tool. During specific operations, ads are placed on websites used for dating or are notorious for advertising commercial sex to attract customers. Traffickers locate ads from what appear to be promising-looking girls and contact them via the app, phone or text. decoys engage the traffickers in extended conversation, sometimes lasting for days. Pimps typically focus on the prospects who they believe will bring in a lot of money or have an ad that will bring in a lot of customers. Decoys are groomed and recruited by the exploiters, who use outrageous promises of an elaborate lifestyle with lots of money, a nice house, a fancy car and protection from dangerous sex buyers. Simultaneously, research and crime analysts work to determine the true identity of the internet connection, including name, location, criminal history and current photographs of the suspect.

When conversing with a trafficker, the decoy ensures that their dialogue meets the elements of pandering, under the guidance of a detective. Once this law has been violated, a meeting will be arranged. Should the suspect demand a phone conversation or a photo, decoys

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are prepared to pacify their exploiter but are careful to never reveal their identity.

Undercover detectives deploy and establish a perimeter at the rendezvous location until the suspect arrives. A tactical take-down is performed and the suspect is arrested. Should another female accompany the pimp to the meeting, an interview is conducted to establish her identity and status as a victim. Should it be necessary for a decoy to meet the suspect to identify him, she is always supported by the appropriate personnel, to ensure her safety and security, since she carries no ID or weapon. Decoys take great pride in exposing the felony exploiters who prey upon many innocent victims.

Gangs

Women recruited into gangs are not on an equal level with the men. Their purpose is to have sex with the male gang members, steal, carry and conceal drugs or guns, or become sex workers. If a gang is selling drugs, they can only sell their supply of drugs one time. Once the drug is sold out, they stop making money until they obtain more drugs. But sex workers can be sold over and over again, which continually brings in money. Gangs realized that selling sex workers was much more profitable and the risk was much lower than selling drugs. Instead of taking chances of being caught while transporting drugs when they resupplied, all they had to do was coerce girls into becoming sex workers. These girls are forced to work long hours, which continually brings in money.

Romeo Pimps

Gang members known as “Romeo Pimps” know who to target. Girls who are needy, in want of attention, seeking something missing at home, physically or sexually abused, feel abandoned, use alcohol or drugs or are skipping school are carefully manipulated by the gang member, who pretends to be anything she wants him to be. He says that he will protect her from bullying and that he loves her.

The victim often feels trapped because her family doesn’t want her around, and the police look at her as a criminal; she has nowhere to go and no one to help her. If she does try to get away and the gang members find her, she will be abused so severely that she will never run away again. Not only do they threaten her with physical violence, but her family as well.

Gang members paint a picture of what a great life joining them will bring, that they are like a family. They promise a dream that doesn’t exist. Besides becoming involved in criminal activity, all girls are used for sex. Joining relinquishes control of their life, and it’s very hard to get away.

Rules

There are rules that the sex workers must follow, and if they don’t, they’re considered “out-of-pocket.” Traffickers also have rules they must follow, because if they don’t, the girls who chose to be in that business will leave and find someone else. Because traffickers are always making promises they don’t keep, sex workers continually change from one trafficker to another.

Contacting Decoys

After seeing a decoy’s ad on the internet, traffickers will send a text thinking she is a sex worker they can recruit. They will also call, and because they expect to hear the voice of a younger woman, it’s important that decoys are recruited just out of the Academy. The trafficker will ask to see what she looks like to ensure she’s a real person and not just somebody gathering photos online, so the decoys must pose for a variety of pictures that are provocative but not too revealing; their faces are never shown.

Coercing Women to Become Sex Workers Through Dating

Experienced traffickers know how to identify vulnerable women on dating sites. They are usually young, looking for a relationship and who just wants to get married and have kids. Girls with low self-esteem who may have difficulty getting a date are suddenly being showered with gifts and compliments. Traffickers are older and know how to be convincing.

Traffickers Offer Protection

Many women are not sex workers by choice; they do it because they’ve been coerced, or it’s all they can do to survive and support their family. Some traffickers trust the girls to be on their own and bring back money at the end of the night. Others keep a constant eye on them, saying it’s for their own safety in case someone tries to attack, rob or force them to do something bizarre or unsafe.
“...in whatever state I am, to be content...”
— Philippians 4:11

**CONTENTMENT**

The race to a “better” life. The quest for a better position, a better car, a better house, a better relationship, a better physique or a better place in life. A pilot pondered this “better” as he flew a certain route. The pilot always looked down intently on a certain valley in the Appalachians when his plane passed overhead. One day his copilot asked, “What’s so interesting about that spot?” The pilot replied, “See that stream? Well, when I was a kid I used to sit down there on a log and fish. Every time an airplane flew over, I would look up and wish I were flying... Now I look down and wish I were fishing.” Socially, we program ourselves to think that contentment comes with increase.

The Philippian church was generous toward the Apostle Paul, but in response, Paul said that the joy in his heart did not spring from the satisfaction of material needs. Paul’s circumstances when he was in prison for his faith were the antithesis of comfort. Paul’s understanding of contentment was very different: the word “content” expressed his independence of external circumstances, but only because his peace was wholly dependent on God. I think the longer we go on in life we realize that happiness and contentment do not come from stuff; they come from a relationship with God. Paul was not so much “self-sufficient” as “God-sufficient.” Scripture says that God “strengthens us to do all things” (Phil 4:13). Here are a few things to think about that can possibly influence on-duty and off-duty life.

1. Recognize your blessings. Realize what you have. There is the trap of “When and Then” thinking: “When I get married, then I’ll be happy.” “When I get divorced, then I’ll be happy.” “When we have kids, then we’ll be happy.” “When I get a better position, then I’ll be happy.” Contentment is not getting whatever you want. Contentment is enjoying whatever you have.

2. Never get used to your blessings. Complaining and dissatisfaction come easily — we can gripe about many things every day. It does not take much effort or talent to grumble, but it takes character to give thanks.

3. Remember to share your blessings. Sharing builds a greater sense of purpose, contentment and fulfillment.

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

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**INNOCENT VICTIMS**

Girls who are religious or very conservative are also targeted. Traffickers begin dating their victim and after developing a relationship, push her into doing something out of character, generally unethical or immoral. Since she doesn’t want her parents to know what she did, she can now be blackmailed by this so-called boyfriend. A wedge is driven, isolating her from her family so that she feels trapped. He may claim that he is in love with her and convinces her to move in with him. At this point, he completely takes over her life, often putting her possessions into storage and confiscating her Social Security and credit cards. The victim now has nothing, nowhere to go and feels powerless to leave.

**SEXTORTION**

These relationships move at a very fast pace because the trafficker wants to get her into the sex trade as soon as possible. Told that he’s in love with her, she agrees to let him take nude pictures of her. He then threatens that if she doesn’t do as she’s told, he’ll spread the pictures around and then no one will want her back. This form of extortion, using the threat of releasing nude photos, is known as “sextortion.” Now completely dependent, she is convinced that she should just stay with him since he provides everything she needs.

**FORCED TO BECOME A SEX WORKER**

Once the victim is in this hopeless situation, the trafficker makes his move by telling her she needs to earn money to pay for her part in the relationship. He says she can make money by just dancing or going as a date with other men to parties or events. What he doesn’t tell her is that the dancing involves stripping and the men expect to receive money, not just sex. Forced into sexual situations far beyond her conservative boundaries, she may hesitate. If so, he threatens to harm her family or tell her family and friends what she’s doing. Sadly, she still thinks this monster is her boyfriend and that he loves her.

**PROMISES**

The victim is continually promised extravagant gifts, such as an expensive car or her own condo, and once she earns a certain amount of money, she can move on to other things. She feels there is a light at the end of the tunnel, but in reality, she becomes entrenched in this lifestyle for years.

**A WAY OUT**

Prior to the establishment of the Human Trafficking Bureau, sex workers were never considered to be victims and were simply removed from the street, arrested, booked and briefly incarcerated. Presently, the resources available through the relationship between the LASD and various service providers have enabled these individuals to disclose their abuse and receive the services necessary to get out of “the life” and on the road to a more productive, promising future, free from exploitation. Because many of the victims have an extensive history of neglect and abuse, it is often difficult to break through the bonds between the victim and the exploiter, which have been formed as a result of the trauma experienced over an extended period. Because of the progressive nature of the task force, an advocate is assigned to the victims, to inform them about the potential resources available to them to aid in their recovery. The availability of the task force service providers enables the detectives to focus on the criminal investigation of the exploiter, while the victims are cared for by the appropriate service agency or governmental social service provider.

See Part 5 in the next issue of Star News. Edited by Jan Jenkins (LASD Retired). ✪
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE RETIREES OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT

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

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PAYBACK

I hope you all survived April Fools’ Day. As for us, it was time to get back at Lieutenant DeMarkus Smith for all the jokes he plays on people. It seems that Lieutenant Smith has a long history of shenanigans and some people have been scarred for life. However, Deputy Chad Pluimer did not want to wait years to get even with Lieutenant Smith. Remember a few months ago, when I reported that Lieutenant Smith tore up Deputy Pluimer’s time-off slip? Well, Deputy Pluimer has been laying low and waiting for the perfect time to strike back.

Sergeant Jeff Curran was updating the lieutenants schedule and he had a basic schedule outlined on a white board. Deputy Pluimer realized it was the perfect time to get even, so he changed Lieutenant Smith’s County double to an early / day double on Saturday. Then it was time to strike. Lieutenant Smith was called into the captain’s conference room and I asked Lieutenant Smith if he was OK with an early / day double on his kickoff. Lieutenant Smith immediately looked at the proposed schedule, glared at Sergeant Curran and then said, “I never agreed to that and I was never asked about it.” Lieutenant Smith then stormed out of the conference room and he headed back to the Watch Commander’s Office. After about 15 seconds, we decided to let the cat out of the bag; we called Lieutenant Smith back into the conference room and everyone started laughing hysterically. Well, Lieutenant Smith realized that he had been had and that Deputy Pluimer was the instigator. After a few minutes of a good laugh and a few high-fives, Lieutenant Smith acknowledged that other people are just as capable as he is to pull off a good prank. Unfortunately, everyone in on the prank is now watching their backs.

LUNCH DEAL

Speaking of Sergeant Curran, it seems he has an unusual lunch deal. It appears that he will ask you what you want for lunch and then forget to order for you. This was exactly what he did to Lieutenant Gary Harman. While working a County double as the shift Watch Commander, Sergeant Curran told Lieutenant Harman that the administrative personnel were getting lunch and asked if he wanted to join in. Lieutenant Harman thought it would be a great idea so he agreed to participate in the lunch run. However, 30 minutes later, Lieutenant Harman realized that everyone was eating and he had not been notified that lunch had arrived. It was at that moment that Sergeant Curran realized he had forgotten to order Lieutenant Harman’s lunch. After a few minutes of apologizing, Sergeant Curran offered to “walk” to the nearest restaurant and get some food. However, Lieutenant Harman went back to the Watch Commander’s Office and he resorted to scavenging up some recent leftovers to get him through his 16-hour shift. I think the next lunch should be on Sergeant Curran’s dime, to make things right.

STRIKE UP THE BAND

While on a recent weekend trip to Carlsbad, I struck up a conversation with some of the guests during the hotel’s wine and cheese social hour. Lo and behold, one of them, Mrs. Dawn Anderson, had a connection to the Sheriff’s Department. Mrs. Anderson is a member of the LASD Band. Yes, if you did not realize, LASD has a band composed of retired LASD employees and volunteers. In fact, Mrs. Anderson often writes an article in the Star News. (See page 32.) She informed me that the LASD Band is available for any LASD function and you should check out its website at www.lasdband.org and listen to the top-quality musicians that the band has on staff.

WORDS OF THE WEEK

It seems our detectives keep a running list of misspelled words that are found in reports. A few of the words on the list were “hairing bone,” “his back was stolen,” “neckles” and “Garden Groove.”

H-TEAM

At least one day a week, all the PM shift desk personnel have last names starting with the letter “H.” Deputy Daniel Haven, Deputy William Harrison and Law Enforcement Technician Tabitha continued on page 16
**Failing to Plan**

Every Sheriff’s employee knows the dangers of drinking and driving, or at least they know it when they are sober. Yet, it is a frequent occurrence for one of our employees to get arrested for driving under the influence. This indicates that, after drinking, many individuals say, “Yes, I am OK to drive,” when any reasonable person would know that they are not. That part of the brain that tells you to stop seems to be no longer working when you’re under the influence of alcohol. In other words, they keep saying “yes,” when they should be saying “no.”

For those with the disease of alcoholism, there is an additional problem. Once they take the first drink of the yes drug, they can’t say no to the second drink, or the third, fourth and so on. This presents a serious dilemma for alcoholics, who often give in to drinking in excess despite increasing problems at home and at work.

Drinking a fair amount of alcohol over a period of time seems to change the sensitivity of the brain to the effects of alcohol. This means that more significant amounts of alcohol are required to produce the same effect. If this is you, you should not be driving everyone else home because you think that you are sober enough to drive. Your body could be developing tolerance and you should talk to someone.

If you are out drinking with your friends regularly, maybe it’s worth asking yourself why. If you are having problems with alcohol, you are never alone. If there are times when you have misused alcohol and problems result, then you can take comfort in knowing there are others like you who have received help.

Even law enforcement is affected in large numbers. Look around the department and you might know a former drinker who has found a lot happier way to live. So ask yourself, “Will my life be better without risky alcohol misuse?” It’s time to be proactive. Reach out for help and develop a plan to drink responsibly or be sober. Psychological Services Bureau (PSB)/Substance Abuse Resource Program (SARP) is a safe, confidential place to start. You can call me or talk to one of our docs. This will be one of your best calls to preserve your future success. Call PSB at (213) 738-3500. You can also contact Peace Officers Fellowship (POF) from the list above. There is no better time than now! ✨

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Harness. So if you have a non-H last name, it does not appear that you will be able to work the desk, at least on the PM shift.

Speaking of “H”-named employees, we welcome back Lieutenant Dave Holwager, who returned to Crescenta Valley Station from his loan assignment to Personnel Administration. If you remember from previous articles, Lieutenant Holwager often “heard” unusual things while assigned as the EM shift Watch Commander. To reduce the number of paranormal sightings by Lieutenant Holwager, we decided to have him work primarily when the sun is up, so now we will see if his imagination runs just as wild during the day. It appears that the other lieutenants might not welcome Lieutenant Holwager back with open arms. For the past year, the lieutenants and sergeants have really enjoyed all the paid lieutenant overtime resulting from Lieutenant Holwager’s loan, and now the money trail has ended. Oh, well, welcome back.

**Congratulations**

We want to congratulate Law Enforcement Technician Souseh Petross and her husband, Ricky, as they are expecting their first child. The recent gender reveal had everyone seeing blue! Congratulations.

More congratulations are in order for Sergeant Darrin Walker, who recently retired after 32 years of dedicated service to the Sheriff’s Department. Thank you, Darrin, and please keep in touch.

**Speedy Recovery**

We wish a speedy recovery to Deputy Tai Plunkett, who has been off and is currently recovering from major surgery, and to Sergeant Ermina Mckelvy, who is also recovering from a recent surgery. Take care to you both and to all the other employees currently off injured; Deputies Erik Bottema and Eddie Tsuang, we hope you are able to return to work soon.

**On to a New Assignment**

Deputy Jack Dempsey, who recently promoted to detective, has transferred to Custody Division – Jail Investigation Unit (JIU). Deputy Dempsey was the 2018 Crescenta Valley Deputy of the Year so his transfer will be a big loss to the Station and a big gain for JIU. Congratulations and stay in touch.

**Professional Staff**

April 24 is Professional Staff Day and we wanted to acknowledge and thank all our professional staff for their hard work and their dedication to the Crescenta Valley Station. We thank Sally, Kim, Lilian, Aaron, Daniel, Marc, Darleen, Camelia, Marisa, Cesar, Ava, Gloria, Nanci, Sandra, Roy, Teresa, Gina, Jodi, Erica, Nicole, Rita, Jessie, Tabitha, Jasmin, Souseh, Dan, Wendy, Julia, Richard, Marlene, Felipe, Yvette and Maria. On behalf of all the Station personnel, we thank you! ✨
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“SLEEPY HOLLOW”: THE LEGEND LIVES ON…

With February being the shortest month of the year, when this article is written, this may be our shortest article….

With Baker to Vegas on the horizon, we are training, raising funds and looking forward to Mugging. (We do have high aspirations!) To help with the fundraising the City of Cerritos has made a contribution to support our team, we’ve had a car show, a barbecue and maybe we’ll recruit Girl Scouts to assist with sales? After all, they are a skilled and motivated workforce.

CAR SHOW

Cerritos Sheriff Station held a car show on February 9. It was a great success even though rain threatened to ruin the event. Thanks to everyone who participated and raised funds for B2V 2019.

FOLLOW-UP TO VEST DAY REPORTED LAST MONTH

The Picerne Family Foundation donated $18,000 for public safety equipment for the Cerritos Station SAO team. The Station was able to purchase nine Point Blank Tactical Gen II vests, extraction litter and ballistic shields. The SAO team has had the opportunity to participate in numerous entry-and-rescue training exercises with their new equipment. Cerritos Station was very thankful for the donation and presented scrolls of appreciation to the directors from the Picerne Family Foundation at the City Council meeting on February 14. Community Safety Manager Daryl Evans gave a presentation to City Council that included photos and video of our SAO team training in the new gear. The City also provided a proclamation in thanks for the Picerne Family Foundation donation.

EXPLORER POST 23

We’ve had two from our Post “age out” (turn 21). We wish Alex Ortiz and Jose Velasquez the best in life. Before turning in his gear, Explorer Captain Ortiz led eight other Explorers from our Post as they served dinner again and talked with the public at the 25th anniversary of the Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Supervisor Janice Hahn of the 4th District had her Field Deputy Lynda Johnson present a proclamation on behalf of the L.A. County Board of Supervisors.

We just named Explorers Tye Anderson and Aakansh Patel to be our two “pinned” leaders of the Post. They are seen in the photo after Deputy Nancy Kwon pinned their badge of rank. Develop-
ing better citizens is what the advisers concentrate on. A bonus is sharing what law enforcement is about through trainings, ride-alongs, sit-alongs, completions and drills. Hopefully some will become future members of LASD.

VOLUNTEERS ON PATROL

We highlight three of our VOP this month, Akshay “AK” Patel, Mel Briggs and Rico “The Energizer Bunny” Hall.

“AK,” his parents and brother Aakansh all emigrated to America five years ago from India. He graduated from Maywood Academy in 2016, the same year he enrolled in the first CER Civilian Academy we hosted. It sparked his interest in LASD and since that coincided with his educational aspirations of administration of justice and kinesiology at Rio Hondo College, he became a VOP. In his two years of service as a CER VOP, he gave over 1,000 hours of service. No task was beneath him. Be it cleaning the VOP office and organization of our work to patrol, events, translation, he’s done it with pride and a smile. He’s CERT-trained as well. He received a scholarship to Grand Canyon University, where he transferred to complete his bachelor’s degrees in 2020. He left his prints all over the Station with what he did for us. He recruited his brother, who has the same work ethic and values of professionalism, to become one of our Post 23 Explorers. Best wishes, AK.

Mel Briggs is our 2018 Volunteer of the Year for CER. He became a VOP in 2007 and has given over 4,000 hours of service. Mel became CERT-trained and certified. He is a veteran of the United States Army and is retired from the phone company. He raised his family in Cerritos (they live within 100 yards of ground zero where the Cerritos air disaster DC-9 impacted). Mel is a Neighborhood Watch block captain, serves on the VOP Steering Group, is a CERT captain, serves on the VOP Steering Group, is our recruitment officer, mentors VOPs in training and is the undisputed leader of the “Nebraska Boys” (Our Tuesday AM Patrol team members were all born in Nebraska. Go, Big Red!) A well-deserved award.

Rico Hall (aka “The Energizer Bunny”) was selected by Cerritos Mayor Mark Pulido as one who exemplifies the ideals of Black History Month. At a City Council meeting, the mayor presented Rico with a proclamation for his many attributes and accomplishments. Here are a few of his details: He was born in northern Louisiana, served 21 years with the United States Army and Air National Guard, then worked for the City of Los Angeles for 31 years and retired as manager of information technology. He became a VOP in 2002 and has over 3,750 service hours. Rico is the recognized subject matter expert on LiveScan and has authored a users manual that’s actually user friendly. He is a member of our VOP Steering Group and a mentor to trainees. What else does he do? Rico is an arts ambassador for the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts, volunteers on the Ski Patrol at Mt. High Resort every Wednesday and is very active with his wife, children and grandchildren. He works PM and EM Security at the harbor, rides a terrific road bike and has taken over 40 sea cruises to date. He seldom sleeps. Seriously, now you know why we call him the “Energizer Bunny,” because he keeps on going and going. The City Council recognizes Rico for what we’ve come to know and love, and his smile never fades.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Cerritos Station was sad to say goodbye to Deputy Dontee Amos but is glad to see him moving onto a new position as a detective at the Jail Investigative Unit. We are also glad to welcome Deputies Dylan Navarro and Marisol Jauregui, who arrived to begin their patrol experience. ★
LAW AND ORDER ON THE RUNWAY

It’s been busy around here at Airport Court. The rain hasn’t put a damper on things as potential jurors flood the parking lot and stream into the building to await their civic duty. The security screening team at the front of the building busily scans our patrons to keep a safe environment. Our clientele keeps us on the go and all 13 courtrooms are packed every morning with people keeping their court dates to see their respective judge.

Court Services had their annual training day. Throughout the county, various courts conducted training scenarios ranging from CPR, Force Refresher, to how to handle an irate client. Airport Court was fortunate to host an active shooter training. Members from SEB donned their gear, gave a great classroom presentation and then oversaw the teams conduct a tactical exercise. The teams eagerly assumed their roles under the tutelage of SEB. With precision, each team cleared the ninth-floor courtrooms as they followed the sound of gunfire. One team was sure it had the gunman cornered as members heard noises coming from inside a jury room. Like lions stalking prey, the team crept closer to the door, ready to pounce. The door opened. A hush surrounded the area until a member of the custodial staff emerged through the doorway. Yeah, they didn’t get the memo about the training day. The sergeant had to apologize profusely. However, all personnel that participated had a great time and learned a great deal. Our thanks to SEB for coming out and conducting an outstanding training.

Lieutenant Christopher had a nice send-off for her last day of work before retirement. Judges, court staff and the deputies were treated to a great barbecue lunch. The guest of honor was introduced and gave her speech. Have you ever seen a lieutenant on this Department give a short speech? She even changed her appearance and told the audience she is letting her hair grow out and wearing bell-bottoms from now on. How cool is that? The smell of the barbecue wafted throughout the room as people drifted over toward the food but still listened to the oration. Security Officer Eric Moultrie was overwhelmed with the epicurean delights and couldn’t wait
any longer. He took it upon himself to jump in and go first while the lieutenant was still talking. Of course, Deputy Jason Lanska had to stop and compare who had the most on their plate. At most retirement celebrations, two guys are always in the back, just standing or sitting around trying to look good. We had those two guys also. Deputies Bryan “The Big B” Bostic and Kenny Albritton. And they do look good.

Airport Court would like to welcome our newest member to the team — Senior Deputy Jena LeFlore. We are extremely glad you are with us.

That’s it from the crown jewel of Court Services – Airport Court. Stay safe! ✨
Records and Identification Bureau (RIB) has been in existence since the early 1900s but few know about what we do. So, the first course of business is a quick introduction: RIB is primarily responsible for ensuring the department’s approximately 15 million criminal records; preserving and releasing according to policy and laws governing records management. We are also responsible for the countywide warrant system, maintaining the integrity of the system, thus making adult and juvenile warrant information available 24/7. Our fingerprint technicians work around the clock, making sure that fingerprint comparisons are being done in a timely manner for the Automate Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) or for any other agencies requiring identification of the people they have apprehended. AFIS has over 13 million sets of fingerprint records and over 2 million sets of palm prints.

Few know that we have a public counter where we provide walk-in services for incarceration information, police clearance letters, copies of reports, register arson and narcotics offenders, and Live Scanning applicants for employment, licensing or certification purposes. On any given day, the Public Services Unit will serve 60 to 70 clients. In our continuing efforts to provide excellent customer service and to run the unit smoothly, we have implemented a text message pickup option for our clients.

Texting is the number one application used on phones and before we added this feature, our lobby would get so crowded that clients would have to wait outside. With this new feature, clients are able to place their requests and return when their request is completed. This texting feature is free and it benefits not only the clients, but also the staff; it frees up space in the lobby, allows clients to run errands or grab a bite to eat and allows the staff to work on the requests without interruptions. When the new feature was announced to the public, many clients took advantage of it, and once again technology saved the day!

HANDS ACROSS THE BUREAU

In 2017, Lieutenant Brian Gellis had an idea for a bureau event that embraced the various cultures at RIB through food. RIB’s “Hands Across the Bureau” was born. Staff brought delicious dishes and wore traditional outfits from their respective cultures. It was a wonderful way to learn about one another in a relaxed setting.
This event developed into RIB’s Harvest Festival, which was held last October, when staff were recognized for their outstanding achievements throughout the year.

**STAFFING UPDATES**

Welcome aboard to our two newer employees: Records System Clerk Stephany Sirri and Domitila Gonzalez. We were saddened to lose AFIS Tech II Maria Gaspar, end of watch: November 7, 2018.

We have mixed emotions with the retirement of our fellow RIB team members Lieutenant Cruz Solis and Supervising Records System Clerk Herman Floyd. We wish them health and happiness in their second career! ⭐
ABOUT INMATE SERVICES BUREAU

Here at Inmate Services, we would like to say we are the “jack-of-all-trades” bureau because we encompass many smaller units including — Business Management Unit, EBI, Fire Camp, Religious and Volunteer Services, Food Services and Jail Enterprises Unit — and have over 350 staff members.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Did you know MCJ has a star in their midst? Well, they do… Officer Deanna Stark! Words from her supervisor: “Not only can she be counted on but she takes initiative, she has a very friendly and easygoing personality. She is a team player and makes the workplace more enjoyable for everyone. She completely understands the duties of all EBI staff within MCJ. She takes ownership of her responsibilities and does a tremendous job managing the administrative duties for MCJ. She takes initiative in reaching out to other Department members in order to accomplish any and all tasks given. She is efficient and knows how to use departmental resources to accomplish any task.” — Sergeant Gomez

WELCOME

Twin Towers Correctional Facility would like to welcome Deputy Patrick Brennen to the team. Welcome, Patrick!

WOMEN IN LAW ENFORCEMENT CHARITY FLAG FOOTBALL

Our very own CRDF EBI Senior Tammy Sherman (led by Sergeant Kellee Kicks) and the other amazing LASD Women in Law Enforcement Charity Flag Football Team had their first tournament on January 26. Thanks to all who supported them in their first year joining this great charity! Collectively they raised over $18,000 for Pets for Vets. Their team was composed of women from a variety of assignments throughout LASD! Great job, ladies! Looking forward to next year’s event!
As you can see, we have amazing staff here at ISB and we are very proud of all of them. We have included some fun photos of our hardworking crew to share the love with you all. That's all for now. Stay safe and God bless you and your families! 🌟
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Depending on when this article is printed, the Netflix show 13 Reasons Why might be fresh in our minds or just something we Google to remind ourselves. Regardless of the timing, the topic of suicide is always current. I will neither glamorize nor vilify the show or suicide. As a psychologist, I am duty bound to protect life and to keep safe those who seek my service. It will be from that perspective that I address this issue.

Suicide is a profound act. One that ceases the life of a person who, for reasons we may never be able to comprehend, felt that their only way of removing themselves from the pain they experienced was to end their life. And this profound act is like a stone dropping into a body of water. Its impact causes ripples that will affect almost everyone around that person.

It can be very difficult for someone who has never experienced thoughts of suicide to understand how a person can end up in such a dark place and think of death as the only solution. In my work and in accounts from others who have worked with persons who have survived an attempt on their own life, I feel comfortable stating that most, if not all, people contemplating suicide don't really want to be dead. They just want to stop whatever pain — whether physical, emotional or both — they are experiencing. Some of these persons come to their thoughts slowly over time and as a result of some form of illness (mental or physical) or chronic pain. Another group experiences a breakdown in their ability to cope with an event they experience as a rapidly evolving crisis and as a result often contemplate or act spontaneously to end their life. The last group is a group that may use the threat of suicide as a manipulation to get something.

Regardless which group a person belongs to, our responses need to be unambiguous and caring. If there is ever an indication that a person is contemplating ending their life, we should ask them about it in a direct manner. Yes, it can be scary to ask. No, asking will not give them the idea. And when we ask, we must ask specifically about the desire to be dead. For example, we ask, “Are you thinking of killing yourself?” We won’t ask, “Are you thinking of hurting yourself?” Why is this difference important? There are people who will interpret your question literally and will not equate hurt with kill. These people will answer that second question, “No,” but might actually be thinking, “No, I’m not going to hurt myself. I’m going to kill myself.” What we do next depends on the answer we’re given.

If the person we ask tells us they are contemplating suicide, we have a situation that requires immediate action. It becomes very important that the person is thoroughly assessed for their safety. The best place for this to happen is at a hospital. If it is safe for you to do so, you may transport the person to an emergency room for assessment. If it is safe for you to do so, you may transport the person to an emergency room for assessment. If it is not safe or you don’t feel safe bringing the person to the emergency room, contact public safety in your area and advise them of the situation. Public safety personnel, physicians and other medical personnel in hospitals are not only trained to complete the necessary assessment, they also can begin and/or enforce the process for admitting the person for treatment. Public safety can take an individual to a hospital against his/her will for further evaluation if they believe the person is a safety risk. The physician (or psychiatric social worker or nurse) can keep the person at the hospital if their assessment suggests that there is a risk for harm to self (or others) if the person is not kept at the hospital. It is important to remember that the information you have regarding the person’s behavior or statements is very important for both public safety and hospital staff. Do not dilute or “sugarcoat” what you have seen and/or heard. To do so risks the person you are concerned about not getting the appropriate help.

If the person we ask tells us they’re not contemplating suicide, our initial concern can be slightly lessened, but we need to check in with them and ask some follow-up questions. The first follow-up question we should ask is, “Have you ever thought of killing yourself?” If the answer is, “No,” we can relax a bit more but we should explain the reason for our concern and express our concern for the person’s safety. If the answer to the question above is “Yes,” then we also need to ask, “When was the last time you thought about killing yourself?” The response to this question will dictate our next step. Although we should remain concerned, the longer it has been since the last thought of suicide suggests there might be less risk. For example, risk for suicide would likely be higher for someone who had their last thought of suicide yesterday as opposed to three months ago. In these cases, refer the person to, and encourage him/her to follow up with professional assistance. The closer the last thought of suicide is to the moment you asked increases the urgency for getting assistance.

Talking about suicide can be difficult and can make us feel uncomfortable. But doing so can actually save someone’s life. Above all, if you ever have a concern for someone’s safety, act on it. Never leave them alone. Take them to help or call for help. And, as always, if you have any questions about this topic or want a confidential consultation or a counseling appointment, contact Psychological Services Bureau at (213) 738-3500.
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HONORING DEPUTY DAVID POWELL

Another year has flown by at Lakewood and there is much to get caught up on. So, here we go.

Lakewood deputies kept up with the tradition of honoring our fallen Deputy David Powell. The annual house decorating carried on with a minor hitch. On this particular day, deputies had to deal with something that usually doesn’t happen all too much in Southern California: rain. The sky opened up and left a hefty downpour. But that did not stop Lakewood deputies. They were out there with enthusiasm and an eagerness to make the house the best-looking one on the block. Greg, thanks for always taking care of the Powell family.

REMEMBERING DANIEL CASTANEDA

Even though we all move on to bigger and better things in the Department and in our lives, we have not forgotten about our partner Daniel Castaneda. Dan retired in 2017 and has been battling cancer ever since. Lakewood Alumni Sergeant George Lavey and Deputy Michael Bartman were able to visit with him. They presented him with a flag and plaque honoring his service to the Department. Unfortunately, Castaneda passed away January 27.

At his funeral, his wife, Laurie, gave the eulogy. It was an amazing tribute to him and their battle with the illness. Even though Dan was in pain most of the time, he always found a way to put a smile on his face or visit his favorite place, Disneyland. Dan, you will be missed. Rest easy, Sir!

RETIREMENTS

In February, Lakewood will be dealing with several of its personnel retiring. Anita Limbrick joined the Department in 1989 and has been a deputy at Lakewood for many years. She worked in Hawaiian Gardens and ultimately finished her career working with a crazy bunch of gals in dispatch. Guess which one is Anita?

Also retiring, will be Keith Lebrun. Keith and Anita both joined the Department in 1989 and had the unfortunate privilege of sitting next to each other in the Academy. I forgot who liked to look over the other’s shoulders in class but apparently that is an interesting story. Keith finished his tour of duty working on earlies. On the last night of his shift, I think the guys saved at least 10 reports for him. Two were in-custodies, one of which was a DUI. He handled all of them with his charm and charisma, simply saying, “Hey, boot, get over here. I’ve got something for you.” OK, Keith would never do that but earlies took care of their brother by giving him a little token to remember his days at Lakewood.

And finally, Lakewood says farewell to Sergeant Steve Moses. Steve was also hired one year after the Dodgers won a World Series. Steve is a great man and an outstanding ballplayer. He didn’t make it into the
bigs so he said, “I’ll try this cop thing.” Steve won a bunch of titles with his CJ Baker to Vegas team and carried that tradition at Lakewood.

From emceeing the Christmas party or slapping a base hit in the softball tournament and turning it into a double, he stood tall at the Station working his tail off to make it a great place to work. We rarely saw him mad and always wondered where the wrinkles came from.....

So, to Anita, Keith and Steve, congratulations on the tremendous feat you have accomplished. Thirty years on the Department is awesome and we are proud of you. Enjoy getting up late, drinking coffee at the beach and finishing all the house projects your significant other has been on you about. We are all betting you will be back to work in no time.

BAKER TO VEGAS

Finally, our guys and gals have been kicking it into gear getting ready for Baker to Vegas. The runners went out and completed their qualifier, setting the stage for a great run and awesome team-building experience. Led by the A/Captain Lieutenant Spergel, they put up some great times. Good luck in Vegas! Break a leg and keep on trucking.

To those who transferred and moved on, good luck at your new gigs. To all the trainees, work hard! Patrol will be the best time of your career. ☆

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April 2019 Star News 31
Greetings from the LASD Band members! We would like to toot our own horn! The LASD Band has a full and exciting schedule and has started the year off with a big bang! So I thought that I would share some of the upcoming public events.

Please mark your calendars. You are invited to come see us perform.

We will be performing June 20 at the Glendora Summer Concert Series. The band shell sits in an oak grove at Finkbiner Park, 160 N. Wabash Ave. The two-hour concert starts at 6 p.m. and is free to the public.

On July 4 on the other side of town, we will be performing at the Reagan Library, 40 Presidential Drive in Simi Valley. The band will be playing patriotic music in a picturesque courtyard. Our free, two-hour concert starts at 1 p.m. Please come early because there will be plenty of family activities and you just might be able to talk to some of our endearing past presidents like Abe Lincoln and George Washington.

Many deputies don’t know that the Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department has a band. We are proud to be a small part of this organization and to represent the LASD through music. Come see your band perform and you will be proud, too.

Come play with us! If you are a musician, we invite you to come to our rehearsals and see how interesting and fun it is to serve the LASD through music. Join the LASD Band and meet new and interesting people. The band will lift your spirits, give you a sense of community pride and help bridge the gap between the Department and the people we serve. Please contact us at the email listed at the end of this article.

Music Director Dan Glass and I attended a wonderful event this year called Concert Share. We were among hundreds of bands of all kinds, all hoping to get gigs with cities in L.A. County and Orange County. This was our first time attending this event and it was quite an experience. We had a booth set up with pictures and a presentation on our computer screen. It was truly an enjoyable time, seeing and meeting so many musicians of different genres.

If you have an upcoming event where music would enhance the experience, please contact us. We have a swing band that is fun for dancing as well as listening; it is not meant for background music. Our concert band is a full band that is perfect for patriotic, show tune, musical and children’s programs. We are also good at background music. We have singers who perform with both groups and we love to play for LASD events. We also have trumpeters who play “Taps” to honor the End of Watch for our fallen heroes. Please let us know if we can be of service. We are here for you!

If you play an instrument or have previously played an instrument, it may be time to dust it off and join the LASD Band. If you would like to have one of our bands, either the dance band or concert band, perform for an event, (subject to Department guidelines), please contact me at Dawn.LASDBand@gmail.com.
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August 7
Black Bear Diner
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September 4
Katella Bakery
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October 2
Marino’s Italian Restaurant
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Bellflower

November 6
Yang Chow Chinese Restaurant
3777 E. Colorado Blvd.
Pasadena

December 4
Villa Tepeyac Mexican Restaurant
2200 E. Garvey Ave.
West Covina
BLACK HISTORY MONTH ESSAY CONTEST

I n honor of Black History Month, Palmdale Station partnered with the Black Peace Officers Association (BPOA) to host its 3rd Annual Black History Month Essay Contest. This essay contest allowed students to not only learn about some of America’s most influential people but to also compete for cash and prizes.

Approximately 50 eighth-grade students from Palmdale Aerospace Academy submitted essays on the topic, “What historical black leader influenced you the most, and why?”

Of the essays submitted, Palmdale Station personnel selected and ranked the top three. The winning essay received $100, the second-place essay received $75, and the third-place place essay received $50. The BPOA donated the funds.

Additionally, the students received donations from Mulligan Family Fun Center as well as gift cards from BJ’s Restaurant. LASD brass members along with many local dignitaries and city officials attended this event to help celebrate and congratulate the winners.

THE RETIREMENT OF SERGEANT ROBERT BENNING

On February 26, Sergeant Robert Benning of Palmdale Station strapped on his Sam Browne gun belt for the very last time. After almost 32 years of unwavering service, his final day as an LASD deputy sheriff had finally arrived. With a sigh of relief and a smile, he took one last look at his bare work desk and proudly made his way out of the Station carrying dozens of LASD souvenirs he’d collected throughout his career.

Sergeant Benning began his career in 1990 as part of Class #261 in LASD’s North Academy. After graduation from the Academy, he worked as a lockup deputy in Van Nuys Superior Court. After his number was called for patrol in 1996, he shipped out to the old “Antelope Valley Station,” where he worked as a patrol deputy.

Soon after in 1997, he transferred to Santa Clarita Station. There, he worked as a patrol deputy and was a member of the station’s Field Operations C.O.P.S Team. In 1999, he became a field training officer at Santa Clarita Station, where he trained 17 trainees.

It was there that he learned he had a passion for training and teaching. In 2005, he joined the Recruit Training Bureau as a drill instructor and helped train dozens of Academy recruits at locations such

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as STARS Center, North Academy, Antelope Valley College and Biscailuz Training Center.

In 2011, he promoted to sergeant. He began working as a custody sergeant in a variety of custody facilities including MCJ and East Facility.

And finally, in 2013, he transferred to Palmdale Station, where he worked as a field sergeant, watch sergeant and finished as the community relations sergeant.

Sergeant Benning was known around Palmdale Station for being an extremely hardworking sergeant who backed his deputies and led by example.

Just before making his final exit, he left Palmdale Station personnel with this quote, "My entire life, my father always reminded me that whatever career I chose, when I arrived at the conclusion, make sure I can look back and hear God say, 'You have ended well, my son.' I feel I have done that."

Good luck in retirement, Sergeant Benning. You deserve it. ★
LOAN POLICY

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