



LAPD ANNOUNCES HISTORIC PROMOTION AND MOVEMENT OF COMMAND STAFF

Terry Hara First Asian American Deputy Chief

On Tuesday, January 22, 2008, Chief Bratton announced the promotion and reassignment of several members of the LAPD Command Staff, beginning in March.

"As several members of the current LAPD Command Staff announce their retirements, I will have the opportunity to promote many dedicated and qualified individuals to take their place," said Chief Bratton. "Along with the promotion will be changes in Command for other staff officers."

Promoting to Deputy Chief and being assigned to Commanding Officer West Bureau, is Commander Terry Hara. Commander Hara will become the first Asian American to achieve the rank of Deputy Chief in LAPD history. Commander Hara joined the LAPD in February

1980 after having been introduced to law enforcement as a Police Explorer Scout with the Long Beach Police Department. He has held numerous positions and worked various assignments in the Department, including his current post as the Department's Employee Relations Administrator for the Chief of Police.

Of the appointment, Commander Hara said, "I was elated and honored when Chief Bratton informed me about my promotion to Deputy Chief. This promotion is historic for the Department and the people of Los Angeles. I shall serve my post with honor and distinction."

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Deputy Chief Terry Hara



Chief's Message ... William J. Bratton, Chief of Police

Standing in front of the Watts Towers on January 2, 2008, Mayor Villaraigosa and I, along with members of the Command Staff, City leaders and community members, announced that preliminary crime statistics for 2007 show our Part I crime rate dropped for the sixth year in a row. Moreover, the per capita crime rate for Part I crime remained below the 1956 level for the third year in a row. And you, the men and women of the Los Angeles Police Department, made good on our Department goal of a 5% decrease in crime for the year 2007.

Homicides dropped 18%; rape decreased 13.8%; robbery went down by 6.2%; aggravated assaults dropped 9.3%; burglary dipped 4.1%; car burglary

dropped 0.2%; personal and other theft decreased 6.1. %; and auto theft went down 8.3%. Additionally, victims of shootings continued their decline in 2007, as they had in each of the previous five years. In 2006, 476 persons were murdered and 2,210 were shot. For 2007, these numbers came down to 84 fewer homicide victims and 315 fewer shooting victims. Each of these represents a life saved and a family free from the tragic consequences of violent crime.

For the year 2007, homicides fell to a 37-year low, with the final number at 392 total. Our homicide rate is the lowest it has been since 1970. This homicide figure marks a huge reduction from 1992, the deadliest year in our history, when Los Angeles recorded its highest number of homicides ever in a single year, 1,092. In that year, the per capita homicide rate reached 3.09 per 10,000 residents, whereas in 2007, we saw a rate of 0.93 per 10,000 residents.

What this means is that tremendous progress has been made to secure every Los Angeles neighborhood. LA is a much safer place to live, to work, and to visit. And these crime reduction figures didn't just happen. They are a direct result of your commitment and dedication. You achieved these successes with a ratio of about one officer for every 445 residents, less than half the rate of the New York City

Police Department. In December 2007, for the first time since 1999, our police officer ranks increased to over 9,600 as part of the 1,000-officer hiring plan initiated by Mayor Villaraigosa.

The principle reason for the declining crime figures is you and your hard work. Smart, efficient, focused policing that emphasizes partnership, problem solving

and prevention- and is built on a strong foundation of optimism that we, the police, matter- is what's making the difference. It's not the economy, demographics, employment rates, gentrification, or the weather that are causing the crime rates to decline.

They are influences, not causes. I have spent my professional career driving home this point to the naysayers and the skeptics, and anybody else who refuses to give credit where credit is due. For the last 6 years with your successes and driving crime down against great odds, you have given me a great story to tell about the importance of police in our democracy. The primary responsibility of a democratic government is public safety. Your hard work is ensuring that obligation continues to be increasingly fulfilled here in Los Angeles. You are becoming a model to the rest of the world for being second to none in fulfilling the promise "to protect and to serve." You should all feel quite proud to be members of this great Department and the police profession. The LAPD is making a difference because we are the difference.

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LAPD Announces Historic Promotion and Movement *Continued from front cover*

Deputy Chief Kenny Garner will become Commanding Officer of South Bureau. Appointed to the Los Angeles Police Department in June 1977, Chief Garner has over twenty years of supervisory experience and spent many years as a police officer in assignments in South Bureau including Southwest Area, 77th Street Area and Southeast Area. As a Captain, Garner was Commanding Officer of 77th Street Area.

Chief Garner, in response to the news, stated, "I'm very excited to be returning to Operations-South Bureau where I've worked thirteen different assignments in the past. I

look forward to continuing the great work done by Deputy Chief Charlie Beck and continue to find ways to reduce crime and embrace the various communities within the Bureau."

Deputy Chief Charlie Beck will become the new Chief of Detectives, taking over for Deputy Chief Gary Brennan, who is retiring. A 31-year Department veteran, Chief Beck will have line command of the Detective

Bureau and functional responsibilities for detective operations Citywide, and will be a direct report to Chief Bratton.

"Detectives in general, and Detective Bureau specifically, need to take an increased role of leadership within the Department. Separating Detective Bureau from the Office of Operations and adding the COMPSTAT and RACR functions will enable us to not only elevate the status of Detectives within our organization but also to increase their impact on crime reduction and strategies. I am very excited about this opportunity and look forward to working with the men and woman of the new Detective

Bureau," Chief Beck said.

These are the first of more changes to come. Said Chief Bratton, "Over the coming months I will announce a re-structuring of the Department's Organizational chart and more promotions."

The Department offers sincere congratulations to all three gentlemen.

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*Deputy Chief
Kenny Gardner*



*Deputy Chief
Charlie Beck*

New Bomb Squad Facility Dedicated In The Valley

On Thursday, January 10, 2008, Chief Bratton and several dignitaries gathered for a ribbon cutting ceremony at the newly constructed Valley Bomb Squad Facility located at the Department's Edward Davis Training Facility in Granada Hills. One of the buildings that resulted from the \$600 million dollar Proposition Q public safety bond measure to improve, renovate, and expand police facilities, the Bomb Squad Facility was built on a 4.5 acre site and cost \$7 million dollars to complete. The new facility includes a 9,200 square foot main building, an outdoor training area, and an explosive detonation bunker for testing as well as parking for 226 vehicles. The main building will serve as both an operational and training facility.

In his remarks, Chief Bratton spoke of the Valley Bomb Squad Facility being the first of several new beginnings for the Department in 2008. February will see the opening of the new Metro Bomb Squad Facility, and other dedications are slated throughout the year, including the openings of replacement stations in Harbor, Rampart, and Hollenbeck Areas.

The event's Master of Ceremonies was Deputy Chief Michael Downing, Commanding Officer of Counter Terrorism and Incident Management Bureau. In high Department fashion,

City Councilmember Greig Smith of the 12th District, Los Angeles Police Commissioner Robert Saltzman, Ms. Sharon Bruno of the Proposition Q Citizen Oversight Committee, Board of Public Works Commissioner Ernesto Cardenas, and City Engineer Gary Lee Moore.

The Bomb Squad and Hazardous Material Sections of the Department's Emergency Services Division respond throughout the City to any call where field officers determine that a possible explosive device may exist. The Bomb Squad restores security and preserves

the Posting of Colors was presented, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the National Anthem was performed. Department Chaplain Kenneth Crawford led an invocation.

Among the many dignified guests present, those who spoke included

crime scenes until the area is rendered safe for the public. Emergency Services Division also provides training to officers on proper response and handling of calls involving explosives and hazardous materials. □



New Bomb Squad Facility



Cutting ceremony for New Bomb Squad Facility

The Year In Review At The Police Commission

by Police Commission President Anthony Pacheco



The end of the year is the perfect time to reflect on accomplishments of the past year and look to the New Year as an opportunity for new goals. My fellow Police Commissioners and I feel that 2007 was a very productive year for the Police Commission and thus, the Los Angeles Police Department.

In 2007, the Police Commission prioritized and realized tangible results on the following: active and diversified recruitment; Consent Decree compliance; the TEAMS II risk man-

agement system, which is now up and running, strengthening the Department's ability to monitor employee trends before they become risk management issues; audit review resulting in significant changes in protocol and procedure, specifically the Command Accountability Perforsteadfast support for the Chief's goals, including gang reduction, crime reduction, homelessness reduction, and anti-terrorism preparedness. Specific issues, such as Skid Row and the Safer Cities Initiative also became a focus. And of course, this Commission granted Chief William Bratton a second five-year term to continue the outstanding work he has done here in Los Angeles.

Looking forward to 2008, this Commission would like to build upon these successes at the Los Angeles Police Department. As we all know, this City remains one of the most under-policed cities in the Country. While our crime statistics are outstanding, imagine what they would be like if we had more officers. This Commission will wholeheartedly support the momentum and keep hiring as many police officers as possible. We have that obligation to the people of this city, and we also have an obligation to build the force in a manner that reflects the ethnic diversity of Los Angeles.

As this Department moves forward in the era of accountability and openness, cameras in the cars are imperative for both the officers and the community members. This Commission is closely monitoring the progress of the contract for camera installation, and we will not stop until cameras are in all patrol cars. While I mentioned the officers' radios as an accomplishment of this Commission, we still have budgetary problems with the aging hand held radio system and we are considering it a priority.

I would like to commend all of you for the outstanding achievements this Department noted in 2007. You should all be very proud. I look forward to more notable achievements in the coming year. □



RECENT ACTIONS BY THE POLICE COMMISSION

DECEMBER 4: The Commission welcomed newly-appointed Police Commissioner Robert Saltzman. Commissioner Saltzman has served as Associate Dean of the Gould School of Law at the University of Southern California since 1988. He is an expert in legal and professional ethics, the learning process in law school, legislation and the political process, and disabilities issues.

DECEMBER 4: The Commission presented members of the Bomb Squad with the Police Meritorious Service Medal for their outstanding effort in burning 60 sticks of active dynamite on site and averting a major catastrophe.

DECEMBER 18: The Commission approved the Department's \$1.5 billion Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2008/2009.

DECEMBER 20: The Commission unanimously approved a Special Order entitled "Confidential Financial Disclosure Policy and Procedures for Gang Enforcement Detail and Narcotics Field Enforcement Section Units Established." This Special Order is mandated by the Consent Decree. Police Commission President Anthony Pacheco stated, "The Police Commission has the utmost faith and confidence in the fine men and women of the LAPD. The unilateral implementation of a Financial Disclosure Program is not a sign of the lack of confidence in the sworn officers, rather a matter of compliance with the Consent Decree. This is one more step in making the Los Angeles Police Department the best law enforcement agency it can be."

LAPD Brings Holiday Cheer to Military Families

by Sgt. Katharina McAnany

On December 17, 2007, men and women from the Los Angeles Police Department traveled to Camp Pendleton's Naval Hospital and Balboa's Naval Medical Center to deliver holiday cheer and gifts to wounded military personnel and their families in an annual tradition known as Operation Sleigh Trail.

Officers from Southwest Area's patrol, Gang Enforcement Detail, Crime Suppression Detail, Community Relations Office, and the Senior Lead Office donated their time. The officers delivered gift cards and toys to give to the junior enlisted families that are stationed at Camp Pendleton. In addition, participants from Operations Central Bureau, Internal Affairs, SWAT and Central Division joined Southwest Area in thanking our military families.

These families have spouses who have been either wounded or killed or

are currently deployed overseas in Iraq or Afghanistan. Some of the families visited have also suffered a loss during the fires in and around the Camp Pendleton area.

After delivering a shipment of toys that would make Santa Claus proud, the officers made a trip to Balboa Naval Medical Center to visit the Wounded Warrior Center. At the amputee physical therapy center, officers visited with the critically injured

military members that are still hospitalized.

Southwest Commanding Officer Captain James E. Craig said, "We at the Southwest Area are proud to support our military personnel and their families. The fact that our officers donated their time and money shows the level of appreciation we in the Los Angeles Police Department have for the sacrifices made by our men and women in the military." □



LAPD group at Camp Pendleton's Naval Hospital

CRIME WATCH CITYWIDE (YEAR TO DATE - 12/1/02)

Homicide - 15.4%	▼	Burglary - 2.8%	▼
Rape - 13.2%	▼	Burglary/Theft from Vehicle + 1.3%	▲
Robbery - 6.3%	▼	Personal/Other Theft - 6.8%	▼
Aggravated Assault - 8.4%	▼	Auto Theft - 4.4%	▼
Total Violent Crime - 7.7%	▼	Total Property Crimes - 3.1%	▼
		Total Part I Crimes - 4.1%	▼

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CTD Officers Shave Heads in Show of Support

In another example of the camaraderie LAPD is famous for, officers from Central Traffic Division symbolically shaved their heads on Thursday, January 24, 2008, to show support for one of their own.

Diagnosed with leukemia last year, 26-year Department veteran Officer Carlos Torres had started showing the telltale sign of cancer radiation treatments: hair loss. In support of their fellow officer, his wife and their two children, these officers bared their heads and their hearts as a way of letting Officer Torres know they care.

Our thoughts are with Officer Torres and his family. Central Traffic Division and all of LAPD wish Officer Torres a speedy recovery. □

37th ANNUAL POLICE CELEBRITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

All sworn and civilian personnel, family members and friends, are invited to attend the 37th Annual Los Angeles Police Celebrity Golf Tournament, scheduled for Saturday, May 17, 2008, at Rancho Park Golf Course. Neal McDonough



Neal McDonough

(Band of Brothers, Flags of Our Fathers) will serve as celebrity host. As always, there will be Police Department displays, such as helicopters, the bomb squad, the mobile museum, and LAPD horses, as well as great food and drink throughout the park.

All proceeds will benefit the Los Angeles Memorial Foundation, which financially assists LAPD family members experiencing catastrophic circumstances resulting from injury or death. Since its inception in 1972, the Foundation has granted more than \$10.5 million for medical, funeral and educational expenses.

For more information, contact the Memorial Foundation at (213) 847-4239 or (213) 847-4240, or by emailing LAPDMF@SBCGlobal.net.



Deputy Chief Sergio Diaz and colleagues surround newly-shaven Sgt. Kris Davis

LAPD Officers Participate in Orange County Traffic Officers National Invitational Motor Challenge

The Orange County Traffic Officers Association (OCTOA) held its 37th annual Police Motor Officers Invitational on October 10, 2007, hosting the largest assembly of motor vehicles in the association's history. Some 200 motors competed in the event at the Huntington State Beach facility to test their skills and mettle against the best riders in California law enforcement.

The LAPD contingent present for the challenge included motor officers from South Traffic Division. OCTOA Executive Director Steve Spernak said the LAPD presence at this event is a natural and has helped expand the amount of motors that compete in the growing event. Said Mr. Spernak, "LAPD is a world-class police department and it makes sense the best motors in law enforcement compete here. [Officer] Joanna Needham from LAPD won this competition twice. Next year, I'd like to see all of LAPD

Traffic mount up and compete here." Spernak said LAPD Officers maximized the day of competition and performed on the patterns intensely,

going point for point with Los Angeles Sheriffs Department, Carlsbad Police Department, California Highway Patrol, Orange County

Sheriff Motors and officers from 40 departments in the Southland. The 2007 winners included officers from CHP-LA, the Orange County Sheriffs Department, and the Tustin, San Bernardino, and Pasadena police departments.

Officers interested in participating in the 2008 competition are encouraged to contact OCTOA Executive Director Steve Spernak at (949) 466-6284 for more information.



Motor Competition



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The merit-based awards will be made to students who have demonstrated:

- Excellence in academic studies
- Good character and high moral standards
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- Personal accomplishments

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for more information and/or applications

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Joan Wakefield

CAPTAIN II

Ann Young

CAPTAIN I

Philip Fontanetta

LIEUTENANT II

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Mark Ziemba
Richard Wall

DETECTIVE III

Anthony Avila
Charles Bennett
Christopher Brazzill
Joe Callian
Johnathan Celentano
Steve Galeria
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William Park
Mark Severino
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Hollywood Area

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77th Street Area

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Detective I
77th Street Area

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Crime and Intel. Analyst I
Foothill Area

RALPH SANCHEZ

Warehouse and
Toolroom Worker
Scientific Investigation Div.

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