



WILLIAM J. BRATTON
CHIEF OF POLICE

CHIEF'S MESSAGE

Since my appointment as Chief of Police in October 2002, the men and women of this Department have worked together to reduce crime, and we have made outstanding progress. For the fifth year in a row, we have shown significant decreases in crime in Los Angeles. The per capita crime

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LAPD Breaks Ground on New Police Headquarters

On January 22, 2007, Chief Bratton, Mayor Villaraigosa, City Councilmembers Tom LaBonge, Eric Garcetti, Jan Perry, Jack Weiss, Wendy Greuel, Dennis Zine, Greig Smith and Police Commissioner Andrea Sheridan Ordin joined in a groundbreaking ceremony of the new Police Headquarters Facility. The new facility will be located on 1st Street between Main and Spring Streets. The new police facility will replace Parker Center, which was built in 1955.

The building, slated for completion in May 2009, will consist of three components. The first will be a ten-story 500,000 square foot main building with underground parking for 350 vehicles. The second will be a vehicle maintenance facility and parking garage on Main Street between 2nd and 3rd Streets. This 300,000 square foot facility will provide parking for approximately 800 vehicles, a mechanic garage, fueling station and office space for Motor Transport Division personnel. The third and final component

will be a public plaza with underground parking for approximately 300 vehicles located at 1st and Judge John Aiso Street.

"This is a good day for the Department and every resident of this city," Chief Bratton stated. "This new police facility will bring us into the 21st Century. As society and advancements in technology change, so too must we as a police department. This state of the art facility will enable us to do just that."

The cost of all three components combined is \$396.9 million. The construction of the maintenance facility is scheduled to be completed in September 2008, and the parking garage in late 2009. □





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rate for Part I crimes remained below the 1956 level for the second straight year, and we hold the distinction of being the second-safest big city in the nation. Many other large cities are now seeing a spike in crime, while you continue to keep crime at historic lows. We have made incredible strides toward regaining our place as national and international leaders in law enforcement, and we have significantly improved relations with the communities we serve.

Although the Department is making steady progress on our overall crime reduction goals, gang-related crime is up. Last year, crimes specifically related to gangs increased by 15.7 percent Citywide. That's 1,046 additional gang-related crimes over 2005. Those crimes include 12 additional homicides, 127 additional attempted homicides, 238 additional felony assaults, and 494 additional robberies. Our efforts over the years in determining what crimes are gang-related have been boosted by our intelligence gathering capabilities and by our increasing use of technology. So as we reduced crime overall across the City, we now have the ability to look at the different subsets that make up the total crime picture, and what that picture shows is that gangs continue to be a major contributor to crime in L.A.

Gang violence is an unfortunate reality for the people of Los Angeles. Recent headlines underscore this point, although it comes as no surprise to anyone in law enforcement, or to our media savvy and well-informed public. While Los Angeles is not alone in having a gang problem—many other cities have L.A.-style gangs, though not on the same scale—the difference for us now is that we can bring some of our real time

analysis capability to bear on identifying the players and addressing the issue head-on. We've got significant intelligence and your tremendous street level experience. As part of our renewed crime and gang crime reduction efforts we are going to focus our attention and resources on certain gangs and individual high activity gang members in an effort to get these predators off the streets of L.A.

We can be proactive and aggressive in targeting gangs and still fulfill our sworn obligation to do so consistently, compassionately and constitutionally. And that is just what we are going to do. We have all had enough of going to crime scenes in the aftermath of gang shootings, seeing the distraught families, and of being shot at, disrespected and endangered. We are going to attempt, with our limited resources, to turn the tide and make it increasingly difficult for these murderers to operate their illegal drug-fueled enterprises on our streets.

As I mentioned in last month's taped message, we have already begun a full-scale effort directed at the 204th Street Gang in the Harbor Gateway area of the City. We have also increased our efforts in the San Fernando Valley where gang crime and violence has been particularly prevalent, showing an increase of 44 percent over last year. (The gang crime numbers in the valley have been historically much lower than in the South and Central Bureaus.) Together with other local law enforcement agencies and through significantly increased cooperative efforts with the Federal government, we have started a new comprehensive set of initiatives against the gang members with the highest levels

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Board of Rights, Open or Closed?

By Police Commission President John W. Mack



John W. Mack
Commission President

Following the decision of Copley Press Inc. vs. Superior Court of San Diego in 2006, the City Attorney advised the Department to close all Board of Rights proceedings to the public. While the Boards had already been closed for a few months, this issue came into the public eye in January of this year, when the Board of Rights adjudicating the Devin

Brown officer involved shooting case was closed to reporters. Should the Board of Rights process be closed or open to the public? That is a question for which there are strong pro and con opinions, but providing the best possible answer requires a balancing act.

I am deeply bothered when decisions of concern to the community are made in “secret.” This is of particular concern to the Police Commission as we seek to develop mutual trust and cooperation between communities of color and the LAPD. My fellow Commissioners and I have remained consistent in our desire to be open and provide community members as much access as possible to the LAPD, an entity that directly impacts each and every one of them. Community members have every right to know how *their* police department functions and to have confidence that the Board of Rights process is fair and objective both for community members and police officers.

It is not unreasonable that the community would want to know the outcome of a high profile officer involved shooting case. Closing the Board of Rights, and not revealing the outcome of the Board, shuts the community out of a very fundamental right.

On the other hand, police officers have strictly defined protection under California law regarding their personnel information. The Copley vs. San Diego decision is a reflection of the protection afforded police officers. Police officers are involved with dangerous criminals on a daily basis. Any personnel information should be not only protected, but vehemently guarded.

So what do we do? On one side, the community has a right to know this kind of information, and on the other,



Recent Actions by the Police Commission

JANUARY 11: The Commissioners reviewed the “Blueprint for 21st Century Policing,” which addresses the recommendations of the Rampart Blue Ribbon Review Panel.

JANUARY 16: The Commission assigned a committee to report back in 60 days on the Board of Rights manual to ensure that current practices provide as much openness as legally possible, and to make recommendations to that effect.

Commissioners John Mack and Anthony Pacheco accepted the task of taking the lead position on gang issues.

JANUARY 23: The Police Commission held their meeting in the Westchester community with Councilmember Bill Rosendahl. Approximately 125 community members attended and many addressed the Commission with local issues.

police officers have a right to expect their personnel information to remain private.

Facing this dilemma in January, I directed Commissioner Andrea Sheridan Ordin, Chief Bratton, Executive Director Richard Tefank, Inspector General André Birotte, and City Attorney staff to form a working group. I also asked that this working group report back in 60 days regarding a review of the Board of Rights manual to ensure that current policies and practices provide as much openness as legally possible, and to make appropriate recommendations. In addition, I have urged members of the public and the City Council to support the legislation that will soon be introduced by State Senator Gloria Romero. This legislation would address the action taken by the court in the San Diego case.

Frankly, I am not sure what the final outcome will be. However, the Police Commission will aggressively pursue all avenues to ensure transparency and achieve this very delicate balance of the public’s right to know and the protection of police officer personnel information. □

New State-of-the-Art Bomb Squad Vehicle

A new state-of-the-art command rig is now in place with LAPD's Bomb Squad, the first of its kind for the Department. At 34-feet long and weighing in at 40,000 pounds, this mammoth bomb apparatus truck was designed in-house by Officer Rich Nagatoshi with the approval of Motor Transport Director Neil Olson, making these trucks a true hometown wonder of the LAPD. Valued at \$900,000 and funded through a Homeland Security grant, this vehicle represents a significant step in preparedness in the age of terrorism. In the coming months, similar heavy-duty trucks will also be coming to both SWAT and the Underwater Dive Unit.

The highly trained tactical experts on board this remarkable vehicle are capable of disarming explosive or chemical devices and restoring safety to the scene. Because the vehicle is equipped with amazing robotics equipment, the latest communications and video components, and all the various necessary specialized gear, it offers everything in one location and is designed to be self-sustaining.

The creation of a vehicle of this size also creates the need for appropriate space in order for the crew to have the access and close proximity necessary to perform its function. Officers are encouraged to keep this in mind when anticipating the vehicle's arrival on a scene. □



The LAPD Smart Car

The Office of Operations created the Tactical Technology Unit (TTU) in June 2005, in an effort to integrate technology from the private sector into tactical law enforcement operations. The TTU has adopted the role of fostering public/



Smart Car visits Boston Harbor at the 2006 International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference

private partnerships to bring the most technologically advanced systems to field applications, and to act as a research bed for innovations in policing.

In September of 2006, the Department rolled out one such innovation, its most technologically advanced patrol vehicle to date. In the spirit of public/private partnership, Motorola, Inc. brought their team forward to help fulfill Chief's Bratton's vision, the "Smart Car." The Smart Car is the evolution of numerous stand-

alone systems integrated into one vehicle to provide the safest and most technologically advanced response vehicle for our officers. The Smart Car is leading the way in policing across the country as more law enforcement agencies look to incorporate cutting-

edge technology into a mobile configuration, such as the police vehicle. At the 2006 International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference held in Boston, the Smart Car was prominently featured at the center of the Motorola exhibit. Police professionals from around the world visited the exhibit and as a testament to the Department, were not surprised to see that the

Los Angeles Police Department was at the forefront in technology and its application to modern policing. The Department is leading the way by designing a platform that incorporates the following systems:

LICENSE PLATE RECOGNITION (LPR)

This is an automatic fixed camera/software system that scans license plates while mobile and queries the scanned plates instantaneously against a database of stolen vehicles, Code 6 Charles vehicles (used in felonies), and lost or stolen license plates. The LPR vehicle is capable of reading more than 5000 license plates during one ten-hour shift. Currently, LPR is being utilized in Rampart, West Valley, Southeast, and Mission Areas.

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of violent assaults against cops and those involved in racial violence. As you know better than anybody, Los Angeles has been terrorized by, victimized by, and made to fear these gangs for far too long.

Our new initiatives are intended to stop the growth of gang crime that we experienced last year and to begin to reduce the overall levels of violence as you had been able to do in the previous four years.

First, we will be launching the South Bureau Criminal Gang Homicide Group. This new LAPD command will bring together over 100 of our most experienced officers and detectives, three full-time assistant district attorneys and ten FBI agents.

Commander Pat Gannon has already been selected as the commanding officer and is currently developing this entity. This innovative organization will focus exclusively on gang-related murders and attempted murders and use both state and federal laws to prosecute, convict and incarcerate the gang members who commit them.

Next we have designated Deputy Chief Gary Brennan as the Department's Gang Coordinator. In addition to his Chief of Detectives responsibilities, he will be the single point of contact for the Office of the Mayor, other partner agencies, and community groups. He will be responsible for bringing continuity, cohesion, and consistency to the

Department's overall gang-reduction strategy, tapping into the funding and other resources we need.

The third initiative is the placing of an L.A. gang member on the FBI's Ten Most Wanted List. The placement of criminal fugitives on the FBI's list represents the Department's intention to arrest, prosecute, and incarcerate L.A.'s most notorious gang criminals. This is a big commitment from the FBI. The most wanted list is reserved for the worst criminals including the likes of Osama bin Laden. It demonstrates the FBI's willingness to assist in dismantling these gangs.

We are also parting with our long held tradition of not naming gangs as part of our public planning and operations. In the past it was felt that naming them elevated their stature in the warped world in which they live and operate.

Our top ten list of the most active and violent gangs will change with some frequency as their activities diminish. Bureau Chiefs will keep the list updated to reflect changing priorities.

In addition, Operations Valley Bureau has already formed a special enforcement group of over 50 officers, motor personnel, and supervisors who will analyze real-time crime data and other information to rapidly and strategically deploy officers in crime-ridden regions of the Valley. They will deploy in a variety of configurations including high-visibility patrols and

other, less traditional, covert means of apprehending violent criminals.

Citywide we are encouraging a strategy that will allow all patrol officers—with appropriate training and oversight—to more routinely enforce gang injunctions and serve arrest warrants on named gang members. This initiative is designed to take full advantage of your skills and expertise and will increase the Department's ability to protect law-abiding citizens. You will be the key to our success in this effort by helping to put a full court press on identified gang members.

While you are driving enforcement efforts on the street, we are going to drive legislative efforts by educating State legislators on the need for additional laws to back us up.

Based on our success in joint operations and task forces with other agencies in the Homeland Security arena, we are teaming up in unprecedented ways to share information, enhance relationships, and perform joint operations with our partners from the L.A. County Sheriff's Department, the FBI, the ATF, the Drug Enforcement Agency, State Parole, County Probation, LA Unified School District Police, and other local municipal police departments.

Since so much of our community is gripped with fear when it comes to the gangs in their midst, we are going to work aggressively to get the word out through publications and seminars that this gang problem is not insurmountable. We can and will be able to work with the public to make their lives more livable by consistently reducing the threat posed by gang violence in their neighborhoods and by improving our efforts to get information



Commander Pat Gannon -
South Bureau Criminal Gang
Homicide Group

ON THE BEAT...PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BUREAU

Bank Robbery Suspect Captured by Officer on His Way to Work

On Valentine's Day most people get flowers or candy. For Officer Oscar Sapien, Professional Standards Bureau, he got a bank robber, on his way to work.

On the morning of February 14, 2007 around 9:30 a.m., Officer Sapien, driving in his personal vehicle and wearing civilian clothes, was stopped at the traffic signal at 1st and Spring Streets. He was blocks away from his office when he saw a man running down the street carrying a bag, being chased by a woman and a security guard with his firearm drawn. "This guy was hoofing it and leaving them behind," said Officer Sapien.

As he ran eastbound across the street, the man dropped the bag when smoke started coming out of it. "That's when I realized it was a bank robbery," said Officer Sapien, "He tried putting out the smoke from the dye pack by

stomping on the package." The man had just stolen a bag of cash from the Bank of America next to the Los Angeles Times building.

To Officer Sapien's surprise, an unmarked police vehicle, with a light and siren, cut across the street and a uniformed officer jumped out and trained his firearm at the suspect. "The suspect just ignored the other officer and kept on running," said Officer Sapien.



Officer Oscar Sapien

As the suspect continued running, the uniformed officer followed him in his vehicle and stopped in the street to cut him off. "The suspect just ran right over the front part of the vehicle," said Officer Sapien, who was also in pursuit of the suspect.

Knowing well that it would be difficult to catch the suspect in a foot pursuit, Officer Sapien stopped his vehicle one block further ahead of the suspect. Officer Sapien exited his

vehicle and saw the suspect running directly towards him. Behind the suspect was the other officer with his firearm drawn.

Realizing Officer Sapien was trying to stop him, the suspect pretended to reach for a handgun in his waistband. "I didn't have time to reach for my firearm, so I tackled him," said Officer Sapien. "I had him pinned to the ground but he kept fighting. I was worried he had a gun." That was when Officer Marco Duarte, Central Area, arrived at the scene and helped Officer Sapien handcuff the suspect, who was wanted for four previous bank robberies.

The uniformed officer who assisted in the pursuit turned out to be Chief Lawrence E. Manion of the Los Angeles School Police Department. Chief Manion, a retired lieutenant with the LAPD, was on his way to a morning meeting when the incident occurred.

Officer Sapien, a long-time Dallas Cowboys fan, is proud of his tackling abilities as it helped him apprehend a felony suspect before his start of watch.

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Community Police Aide

June 2007 marks the one-year anniversary of the LAPD's CPA Program. What is a CPA? A CPA is a Community Police Aide who is a civilian employee that performs a variety of support duties in preparation for a career in law enforcement. To gain employment in this capacity, a CPA candidate must be 18 years of

age at the time of appointment and have either a high school diploma or G.E.D. certification. The annual salary for a CPA is \$27,895 to \$34,660 for full-time positions or hourly rates of \$13.36 to \$16.60 for part-time positions.

CPAs get a rare up-close look at

ANNUAL SALARY FOR A CPA
\$27,895 to \$34,660

the day-to-day life of a police officer, an invaluable

learning experience. They see not only the fieldwork but also the administrative responsibility of sworn personnel. Working under general supervision, CPAs are rotated annually

The LAPD Smart Car *Continued from page 4*

DIGITAL IN-CAR VIDEO (DVS) CAMERAS

The DVS cameras are capable of recording video and voice data in digital quality format during any public contact. Cameras placed inside the vehicle can capture images and record the event for training, civil and criminal lawsuits, complaint adjudication, and evidence/chain of custody collection. In addition, it provides another opportunity to demonstrate transparency and build the public's trust.

FACIAL RECOGNITION SOFTWARE

Facial Recognition Software, utilized in conjunction with the LPR/DVS cameras, is capable of scanning facial images and accurately identifying that image from a database of wanted persons, and/or active gang-members. The Facial Recognition Software is comparable to an electronic mug book with unlimited, precise, and up-to-date information.

PURSUIT MANAGEMENT TECHNOLOGY

This is an adhesive global positioning satellite (GPS) tracking projectile that is deployed from a police vehicle while in pursuit so that the fleeing vehicle can be safely monitored from any responding vehicle, local station or dispatch center. This device has the potential of offering officers another tool that may result in bringing the pursuit to a successful conclusion.

MESH ENABLED ARCHITECTURE

The Department is installing wireless technology in the Smart Car that will enable the video from the

LPR/DVS cameras to be pushed or pulled to the individual Areas or dispatch centers. The Smart Car can view/control fixed cameras throughout the City, search the World Wide Web, text, instant message, email, and white board with other vehicles. The Smart Car can establish a link with responding air units equipped with video cameras to view incidents, manage crime scenes, track fleeing suspects, and/or relay video feeds to the geographic areas, and/or dispatch centers to gain better situational awareness.



DELL LAPTOP COMPUTERS (MDC)

As a result of a contribution from Information and Communications Services Bureau, mobile laptop computers are going to replace existing Mobile Digital Terminals.

As the Department moves forward in its commitment to public/private partnerships, new technology, once only available in the private sector, will now make its way into law enforcement, providing our personnel with the most up to date improvements to keep them safe and to help them "to protect and to serve." □

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to broaden their level of experience in, and promote knowledge of, the LAPD. For example, one CPA from the Air Support Division had duties ranging from researching logs, to working the tower, to assisting office personnel.

Employment as a CPA offers both full and part-time work schedules and is limited to a maximum of 5 years, after which time employees are required to promote to other City classes or, potentially, enter the Police Academy. With 99 currently on staff, the LAPD is well on its way to reaching its hiring goal of 150 CPAs. □

For additional information, please contact LAPD Personnel Division, Civilian Employment Section at (213) 485-4084 and ask for the Community Police Aide Coordinator.

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from them to help us make arrests.

We are capable of making a difference in this long-standing community problem that has cost so many lives and caused so much misery and divisiveness over the past few decades. I am confident that you will rise to the occasion as you have in the past and deliver on the promise we are making to the hard working law-abiding residents of the City of Los Angeles to reduce the threat of gang violence that they live under each day. You have reduced overall Part One crime and homicides by over 30% during the past five years and I believe we can do the same with gang related crime. Thank you for all you do for the Department and the City. □

THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL WERE COMMENDED BY THE COMMUNITY IN THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2007

RESERVE POLICE OFFICER

John Engels
Lloyd Glick

Richard Rogers
Nehanda Sankofa Ra
John Talbert
Juan Topete

Brandon Martin
Robert Plourde
Juan Rodriguez
Dondée Stout

Gregory Valenti

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John Byun
Robert Holcomb
Louis Koven
Matthew Mahoney
Yvette Moreno
Richard Munguia
Carlos Velasquez
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Hugo Cepeida
Donald Christensen
Victor Corella
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Porfirio Navarro
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Ruben Aguirre
Juan Amancio
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Maria Flores
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Shawn Hetherington
Rod Levalley
Daniel Martinez
Josh Min
Nicole Nunez
Oscar Orellana
Marco Oropeza
Clinton Popham
Joseph Rich
Rafael Rodriguez

Marco Duarte
Matthew Garza
Yasir Gillani
Alberto Gonzalez
Daniel Healy
Christine Labriola
Randall McCain
Brendan McCarty
Douglas Pierce
Joey Rivera
Michael Rose

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Bertha Durazo
James Hoffman
Alex Lambert
Sherry Le
George Magallon
John Manoogian

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Mark Durrell
Andrew Mathes
Michael Montgomery
Ryan Schatz

SERGEANT II

Vance Bjorklund
Edmund Russell
John Russo

LIEUTENANT I

Dennis Ballas
Sean Malinowski
Scott Mallory

LIEUTENANT II

John Del Vecchio
Kristine Kenney
Lyle Prideaux

CAPTAIN I

Joseph Mariani

CAPTAIN III

Denis Cremins
Stephen Jacobs
Joan McNamara
Morris Smith

CRIME WATCH CITYWIDE

YEAR TO DATE - 2/24/07

Homicide - 28.4% ▼
Rape - 23.6% ▼
Robbery - 5.7% ▼
Aggravated Assault - 8.3% ▼
Total Violent Crime - 7.8% ▼

Burglary - 2.5% ▼
Burglary/Theft from Vehicle 7.3% ▲
Personal/Other Theft - 10.4% ▼
Auto Theft 0.8% ▲
Total Property Crimes - 0.9% ▼
Total Part I Crimes - 2.4% ▼

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