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By Chief Parks

The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) takes great pride in training recruits and shaping them into the proud men and women who will protect and serve the people of Los Angeles. Inside this edition, we highlight recruit training the way it was years ago and as it is today. Although basic training procedures may not have changed that drastically since 1926 or even 1973, the City has. Therefore, today there is more emphasis on human relations and community policing.

On January 29, the National Hot Rod Association (NHRA), honored both the Mayor and myself on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary. The Association has provided drag racing aficionados a safer way to engage in their sport. With more than 80,000 members nationwide and more than 140 member tracks, the NHRA, headquartered in Glendora, is the primary sanctioning body for the sport of drag racing in the United States. The NHRA-sanctioned sportsman

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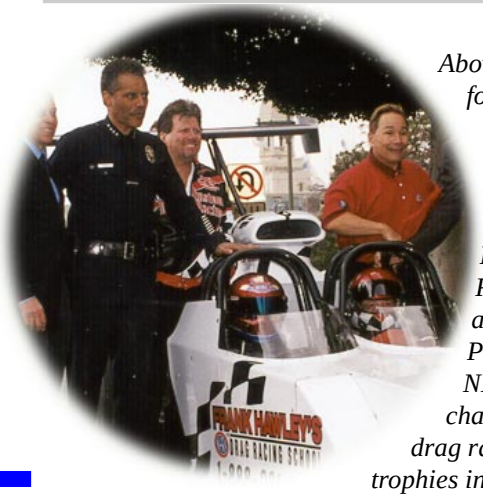
LAPD and City Recognize National Hot Rod Association Founder

Los Angeles Mayor Richard J. Riordan and Police Chief Bernard Parks jointly presente a Certificate of Appreciation to Wally Parks, founder of the Nationa Hot Rod Association (NHRA). The largest motorsports sanctioning body in the world kicked off its 50th Anniversary during a ceremony at Parker Center, the birthplace of the organization.

Wally Parks was presented the honor by City officials in recognition of his efforts 50 years ago to create a national organization for hot rod enthusiasts, hence eliminating illegal street racing. NHRA dignitaries and special guests present at the ceremony included NHRA President Tom Compton, and several of the NHRA's stars.



Above: NHRA founder Wally Parks presents Mayor Richard Riordan and Chief Parks with NHRA championship drag racing trophies in celebration of the Association's 50th Anniversary. Below: Mayor Riordan in passenger seat goes for a thrilling ride.

Celebrate National Dispatchers' Week

April 8-14, 2001

"Nine-one-one emergency, operator 123, what are you reporting?"

"All units, officer needs help…" What do these two phrases have in common? Both are spoken by true heroes of the Department – Police

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It's All for the Kids!

The jungle-themed poster featuring images of a panda bear, rhinoceros and random wild animals covers a door in a corner of the crowded and busy detective center at the juvenile section of Devonshire Area. Though it may seem out of place, the door opens to a softer, gentler environment for young guests who, by no choice of their own, happen to end up at the station.

Detective Tony Foti developed the idea to create a zone, which he refers to as the "soft room," where little people, either victims of violent crimes or children of parents who are taken into custody, can feel safe.

"Clearly, the station is an intimidating and unfriendly environment for the little ones," acknowledges Detective Foti. This tiny room provides a somewhat comfortable place for them when they end up at the station for as long as six hours. Regardless of the attention his efforts have gained, Detective Foti unassumingly says, "It's all for the kids."

Detective Foti realized the need for a special room for the young visitors – the station usually gets 20-30 kids a month – after his juvenile officers brought a young brother and sister into the station following the parents' arrest on suspicion of abuse and neglect. The kids were scared and hungry, and all Detective Foti had to offer them was jail food.

After discussing the situation with his wife, Bernadette, Detective Foti decided to create a place for the children. With the assistance of some of the officers and other detectives from the Devonshire station,

Detective Foti and his creation — the soft room.

Detective Foti cleared out a small storage room and turned it into what is now a warm-lighted place with toys, children's videos and books. There are also some new clothes, just in case there is a need. "It's amazing what a warm McDonald's Happy Meal will do for a little person," says Foti.

The "soft room," painted a light blue color, is decorated with pleasant pictures of cats, cars, and children-friendly images. A comfortable small couch with soft, warm blankets, a tiny sitting table and a shelf full of fluffy stuffed toys, add the final touches to complete the comfortable room.

The community group *Supporters of Law Enforcement in Devonshire Division* – SOLID – bought carpeting and furniture, and McDonald's donated vouchers for Happy Meals. Target and Kmart donated stuffed animals and coloring books. Now, thanks to Detective Foti, Devonshire Station provides a small yet safe haven for all the children who happen to end up there.

– By Mariella Cole, PRS

Celebrate National Dispatchers' Week

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Service Representatives (PSR). Every day, 24/7, PSRs carry out their job proudly.

Communications Division has approximately 350 PSRs assigned to the Central Dispatch Center (CDC). The PSRs assigned to the CDC, work four levels underground in a dark, crowded, and windowless environment. The CDC is the busiest public safety answering point in the state. Last year, PSRs answered more than 3.5 million calls for service. Each operator usually handles anywhere from 150 to 250 calls per day, depending on the shift.

Being a PSR can be extremely rewarding and exciting. For example, there is a certain satisfaction in knowing that just by hearing your voice, the caller feels reassured that someone is there to help them until the police arrive. Sometimes being a PSR means having to strap on your seatbelt and hanging on for the wild ride.

The Department and Communications Division eagerly anticipate the opening of the new Metro Dispatch Center expected in Summer/Fall 2002. This new facility, adjacent to Parker Center, will be home to Communications Division. The Metro Dispatch Center is five times larger than the CDC and will be outfitted with state-of-the-art equipment. Some of the new amenities include ergonomically designed work areas with customized temperature controls, a media room, a workout room, a quiet room, an atrium and yes…windows! The Valley Dispatch Center is scheduled to open in 2003.

The Communications Division has approximately 350 PSRs assigned to the Central Dispatch Center.

April 8-14, 2001, is National Dispatchers' Week. Please take this opportunity to visit the CDC and see for yourself the great job PSRs do everyday.

— By Lillian Brock, Senior PSR
Communications Division

EMPLOYEES' EDGE

This Spring, Balanced Health continues to bring world-renowned experts in medicine to Parker Center. Enjoy a complimentary lunch and speak with the experts, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

- *Eye and Vision Care: March 14*
- *Foot Care: May 23*
- *Breast Cancer: April 18*
- *Sports Medicine: July 25.*

Christian Marriage Conference

Join us on May 11 and 12, 2001, at the Church At Rocky Peak, 22601 Santa Susana Pass Road, in Chatsworth.

- *Friday, May 11 – 1900 to 2200*
- *Saturday, May 12, – 0830 to 1500*

The cost of $25.00 per person, includes lunch and refreshments. For more information call Detective Simon Garcia at (213) 922-3717.

Recruit Training -

Being a police officer today is much more complicated, demanding, and difficult than in years passed. The community is less tolerant of mistakes and an officer's integrity is constantly scrutinized. Recruit officer training has been revised to meet the changing demands of the law enforcement profession as well as the community.

Indeed, changes have occurred in the recruit training curriculum. Community policing and human relations seem to be much more important now than in the past in response to changing policing styles. The community-policing model has required further development of interpersonal skills. Such skills allow an officer to develop partnerships and tolerance within our diverse communities, and ultimately develop decision-making and problem-solving skills.

Academy training is divided into the following categories: Academics, Emergency Driving, Firearms, Human Relations, Law, Physical Fitness/Self Defense, Linguistics — specifically Spanish — and Tactics. For the most part, recruits are trained and tested on each subject individually. Real life situations, however, require the simultaneous use of knowledge, skills, and abilities in several areas.

For this reason, the Department is examining its training strategies and techniques to adopt an integrated approach to recruit training in the future.

Recruit officers receive 1,064 hours of training over a 28-week course. The California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training require 664 hours. The additional 400 hours are mandated by the Department to enhance quality training. Recruit officers are required to pass 45 examinations.

Recruit officers receive 124 hours of firearms training. The Berretta 92FS is the handgun issued to them. They are required to shoot a passing score on the combat and bonus courses both during the day and by night. Recruits must also pass a gun manipulation test. Additionally, recruit officers must shoot a passing score with the Remington 870 shotgun in daylight and at night. Less than lethal munitions, chemical agents, and body armor are also part of the firearms curriculum. Professionalism is maintained by the Department's ability to respond to law enforcement and societal changes. Our training is recognized among the best in the nation. It is through a well-trained police force that the Department remains a leader in the law enforcement community.

Today's recruit officers receive 1,064 hours of training during a 28-week course.

Now and then...

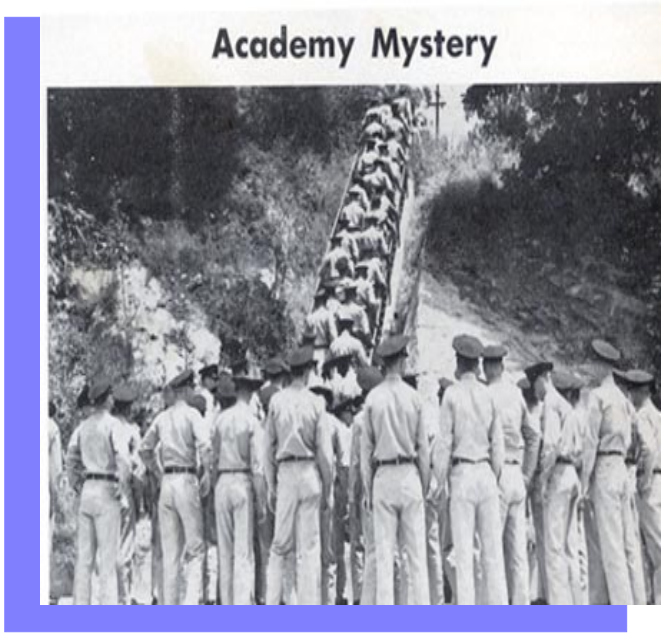
In the early 1900s, the Los Angeles Police Department had about 139 officers. Back then, recruits were selected primarily for their physical abilities. Officers were required to be between 21 and 30 years of age. The minimum height was 5'10" and the minimum weight was 150 pounds. Applicants had to have a chest size of at least 35½ inches "with the waist smaller."

Upon acceptance, officers were simply given their badges and assigned to patrol. Since they had no formal training, they learned while on the job from other officers.

It wasn't until 1916 that the first "police school" was established. This was the first formal training given to new officers. The curriculum included discipline, patrol duty, fires, first aid, care of lost children, law, traffic enforcement, morals and physical conditioning. Unfortunately, the police school was short-lived, due to budget cuts.

Formal training was reestablished in 1924. Classes were conducted in the Exposition Park Armory. In 1936, recruit training was moved to the newly constructed Police Academy in Elysian Park. Training was divided into two segments. The first segment consisted of training in the use of firearms, first aid, self-defense, tear gas, calisthenics, and physical training.

The second segment included classes in public speaking, criminal law, special laws, criminal evidence, city ordinances, crime prevention, fingerprinting, ballistics, forensic chemistry, handwriting and photography. After completing training, recruit officers were assigned to work with veteran officers. The probationary period was six months.



Recruits train at the Police Academy in Elysian Park, opened in 1936. The first police school was established in 1916. Prior to that, officers were simply given their badges and assigned to patrol.
Photo courtesy of vintage BEAT editions.

In 1973, a multimedia approach to recruit training was established. The Department instituted the Multimedia Instruction for Law Enforcement (MILE) Program. Training was supplemented with videotapes and films, audiotapes, textbooks, workbooks, role-playing, practical experience and seminars. Individual study carrels equipped with video cassette players, audio cassette players, television monitors and headsets were installed at the Academy. The MILE Program allowed recruits to progress at their own pace based upon their individual learning curve. The MILE Program was abandoned during the 1980s.

Commendations – The Chief of Police received the outside the Department.

SENIOR M. A. II

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Steven H. Horne

SENIOR PROPERTY OFFICER

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Gillyn R. Johnson
Property – Valley
Glen M. Lavin

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Property – Valley
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Glenn Y. Abellanosa
Sandra D. Margolis
Property
Osgood E. Iwuh
Manuel A. Gabaldon

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Sergio Sanchez
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Kevin Ishida
Osmund Bouligny
Southeast
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Christopher Hajduk
Joy Smith
Deborah Mann
West Valley
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Detective Support
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Steven Hennigan
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Gevork Shamlyan
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Christopher A. Ruiz
Michelle Blizzard
Northeast
James P. King
Narcotics
Alejandro Martinez
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Salvatore Labarbera
Pacific
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CORRECTION: In the February 2001 edition of the *BEAT*,Police Officer III, Bryan Lium, Operations-West Bureau, was mistakenly identified as P. O. I. We apologize for any inconvenience this might have caused.

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and bracket racing series provide competition opportunities for drivers of all levels.

April 8-14, 2001, marks the National Dispatcher Week. I salute these true heroes of the Department who carry out their job without the high visibility often reserved for others in the Department. Their hard work is truly appreciated.

I also want to recognize the great efforts shown by Devonshire Area, and particularly, Detective Tony Foti, for creating a less-hostile environment for kids who happen to visit the station by no choice of their own.

Renowned Singer Makes Generous Contribution

Ray Charles, a great supporter and contributor to the Los Angeles Police Department Youth Programs, presented the LAPD with a generous check of $25,000 at the recent Press Availability.

The LAPD Grateful Employee Organization (GEO) is the sponsor of this Angel, painted by the art students of Weemes Elementary School, now guarding our angels in front of Parker Center.

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