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**CHIEF'S MESSAGE**

**“Cops Count”**

**A**s we begin 2006, I want to wish everyone a happy New Year and thank each member of this Department, sworn and civilian, for all of your hard work and accomplishments in 2005. As each year passes, the Los Angeles Police Department continues to make outstanding reductions in crime, making Los Angeles a safer city for all. But we are

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**New Year, New Notebooks:  
Department Readies for Mobile Data Computers**

**L**aying the foundation for the future of Department technology, the Information and Communications Services Bureau will roll out some 1,550 Dell Mobile Data Computers (MDC).

These new notebook computers will replace Mobile Digital Terminals (MDT) in patrol and traffic vehicles, including hybrids, according to Tim Riley, Chief Information Officer, Information and Communications Services Bureau.

“Without MDCs we were restrained from thinking outside of the box,” Mr. Riley said. “MDTs don’t have a lot of smarts, but MDCs are notebook computers running software programs. This is the foundation of where we want to go with technology.”

MDC installation will take place from

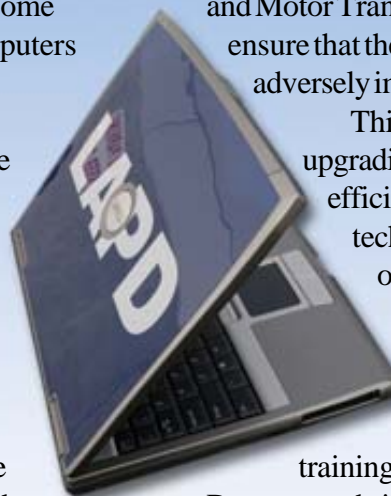
January through March 2006; Emergency Command Control Communications System Division, Information Technology Agency, and Motor Transport Division will partner to ensure that the transition does not adversely impact operations.

This is one of many steps in upgrading the Department’s efficiency through the use of technology. Upon deployment, officers will notice a few subtle differences in keyboard usage; this will be addressed in roll call training. Additional

training will be provided as the

Department brings on different systems and programs. Funds to replace aging hardware came from the U.S. Department of Justice via a COPS/MORE grant.

Initially, the MDC will function almost identically to the MDT. The Department’s long-term goal, however, is to create mobile



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not alone in that trend. According to the National Crime Victims Survey, violent crime rates across the nation have declined so significantly since 1994 that the country is on track to reach the lowest level recorded since the survey's inception in the early 1970s.

There are those who will argue that demographics, lower unemployment, and other influences have played a major role in this historic down turn in criminal activity, but the fact of the matter is that these are only influences. The sustained focus of law enforcement, our assumption of responsibility and accountability for crime prevention, and our unwavering efforts, applied in spite of tight budgets and thin resources, are really what has led to the reduction in violence in every major city around the country, and here in Los Angeles in particular. In short, "Cops Count." We are the difference. We are heavily invested in the cause. Our efforts and partnerships directly translate into fewer crime victims, fewer lost lives, and fewer families struggling to recover in the aftermath of crime.

In reviewing some of our outstanding successes during 2005, where LA "Cops Count" and where we have made great strides in crime reduction, it must be noted that as of mid-November, every geographic Area showed double-digit reductions in total violent crime figures. The average reduction for all 19 Areas was 28.8 percent. Several geographic Areas stand out as extraordinary, including Foothill, which is on track to post the largest reduction in total violent crimes in the City with a 49 percent decrease over last year. West Los Angeles and

North Hollywood Areas are on track to share second place with a reduction in total violent crimes of 38 percent. Mission Area is right behind with 37 percent, West Valley Area at 35 percent, Wilshire Area at 34 percent, and Newton and Van Nuys Areas at 30 percent each. Areas with violent crime reduction between 29 and 20 percent include Devonshire, Southwest, Southeast, Rampart, Hollywood, Hollenbeck, Pacific, Northeast, and 77<sup>th</sup> Street.

Innovations in the way we police this City have much to do with our successes. "Cops Counted" in several Safer Cities initiatives, including one in the Baldwin Village area. Southwest Area officers, City Attorney personnel, City Council representatives, and community members developed and implemented a variety of strategies. One component of the project, a Federal Task Force, culminated in a tactical operation that deployed both LAPD and FBI personnel. The Task Force served 17 federal arrest warrants, 11 state search warrants and 20 parole/probation compliance searches. The operation resulted in 18 arrests, the recovery of eight weapons, including two automatic rifles, and the confiscation of over two kilos of cocaine. Because of the outstanding efforts of this Safer Cities project, Part I Crime in the Baldwin Village area has been reduced by 22 percent.

We continue to see the fruits of our efforts in other Safer Cities initiatives including the Alvarado Corridor Project that brought together police, local government, community members, and

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## JUSTICE SERVED FOR MAIMED PUPPY

**O**n a warm summer morning in August 2005, Officer Gloria Fanning, Southeast Area, responded to a deadly weapon assault call. The call, while seemingly routine, would expose Officer Fanning to one of the most brutal cases of animal cruelty in her career.

During a heated argument, a 26-year-old male was doused with bleach by his girlfriend. In retaliation, the alleged gang member grabbed his girlfriend's dog—a five-month-old German shepherd-mix puppy—and proceeded to dunk the dog in a tub of blistering water. The assailant, an active parolee, went on to inflict further harm with a stun gun.

"The puppy was shaking and appeared to be in pain," Officer Fanning recalls. "She had obvious burns to her abdomen, tail and legs. She was very thin and scared."

On a daily basis, the suspect tortured the puppy, using the stun gun on various parts of her body, including her genitals, according to the man's girlfriend. Upon arrival, Officer Fanning detained and questioned the suspect, who denied harming the dog.

"He was very cold about what he had done and said he had never placed a hand on the 'stupid dog'," Officer Fanning said.

Following an aggressive investigation, the suspect was sentenced to three years in prison, the first felony conviction by the Animal Cruelty Task Force (ACTF).

Compelled by her experience, Officer Fanning went on to adopt the puppy named Sheila. Today, Sheila is almost a year old and lives in a ranch-style home that spans two acres. As a result of her injuries, Sheila suffered a break in her hip, limiting her use of one leg. She will undergo surgery and will require extensive physical therapy.

Officer Fanning hopes that the ACTF's work will raise awareness

## Aggressive New Task Force Minimizes Animal Cruelty, Curbs Violent Crime

**T**o break the link between animal cruelty and violent crime against people, the Department in collaboration with the office of Councilmember Tony

Cardenas launched the Animal Cruelty Task Force (ACTF) last summer.

Following the lead of such cities as Boston, Chicago and San Francisco, the City introduced the ACTF as a six-month pilot program focused on two

LAPD geographic bureaus, South and Valley Bureaus. Less than six months after its inception, the task force has achieved a number of significant successes via aggressive investigations; these include two felony arrests, one felony prosecution and five felony filings.

"The correlation between animal cruelty and violent crime against persons is clear," said Chief Bratton. "Some of the most notorious serial killers began their sprees by torturing and killing animals. We can reduce

violent crime against persons by reducing violent crime against animals."

The task force represents a cutting edge strategy to prevent, reduce and punish animal abuse, including gang-

related blood sports such as dog and cock fighting.

Between July and October 2005, the ACTF saved 14 dogs and participated in eight dog-fighting investigations.

Additionally, the task force seized more than 180 birds used for

cockfighting and confiscated a range of contraband including wing clips, vitamins, steroids, and antibiotics. To date, the ACTF has been involved in 20 investigations since its founding in July, compared to just two animal cruelty investigations in the first six months of the year.

Sergeant Dana Berns, Planning and Research Division, oversees the ACTF. As the officer in charge, the 15-year Department veteran facilitates investigations and ensures that Department and Animal Services



(Left to Right) Animal Services Officers Chip Vang and Armando Navarette, LAPD Officer Gloria Fanning with Sheila, and Animal Services Officers Annette Ramirez and Sean McCarthy.

about crimes against animals. Additionally, she is optimistic that greater awareness about animal cruelty will spark dialogue between the Department and Animal Services

regarding new ways to deal with abandoned and victimized animals.

"Animals come second to people, but something really needs to be done," she said. □

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## Reception Celebrates Legacy of Pioneering Policewomen

In the early 1900s, the City of Los Angeles, and the nation at large, faced a crisis dubbed the “Girl Problem” by newspapers and social workers, according to Janis Appier, Ph.D. Girls, as young as 14 years old, flooded City streets, as poor, immigrant families replaced education with labor, sending their daughters to work in factories and department stores.

Appier—featured speaker at the Los Angeles Women Police Officers and Associates’ (LAWPOA) holiday reception, Dec. 13, 2005, at the Police Academy—said that while parents anticipated the economic benefit this workforce would generate, they never imagined the sexual revolution and delinquency that would ensue. Correspondingly, the Los Angeles Police Department did not foresee the gender-driven overhaul that loomed.

“Teenage girls were everywhere—on buses, at amusement parks and pool halls; they wore make up and tight clothing, they smoked and drank, they picked up men in bars,” said Dr. Appier, author of *Policing Women: The Sexual Politics of Law*

*Enforcement and the LAPD.* “The unwed pregnancy rate skyrocketed, as did the incidence of sexually transmitted diseases.”

Alice Stebbins Wells, a married, 37-year-old former assistant pastor, was among a group of middle class women who stepped up to protect these sexually vulnerable teens, according to Dr. Appier. In September of 1910, Wells convinced the City Council to appoint her to the LAPD to assist with cases involving women and children.



Alice Stebbins Wells

As the first female police officer in the nation, Wells’ duties encompassed supervision and enforcement of laws pertaining to dance halls, skating rinks and picture shows, among other places of public recreation. Shortly after joining the Department, under the leadership of Chief Charles Sebastian, Wells spearheaded a movement to hire more women. In the next decade, New York, Chicago, Detroit and Denver followed, changing the face and function of criminal justice around the world.

### LEADING THE WAY

Founded in 1925, Los Angeles Women Police Officers and Associates (LAWPOA) works to enhance the status of women in law enforcement. With 550 members, the organization supports a network for active and retired law enforcement affiliates. In 2006, LAWPOA will experience exciting changes, among them the design of an interactive Web site and a makeover for its newsletter. In the new year, members can look forward to the following:

- **Scholarships**—Members will benefit from a number of LAWPOA-sponsored scholarships to be awarded on an annual basis.
- **Women of the Year Awards Luncheon**—LAWPOA will honor the achievements of women in law enforcement at an annual luncheon beginning in 2006. Members will be asked to nominate deserving candidates in January and February. Any woman who has gone above and beyond the call of duty to make a difference in the lives of women in law enforcement would be an ideal candidate. Please contact Detective Deborah Gonzales with your nomination at (213) 202-5485.
- **Commemorative Coin**—To celebrate the 75-year history of women in law enforcement LAWPOA is offering a double-sided, commemorative challenge coin bearing the newly designed logo and LAPD badge.
- **Childcare Centers**—In the future, families will benefit from a childcare project, spearheaded by LAWPOA, aimed at relieving childcare-related hardships.
- **Joint Training Workshops**—To increase the promotability of women and minorities, LAWPOA will partner with other employee organizations to assist with promotional training workshops. □

By 1914, the LAPD had an all-female unit called the “City Mothers’ Bureau.” This entity, which integrated a social work component into conventional law enforcement, became internationally known for its progressive model of police work called “preventive policing.” Brazil, Japan and England, among other countries, sent police officers to study the cutting-edge crime prevention model launched by the “City Mothers.” During this time, Scotland Yard, the detective department of London’s metropolitan police

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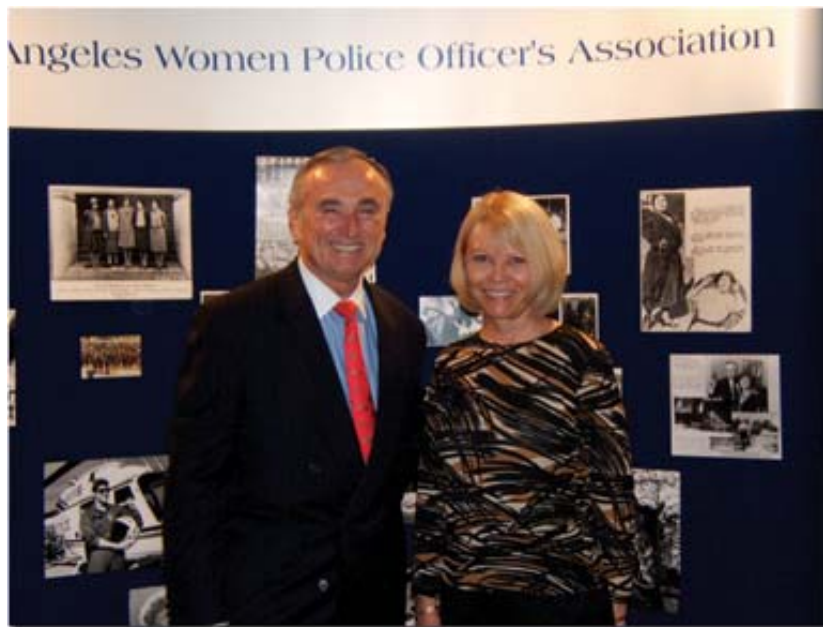
force, established in 1829, declared the LAPD City Mothers' Bureau the "first effective and the finest" crime prevention agency in the world, according to Dr. Appier, whose book focuses on the pioneering generation of women police officers.

"Women changed policing in unintended ways," Dr. Appier said. "Women came in and altered the dynamic of the Department."

Wells worked for the Department for 30 years. In 1928, she became the first president of the Women's Peace Officers Association of California, a group she helped to create.

Despite major advancements made in gender relations by pioneering women police officers, the movement crashed in the 1930s following a highly publicized crime wave, ridden with bank robberies and murders. To stifle crime, the Department opted for a more aggressive approach and transitioned to the "Crime Control Model." Marginalized, women police officers were taken off the streets in the 1940s and 50s and placed in administrative roles where they performed functions such as filing and typing. The Department shut down the "City Mothers' Bureau" in 1964.

*Policing Women: The Sexual*



*Janis Appier, Ph.D., photographed with Chief Bratton, was the featured speaker at the Los Angeles Women Police Officers and Associates' (LAWPOA) holiday reception, Dec. 13, 2005, at the Elysian Park Police Academy.*

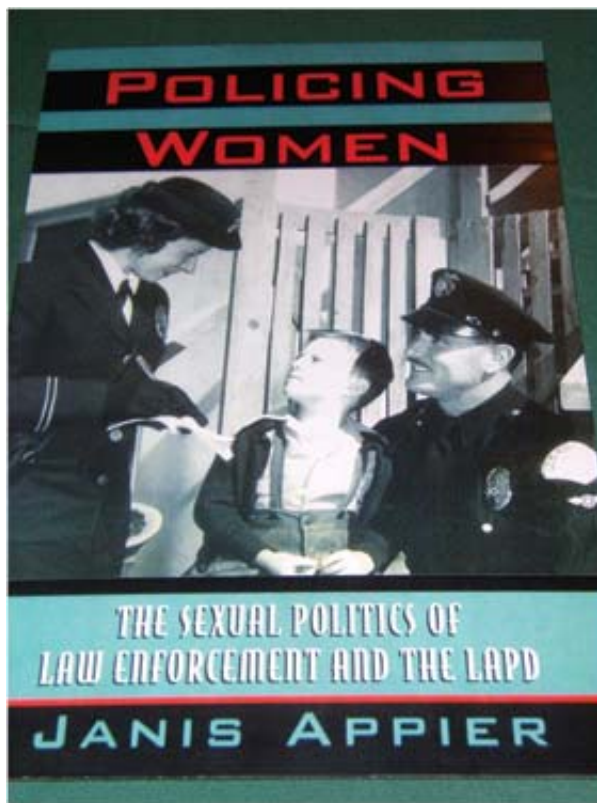
*Politics of Law Enforcement and the LAPD* provides a thorough history of women in municipal police departments from 1910-46. Dr. Appier, a professor of history at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, is the daughter of Reford "Roy" Lee Appier, a former LAPD lieutenant who retired in 1975; she is also the great-granddaughter of a police officer. Dr. Appier is now working on a continuation of *Policing Women*, which will span the 1990s.

She is presently seeking women "on the job" to interview.

Detective Deborah A. Gonzales, Women's Coordinator, LAWPOA president, said Dr. Appier's presentation was ideal for starting the New Year, as it symbolizes a rebirth of LAWPOA.

"This organization has been quiet a little too long," Detective Gonzales said. "But we are here to raise the status and promotability of our members and women in the law enforcement profession, starting where Alice Stebbins Wells left off, right here at the LAPD."

For more information about Los Angeles Women Police Officers and Associates, please call (213) 228-9199. □



*Dr. Appier is the author of Policing Women: The Sexual Politics of Law Enforcement and the LAPD.*

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business resources to reclaim MacArthur Park and the surrounding area. The use of technology, such as the park camera project, allowed for the installation of closed-circuit television cameras to be linked to Rampart Station. The park camera project was a partnership involving public funds and private contributions of both money and equipment. In both of these projects, as in all of our success stories, cops have been the catalyst for the reduction in crime throughout the City.

Perhaps for the first time in history in America, the continuing decline in crime has positioned our profession at the tipping point for change as our influence can positively affect the ethnic and racial tensions, and the mistrust that has plagued the country, our cities, and our profession. We are at the fork in the road where we can now take the high road and improve our relationships with the people we serve rather than continue the practices that lead to tension and mistrust. We must embrace issues of transparency and strive for better working partnerships with all of those in the criminal justice system and with the public we serve. It is not enough to continue to drive crime down, we must at the same time, through compassionate and constitutional community policing practices, improve the relationship between the police and the public we serve. This is particularly true in our poorest and most disadvantaged neighborhoods and

communities. It won't be easy. It's hard work, but if we keep trying, I believe the role of the police will evolve from distanced protector and rapid responder to a true partner and catalyst for meaningful social change.

So let us take the time to celebrate our successes of the past year, and look toward the challenges of the coming year with the confidence and

optimism that we can continue to make things better. Always remember, "Cops Count," and as Winston Churchill said during a speech about how to become successful, "Never Give Up... Never Give Up... Never Give Up." That was the whole speech, but it said it all. We can never give up trying. □

## New Task Force Minimizes Animal Cruelty

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personnel work cohesively. ACTF is comprised of two LAPD detectives, four Animal Services officers and one Animal Services captain.

"We try to break the cycle of violence against animals, which escalates into violence against humans. Additionally, in commercialized cruelty cases you see a great deal of ancillary crimes," Sergeant Berns said. "Gangs, money and dope are all interrelated with



gangsters. So by going after dog and cock fighting, we're also going after the gangsters."

While it seems dog and cock fighting participants belong to well-established City subcultures, the task

force has been extremely effective in minimizing incidences of animal abuse, thus facilitating investigations and prosecutions.

The first felony conviction by the ACTF came in November when a 26-year-old reputed gang member was sentenced to three years in prison for tossing his girlfriend's puppy into a tub of scalding water and assaulting the dog repeatedly with a stun gun.

Officer Gloria Fanning, Southeast Area, responded to the deadly weapon assault call and found the wounded puppy. Since then, Officer Fanning has adopted the German shepherd-mix named Sheila. The ACTF is housed at the North Central Animal Shelter in Cypress Park. To learn more about the ACTF or to report a case of animal cruelty, please call (213) 847-1417. □

### CRIME WATCH CITYWIDE

YEAR TO DATE - 12/31/05

Homicide	- 6.0%	▼
Rape	- 16.3%	▼
Robbery	- 4.1%	▼
Aggravated Assault	- 40.0%	▼
Total Violent Crime	- 26.8%	▼
Burglary	- 5.6%	▼
Burglary/Theft from Vehicle	- 12.6%	▼
Personal/Other Theft	- 11.7%	▼
Auto Theft	- 6.6%	▼
Property Crime	- 9.6%	▼
Total Part I Crimes	- 14.0%	▼

Source ITD, LAPD

**THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL WERE COMMENDED BY THE COMMUNITY IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2005**

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Debra McCarthy  
James Miller



**Recent Actions by  
the Police Commission**

- NOVEMBER 1:** Approved for transmittal to the Public Safety Committee, the deployment of 22 additional officers at Los Angeles International Airport.
- NOVEMBER 8:** Approved for transmittal to the Mayor, the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2006/2007.  
Received a briefing from the Central Community Police Advisory Board Co-Chairs Morgan Lyons and Captain Andy Smith.
- NOVEMBER 11:** Commissioner Freeman attended the Recruit Graduation.
- NOVEMBER 22:** Received a report on homelessness and outside agency drop-offs of mentally impaired persons in the Central Area.  
Approved the report to streamline and reduce the time required to investigate Categorical Use of Force incidents.

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offices, so police officers can carry out more crime analysis in the field. In the future, MDCs will allow officers to locate reporting districts, view current crime statistics, write and upload reports wirelessly, and secure approval from a designated watch commander without ever stepping into an office. MDCs, which may give officers access to the Internet and e-mail down the line, are removable devices that allow users to complete reports while away from their vehicles.

Adds Mr. Riley, "This is the beginning of some pretty exciting technology and a chance to provide our officers in the field with as much information as we can." □



*Photographed here is Officer Anthony Gonzales, Emergency Command Control Communications System Division, with one of the new devices.*



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