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# Remembering Retired Chief and SRA General Manager **William “Bill” McSweeney**

1951–2025

HUSBAND, FATHER, GRANDFATHER (“GEEKY”)

**T**he Sheriffs’ Relief Association mourns the passing of General Manager and retired LASD Chief William “Bill” McSweeney. He honorably served with the LASD for 41 years, retiring in 2015 as chief of the Training Division, Homeland Security Division and Detective Division, and as the Department’s most senior active member. That same year, he continued his service to the men and women of the Department when he was appointed SRA’s general manager and executive director of its charitable foundation. His legacy of integrity, leadership and service will forever be remembered by the Department and the community he served. He is survived by his beloved wife, three adult children and grandchildren. May he rest in eternal peace. ☆





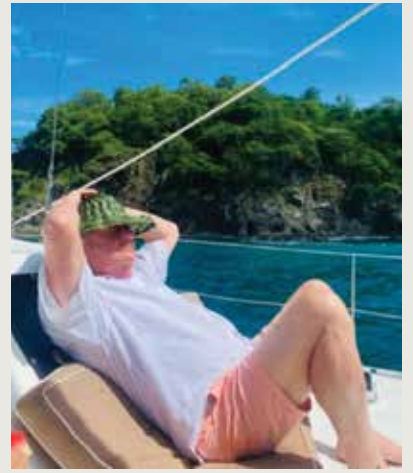
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# Trustees Monthly Meeting

The regular meeting of the Sheriffs' Relief Association convened on Thursday, April 10, at 11515 Colima Rd., Bldg. B, Whittier. The following officers and trustees were present: Conrad Meredith, President; Bob Boese, Secretary-Treasurer; Trustees Mike Abdeen, Aily Baldwin, Mike Fratantoni, Joe Hartshorne, Diane Stone and Glenn Walsh; and Bill McSweeney, General Manager. Trustees not present: Ernest Bille, Sue Burakowski, Sean Jacobs and Oscar Martinez.

The meeting was called to order at 4:34 p.m. A motion was made by Trustee Stone and seconded by Trustee Fratantoni to approve the minutes of the March 13 meeting and the February Foundation expenditures. However, Trustee Baldwin asked for clarification on a few points in the March minutes. Staff will make the necessary corrections.

## COMMUNICATIONS

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

From Michelle Daniel to Kevin Augarten, "Thank you for the gracious gift of a survivor benefit. This was completely unexpected, and working with you both has been the best experience amid all my chaos, under the circumstances."

From Greg and Shirley Preston to SRA, "To our cherished friends, family and community. From the depths of our hearts, Greg and I want to extend our profound gratitude. In the wake of the Eaton fire, your prayers, thoughts and generous acts of kindness have been a beacon of hope and strength for us. Whether it was a helping hand, a comforting word or the gift of your time and resources, your support has reminded us that we are never truly alone."

"During a time when loss could have overwhelmed us, you all became a foundation of love and resilience. We are eternally grateful for your compassion and selflessness. This journey has reinforced how truly blessed we are to have each of you in our lives."

"With all our love and gratitude, we are *beyond grateful!*"

From Frank Salerno to SRA, "Thank you from the Salerno family."

## BENEVOLENT REPORT

MORTUARY BENEFITS PAID DURING MARCH: \$105,000

MORTUARY BENEFITS PAID YEAR TO DATE: \$502,000

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

There were 82 new membership applications that were received during the month of March. A motion was made by Trustee Baldwin and seconded by Trustee Walsh to approve the following members: Ivan B. Aguilera, Cristal Almeida, Ulyses Alvarez, Donovan C. Ancheta, Juan C. Angeles, Eric D. Arce, Iliana Arreola, Monica Avila, Jose Ayala, Beatriz Barcelo-Boyker, Kenia A. Bonilla-Alberto, Maynor J. Bueso, Jasmin S. Carrillo, Justin R. Cartwright, Eric C. Chavarin, Brionna R. Clark, Roany A. Cortez, Marco A. Delgado, Shane A. Delia, Steven E. Diaz, Jaimee L. Dietz, Eduardo Esparza, Marlon N. Estigoy, Angel Estrada Martinez, Corina Gonzalez Cuadra, Kristy S. Gonzalez, Sergio Gonzalez, Christ Gonzalez-Ramirez, Celina A. Guerra, Scott A. Hanlon, Derek Hernandez, Rosa Herrera-Archila, Michael W. Huerta, Cade R. Lasley, Michael T. Law, Sylvia Lee, Rocco A. Lepore, Joceline Lopez-Canal, Damaris E. Macias, Thomas E. Maloney, Luis Maravilla, Alberto Martinez, Joy A. Martinez, Angelique M. Meza, Patrick R. Minor, Richard N. Molina, Tony K. Molina, Jeremy E. Montes, Jacob D. Mullen, Obiora A. Okafor, Eduardo A. Ortega, Deven J. Patel, Andrew P. Perea, Bernardo G. Pereira, David Perez Jr., Abner E. Pinto Castillo, Edwin Ramos, Jacob J. Rasmussen, Jose A. Retana, Gonzalo Rodriguez, Mauricio Rodriguez, Michael I. Rodriguez, Victor R. Rodriguez, Sebastian Rojas, Anthony Rosales, Alexander Salazar Jr., America A. Sanchez, Gia B. Sanchez, Carlos Sanchez-Alvarez, Rogelio G. Sandoval, Nathaniel L. Seebacher, Darren G. Smith, Jared K. Stevens, Alexandra Terrazas, Anthony T. Ton, Daniel Trujillo, Grisel Trujillo, Anthony L. Tumbokon, David M. Valencia, Robert I. Villa, Franklyn Williams and Tyffany K. Yates.

We had no deaths of active members, 9 deaths of retired members, no cancellations of active or retired memberships, 3 deaths of honorary associate members and 3 new honorary associate members for the month of March. Our membership has grown to 20,555.

## NEW BUILDING UPDATES

General Manager Bill McSweeney updated the Board on the slow approval of the new SRA building downtown. A short discussion was held about the possibility of purchasing an existing building instead of building a new one.

## EMPORIUM REPORT

SRA Emporium attended this year's Roundup.

Retirees were photographed for the 175th LASD Anniversary yearbook.

## PUBLICATION REPORT

The *Star News* magazine continues to lack departmental articles as it once did. It was suggested that perhaps college students could be recruited to go out and get stories. In this day and age, a discussion was brought up about whether SRA should continue publishing the magazine or transition to an all-digital format. Staff will further research the number of views our current website is garnering.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

Possible SRA Picnic locations continue to be discussed. Staff will research Neff Park in La Mirada and William Hart Park in Santa Clarita, as well as parks in Arcadia and Crescenta Valley.

The Board Retreat is scheduled for May 17, 18 and 19 in Lake Arrowhead.

The Board Christmas Dinner/Meeting will likely be held at the Arroyo Chophouse. We are awaiting to hear back from the restaurant on which date they can accommodate our large party. Look at either December 4 or 11.

There was an executive session from 6-6:30 p.m.

## SHERIFFS' RELIEF FOUNDATION REPORT

A motion was made by Trustee Baldwin and seconded by Trustee Boese to approve a \$5,000 donation to support the 56th annual L.A. County Peace Officers Memorial Ceremony being held on May 21.

## OLD BUSINESS

We will revisit mortuary benefits and loan interest rates at next month's Board meeting.

## NEW BUSINESS

Agenda items for next month's meeting will include information regarding the election process and meeting notices to general membership, the ways SRA gives information to its general membership and a review of information visibility within the SRA and between SRA and its members.

## ADJOURNMENT

At 6:55 p.m., a motion was made by Trustee Abdeen and seconded by Trustee Baldwin to adjourn the meeting of the Sheriffs' Relief Association, Sheriffs' Relief Foundation and Sheriffs' Relief Services, Inc., in honor of the 291 years of combined service of those who passed this month. ☆



# Retired Deputies

By Peter Mack

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The Southern Was Fuzz held their luncheon on Friday, April 26, at Pbody's in the Clarksville Country Club House. A good time was had by all. The change of lunch locations helps enhance the atmosphere of the gathering by offering variety in both menu and scenery. Those in attendance were Michelle Griffith, Gary Griffith (LASD), Steve Kleffman (LAPD), Fred Haemker (LASD), Loretta Haemker, Betty Kleffman (LAPD), Valarie Garvin, Todd Garvin (RCSD), Bob Warden (LAPD), Michael Scholl (LASD) and Byron Burnham (LASD).

The Retirees of the Santa Clarita Valley met for lunch on Thursday, May 1, at Rattler's Bar B Que in Santa Clarita. There were some new faces in attendance, and everyone enjoyed a nice lunch and good company. Those in attendance were Mike Chinnery, Steve Patterson, Carl Deeley, Vince Rondone, Steve Maggiora, Bill and Kerry Sue Thompson, Bob Galarneau, Memo Vera, Dan Finn, Janet Holman, Terry Sonntag, Tim Peters, Steve Newman, Mike Waldman, Vicki Medlin, Todd Weber, Steve Long, Artie Thompson, Andy Romanisky, Mike Dunkle, Pat Downs, Richard John Kellaris, John Grisbach, Tom and Sharron Edgington, Dave Godfrey, Richard Moak, Don Shivley and Carrie Stuart. The next lunch will be on September 4 at 11:30 a.m. at Rattler's. All are welcome, so mark your calendars. We hope to see you there.

The Desert Heat Retirees held their luncheon on May 7 at the Elks Lodge in Lake Havasu City,

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Desert Heat Retirees. Clockwise from left: Jerry Gillen, Bill Taggart, Mike and Leseah Castorina, Nick Tippings, Tommy Jimenez, George Bachmeier, Ron Trujillo and Brian Smith.



Southern Was Fuzz: Michelle Griffith, Gary Griffith (LASD), Steve Kleffman (LAPD), Fred Haemker (LASD), Loretta Haemker, Betty Kleffman (LAPD), Valarie Garvin, Todd Garvin (RCSD), Bob Warden (LAPD), Michael Scholl (LASD) and Byron Burnham (LASD)



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Retired Marshals



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Arizona. Those in attendance were Jerry Gillen, Bill Taggart, Mike and Leseah Castorina, Nick Tippings, Brian Smith, Ron Trujillo, George Bachmeier and Tommy Jimenez. We meet every first Wednesday of the month, and all LEOs, both active and retired, are welcome to attend.

— Jerry Gillen ([lnx1993@yahoo.com](mailto:lnx1993@yahoo.com))

The **Retired Marshals** held their monthly luncheon at the *Roadhouse Grill* in the Long Beach Towne Center on May 7. Attending were Tom and Teri Aguilar, George Feten, Jim Cronin, Peter Mack and Bob Ichikawa. ☆

ARE YOU  
*Retiring*  
IN THE  
NEXT YEAR ?

Stay in touch with the Department and other retired members. Go to [lasdretired.org](http://lasdretired.org), and in the upper right-hand corner, click on the "JOIN" button.

*If at all possible, please use a Gmail address.*

**Save the Date!**

# Law Enforcement Serra Retreat

**SEPTEMBER 26–28, 2025**

This weekend marks the 79th anniversary of the Sheriff's Department Law Enforcement Retreat at the Serra Retreat House in Malibu.

The retreat house is definitely open for retreats and is still following the state and CDC guidelines regarding home-cooked meals and cleaning protocols.

The retreat house is a 38-acre Franciscan facility located on a hilltop in Malibu. Outside patios are surrounded by immaculately maintained gardens, pathways and trails throughout the property with breathtaking views overlooking the hills and the beautiful Pacific Ocean.

When attending, you have opportunities to go on quiet walks and enjoy the beautiful scenery in the Malibu Hills. You may also choose to quietly reflect and enjoy the beautiful setting by relaxing in the informal environment, or you may just need sleep and great home-cooked meals. Positive, uplifting presentations are also offered to everyone on a voluntary basis. Many retreatants enjoy walking or running down to the beach.

Those of you who are attending the retreat will begin your experience by checking in anytime after 1500 hours on Friday, September 26. We recommend leaving home early to avoid traffic. Friday's dinner will be served from 1700 to 1900 hours to accommodate late arrivals. Checkout time will be approximately 1200 hours on Sunday, September 28.

The Serra Retreat House is located at 3401 Serra Road, Malibu, 90265. Serra Road is located between Sweetwater Canyon Road and Cross Creek Road, directly off the Pacific Coast Highway. It is south of the old Malibu Sheriff's Station and across from Malibu Lagoon State Park.

All religious denominations are invited. This retreat is open to all members, both sworn and professional staff, active and retired, from all Los Angeles County law enforcement agencies. Spouses, relatives and friends are also welcome to attend.

For further information regarding the cost and reservations, please contact any of the following:

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By Erin Stibal  
Facilities Services Bureau

## FSB: PROJECTS TEAM

When Facilities Services Bureau was formed 35 years ago, there were the three “Corrective Repair” offices geographically situated throughout the county in the central, north and south regions. Today, FSB is primarily divided into five areas: Admin/Operations, Projects and three Corrective Repair offices.

Much like FSB as a whole, the Projects section started small and has grown over the years. After the Northridge earthquake in 1994, FSB needed additional crafts workers to handle the multitude of work, so Union Hall (UH) employees were brought in to supplement the workforce. Since HOJ was closed, LASD needed new headquarters space, leading to the purchase, renovation and eventual renaming of the Ameron building to the Sherman Block Building. This project required a significant amount of additional construction trades to complete the renovation, and FSB Director Dean Stroud (ret.) negotiated with local unions for additional laborers, who worked side by side with FSB employees. Although initially “project based,” many of the UH employees remained onboard and continue to work for LASD.

During the late '90s, FSB Projects operated primarily as a construction team with three



*Carpenters*



*Carpet and Insulator crew*



*Electrical Shop*



*New entrance sign at BRTC created by the FSB Sheet Metal Shop and paint crew*

supervisors and their crews working at MCJ. They were eventually moved to an office trailer at SBI until FSB Director John Carillo (ret.) was able to negotiate permanent space inside SBI. Today, the carpenters’ work area occupies the former SBI gym, the softball field has become a parking lot and the former jail classrooms (sewing shop, beauty shop, etc.) now serve as the Projects offices. Several other Projects crafts teams are located in former inmate holding

areas, and the Sheet Metal Shop resides in the now-defunct SBI power plant/boiler building.

Today, the FSB Projects team is composed of crafts supervisors, various trades and UH crews covering many specific and unique areas:

- Projects Carpenters are responsible for both maintenance and projects. They repair cabinetry, doors, windows, ceilings and walls. For projects, they remodel office space to accommodate the ever-changing needs of



*Masonry Shop*



*Painters*



*Plumbing Shop*



*Projects Manager I Craig Ekstrom of the Planners team and Manager II Dan Lara*



*Sheet Metal Shop*



*BC Memorial Wall created by the FSB Projects team*

the Department's personnel. This includes demolition of office space, construction of new walls and ceilings, installation of doors and door frames, and fabrication of custom cabinetry and furniture.

- Projects Electrical Shop is responsible for installing power, data and fiber optics to all LASD facilities and jails countywide, from Lancaster to Catalina. They work closely with Facilities Planning Bureau to follow through with electrical construction on permitted projects.
- Projects Sheet Metal Shop is tasked with production-level metal fabrication, welding, construction, demolition, design and custom applications of metal components. The primary focus is safety and security of LASD personnel and the detained; work sites are

typically jails, stations and lockups. Common tasks include modifying detention cell doors, retrofitting metal cells and showers, installing A/C duct systems, tank and coils systems, fabricating structural or standard steel framing for various support purposes, etc.

- Projects Masonry Shop handles all concrete, tile and plaster work for corrective maintenance and projects countywide. The shop usually works in conjunction with other trades to provide access for emergency plumbing repair or other utility repairs, depending on what the need is for a particular day — sometimes it's a water leak, steam line or broken sewer line. They also collaborate with other trades on new projects, including EV charging stations, drinking fountains, suicide prevention

projects and more. In addition to repairs, one of their biggest projects was the tile work at the BC Memorial Wall, which was completed by the shop.

- Project Planners attend job walks to create estimates, coordinate between customers and crafts to set up schedules and tracking of projects.
- Projects Painters handle painting and upkeep for County buildings, correctional facilities and administration offices. They take care of both interior and exterior painting, surface preparation, touch-ups, safety markings and graffiti removal. Their work helps keep the Sheriff facilities clean, professional and welcoming for employees and the public.

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Employee of the Quarter Vazgen Karapetyan with FSB Asst. Director Rich Sigur, Manager II Craig Castanon, BCMII Doug Hecker, Manager I Sal Hernandez and Director Clint Yates



Employee of the Quarter Danielle Irwin with FSB Asst. Director Rich Sigur, Manager I Marcos Rojas, Manager II Manny Zapata and Director Clint Yates

- Projects Carpet crew installs carpet and tiles throughout the county, and the Insulator crew insulates pipes throughout the county.
- Projects Plumbing Shop handles larger plumbing projects, including pipe chases, new piping and system replacements, as well as any specific project-based plumbing work.

dedicated to his duties with FSB. He was able to manage a busy work order load along with keeping his B/O cell counts to a minimum. He is often praised by the sworn staff at IRC and the medical staff at CTC for his professionalism and attention to detail. He works overtime whenever asked and can be counted on to complete any task given to him. Mr. Karapetyan's knowledge of both areas of the facility makes him a valuable asset to FSB.

*Danielle Irwin, Intermediate Board Specialist:* Ms. Irwin's duties at CR3 are to receive calls for service, create work orders and inform supervisors of urgent services calls. She is also the P-card reviewer and Performance Evaluation scrubber,

and assists with processing timesheets. Ms. Irwin is also a part of the FSB Training team and has been a tremendous help in getting FSB staff scheduled for mandated Department training. She has developed a very good working relationship with the Professional Training Bureau, who now contact her directly when spaces open up in mandated training classes. She helps ensure that FSB is in compliance with training requirements, reviews which employees need training, schedules them and sends out proper notification.

Congratulations to Vazgen and Danielle for being selected as FSB Employees of the Quarter for the First Quarter (January to March) 2025! ☆

**FSB EMPLOYEES OF THE QUARTER**

*Vazgen Karapetyan, General Maintenance Worker:* Mr. Karapetyan is responsible for the IRC and CTC areas in CR1. During the wildfires, he experienced a catastrophic loss yet remained

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By John Trejo  
Norwalk Station

Norwalk Station covers areas of the cities of Norwalk, La Mirada and unincorporated areas of Whittier. Within these areas, the station has school resource deputies responsible for multiple high schools, junior high schools and elementary schools.

On March 20 and 21, La Mirada High School partnered with the City of La Mirada, California Highway Patrol, Los Angeles County District



Attorney's Office, Los Angeles County Fire Department and Norwalk Sheriff's Station to produce the "Every 15 Minutes" program. This program is a powerful two-day event designed to challenge high school juniors and seniors to think about the dangers of drinking and driving, emphasizing personal

safety, responsibility and the life-altering consequences of driving under the influence.

Students from the school were selected to participate in a film portraying a story involving alcohol use and driving under the influence. The story is continued in a theater setting, where



students watched a dramatized scene involving the student actors in a vehicle collision caused by alcohol. During the event, students were escorted out of class by the “Grim Reaper” and a California Highway Patrol officer or a Norwalk Station school resource deputy. Student actors were treated on scene by Los Angeles County fire personnel, while others participated in field sobriety tests conducted by Norwalk Station

school resource deputies, which led to a mock arrest and booking filmed at Norwalk Station.

The program continues on the second day with “walking dead” students participating in a mock funeral assembly held in the La Mirada High School gym. The assembly included the completed “Every 15 Minutes” video and several speakers, including a Norwalk High School alumni who sustained life-changing injuries from a DUI.

Norwalk Station is proud to be a part of something so educational and life-changing. It is our hope that playing a part in this will give students a greater perspective on life and provide them with the information to make decisions that will affect their lives in a positive way. ☆

## ☆ IN MEMORIAM ☆

WILLIAM H. BENTON	RETIRED 01/17/93, DECEASED 04/21/25	LIEUTENANT/NCCF
JAMES B. BROWN	RETIRED 01/29/19, DECEASED 04/11/25	SECURITY OFFICER/PIERCE COLLEGE
WILLIAM D. CHANEY	RETIRED 02/26/96, DECEASED 04/08/25	DEPUTY HQ/DET. FUGITIVE DETAIL
DAVID L. GARDNER	RETIRED 01/05/93, DECEASED 04/15/25	DEPUTY IV/AVALON STATION
ENRIQUE O. LARA	RETIRED 05/29/10, DECEASED 03/30/25	DEPUTY/MCB MAJOR CRIMES BUREAU
GERALD E. LAY	RETIRED 11/18/96, DECEASED 04/05/25	SERGEANT/MAJOR CRIMES-AUTO THEFT
BEATRIZ MACIAS	ACTIVE, DECEASED 04/01/25	DEPUTY/LANCASTER STATION
BRUCE W. NEWMAN	RETIRED 03/04/82, DECEASED 02/27/25	DEPUTY III/LYNWOOD STATION
NORMAN H. PRELL	RETIRED 01/22/90, DECEASED 04/06/25	DEPUTY IV/ROBBERY/HOMICIDE
SANDRA L. SPENCE	RETIRED 07/09/01, DECEASED 04/29/25	DEPUTY/NORWALK STATION
BARNEY T. VILLA	RETIRED 05/31/05, DECEASED 03/29/25	DEPUTY/ARSON EXPLOSIVE DETAIL
JACK L. WEGNER	RETIRED 06/07/94, DECEASED 04/18/25	DEPUTY/PHR
GUSTAVIS BURDETTE PASSED AWAY ON APRIL 15, 2025. HE WAS THE HUSBAND OF ACTIVE MEMBER DELILAH F. MITCHELL.		
THANH TRAN PASSED AWAY ON MARCH 24, 2025. HE WAS THE HUSBAND OF ACTIVE MEMBER KIM CHI TRAN.		



By **Jonathon Loo**  
San Dimas Station

### SPRING INTO SUMMER

San Dimas Station personnel celebrated Mother's Day, Father's Day and National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, while ensuring the safety of the public during the Passover and Easter seasons. In addition to honoring noteworthy events and holidays, our line staff remained proactive.



The following are some stories of the dedicated men and women who serve our community.

### A SECRET CASINO

Via Verde is a peaceful community known for its beautiful tree-lined streets and hilly areas. However, unbeknownst to all, an illegal gambling operation was operating within the neighborhood. The San Dimas Community Action Team (CAT) carefully conducted surveillance of the location for weeks. The business harbored illegal activity, which led to a search warrant being granted. On a starry midnight, the CAT team and LASD Major Crimes Bureau executed the warrant, resulting in the seizure of gambling tables and the detention of several suspects.



### A MOBILE NARCOTICS DEN

Of salient concern to residents of the greater county areas of Covina and Azusa is the proliferation of illegally parked RVs. Deputy Eugenio and Trainee Deputy Connor were dispatched to one such RV reported as suspicious. As the deputies approached the open door of the RV, they saw two suspects actively using narcotics in plain view.

Further investigation led to the grim discovery of multiple individually packaged baggies containing suspected methamphetamine. In addition, various forms of fentanyl were found hidden in one of the suspect's pockets. The subsequent narcotics investigation led to the dismantling of a mobile narcotics den, where buyers and sellers ingested drugs. Thanks to Deputies Eugenio and Connor's excellent work, three suspects were arrested on a variety of felony narcotics charges.



## BACKING UP LOCAL AGENCIES

In late spring, deputies were searching for a suspect wanted for attempted murder in the Angeles National Forest. While on patrol during darkness, Field Training Officer Deputy Nielsen saw officers from a local police agency conducting a routine traffic stop. Deputy Nielsen stopped to assist the officers and, as he approached, recognized the vehicle as belonging to the armed suspect. Deputy Nielsen immediately warned the officers, who quickly retreated to safety. A short vehicle pursuit ensued, ultimately leading to the suspect's apprehension. Thanks to Deputy Nielsen's quick thinking, all of the involved officers and deputies were safe.



## A FERAL FELINE

Traffic Deputy Carden was dispatched to an unusual cat call. His mission: to detain a feral bobcat lying motionless in the middle of busy San Dimas Avenue. Upon arrival, Deputy Carden, gloved and ready, approached the bobcat. However, the animal snarled, then quickly leapt past the deputy and hid under the informant's vehicle.

The informant was frozen in fear and unable to drive away because of the wild animal under his vehicle. Soon after, Deputy Carden approached the bobcat again, lowering his stance to peer under the vehicle. The now furious bobcat roared a challenge and swiped its paws, narrowly missing Deputy Carden. The welcome arrival of animal control broke the stalemate, and the bobcat was soon taken into custody. Deputy Carden later remarked, "I'll take on a pit bull over a bobcat any day!"



## BIOMETRIC TECHNOLOGY

Throughout any given shift, San Dimas deputies must identify individuals in the field with speed and accuracy. To help deputies, San Dimas Station has issued 15 biometric fingerprint scanners provided by Data Systems Bureau (LACRIS) called "LACRIS Evolution Devices." Deputy personnel now use fingerprint identification on patrol — a method previously only available at the station. In the year they have been employed, the devices have already proven effective in identifying victims in hospitals, confirming missing persons and verifying the identity of suspects on the street.

The City of San Dimas recognized the hard work conducted by all assigned station personnel during the recent Palisades and Eaton fires. Deputies Burciaga and Jimenez accepted formal written declarations on behalf of the station. Both deputies shared their humble appreciation for the ongoing community support.

As summer heats up, San Dimas Station will be deploying additional crimefighting resources, including our Summer Enforcement Team. We look forward to sharing more exciting stories from our San Dimas Station team in future articles. ☆

## PERSONNEL AND PERSONAL GROWTH

A warm welcome to our new watch deputy, Deputy Barlow, who joins our team from Compton Station. Our dispatchers are the soul of San Dimas Station. We individually respect and recognize their efforts on a daily basis. A fond farewell to Dispatcher Miss Winn, now with LASD OSS — you will be missed.

Bright sunshine and blue skies allowed our training and scheduling deputies to host multiple training scenarios in conjunction with Walnut Station and Parks Bureau. One training day included low-speed driving skills and the other training day included updates to felony vehicle stops for the station Explorers. A warm thank-you to everyone who made those trainings possible.





By Shawn Foster  
Administrative Services Division

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION 2025

On February 27, Administrative Services Division (ASD) and Personnel Command (PC) hosted their third Black History Month Celebration and Soul Food Luncheon in the Media Room at the Hall of Justice (HOJ). The masters of ceremony were Division Director Conrad Meredith and Shawn Foster of ASD and Yvette White of PC. We also had guests from many other bureaus, such as Facilities Services Bureau and Homicide Bureau, that supported our event.

This year's costume event had an '80s theme, and ASD Division Director Conrad Meredith dressed as Joseph Simmonds, one of the members of the American hip-hop group Run-DMC, complete with a black-and-white Adidas sweatsuit and Kangol bucket hat. About 150 people attended the event, with many dressing to impress in hopes of winning the best costume prize. The first-place prize of \$100 went to guest Linda McCollum, who dressed as Michael Jackson — nailing every detail down to the glove and socks. The second-place prize of \$75 went to the trio of Tiffany Lin, Mylene Mejia and Lili Zu of PC, who dressed as Run-DMC. The third-place prize of \$50 went to Jo Ann Medina of PC, who dressed as retired manager Dorene Garcia. The judges for the contest were Conrad Meredith, Richard Martinez and Yvette White.

All the food — except for the Albertsons' fried and baked chicken — was homemade and made with love and soul. The menu featured smoked chicken links made by Conrad Meredith and tri-tip made by Assistant Division Director Richard Martinez. The ASD directors and Lieutenant Oscar Butao donated extra money toward the





food. Jennifer Russell of Budget Services, who is our excellent resident cook, prepared brisket, macaroni and cheese, candied yams, green beans, peach cobbler and banana pudding. Linda McCollum, guest of Shawn Foster, also donated a large pan of greens. Big thanks to our resident decorators — Maria Dena, Shaun Roberson and Patrice Dawson — and everyone else who helped decorate for making the event so colorful with the perfect '80s-themed props. The food servers and kitchen crew also did an amazing job greeting everyone and serving them with a delicious plate of soul food.

Even though Sheriff Luna could not attend this year, he made sure to send his executive staff — Undersheriff April Tardy, Assistant Sheriff Myron Johnson and Lieutenant Mike Del Real

— to enjoy the event's entertainment, decorations, food and the collaboration of everyone laughing and having a good time. Undersheriff Tardy also took the time to speak on different topics, including '80s music and entertainers, and emphasized the importance of remembering Black history and the significant contributions of Black Americans to the world.

The entertainment was fabulous and spectacular. Shawn Foster and Ricky Johnson kicked things off by singing and dancing with their backup dancers to the song "I Feel for You" by Chaka Khan to get the crowd going. The song "Double Dutch Bus" by Frankie Smith was also a

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big hit, with people participating in double Dutch jump-roping. Linda McCollum did a dance routine to Michael Jackson's "Billie Jean" and had all the moves and moonwalk on point. The final dance routine was Sheriff Nation dancers Shawn Foster, Yvette White, Juleen Smith, Cathy Banuelos and Denaret Ramsey, who did their own version of Janet Jackson's "Rhythm Nation" and

had the crowd entertained. We also had a questions-and-answers trivia contest regarding '80s music/entertainment and Department trivia, with a Starbucks gift card for each winner.

Administrative Services Division and Personnel Command would like to thank all of you who attended our fabulous event and hope to see you next year at our country-themed event. ☆





## By Industry Station Personnel Industry Station

### ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

In celebration of Arbor Day, the City of Industry donated a golden trumpet tree to our station. We are honored to dedicate this symbol of resilience, brightness and hope to the memory of our beloved Deputy George “Daddio” Meza. Deputy Meza’s presence brought light and warmth to our station, and his leadership gave us hope during challenging times. On Friday, May 2, we were accompanied by George’s family during

the tree-planting ceremony. Captain Emery addressed everyone and reminded all of us that with this tree — and George’s devotion to our community, station and partners — his legacy will live on forever. During the ceremony, Deputy Meza’s loved ones each took a turn shoveling dirt onto the base of the tree. The ceremony ended with a prayer led by Deputy Ortega, joined by all in attendance, to bless the roots of the tree and to honor George’s memory. #142F ☆



# TEAM *TEMPLE*

By PIO Team  
Temple Station

## DUARTE

Deputies assigned to the Duarte substation successfully hosted a Coffee With a Cop event, fostering stronger relationships between law enforcement and the local community. The event provided an informal setting where residents could meet and engage with deputies, ask questions and voice their concerns. On Easter Sunday, the deputies also participated in the annual Eggfest celebration at Encanto Park, where they connected with families in a festive, community-centered environment. Both events were well attended and received positive feedback, highlighting the Department's ongoing commitment to building trust and strengthening ties within the community.



*Coffee With a Cop in Duarte*



*Coffee With a Cop in Duarte*



*Eggfest celebration at Encanto Park*



*Eggfest celebration at Encanto Park*

## ROSEMEAD

Rosemead School District presented Temple Station and the Rosemead Special Assignment Team with an award of recognition for their outstanding work during the wildfires.

Temple Sheriff's Station partnered with the City of Rosemead to host a Community Academy, which started on April 16 and is expected to

conclude with a graduation ceremony on May 28. This community-focused program offers residents in Rosemead, Temple City, South El Monte and surrounding areas served by Temple Sheriff's Station an in-depth look at law enforcement operations while fostering stronger relationships between deputies and the community.

The Community Academy is designed to



*Temple Station and Rosemead SAO Team recognized by Rosemead School District*



*Lieutenant Kevin Tiwari welcomed Community Academy participants*



*Community Academy participants*

provide participants with firsthand knowledge of the various functions and responsibilities of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. Attendees will engage in interactive sessions led by experienced law enforcement professionals, covering topics such as patrol operations, narcotics awareness and investigations, community policing strategies and homeless outreach programs. Members will also experience on-the-job activities by having the opportunity to participate in a patrol ride-along and jail tour.

"Our goal is to strengthen trust and transparency by giving residents a better understanding of the work we do to keep the community safe," Temple Sheriff's Station Captain Jorge Meza said. "This collaborative effort with the City of Rosemead highlights our ongoing commitment to promoting community engagement and public safety."

**TEMPLE CITY**

Temple City SAO Team Deputy Lam recently conducted an interview focused on the growing concerns surrounding electric bicycle (e-bike) use. During the interview, Deputy Lam addressed questions from residents about current e-bike laws, including age restrictions, helmet requirements and where e-bikes are permitted to operate. He emphasized the importance of rider safety and public awareness, noting an increase in incidents involving improper use of e-bikes in both residential and commercial areas. The interview served as an opportunity



*Deputy Lam being interviewed by the World Journal*



*Traffic enforcement in Temple City*

to educate the public and reinforce the Department's commitment to promote safe and lawful e-bike usage in the community.

**TASER TRAINING**

Station personnel recently participated in updated Taser 10 training designed to enhance their skills and ensure compliance with the latest Departmental policies and safety standards. The training covered proper deployment techniques, situational decision-making and de-escalation strategies, with a focus on minimizing risk to both deputies and the public. Through a combination of classroom instruction and practical exercises, deputies reinforced their proficiency and commitment to using less-lethal options effectively and responsibly in the field.



*Taser training*



*Taser training*



*Taser training*

**AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH**

Throughout the month of April, Temple Station deputies proudly participated in Autism Awareness Month activities to show their support for individuals and families affected by autism. Deputies wore special patches and ribbons, engaged with the community at awareness events and helped promote understanding, acceptance and inclusion. Their involvement reflected the station's ongoing commitment to building positive relationships with all members of the community and raising awareness about autism spectrum disorders.

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*Autism Awareness Month*



*Autism Awareness Month*



Autism Awareness Month



Administrative Professionals Day



Hannes with Deputy Trull



Autism Awareness Month



Administrative Professionals Day



Deputy Trinh with Jeremy

**ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY**

Captain Meza showed heartfelt appreciation to the station's administrative professionals by celebrating Administrative Professionals Day with them. Recognizing their hard work, dedication and vital contributions to the daily operations of the station, Captain Meza personally thanked each team member for their outstanding service. The celebration included a small gathering where staff were treated to lunch, along with other tokens of appreciation, reflecting the captain's commitment to fostering a positive and supportive work environment.

**VISITORS FROM GERMANY**

Temple Station recently had the honor of hosting a group of visiting police officers from Germany. During their visit, the German officers toured the station, learned about the operations of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and participated in ride-alongs with deputies to observe daily patrol activities. The exchange provided a valuable opportunity for both agencies to share knowledge, discuss policing strategies and strengthen international partnerships. The visit was a positive experience for all involved, highlighting the shared commitment to public safety across borders. ☆



Kevin with Deputy Obichere



Administrative Professionals Day



Ms. Kolling, German Consulate of Los Angeles, with Deputy Camargo



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### TIMELESS GEAR



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Stylish, high-performance frames feature lenses that provide superior sun and glare protection as well as clarity at every angle. Icon accent color available in tonal flag or U.S. flag.

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#### Oakley SI Jupiter Squared Matte Black USA Flag

Showcase your American pride. The handles of switchblade knives inspired the earstems and their metal bands and rivets. Prizm black. Icon accent color available in tonal flag.

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#### Oakley SI Holbrook Mix Steel With Prizm Sapphire Polarized

Features a three-point fit that focuses on comfort and performance. Prizm lenses enhance color, contrast and detail for an optimized experience.

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Sleek, stylish and understated satin black frames with polarized lenses that block 99% of reflected glare, featuring filtering that maintains color recognition and provides clarity from all angles of vision.

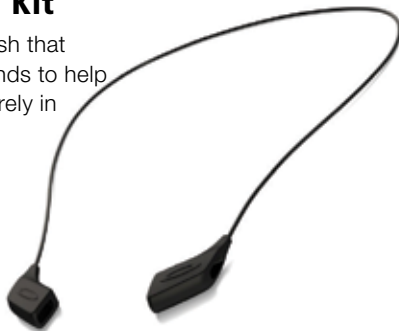
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By Vanessa Renteria  
West Hollywood Station

### LASD EXPLORER CLASS #112N COLORS RUN

On April 19, LASD Explorer Class #112N participated in their class Colors Run, held at the Universal Studios Backlot with support from West Hollywood Sheriff's Station personnel. The run was dedicated to recent fallen Deputy Hector Cuevas Jr. of the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department. Class #112N honored the ultimate sacrifice that any law enforcement officer can make — laying down their life to protect and serve the community.

On March 17, Deputy Cuevas was in pursuit of a stolen vehicle reported just minutes earlier. During the high-speed chase, Deputy Cuevas' patrol vehicle collided with another vehicle and then struck a nearby pole. The impact of the collision was so great that it split the patrol vehicle in half and critically injured Deputy Cuevas. Although lifesaving



measures were administered, Deputy Cuevas passed away on scene.

Deputy Sheriff Cuevas had served with the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department for six years and is survived by his wife, two children, his parents, his brother and his sister.

The significance of a Colors Run is to symbolize the earning of one's law enforcement uniform patches. The hard work each LASD Explorer

demonstrates during the Academy is rewarded with this honor and privilege.

We would like to thank everyone for their help and participation in making this event and memory possible for our LASD Explorers — the future of our Department!



**WEST HOLLYWOOD CRIME TASK FORCE**

Earlier this year, West Hollywood Sheriff's Station COPS and EPT teams assisted LASD/MCB Organized Retail Crimes Task Force (ORCTF) detectives with a retail theft sting operation. The teams collaborated with various retailers to address the ongoing theft of over-the-counter medications, cosmetics, hygiene products, miscellaneous clothing items, fragrances and more.

ORCTF detectives partnered with loss prevention retail investigators to identify booster crews and fencing operations. The multilocation search warrant operation concluded with the arrest of seven suspects and the recovery of a large amount of evidence.

The stolen property is estimated to be worth approximately \$4 million in U.S. currency. Some of the affected retailers, such as Target, Ulta, CVS and Walgreens, operate within the local jurisdiction of the West Hollywood Sheriff's Station.

Shout-out to our West Hollywood Sheriff's Station COPS and EPT teams for assisting in such a large and successful operation!



**LASD LIFESAVING AWARD**

On April 2, West Hollywood Station personnel were honored for their contributions in keeping the city of West Hollywood safe:

- Deputy of the Year was awarded to Deputy Patrick Baisa.
- Detective of the Year was awarded to Detective Brandon Zeff.



- Crime Impact Team of the Year Deputy of the Year was awarded to Deputy Mauricio Mejia.
- Civilian of the Year was awarded to Monica Kim.
- Volunteer of the Year was awarded to Patricia Smets.

Thank you to all of those who worked hard, day in and day out, to help keep our West Hollywood community and businesses safe!

**NATIONAL SIBLINGS DAY!**

West Hollywood Station is proud to be the home of brothers Detective Brian Huezo and Deputy Christopher Huezo! The station values the importance and significance of family — both at home and at work! Thank you, Detective Huezo and Deputy Huezo, for being such a valuable and vital part to the West Hollywood family! ☆





By Dorian Penn Sr.  
Transit Services Bureau

### NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK

**T**ransit Services Bureau was proud to celebrate National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in April!



### TSB SAU BUS TRAINING

In preparation for the 2028 Olympics, the Transit Services Bureau Special Assignment Unit (SAU) is continuing specialized training on bus operations. With public transportation set to play a major role during the 2028 Olympics across Los Angeles County, we're committed to keeping it safe and secure for everyone.



### PALI HIGH OPENS IN SANTA MONICA

Due to the devastation caused by the Palisades fire, students from the Palisades school community have been temporarily relocated to Santa Monica. Thanks to the incredible support of the Santa Monica mayor, city officials, law enforcement and Metro, the transition back to Pali High was safe, smooth and efficient.



K-9 Luxor, as they officially hit the platforms together for their very first shift! We were excited to see this new team in action, keeping our transit systems safe and secure. ☆



**TSB ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY!**

We gave a massive shout-out to the incredible team behind the scenes at Transit Services Bureau — our secretaries, administrative assistants and office



pros who keep everything moving! Your hard work, organization and dedication are truly the backbone of our success. Thank you for all that you do!

**WELCOME, DEPUTY GOSTEL AND K-9 LUXOR**

Transit Services Bureau welcomed our new TSB K-9 handler, Deputy Gostel, and his partner,



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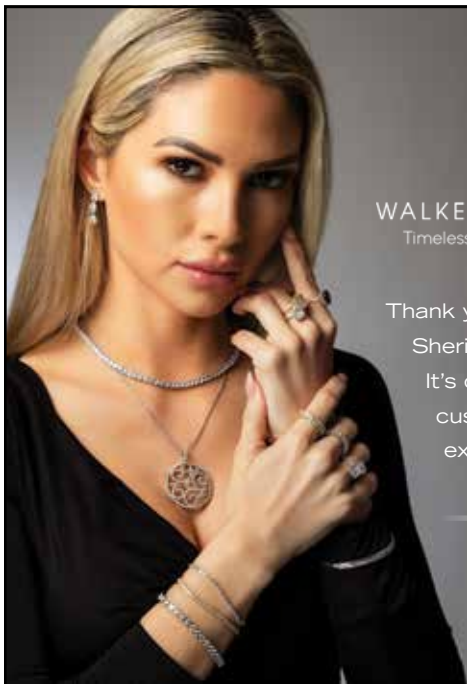
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