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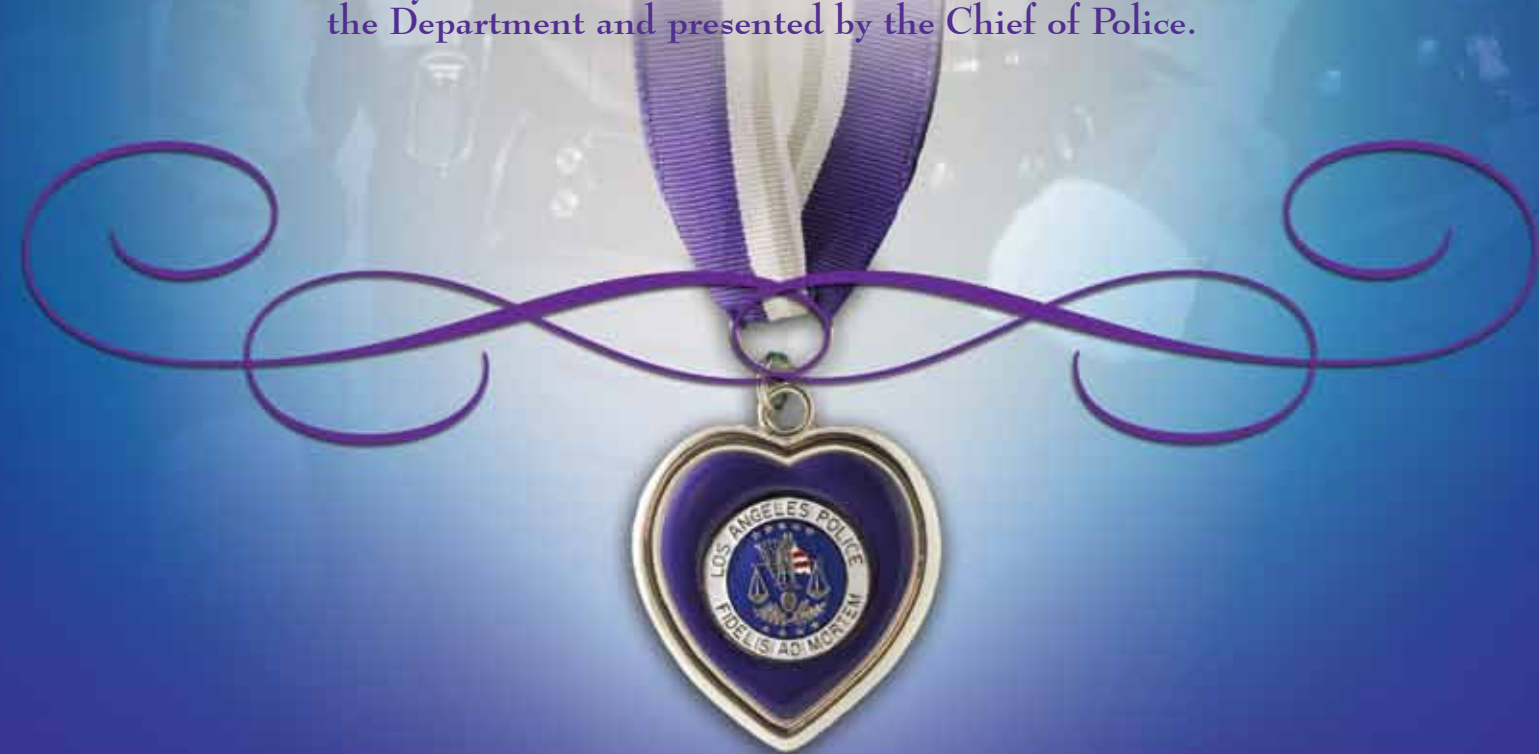


Purple Heart

The Los Angeles Police Department's Purple Heart award for meritorious service was established by the Board of Police Commissioners in May 2009.

The Purple Heart is awarded to officers of the Department who have sustained traumatic physical injury during an on-duty tactical situation and posthumously to the next of kin in the name of those who are killed or die of wounds received in the line of duty.

The Los Angeles Police Department's Purple Heart is awarded by the Commendations Board in the name of the Department and presented by the Chief of Police.



Message from



MAYOR ANTONIO R. VILLARAIGOSA

September 15, 2011

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the City of Los Angeles, it is my pleasure to welcome the guests attending the inaugural presentation of the Los Angeles Police Department's Purple Heart Award.

The women and men of the Los Angeles Police Department make a tremendous sacrifice every day as they keep our streets and neighborhoods safe. Their dedication to our City and its residents knows no limit.

I am proud that the Los Angeles Police Department will hereafter recognize LAPD officers who have been traumatically injured in the line of duty, and the families of officers who made the ultimate sacrifice, with the Purple Heart Award. The Purple Heart Award recipients and their families will forever stand as our City's consummate heroes and as models of unending service.

It is my highest honor to commend the 82 officers and families receiving the Purple Heart Award today as well as the entire force for their valiant service.

Very truly yours,

ANTONIO R. VILLARAIGOSA
Mayor, City of Los Angeles



Message from

THE POLICE COMMISSION

September 15, 2011

Dear Friends:

Welcome to the Los Angeles Police Department's Inaugural Purple Heart Ceremony. My fellow Commissioners and I were honored to participate in the creation of this very special award, and to see it come to fruition at such a momentous ceremony is extremely gratifying.

While most medals are considered an honor to receive, that may not be the case with the Purple Heart. Actually, the true honor lies with giving the Purple Heart. These recipients are heroes among us who did not hesitate to put themselves on the line to do the right thing. In the face of extreme danger, they opted to forge ahead, pursue justice and protect others. The price for such courage can be very high. While the recipients did not strive to receive this award, their outstanding courage and sense of justice is undeniable. The Purple Heart serves as a small token to show those who have given everything how highly we will always hold them in our thoughts.

With great honor, the Police Commission acknowledges the heroic sacrifice by the recipients at this Inaugural Purple Heart Ceremony.

Warm regards,

RICHARD E. DROOYAN
President, Los Angeles Police Commission
Board of Police Commissioners



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Message from



CHIEF OF POLICE CHARLIE BECK

September 15, 2011

Dear Friends and Supporters:

On behalf of the men and women of the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), I want to personally welcome you to the inaugural presentation of the Purple Heart Award ceremony.

This morning, we will honor an extraordinary group of current and former Los Angeles Police Officers who, while in the line of duty, sustained a traumatic injury, were mortally wounded or eventually succumbed to their injuries. Behind each award presented there is a story of selflessness and sacrifice, and behind each story, an officer who made the remarkable choice to put themselves in harm's way to protect their partner, their neighbor, their city. These events, which so profoundly affect the lives of these officers, and their families, will forever be embedded in the history of the LAPD.

I hope that all of you enjoy this groundbreaking event as we pay homage to the recipients of the Los Angeles Police Department's Purple Heart Award. To each recipient, on behalf of the LAPD, I am truly humbled by your dedication to serve and protect.

Very truly yours,

CHARLIE BECK
Chief of Police, Los Angeles Police Department



Los Angeles Police Department

Message from



LOS ANGELES POLICE FOUNDATION

September 15, 2011

To our Brothers and Sisters in Blue, their family and friends:

On behalf of the Los Angeles Police Foundation, LAPD's leading support network, it is my honor to welcome you to this momentous event in the history of the Los Angeles Police Department. Today marks the inaugural presentation of LAPD's Purple Heart Award, a recognition no officer seeks to achieve but that many, regrettably because of the sacrifices they had to make, are being accorded.

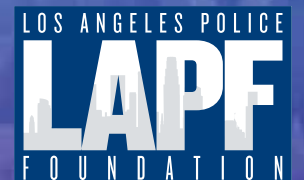
The Purple Heart is awarded to officers who have sustained grievous physical injury in the line of duty and posthumously to the next of kin of those officers who did not survive their injuries. The Police Foundation is proud to be your host on this solemn occasion which honors the 82 officers whose noble acts of heroism and self-sacrifice, stretching back to 1921, have helped LAPD earn its rightful reputation as the finest police force in the nation. Half made the ultimate sacrifice, laying down their lives to keep us safe. We are inspired by and in awe of the extraordinary courage and dedication of these officers, men and women whose bravery and selfless commitment to duty, to protecting their brethren and fellow citizens, make up the heart and soul of this Department. It is a thin blue line indeed, particularly here in Los Angeles, which has among the lowest number of police officers per capita of any major metropolitan area in the country, and yet this line is as strong as steel, and for that we are ever in your debt.

While the Police Foundation strives to create partnerships that will ensure the continuation of LAPD as a modern police force through training, technology and community outreach, we are humbled and privileged to pay tribute to the officers and their loved ones who have given so much to keep our city safe. At this time of economic hardship, when assaults with a deadly weapon on police officers are up a shocking 35% for the year to date, we are mindful more than ever of the terribly high price you might be asked to pay as you button your uniforms and fasten your Sam Brownes to commence a new tour of duty. We are sobered by the thought that today is not the last day that the Purple Heart will have to be awarded.

Thank you for your courage, your service and your professionalism.

Warm regards,

LLOYD GREIF
Chair, Los Angeles Police Foundation



Mistress of Ceremony

TAMLYN TOMITA



Tamlyn Tomita made her screen debut as Kumiko in "The Karate Kid, Part II" with Ralph Macchio and Pat "Noriyuki" Morita and has since appeared in numerous feature films, television and theatre projects. She is perhaps known for her roles as Waverly in Wayne Wang's "The Joy Luck Club" and as Kana, a Hawaii plantation worker in the early 1900's in Kayo Hatta's "Picture Bride", and starred opposite Dennis Quaid in Alan Parker's "Come See the Paradise", a film exploring the lives of a Japanese-American family and the internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II. Tamlyn will be appearing in "Tekken" and "The Mikado Project" and recently appeared in "Two Sisters" opposite Yun Jin Kim and directed by Margaret Cho. Her list of film credits include Roland Emmerich's "The Day After Tomorrow"; Greg Pak's indie fave "Robot Stories"; Robert Rodriguez's "Four Rooms" opposite Antonio Banderas; Richard La Gravenese's "Living Out Loud" opposite Holly Hunter; Lane Nishikawa's "Only the Brave" and the Brazilian-Japanese film "Gaijin 2 - Ama me Como Sou" directed by Tizuka Yamasaki.

On television, Tamlyn has most recently been seen in recurring roles on "Law and Order: Los Angeles"; "Chicago Code" and had recurring roles on "JAG"; "General Hospital"; "24"; "Stargate: Atlantis"; "Crossing Jordan" and "Sisters". Other credits include: "The Protector"; "Memphis Beat"; "Private Practice"; "CSI: Miami"; "Criminal Minds"; "The Mentalist"; "Monk"; "Heroes"; "Saving Grace"; "Women's Murder Club"; "Eureka"; "Pandemic"; "Twenty Good Years"; "Supreme Courtships"; "Commander in Chief"; "Stargate: SG-1"; "Jane Doe"; "Strong Medicine"; "Walking Shadow- Spenser For Hire"; "North Shore"; "Threat Matrix"; "The Agency"; "For the People"; "The Shield"; "Providence"; "Will and Grace"; "Freaky Links"; "Nash Bridges"; "Seven Days"; "The Michael Richards Show"; "Chicago Hope"; "Quantum Leap"; "Babylon 5"; "Living Single"; and "Vanishing Son".

Tamlyn has also appeared in several stage productions including the world premiere of Chay Yew's "A Distant Shore"; "Question 27, Question 28"; "The Square"; "Summer Moon"; Philip Kan Gotanda's "Day Standing on its Head"; "Nagasaki Dust"; "Don Juan: A Meditation" and "Winter Crane" for which she received a Drama-Logue Award.

Keeping herself busy in an industry that has been slow to receive actors of an ethnic demographic, Tamlyn is selective in the roles she chooses, steering away from images that perpetuate stereotypes. She is always searching for ways to create or balance images and stories about Asian Americans and to explore with others in and outside the film and television industry on issues she is concerned about. Having worked on a variety of Asian American projects such as "Starlight Inn", "The Charles Kim Show", "My Life...Disoriented"; "Day of Independence"; "Hundred Percent"; "Life Tastes Good"; "Four Fingers of the Dragon"; "Soundman"; "Requiem" and "Notes on a Scale", Tamlyn proudly supports Asian American filmmakers and artists in the pursuit of giving the world a gallery of portraits from a golden perspective.

A resident of Los Angeles, she is always ready to lend her support to community events and organizations, and keeps her life simple, focusing on love, work and family.

INAUGURAL Purple Heart CEREMONY SEPTEMBER 15, 2011

Program

Greetings	Tamlyn Tomita, <i>Actress</i>
Presentation Of Colors	Los Angeles Police Department's <i>Color Guard</i>
Salute To LAPD Heroes	Los Angeles Police <i>Emerald Society Pipes & Drums</i>
National Anthem	Jen "Shine" Yin
Invocation	Father Mike McCullough <i>Chaplain, Los Angeles Police Department</i>
<h2>Breakfast</h2>	
Welcome	Charlie Beck, <i>Chief of Police Los Angeles Police Department</i>
Remarks	Antonio Villaraigosa, <i>Mayor City of Los Angeles</i>
Message from LAPF	Lloyd Greif, <i>Board Chair Los Angeles Police Foundation</i>
Awards Presentation	Chief Charlie Beck and Tamlyn Tomita
Closing Remarks	Chief Charlie Beck



Detective Sergeant John Fitzgerald

DETECTIVE SERGEANT JOHN FITZGERALD #228
END OF WATCH: JUNE 21, 1921

On the evening of July 21, 1921, Sergeant John Fitzgerald led a raid on a home that was used as a base of operations for burglaries and contained illegal prohibition era liquor and narcotics. Upon arrival at the house, Sergeant Fitzgerald confronted Philip Alguin on the front porch and was shot through the stomach at 10:30 PM. Although mortally wounded, Fitzgerald chased Alguin about sixty feet before collapsing. Fitzgerald died less than two hours later.

According to the Los Angeles Times, Fitzgerald "was one of the best known and most popular officers on the force." His funeral, described in the Times as "probably the most impressive ceremony ever conducted for a deceased police officer in Los Angeles," attracted such a crowd that nearly 1,000 people were unable to enter the church.

The suspect fled to Mexico and thus began one of the largest manhunts in LAPD history. He was later arrested and returned to Los Angeles where he was convicted of Sergeant Fitzgerald's murder and sentenced to life in prison.

POLICEMAN CHARLES WILLIAMS #567
END OF WATCH: JANUARY 13, 1923

On January 13, 1923, at approximately 9:30 PM, Policeman Charles P. Williams and his partner Arthur McClanahan were working undercover vice in the area of 6th Street & Central Avenue. The two officers were flagged down by a citizen reporting that a male, black suspect, later identified as John Pryor, was at 1101 E. 8th Street brandishing a revolver and threatening the lives of the residents that lived at the location.

The officers knew this house to be a brothel. It was later discovered that the man was the landlord of the house and had entered to impose a vigilante clean-up of the house by evicting prostitutes. As they were driving there, the police car broke down and Policeman Williams decided to walk the rest of the way. Upon his arrival, he told the man to put his hands up. The suspect fired twice, striking Policeman Williams in the abdomen. A passing truck transported Policeman Williams to a nearby hospital where he died from his wounds.

Policeman Williams is the first known African-American officer to be killed in the line of duty in Los Angeles.

In a highly publicized memorial service, Policeman Charles P. Williams was laid to rest at Evergreen Cemetery on Friday afternoon, January 19, 1923. In attendance were dignitaries from throughout the city and included, as a California Eagle writer would report, "Forty-two of the Department's colored uniformed officers."

City officials designated the downtown intersection of Central Avenue and Sixth Street as Officer Charles P. Williams Square.



PATROLMAN FRANK E. CORLEY #414
END OF WATCH: AUGUST 24, 1924

It was a warm Sunday summer night in 1924, when a group of "professional" men were engaged in a craps game at the rear of Pierson's Drug Store at 12th Street and Hooper Avenue. One of those men was off-duty LAPD officer Elmer Roberson.

During the game, an argument ensued between Roberson and another gambler, later identified as the gunman, Luther Bryant. The argument escalated into a physical altercation between the two men. Roberson's firearm fell from his jacket. Bryant recovered the weapon and fired six rounds in Roberson's direction. Roberson was struck three times by the gunfire.

Hearing the gunfire from the street, Patrolman Frank Corley ran into the drugstore to investigate when he was shot. A doctor who happened upon the scene drove Patrolmen Corley and Roberson to a nearby hospital, although Patrolman Corley died enroute.

Bryant, who had fled on foot from the location, later telephoned and surrendered to police. Two months later in a surprising turn of events, Bryant accepted a plea deal and pled guilty to manslaughter (citing self-defense) and was sentenced to only 10 years in San Quentin State Penitentiary.

Though Patrolman Corley would serve the City only three short years, he earned a reputation for professionalism, receiving numerous commendations for his exemplary service. The year before his untimely death, he was commended by Chief of Police R. Lee Heath for single-handedly capturing an armed bank robber at the Pacific Southwest Bank at 7th St. and Central Ave.

POLICEMAN ARTHUR DAVENPORT BADGE # UNKNOWN
END OF WATCH: MAY 16, 1926

On May 16, 1926, Policeman Arthur Davenport was working patrol assigned to the Lincoln Heights Police Station when he was involved in the pursuit of a drunk driver. Davenport's partner, F. L. Hartzell, was driving the police vehicle on that fateful Sunday. The other driver, Joe Lomansney, had fled the scene of an earlier traffic collision when he was spotted by the officers in today's Hollywood Division. As Hartzell and Davenport attempted to initiate a traffic stop at the intersection of Hollywood Boulevard and Vine Street, Lomansney rammed their vehicle causing it to overturn. Davenport was killed instantly, while Hartzell sustained serious injuries. Lomansney then fled in his vehicle, surrendering five days later. He was ultimately charged with manslaughter.

Policeman Davenport was appointed to the Department on June 1, 1923. His body was transported by train to his hometown of Wilcox, Nebraska, where he was laid to rest.



Patrolman Frank E. Corley



Policeman Charles Williams



Policeman, Arthur Davenport

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Policeman Paul Donath

POLICEMAN PAUL DONATH *BADGE # UNKNOWN*
END OF WATCH: APRIL 28, 1932

On April 28, 1932, Policeman Paul Donath and his partner, Policeman Gunby, responded to a radio call that a woman had shot her neighbor at 2645 Marsh St. in Northeast Los Angeles. Upon arriving at the address, Gunby went to the rear of the house while Policeman Donath went to the front door. As soon as the resident, Ella May Thompson, saw Policeman Donath, she shot through the door, striking him in the chest and inflicting a mortal wound. Gunby ran to his aid, dragging him to the lawn next door and sent a call for an ambulance and backup. LAPD forced Ms. Thompson, age 29, from her home with tear gas and had to shoot her when she opened fire on the officers.



Policeman Russel Leidy

POLICEMAN RUSSELL LEIDY *BADGE # UNKNOWN*
END OF WATCH: JULY 24, 1934

On the evening of July 24, 1934, Harry Wilson and Paul McDonald held up a café and got away with \$5. They moved on to another café, where they told the owner and a restaurant patron as they were leaving, "We're the new Dillingers and we're plenty tough." The restaurant patron happened to be Officer Merle Parmele who was off-duty and in plainclothes. Parmele raced after the men and fired several shots as they got in their car. LAPD Sgt. Edwards, who happened to be nearby, joined in the gunfight between Parmele and the robbers.

During the chase, Wilson and McDonald wrecked their car and then stole the car of Johnny Myers, who happened to be parking in a nearby alley.

Policeman Leidy and his partner, Officer Owen Tucker, got the radio call as they cruised the area and stopped the robbers at 33rd St. and Stanford Ave. The officers got out of the car, and Leidy asked Wilson, "What have you got in there?" Wilson fired several shots, killing Leidy as Tucker opened fire at the robbers.

Myers, the innocent owner of the stolen car, was wounded and fell out of the car, pleading with Tucker not to shoot him as McDonald and Wilson escaped. By this time, a large number of officers had responded to the call making it easier to arrest Wilson and McDonald who were found hiding nearby.

On Aug. 25, 1934, Wilson was convicted of killing Leidy and sentenced to life at San Quentin. McDonald was convicted of robbery, but found not guilty in Leidy's death.



POLICEMAN WALTER H. KESTERSON #1125
END OF WATCH: FEBRUARY 2, 1946

On February 4, 1946, at approximately 8:45PM, Gus Boyd and Nathaniel Cooper committed an armed robbery of a movie theater in the area of South L.A. The suspects fled the location and an initial crime broadcast was sent out to all police cars describing the suspects and their route of travel.

At 9:00PM, Metropolitan Division Officers Walter H. Kesterson and E. W. Patrick were conducting crime suppression duties in the area of 43rd Place and Avalon Boulevard when they observed suspects that matched the description of the suspects involved in the robbery. The officers decided to pull over the suspects for questioning. Kesterson, who was the passenger officer, jumped out of the police vehicle and attempted to detain the two individuals. Cooper reached into his jacket pocket, and a scuffle ensued between him and Kesterson. Cooper removed a .38 Caliber Revolver and fired at Kesterson, striking him in the upper torso. Kesterson, despite sustaining a mortal wound, returned fire, killing Cooper. Concurrently, Boyd was also in the process of removing a handgun from his pocket when Kesterson shot him. EMTs responded to the scene where both suspects were pronounced dead.

Kesterson was transported to the Georgia Street Receiving Hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries and died upon arrival.

Policeman Kesterson was posthumously awarded the Department's Medal of Valor award in 2007. He was the first Metropolitan Division officer killed in the line of duty.

POLICEMAN RICHARD KENT #7169
END OF WATCH: DECEMBER 8, 1960

On the evening of December 8, 1960, Policemen Richard Kent and L. Jeff Poor were assigned to work the felony car, a plainclothes assignment in an unmarked car. Since Policeman Poor had driven the night before, Policeman Kent drove on this particular evening while Poor kept the books.

The batteries in Kent's flashlight were low, so he decided to stop at the Lucky Auto Parts store to purchase new batteries while Poor waited in the car. Kent, however, unknowingly walked into an armed robbery in progress. A gun battle with the robber ensued mortally wounding Policeman Kent who managed to wound the robber before succumbing to his own injuries. His partner, in the car outside, was responding to the gunshots when he encountered the wounded robber escaping. He chased him capturing him and his getaway driver.



Policeman Walter H. Kesterson



Policeman Richard Kent

meritorious service



Policeman Ian Campbell

POLICEMAN IAN CAMPBELL #10046
END OF WATCH: MARCH 9, 1963

On March 9, 1963, Policemen Ian Campbell and Karl Hettinger pulled over a car containing two suspicious-looking men in the Hollywood area. The two men, Jimmy Lee Smith (aka "Jimmy Youngblood") and Gregory Ulas Powell, had recently committed a string of robberies. Powell, the driver, pulled a gun on Campbell and ordered Hettinger to surrender his gun to Smith. The two officers were then forced into Powell's car and driven to an onion field near Bakersfield where Campbell was shot execution style. Hettinger was able to escape, running nearly four miles to reach a farmhouse for assistance.

Powell was sentenced to death, but later had the sentence commuted to life. He remains in prison to this day. Smith was also sentenced to life in prison, but was paroled in 1982. In 2007, Smith was found on LA's Skid Row and taken into custody for parole violations. He died in prison that same year. The tragic events of March 9, 1963, served as the subject for the non-fiction book (and film adaptation) *The Onion Field*.



Policeman Roger Warren

POLICEMAN ROGER WARREN #13163
END OF WATCH: MAY 8, 1967

Assigned to the Van Nuys Division, Policeman Roger Warren was shot and killed by a sniper while on duty on May 8, 1967. He was on patrol when his training officer observed someone crouched behind a stone BBQ pit and decided to investigate. When the training officer exited the vehicle, a gunshot was heard. A round from a .308 rifle struck Policeman Warren in the armpit. The suspect was a 16-year-old thought to be seeking revenge on a liquor store manager who had a friend of the suspect arrested for shoplifting earlier in the day. It is also believed the suspect's intentions for the manager were interrupted by Policeman Warren and his training officer. The suspect was shot and killed by the training officer and an off-duty police officer from across the street. Policeman Warren was transported to the hospital where he was pronounced dead as a result of the gunshot wound.

Policeman Warren was just 23 years-old and graduated from the Police Academy only two weeks before he was killed.



Officer Gary Murakami

OFFICER GARY MURAKAMI #14036
END OF WATCH: SEPTEMBER 9, 1968

Officer Gary Murakami was shot and killed on September 9, 1968, while he and his partner answered a call of a disturbance involving a nude man knocking on doors on West 60th Street. As the officers approached the front door of the suspect's apartment, they had to pass in front of a window. As they did so, the suspect opened fire with a .410 gauge shotgun, striking Officer Murakami in the head. The suspect was killed by other officers at the scene who returned fire. Officer Murakami was transported to a local hospital where he succumbed to the wound during surgery. The shooting took place on Officer Murakami's first call on his second day out of the academy. His unit had just been released from roll call when he was dispatched on the call.

Officer Murakami was the first Asian American police officer killed in the line of duty in the United States. Murakami excelled at the Academy and graduated in the top 10 of his class. In 2007, he was honored with the Spirit of Los Angeles award at the opening ceremony for Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.



POLICEMAN ROBERT COTE #13991
END OF WATCH: JULY 31, 1969

Policeman Robert Cote was shot and killed by a robbery suspect on July 31, 1969, while responding to a robbery in-progress call where armed suspects had taken the employees of a Woolworth's department store hostage. He entered the store before back-up arrived and was shot by one of the suspects in the femoral artery while searching the store. Policeman Cote, although wounded, exited the store, but died while being transported to Central Receiving Hospital in downtown Los Angeles. The suspect was shot and killed by responding officers.

Policeman Cote's death changed the way calls for wounded police officers and firefighters were handled. The old system of a police/fire ambulance being dispatched from the old City-operated Central Receiving Hospital (located where the LAPD Rampart Station now sits) city-wide to handle injured/wounded police and fire personnel was stopped. After Policeman Cote's death, injured officers and firefighters were taken by ambulance to the nearest emergency room for critical care.

POLICEMAN JERRY MADDOX #14317
END OF WATCH: AUGUST 19, 1969

Hollenbeck Area Policeman Jerry Maddox was killed on August 19, 1969, while patrolling the Pico Gardens housing project. Maddox stopped to investigate a party attended by approximately 18 to 24 youths. As the officers approached the location, one of the partygoers ran from police. Maddox chased the man down a narrow driveway and was handcuffing him when someone shot him in the back.

The suspect, a 16-year-old who had a very lengthy juvenile record, was convicted of Policeman Maddox's murder.



Policeman Robert Cote



Policeman Jerry Maddox

POLICEMAN CHARLES CARACCILO #10285
END OF WATCH: JUNE 21, 1973

On June 21, 1973, Policeman Charles Caraccilo, a motorcycle officer assigned to the Van Nuys Division, made a routine stop of a motorist and approached with the intent to warn or cite for a traffic violation. As Caraccilo approached the stopped vehicle, the driver, later suspected of auto theft, fired six shots. Although Caraccilo was wearing a bulletproof vest, his first instinct was to turn sideways and draw his weapon. In doing so, one of the bullets entered under the armpit area striking Caraccilo in the heart. Despite this fatal injury, Policeman Caraccilo was able to fire several shots at the suspect before collapsing in the driveway across the street.

The shooter, Michael Patrick Hunter, age 21, had escaped from the California Youth Authority in northern California where he was serving time for other felony crimes. Hunter was found guilty of second-degree murder and was sentenced to 20 years in prison.

Policeman Caraccilo had served with the Los Angeles Police Department for 14 years.



Policeman Charles Caraccilo

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Officer Vincent Leusch

OFFICER VINCENT LEUSCH #16208
END OF WATCH: SEPTEMBER 22, 1975

Officer Vincent Leusch of Southwest Division responded to a call to assist other LAPD Officers involved in a pursuit on September 12, 1975. As told by a reporter in the Los Angeles Herald Examiner, "the high speed ...wild bullet-punctuated chase" proceeded through the streets of Los Angeles for eight miles and ended in Inglewood. Numerous police and motorcycle officers responded to the pursuit while the suspects drove wildly and without regard for public safety. During the pursuit, the suspects sideswiped two private vehicles and at least two other police vehicles causing injuries to LAPD officers.

Officer Leusch's vehicle approached the stolen vehicle from the opposite direction. He stopped his patrol car and positioned himself with a shotgun behind the open door of the car. The speeding, stolen vehicle rammed the patrol car hurling him 40 feet away. Shortly after, police stopped the vehicle in Inglewood where the juvenile suspects were arrested.

Officer Leusch was transported to Daniel Freeman Hospital and underwent surgery. He lost a leg and was paralyzed from the neck down and died 10 days later on September 22, 1975, as a result of his injuries.



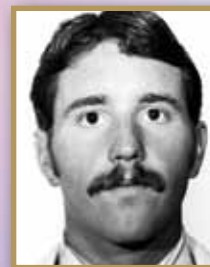
Officer Raymond Hicks

OFFICER RAYMOND E. HICKS #12035
END OF WATCH: AUGUST 17, 1976

Officer Raymond Hicks, a 12-year veteran of the Department, was shot once in the chest during a raid at an Inglewood home. Hicks, a narcotics officer assigned to the Venice Division, was one of five officers who went to the home armed with a warrant. The officers forced their way into the home when a man inside opened fire. Despite his wound, Hicks returned fire, wounding one of the suspects.

Six people, including two women, were booked by Inglewood police for investigation of murder.

Hicks later died at Daniel Freeman Memorial Hospital. His death brought about the issuance of the LAPD raid jackets and the use of body armor.



Officer David Bailey

OFFICER DAVID BAILEY #21939
END OF WATCH: OCTOBER 21, 1977

On October 15, 1977, while attempting to question several youths loitering in a pizza parlor parking lot about a possible grand theft auto, Officer David Bailey, a Police Academy trainee, was shot by a 17-year-old suspect.

Officer Bailey died several days later from his injuries.



OFFICER DAVID KUBLY #22123
END OF WATCH SEPTEMBER 27, 1979

Officer Kubly, assigned to the Wilshire Division was shot and killed by a robbery suspect following a short vehicle pursuit on September 27, 1979. Officer Kubly had attempted to stop the vehicle after observing it run a red light. The suspect led Officer Kubly on a pursuit which ended when the vehicle crashed into a business. When the suspect emerged from the wreck, he opened fire on Officer Kubly with a 9 mm handgun, striking him once in the chest. Officer Kubly was transported to a local hospital where he succumbed to his wounds a short time later.

The suspect was apprehended nine hours after the shooting. The ensuing investigation revealed that the suspect had stolen a car and had committed several other robberies earlier in the day. He was found guilty of murdering Officer Kubly and sent to prison.

Officer Kubly, who served with the Los Angeles Police Department for 18 months, died at the age of 23.



Officer David Kubly

SERGEANT ROLLAND CANNON #22029
INCIDENT DATE: DECEMBER 3, 1982

On December 3, 1982, Officer Rolland Cannon was critically injured while responding to a "415" party radio call. The party had turned into a riot prior to the officer's arrival. Officer Cannon was struck in the head by a bottle that had been thrown at him. He was hospitalized for a skull fracture for an extended period of time.



Sergeant Rolland Cannon

RESERVE OFFICER STUART S. TAIRA #R1019
END OF WATCH: MARCH 1, 1983

Reserve Officer Taira was killed as a result of a police helicopter crash on March 1, 1983. Reserve Officer Taira, a reserve photographer for the Air Support Unit, and two other officers were conducting aerial patrols following a tornado. In between patrols, the officers were dispatched to investigate a report of a burglar on a roof. As the helicopter took flight, it struck an unseen power line, causing it to crash.

The officers survived the initial impact, and Reserve Officer Taira was able to exit the aircraft. Reserve Officer Taira then returned to the aircraft in an attempt to rescue his two partners. One of the helicopter's rotors struck Reserve Officer Taira in the head, killing him.



Reserve Officer Stuart S. Taira

OFFICER PAUL VERNA #15086
END OF WATCH: JUNE 2, 1983

Motorcycle Officer Paul Verna was shot and killed on June 2, 1983, after making a traffic stop in Lake View Terrace of a vehicle containing two armed robbery suspects. One of the suspects shot Officer Verna once and then passed the revolver to the second suspect, who shot him five more times. Both suspects, ex-convicts on parole, were apprehended and sentenced to death.

Officer Verna had also been awarded the Department's Medal of Valor for an incident in December 1981 when he crawled into a burning home in an attempt to save two mentally handicapped children. Verna's record of service also included the city Fire Department and the Air Force.



Officer Paul Verna

meritorious service



Sergeant Wayne DeBord

SERGEANT WAYNE DEBORD #22694
INCIDENT DATE: NOVEMBER 5, 1983

On November 5, 1983, Officer Wayne DeBord responded to a radio call regarding a fight. Upon arriving at the location, officers were met by a witness who stated they encountered a man with a knife challenging to fight. Officers then observed a man walking with a woman and an 18-month-old child. An argument ensued between the man and the woman, and the man fell to the ground with the child. Officer DeBord realized that he needed to stop the incident from escalating any further. He cautiously approached the individuals and observed that the man had a large knife. Officer DeBord struck the suspect with his baton, which caused the suspect to turn and stab him. Officer DeBord then fired two rounds to stop the suspect's actions.

Officer DeBord received medical treatment for the knife wound at the hospital.



Sergeant Mark Jauregui

SERGEANT MARK JAUREGUI #22658
INCIDENT DATE: SEPTEMBER 27, 1984

Sergeant Mark Jauregui was working the Pacific Area Prostitution Enforcement Detail on September 27, 1984. He and his partner were conducting surveillance of known street-walking prostitutes when they observed a suspect attempt to commit a robbery at knifepoint. The victim fled on foot, but was pursued by the suspect in his vehicle. The suspect caught up with the victim and then tried to force her into his vehicle. The suspect then fled in his vehicle, leaving the victim behind, and a vehicle pursuit ensued. A contact team was formed to extricate the suspect from his vehicle.

As the officers approached, the suspect started his vehicle and rapidly accelerated backward toward the officers. Sergeant Jauregui was struck by the vehicle and was propelled, causing him to land on his back. The suspect was eventually taken into custody, and Sergeant Jauregui required surgery for his injury. The injuries he sustained as a result continue to cause him problems to this day.



Officer Archie Nagao

OFFICER DUANE JOHNSON #23431
END OF WATCH: DECEMBER 19, 1984

OFFICER ARCHIE NAGAO #22136
INCIDENT DATE: DECEMBER 19, 1984

On a rainy day on December 19, 1984, Officer Johnson and his partner, Officer Archie Nagao, responded to a silent robbery alarm at Jin Hing Co. jewelry store in Chinatown. Upon arriving, the officers were let in by one of the suspects posing as a store employee. When the two officers entered, a shootout ensued killing Officer Johnson and wounding Officer Nagao. The two suspects, including the one who killed Officer Johnson, died in the shootout. Two other suspects were arrested and convicted of second-degree murder and were sentenced to life in prison.

Officer Johnson, a retired Marine, was the first LAPD officer to be killed in the line of duty in 1984. He had been with the Department for three years.

At the time of his death, Officer Johnson's wife was pregnant with their first child. Officer Johnson also had a twin brother, Dana, who was a police officer in Virginia and an older brother, Steven, who was a police officer in New York.

Officer Archie Nagao was awarded the Medal of Valor in 1985. Officer Nagao retired from the LAPD in 2006.



OFFICER JOHN HARDIN #24729
INCIDENT DATE: FEBRUARY 1, 1985

On February 1, 1985, while off-duty in the City of Rosemead, Officer John Hardin interrupted a robbery in progress at a Jack in the Box restaurant. A gun battle ensued, and Officer Hardin sustained a serious gunshot wound to his left wrist.

Officer Hardin is a Vietnam veteran and currently heads the Jeopardy Program at Devonshire Station.



Officer John Hardin

DETECTIVE THOMAS WILLIAMS #17491
END OF WATCH: OCTOBER 31, 1985

Detective Thomas Williams was ambushed and assassinated on October 31, 1985, while picking his six-year old son up from school. Williams had just left a court room, where the trial of a robbery suspect he had apprehended was scheduled to end the following day. In the seconds before being hit by multiple shots from an automatic pistol, Williams ordered his son to duck, saving his son's life.

The robbery suspect, who was out on bail, followed Officer Williams to his son's school that day after court was adjourned. He was later convicted of the robbery, murder and conspiracy and was sentenced to death. He is currently on death row at San Quentin State Prison. Two co-conspirators were convicted and received life sentences.

Detective Williams was posthumously awarded the Medal of Valor for the actions taken by him to protect his son during the incident. He had turned down an appointment at West Point to join the LAPD and served with the Department for 13 years.



Detective Thomas Williams

DETECTIVE ARLEIGH MCCREE #12241
OFFICER RONALD BALL #15323
END OF WATCH: FEBRUARY 8, 1986

Detective Arleigh McCree, the Officer in Charge of the Firearms and Explosives Unit, and Officer Ronald Ball were killed on February 8, 1986, while attempting to defuse two pipe bombs. The officers, both members of the Bomb Squad, were called to a home in North Hollywood that was being searched in connection with a shooting. The officers conducting the search found a gun in the garage and also stumbled upon two pipe bombs. The Bomb Squad was called to the scene. While examining the devices, the officers determined that the bombs were live and booby-trapped and moved all of the other officers away from the scene. The officers began to diffuse the bombs by hand when the devices detonated. Detective McCree was killed instantly.

Detective McCree was a counter-terrorism specialist and was widely recognized as one of the top explosive experts in the world. McCree investigated the Symbionese Liberation Army bomb making operations in 1976 and was part of the bomb squad that investigated the Marine barracks bombing in Beirut, Lebanon in 1983. McCree also headed the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics bomb squad and wrote a text on explosive devices. In 1982, he testified before the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Security and Terrorism about the concern that government manuals on how to make bombs were too easy for terrorists to get.

After the untimely deaths of their husbands, Edie McCree and Ann Ball established a non-profit memorial fund in honor of Arleigh and Ron. The purpose of the Memorial Fund is to supplement the Los Angeles Police Department's efforts in providing equipment and to assist in research and training for personnel assigned to the LAPD's Bomb Squad.



Detective Arleigh McCree

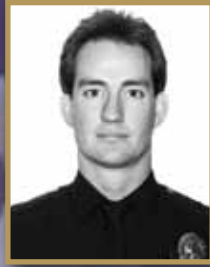


Officer Ronald Ball



Officer Duane Johnson

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Officer James Pagliotti

OFFICER JAMES PAGLIOTTI #23719
END OF WATCH: JUNE 22, 1987

On the night of June 22, 1987, in a San Fernando Valley neighborhood plagued by drugs, 28-year-old Officer James Pagliotti was shot and killed by a narcotics suspect. Pagliotti was slain after he came to the scene of a suspected drug deal in the Sylmar Square area. Responding to a police radio call for officer assistance, Pagliotti stepped out of his car, identified himself as a police officer and then took cover behind the car.

As he exchanged shots with one of the suspects, his car, which had been left in gear, rolled forward, exposing him to his assailant, investigators said. He was mortally wounded in the chest. Although hit, Pagliotti fired 14 shots, wounding one suspect, Louis Belvin, Jr., age 17. He and the other suspect, Thomas Lee Mixon, 19, were later captured. Belvin was sentenced to 28 years to life in prison, and Mixon was sentenced to eight years in prison.



Officer Daniel Pratt

OFFICER DANIEL PRATT #23800
END OF WATCH: SEPTEMBER 3, 1988

On the night of Sept. 3, 1988, Officer Pratt and his partner, Veronica DeLao, were on patrol in an unmarked car when they heard a report on the police radio about a nearby drive-by shooting that had wounded three people. Pratt and his partner went to investigate. Pratt and DeLao spotted a car matching the description of the car used in the drive-by shooting and began following the vehicle. The car ended up at a gas station, so Pratt and DeLao parked their car and were about to exit their squad car when the suspects' vehicle made a sudden U-turn, drove directly at the officers and began firing at them with an assault rifle. As the officers returned fire, an assault rifle round struck Officer Pratt in the face, killing him instantly. The suspects fled the scene.

Both suspects turned themselves in one month later, after being featured on America's Most Wanted. The shooter was sentenced to two life sentences without the possibility of parole, and the driver (a 17-year-old female with no record) was sentenced to 25 years to life with possibility of parole.



Commander Scott Kroeber

COMMANDER SCOTT KROEBER #23144
INCIDENT DATE: JANUARY 1, 1989

On January 1, 1989, Commander Scott C. Kroeber and his partner were assigned to Metropolitan Division and were providing force protection to the fire department due to traditional excessive gun fire on New Year's Eve. The officers were en-route to a call, escorting a rescue ambulance, when they observed a suspect standing holding a large caliber revolver. He pointed the gun in the direction of their police car. They observed muzzle flash emitting from the gun, when a bullet had penetrated the passenger compartment and struck Commander Kroeber on the forehead. His partner quickly drove out of the line of fire and requested aid. Commander Kroeber was transported to the hospital for treatment of his gunshot wound. The suspect, who was a gang member, was subsequently arrested and charged with the attempted murder of a police officer.



DETECTIVE RUSSELL KUSTER #12884
END OF WATCH: OCTOBER 9, 1990

On October 9, 1990, homicide Detective Russell Kuster was shot and killed as he attempted to stop a man who was waving a handgun in a Universal City restaurant. The suspect had gotten into an argument with the owner of the restaurant who told the suspect to leave. The suspect went to his car to retrieve a 9 mm semiautomatic pistol, returned to the restaurant and started pointing the gun at other patrons in the restaurant. Detective Kuster, who was off-duty and in the restaurant, identified himself as a police officer and ordered the man to put the gun down. The suspect then fired at Kuster four times. Despite being mortally wounded, Detective Kuster was able to return fire and killed the suspect.

Detective Kuster had been with the Department for over 24 years. Prior to joining the LAPD, Kuster served in the United States Marine Corps and the Ventura County Sheriff's Department.

He was known for his ability to clear homicides and train other officers. Kuster also helped develop a homicide information, tracking, and management computer program, known as HITMAN, which earned nationwide acclaim and was adopted Department-wide.

SERGEANT STEVE RICHARDS #22193
INCIDENT DATE: NOVEMBER 10, 1990

On November 10, 1990, Sergeant Steve Richards, Newton Patrol, responded to a shots fired call. Upon requesting back-up, he moved into an alley for a better view and observed a group of males standing in a rear yard. Sergeant Richards identified himself as a police officer and asked the group about the gunfire. One of the males turned toward Sergeant Richards and shot at him, missing. Fearing for his life, he fired two rounds at the suspect, striking him in the face, and took cover behind a car in the alley. The suspect and Sergeant Richards exchanged additional gunfire, Richards was struck in the thigh from a shot fired by another suspect. Additional units arrived to assist Sergeant Richards and ultimately apprehended the suspect.

The suspect who was injured by the shot to the face pleaded no contest to a charge of assault with a deadly weapon and was placed on probation after serving six days in jail.



Detective Russell Kuster



Sergeant Steve Richards

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Detective Jon Hurd

DETECTIVE JON HURD #25719
DETECTIVE RICHARD HOUSEHOLDER #26571
INCIDENT DATE: FEBRUARY 3, 1991

When Officers John Hurd and Richard Householder stopped a vehicle near Vineland Avenue and Burbank Boulevard on the evening of February 3, 1991, they were vigilant. They had seen the Ford auto with Ohio license plates run a 3-way traffic signal. However, more important, to the officers was the license number. Through a radio check, the officers learned that a different car with California license plates with the same license number as the Ford had been used in an armed robbery in Burbank. The officers, made wary by the "coincidence" of the identical license numbers, remained by their patrol vehicle as they ordered the driver to leave his car and move to the sidewalk.



Detective Richard Householder

Officer Hurd approached the man in order to "pat him down" while partner Householder stood guard. However, the caution of the officers wasn't enough. In an instant, the suspect whirled around, pulled a large .44-caliber handgun from his waistband, and fired directly into Officer Hurd's chest. Fortunately, the officer's bulletproof vest deflected the bullet through his shoulder, where it exited under his arm.

The gunman then changed his aim. This time he fired at Officer Householder, where the bullet hit him in the shoulder, but deflected into his neck. The bullet had the power to spin the officer around, so that when the suspect fired again, his second bullet hit Officer Householder in the back. Fortunately, the second bullet was stopped by the officer's bulletproof vest. Though seriously wounded, the officers drew their weapons and returned fire, driving the suspect to seek cover. They followed him, fearing that the gunman might reload to continue the fight or escape.

Officer Hurd radioed for help, as he and his partner continued to fire from cover behind parked cars. When his partner's gun emptied, Officer Householder stepped into the open to draw the gunman's attention while Officer Hurd reloaded. Both officers fired at the suspect until he fell to the ground, mortally wounded.

Although severely wounded and facing imminent death, each officer chose to confront and expose himself to the gunman's fire in order to protect his partner.



Officer Robert Cosner

OFFICER ROBERT COSNER #27114
INCIDENT DATE: FEBRUARY 5, 1991

Southeast Division Officer Robert Cosner and his partner, Officer Julie McAltine, were called to a domestic argument at the Imperial Gardens housing project in Watts on February 5, 1991. Upon walking back to their patrol vehicle from the call, Officers Cosner and McAltine were met with a volley of gunfire from gang members armed with a fully automatic assault rifle. Cosner was struck by gunfire in his upper body and leg and fell to the ground. With obstructed vision, a heavily bloodied face and severe injury to his leg, Officer Cosner managed to seek cover until responding units arrived. Although Officer Cosner sustained four gunshot wounds, he managed to assist his partner and also move himself to cover.



OFFICER TINA KERBRAT #27606
END OF WATCH: FEBRUARY 11, 1991

Officer Tina Kerbrat was shot and killed on February 11, 1991, just four months after graduating from the Police Academy after she and her partner, Officer Earl Valladares, made a routine stop in Sun Valley to question two men suspected of drinking in public. Valladares, a training officer, wanted to give Kerbrat experience writing a citation for an open-container violation, something Officer Kerbrat had never done before. Before the officers could exit their patrol car, one of the men immediately approached from the rear and opened fire, striking Officer Kerbrat in the face. Unaware that Officer Kerbrat had been shot, Officer Valladares returned fire, killing the suspect. He then trained his gun on the second suspect, put out an emergency call, handcuffed the second suspect and walked back to the patrol car. It was only then that he realized his partner had been shot. Officer Kerbrat was the first Los Angeles Police Department female officer killed in the line of duty.

Created in memory of Officer Kerbrat, the Tina Kerbrat Award is presented to an LAPD recruit deemed "most inspirational" upon graduation from the Police Academy.



Officer Tina Kerbrat

OFFICER GARY HOWE #16805
OFFICER CHARLES "RANDY" CHAMPE #20393
END OF WATCH: JUNE 13, 1991

On June 13, 1991, Air Support Division Officers Gary Howe and Charles "Randy" Champe were in-flight in Air 12 when they experienced sudden engine failure. Howe and Champe sought the nearest open space into which they could safely land, which happened to be a schoolyard filled with children playing. Unwilling to risk young lives, the officers now guided their dropping aircraft to a secondary and risky street intersection. They were able to maneuver their craft between power-pole lines beneath them. With time running out, they suddenly found their secondary landing site a risk as a crossing guard and small child were crossing the street in the path of the crippled airship. Officers Champe and Howe maneuvered their helicopter to avoid hitting the crossing guard and child. The falling airship struck a light standard and crashed nose first to the ground. Officers Champe and Howe perished.

Officer Champe was a Vietnam Veteran and had been with the LAPD for 17 years. He was posthumously awarded the Medal of Valor in 1991.

In memory of Officers Champe and Howe, the unit designation Air 12 was retired by the Department.



Officer Gary Howe



Officer Charles Champe

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Officer George Rose, Jr.

OFFICER GEORGE ROSE, JR. #26827
END OF WATCH: DECEMBER 9, 2001
INCIDENT DATE: JANUARY 4, 1992

On December 9, 2001, Officer George Rose, Jr. succumbed to a gunshot wound received nine years earlier after being accidentally shot by a fellow officer. In 1992, Officer Rose was walking to his police car in the Southwest Division station's parking lot when a woman came to the department seeking protection from domestic violence. The woman's husband had followed her and opened fire on everyone in the parking lot. Officers returned fire, capturing the suspect and booking him on suspicion of attempted murder.

Officer Rose was found next to his patrol car a short time later. He had been struck in the head by a stray bullet, which was later determined to have been fired by another officer. Officer Rose never recovered and remained under doctor's care at a rehabilitation center for the next nine years until his death.

Officer Rose had been with the Los Angeles Police Department for three years at the time of the shooting.

SERGEANT GREGORY NICHOLS #22337
INCIDENT DATE: JULY 10, 1993

On July 10, 1993, Sergeant Gregory Nichols and his partner observed a van driving erratically toward them. The driver of the van instantly made an illegal left turn when he became aware of the approaching motor officers. The van then came to a sudden stop, and the officers observed a passenger exit the van and run away. While still on their motorcycles, the officers approached the vehicle to make contact with the driver of the vehicle and suddenly came under fire. Sergeant Nichols was struck by a round fired from the occupant of the van who had fled the scene moments earlier. The officers immediately accelerated out of the line of fire behind a building.

The suspect fled on foot and was never apprehended.

Sergeant Nichols sustained a severe gunshot wound, but recovered and returned to full duty.

OFFICER MARK HABERMAN #24593
INCIDENT DATE: AUGUST 1, 1993

Officer Haberman was assigned to a motorcycle unit working the Crenshaw Cruiser Taskforce focusing on gang suppression. On August 1, 1993, Officer Haberman was attempting to stop a traffic violator. Another vehicle negotiated an illegal left turn causing his police motorcycle to collide with its rear passenger door. Officer Haberman sustained extensive injuries due to the on-duty traffic collision.

On April 27, 1995, after many attempts to repair his injuries, Officer Haberman was placed on Permanent Restricted Duty Status.



DETECTIVE RAY MENDOZA #22939
INCIDENT DATE: SEPTEMBER 28, 1993

On September 28, 1993, Officer Ray Mendoza was working Newton Division CRASH. Officer Mendoza and his partner were transporting a suspect to the station when they observed a group of known gang members. One of the male suspects appeared to conceal a gun which caused them to stop their vehicle. While still in their vehicle, at least three of the suspects opened fire on the officers. The officers received a barrage of gunfire toward their vehicle, and both of them returned gunfire. Officer Mendoza sustained four gunshot wounds and was transported to the USC Medical Center where he was listed in critical condition.

Detective Ray Mendoza returned to duty 10 months after the shooting. Through his dedication and hard work, he was able to overcome the effects of many of his injuries.

OFFICER CHRISTY HAMILTON #30433
END OF WATCH: FEBRUARY 22, 1994

On February 22, 1994, Officer Hamilton and her partner responded to a report of gunfire at an Amestoy Avenue home. A teenage boy had just killed his father and called the police. When Officer Hamilton and her partner arrived at the scene, they observed several people screaming at the end of a cul-de-sac. The officers parked a short distance away to devise a tactical plan, but unknowingly parked in front of the location where the suspect had setup an ambush position.

The suspect opened fire with an AR-15 military-style semiautomatic rifle. One round struck Officer Hamilton as she retrieved a radio from the patrol car. The bullet punctured the door and went through an arm opening in her protective vest into her chest causing a fatal wound.

The suspect committed suicide after firing upon the officers.

Officer Hamilton had only been with the Department for three months.

OFFICER CHARLES HEIM #24265
END OF WATCH: OCTOBER 21, 1994

SERGEANT FELIX PENA #25375
INCIDENT DATE: OCTOBER 21, 1994

On October 21, 1994, Officers Charles Heim and Felix Pena were assigned to Hollywood Area and received information from a citizen regarding narcotics that were being sold from a motel. Officers Pena and Heim conducted a follow-up investigation at the Dunes Motel. Police Officer Heim took the lead with Officer Pena standing to the left of the door. They knocked on the door of the room, and the suspect's girlfriend opened it. The officers observed the suspect lying on the bed with sheets covering his hands. Without warning, the suspect responded by firing at the officers with a handgun. Both officers were struck by the bullets. The officers returned fire at the suspect. Officer Heim was shot twice in the upper body, and Officer Felix's right hand was wounded.

The armed suspect fled the location prompting the activation of the SWAT Unit that led to a second gun battle. He was subsequently located with a self-inflicted gunshot to his head.

Following the incident, Officer Felix recovered from his wounds, but Officer Heim succumbed to his injuries.



Detective Ray Mendoza



Officer Christy Hamilton



Officer Charles Heim

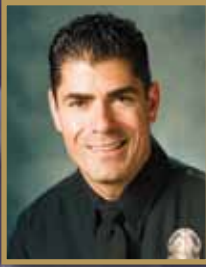


Sergeant Felix Pena



Officer Mark Haberman

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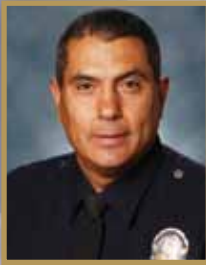
Sergeant Scott DeFoe

SERGEANT SCOTT DEFOE #27116
INCIDENT DATE: JUNE 2, 1995

On June 2, 1995, Officer Scott DeFoe and his partner were working Wilshire Area Vice. The officers' investigation focused on blatant prostitution and gang-related activity in the surrounding area. As the officers were driving east in an unmarked car on Washington Boulevard near Arlington Avenue, they observed a suspect "tagging" on a wall. The suspect spotted the officers and instantaneously the sound of gunfire erupted. Officer DeFoe suddenly felt his head snap back, and realized that he had been shot in the mouth and was bleeding profusely.

Officer DeFoe's partner managed to fire one round toward the muzzle flash. Unfortunately, Officer DeFoe was not in a position to return fire, so he elected to exit the vehicle to pinpoint the source of gunfire. His partner immediately put out the broadcast for help, and numerous officers responded to the location. Several gang members were arrested for the attempted murder of both officers. Robbery-Homicide Detectives determined that between five to eight armed gang members were "lying in wait" as their fellow member spray painted the wall in rival gang territory.

Officer DeFoe was transported to the hospital for treatment. Within a few months, he returned to full-duty. He has since promoted to the rank of Sergeant.



Officer Custodio Ponce

OFFICER CUSTODIO PONCE #27071
INCIDENT DATE: FEBRUARY 1, 1996

On February 1, 1996, Officer Custodio Ponce and his partner were assigned to the Hollenbeck CRASH Unit on patrol for gang suppression. While driving through the Ramona Gardens Housing Project, home to one of the city's well-established and deadliest gangs, the officers saw a man standing in the middle of the street drinking a bottle of beer. As they approached the suspect, he immediately dropped the beer bottle and started to walk away. Officer Ponce observed a gun in his hand, so he reversed his vehicle and began to chase the suspect. They located the suspect running down a driveway leading into a parking lot when he slipped and fell on the pavement. The suspect picked himself up and began shooting at the officers shattering the squad car window. Officer Ponce exited the vehicle and returned fire. While seeking additional cover, he was struck by 2 bullets, one to his left hip and one to his leg. Wounded, Officer Ponce continued to engage the suspect. The officers managed to strike the suspect causing him to cease his deadly assault. Officer Ponce was transported for medical treatment of his gunshot wounds.

He returned to full-duty one month after the incident.



OFFICER SEAN MULFORD #30366
INCIDENT DATE: APRIL 29, 1996

On April 29, 1996, Officer Sean Mulford and his partner observed a vehicle with two suspects commit a traffic violation. The officers attempted to stop the vehicle after they discovered it had recently been stolen. The vehicle pulled to a stop and several passengers exited. Officers continued to follow the driver of the stolen vehicle and initiated a pursuit. The suspect continued to speed away from the officers and fired approximately fourteen rounds from an automatic sub-machine gun. The rounds shattered the police vehicle's rear windshield. One round struck Officer Mulford in the left shoulder. They continued to pursue the driver until he stopped and abandoned the vehicle.

The driver got away, but all of the suspects were eventually arrested and charged with the Attempted Murder of Officer Mulford and his partner.

OFFICER MARIO NAVIDAD, JR. #31588
END OF WATCH: DECEMBER 22, 1996

On December 22, 1996, Officer Navidad and his partner, Police Academy classmate Ralph Mendoza, were patrolling the streets of the Wilshire Division when a convenience store clerk flagged them down. The clerk told them that someone had taken beer from his store.

When the officers spotted the suspect, 17-year-old Aleim Ulloa Ortiz, he was carrying a six-pack of beer under each arm. Ortiz loaded the beer under one arm and then pulled out a gun, firing at the officers. Officer Navidad was hit six times before he could even get out of the car. The bullets passed through the unprotected side of his bullet proof vest.

Both Mendoza and Navidad returned fire fatally wounding Ortiz, whom investigators suspect had been on a drinking binge for several days.

Officer Navidad could not recover from his injuries. He had been with the Department for only 21 months.



Officer Sean Mulford



Officer Mario Navidad, Jr.

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Detective Tracey Angeles

DETECTIVE TRACEY ANGELES #27797
OFFICER WILLIAM LANTZ #33251
DETECTIVE CONRADO TORREZ #27257
SERGEANT JAMES ZBORAVAN #33094
INCIDENT DATE: FEBRUARY 28, 1997

On Friday, February 28, 1997, the Los Angeles Police Department experienced a day of terror and remarkable heroism. The North Hollywood Bank Shootout will long be remembered as one of the country's most shocking displays of criminal behavior and an outstanding example of professional, heroic law enforcement. On this day, two men in full body armor held up a bank and then proceeded to shower a North Hollywood community with hundreds of armor-piercing AK-47 rounds. Miraculously, no one was killed.

North Hollywood officers were on patrol when they observed two suspects wearing ski masks and armed with assault rifles walking toward a Bank of America. They were walking single file and appeared to force a citizen toward the front doors of the bank. As the suspects entered the bank, officers believed an armed robbery was in progress. The officers then heard the sound of gunfire from inside the bank and immediately broadcast a robbery call. The suspects emerged from the bank armed with assault weapons and began firing toward officers that had arrived on-scene. Officers returned fire at the suspects.

Police personnel engaged the heavily armed suspects wearing body armor, and it was determined that during the 17-minute gun battle, the suspects fired at least 424 rounds at Department personnel. Officers suffered gunshot wounds to various degrees, but each officer wounded also suffered great psychological traumatic injury years after the shooting. One suspect was eventually mortally wounded, and the other who was severely wounded was pronounced dead at the location.



Detective Conrado Torrez



Sergeant James Zboravan



SERGEANT TIMOTHY COLOMEY #32059
INCIDENT DATE: MAY 17, 1997

On May 17, 1997, Officer Timothy Colomey responded to a "415 Man with a Gun" radio call. Upon arrival, officers observed the suspect and a foot pursuit ensued. While on the foot pursuit, an additional suspect threw a bicycle at Officer Colomey in an attempt to slow him down. Officer Colomey was then struck by a vehicle traveling approximately 25 miles per hour. He received severe injuries and was told that he would not return to full-duty.

Through his dedication and perseverance, Officer Colomey returned to full-duty and was promoted to Sergeant.



Sergeant Timothy Colomey

DETECTIVE JUDE BELLA #3188
DETECTIVE KEVIN FOSTER #31894
INCIDENT DATE: MAY 27, 1997

On May 27, 1997, Glendale Police Department detectives were at a warehouse in Chatsworth looking for a suspect who had seriously beaten his girlfriend. As they entered the location, they were ambushed by the suspect. One of the detectives was shot several times, and his partner called the Los Angeles Police Department for help. Numerous LAPD resources responded to the help call.

Officers Jude Bella and Kevin Foster were the first officers to respond. They determined that the suspect was barricaded inside the darkened warehouse waiting to ambush any rescuing officers. Concerned with the condition of the wounded Glendale detective, SWAT was requested to respond to the scene. Realizing there would be a delay in the arrival of SWAT, the officers initiated a plan to rescue the Glendale detective. Several attempts were made to rescue the downed officer and each attempt was met with gunfire by the suspect. Officer Bella and the rescue team entered the warehouse. The suspect then fired several rounds striking Officer Bella and Officer Foster. Immediately the rescue and cover teams regrouped and pulled the wounded officers to safety.

After a 2-hour standoff, the SWAT unit searched for the suspect, and found his body with a fatal, self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head. Officers Foster and Bella were transported for treatment of their gunshot wounds.



Detective Jude Bella



Detective Kevin Foster

OFFICER STEVEN GAJDA #27686
END OF WATCH: DECEMBER 31, 1997

Officer Gajda was part of a special LAPD detail aimed at curbing celebratory gunfire on New Year's Eve. He and other officers had gone to break up a rowdy party in Boyle Heights where they suspected gang members were causing problems. While they were approaching, several gang members fled and were pursued by the officers.

Officer Gajda chased a man who appeared to have a weapon in his waistband. As the officer approached, the youth turned around and shot at him. The two struggled and fell to the ground as the youth continued to fire his .25-caliber semiautomatic handgun.

Officer Gajda and his partners returned fire, killing the 17-year-old identified by police as Mario Machado, the alleged gunman in a gang-related slaying in February. Machado died at the scene.

Officer Gajda, who was shot several times, was taken to a local hospital where he did not recover from his injuries.



Officer Steven Gajda

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Officer Filbert Cuesta

OFFICER FILBERT CUESTA #30753
END OF WATCH: AUGUST 9, 1998

On August 8, 1998, Southwest CRASH Officers Filberto Cuesta and his partner, Officer Richard Gabaldon, were monitoring a loud gang party near Carlin Avenue and Duray Place in Southwest Area. Upon their arrival, Officers Cuesta and Gabaldon determined that they should wait for back up, due to the number of people attending the party.

As Officers Cuesta and Gabaldon waited inside their police vehicle for back up, they were ambushed from behind. Officer Cuesta was struck once in the head by a suspect's bullet. Officer Cuesta's partner was able to return fire.

Several suspects were detained for questioning. A shooter was identified and later convicted and sentenced to life in prison.

Officer Cuesta, 26 years of age, 4-year veteran of the Department, succumbed to his injury on August 9, 1998.

OFFICER BRIAN BROWN #32054
END OF WATCH: NOVEMBER 29, 1998



Officer Brian Brown

On November 29, 1998, Pacific Area Officers Brian Brown and Francisco Dominguez were traveling on Centinela Avenue when they heard gunfire. They immediately observed a Hispanic male with a rifle enter the passenger side of a dark-colored Honda. The Honda fled with the officers in pursuit. Additional officers joined the pursuit, which terminated when the driver of the Honda lost control of the vehicle. The passenger, still seated in the vehicle, immediately opened fire on the officers with an assault weapon. Officer Brown was struck by the gunfire and was fatally wounded. Officers Dominguez, McCoy and Thompson returned fire, resulting in the death of the suspect.

The second suspect carjacked another vehicle prompting another chase. The chase ended when the suspect crashed at Los Angeles International Airport and was shot and wounded during another exchange of gunfire. The second suspect was convicted and sentenced to life.

Officer Brown had been with the Department for four years.



DETECTIVE CYNTHIA FRENCH #23988
INCIDENT DATE: DECEMBER 31, 1998

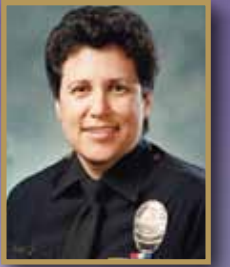
On December 31, 1998, North Hollywood Area Officer Cynthia French and her partner responded with other officers to investigate a radio call of an intoxicated, mentally unstable man with a gun causing a disturbance at a Studio City apartment complex. The officers searched the area and entered the suspect's apartment, unable to locate the armed individual. They did observe several assault rifle cases and several hundred rounds of ammunition.

Later that evening, a second call for service was received from the security guard at the complex, alerting officers that the suspect had returned to his apartment. Officers responded to assist and a tactical plan was formulated. The officers called the suspect in an effort to get him to leave his apartment unarmed. When he refused, the officers knocked on the front door with the same request. The suspect opened the door, but then closed the door and began loading his weapons. The suspect then opened the door and exited the apartment to confront officers. Realizing the suspect's superior firepower, the officers were directed to redeploy as Officer French provided cover. The suspect then discharged numerous rounds at the officers. Officer French ordered him to put the gun down. The suspect continued to advance on Officer French. Fearing for her safety and the safety of the community, she engaged the suspect in gun battle. Facing overwhelming firepower, Officer French was forced to redeploy near the entrance of the apartment building. Officer French again engaged the suspect in gun battle, receiving a wound herself in her left arm and left torso. Undaunted by her severe wounds, Officer French in a standing position, faced the suspect and fired again, receiving another wound to her right hand.

Other officers then moved into the garage area and engaged in a final gun battle before striking the suspect with a mortal wound.

OFFICER FRANK ARUJO #27101
INCIDENT DATE: NOVEMBER 22, 1999

On November 22, 1999, Devonshire units observed a robbery suspect standing near an intersection. As a foot pursuit ensued, the officers cornered the suspect and a major altercation transpired. The suspect was transported to a nearby hospital under heavy guard and sedation. After being released from his restraints for medical treatment, the suspect attacked the guarding officers escaped from the hospital throwing one officer, who was pursuing him, over a second story stairwell. Officer Frank Arujo managed to catch up to the suspect. Officer Arujo fought hand to hand with the suspect and sustained a major injury while taking him into custody. This injury resulted in a permanent physical impairment.



Detective Cynthia French



Officer Frank Arujo

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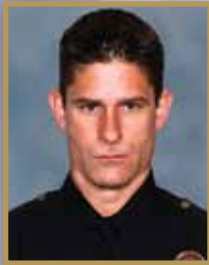


Officer John Harrison

OFFICER JOHN HARRISON #26386
INCIDENT DATE: MAY 16, 2001

On May 16, 2001, K-9 personnel responded to a search for a suspect who was wanted for the Attempt Murder of a California Highway Patrol Officer. Officer John Harrison located the suspect, 19-year-old Armando Padernal, hiding in a trash container. During the incident, Officer Harrison's K-9 Search Team repeatedly ordered the suspect to submit to arrest and surrender, but he refused to comply with their commands. As Officer Harrison continued utilizing a bull horn to give verbal commands, the suspect suddenly and without warning popped up from within the trash container and started shooting with two semiautomatic handguns. The suspect fired several rounds at Officer Harrison and the K-9 Search Team. During the ensuing gun battle, Officer Harrison sustained a through-and-through shot to his right leg above his right knee and a gunshot wound to his right hand middle finger. Officer Harrison was transported to a local hospital for treatment and remained hospitalized for several days.

Armando Padernal, who was positively identified as the attempted murder suspect, had an additional warrant for his arrest for a parole violation. Three handguns were recovered from him at the scene of the incident.



Officer Dona Adolphi

OFFICER DONA ADOLPHI #32426
INCIDENT DATE: JULY 7, 2002

On July 7, 2002, Newton Area officers responded to an "officer needs help" call. An officer-involved shooting had just occurred, and the suspect was now in control of a police vehicle. Officer Dona Adolphi and his partner entered the northbound Harbor Freeway and observed another Newton patrol unit following the suspect. When the suspect stopped the police vehicle, he exited and started to act belligerent and extremely aggressive. The suspect failed to respond to the repeated commands to surrender. Officers deployed less lethal munitions to attempt to gain control of the suspect, but he continued his assault by grabbing and punching the officers. During the altercation, Officer Adolphi heard another officer yell that the suspect had grabbed his gun. Officer Adolphi attempted to restrain the suspect's head and upper torso. He knew his actions provided additional time to keep the suspect from pulling the trigger. Officer Adolphi heard several shots being fired and only relinquished his hold on the suspect once he had been shot. Officers fired shots to stop the uncontrollable suspect and ended the life threatening situation.

Officer Adolphi was transported to the hospital for medical treatment of his gunshot wound.



DETECTIVE VICTOR ALVAREZ #32619
INCIDENT DATE: DECEMBER 6, 2002

On December 6, 2002, Officer Victor Alvarez and his partner responded to an "officer needs help" call. A suspect was walking on the sidewalk carrying a knapsack containing a shotgun. Other officers were already on scene following the suspect on foot when they arrived. Officers were then advised by the air unit that the suspect was approaching an intersection, and that action must be taken in order to prevent harm to the citizens that were there. The officers rushed the suspect in order to conduct a team take down. The suspect was able to slightly turn sideways and fire one round from the shotgun as the officers began to make physical contact. The shotgun blast struck Officer Alvarez.

The suspect was taken into custody without further incident.

After extensive years of physical therapy for the wound he received, Officer Alvarez returned to full-duty and has been promoted to the rank of Detective.

OFFICER TIMOTHY COLSON #32160
OFFICER JOSE ZAMUDIO #33758
INCIDENT DATE: DECEMBER 14, 2003

On December 14, 2003, Officers Colson and Zamudio observed two Hispanic males, one later identified as 19-year-old Javier Vieyra and an unidentified Hispanic male, standing on the east sidewalk of Wilmington Avenue adjacent to a parked Chevrolet Monte Carlo. When the officers were parallel to the Monte Carlo, the unidentified Hispanic fired one to two rounds from a 12-gauge shotgun at the officers. Officer Colson immediately stopped the vehicle, exited the driver's door and drew his 9-millimeter service pistol. The unidentified Hispanic male fired two additional rounds at the officers. Both officers fired back, each caught in a gun battle with a different suspect. Vieyra fell to the ground. The unidentified suspect fled south, but stopped and again pointed the shotgun at Officer Colson. Officer Colson, in fear of his life, fired his pistol at the suspect. The suspect then fled east through a vacant lot, but was found hiding in a trash bin hours later.

Officers Colson and Zamudio were transported to a local hospital and treated for gunshot wounds. Officer Colson was treated and released for minor pellet wounds to his face and right hand. Officer Zamudio was treated and admitted for pellet gunshot wounds to his right knee, right leg, left calf and left eyebrow.

A loaded .38 caliber revolver was recovered from Vieyra when he was taken into custody. A 12-gauge sawed-off shotgun was recovered from the east curb of Wilmington Avenue just south of the shooting incident.



Detective Victor Alvarez



Officer Timothy Colson



Officer Jose Zamudio

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Officer Ricardo Lizarraga

OFFICER RICARDO LIZARRAGA #36046
END OF WATCH: FEBRUARY 20, 2004

On February 20, 2004, Officer Lizarraga and his partner were flagged down in the Leimert Park area of Los Angeles by a woman. The woman informed the two officers she was having problems with her boyfriend, Kenrick Johnson. She wanted him removed from her home. As the officers approached the man to search him, he pulled out a handgun and opened fire, striking Officer Lizarraga in the abdomen below his vest. Officer Lizarraga's partner returned fire as the suspect fled the scene.

Officer Lizarraga was transported to a local hospital where he died from his wounds approximately 2 hours later.

The suspect was arrested about 3 hours after the shooting during a large manhunt. The shooter was a gang member who was on parole and had a long criminal history. The suspect attempted to hang himself in his cell a few hours after his first court appearance and died the next day from self-inflicted injuries.

Officer Lizarraga had served with the Los Angeles Police Department for over 2 years. He worked patrol assignments in the 77th Street Area and one year later transferred to the Newton Area.



Officer Mario Cardona

OFFICER MARIO CARDONA #33905
INCIDENT DATE: NOVEMBER 27, 2004

On November 27, 2004, 77th Street Area Officers Mario Cardona and Matthew Cundiff responded to an "assault with a deadly weapon" call only to be confronted by hysterical partygoers fleeing a homicidal assailant. As they reached the location of the event, they observed a suspect shoot a teenager after pistol whipping him. As Officer Cardona and his partner prepared to make entry, the suspect shot another individual in the stomach and pointed the gun at the individual's head. Knowing that at least two individual lives were in peril and many others could be in danger, Officer Cardona kicked open the security door. As Officer Cardona made his way toward the suspect, the suspect turned and shot Officer Cardona in the stomach. Although seriously injured, Officer Cardona gave chase. The suspect attempted to flee, but Officer Cardona closed the distance on him. The suspect turned and pointed his gun at Officer Cardona, but Officer Cardona grabbed the suspect and pulled toward him. From a close contact position, Officer Cardona fired and mortally wounded the suspect.

Officer Cardona was transported to the hospital for his gunshot wounds.



Sergeant Rodolfo Fuentes

SERGEANT RODOLFO FUENTES #31421
INCIDENT DATE: JULY 4, 2005

On July 4, 2005, Officer Rodolfo Fuentes and several other officers were investigating a violent carjacking. At one point, Officer Fuentes was on the phone with the Hollenbeck Area Watch Commander, advising him of the incident. Several minutes later, the passenger in a passing vehicle leaned out the window and fired one round from a Glock, 40-caliber handgun. The round struck Officer Fuentes in the middle finger of his left hand while he was on the phone, missing his head by inches.

Officer Fuentes sustained extensive and permanent damage from the gunshot wound.

The suspect was arrested several months later and sentenced to 65 years in prison.



OFFICER DANIEL SANCHEZ #27159
INCIDENT DATE: JULY 10, 2005

On July 10, 2005, Southeast Division personnel responded to a radio call about a 16-year-old girl who told a dispatcher her stepfather had threatened her life. The first units to arrive encountered a despondent male armed with a handgun. He was holding his 19-month-old daughter as a hostage, and repeated attempts by officers to obtain a compliant surrender and release of the hostage were met with negative results. Instead, the suspect engaged the officers in a gun battle and used the child as a human shield. Additionally, they found the teenage girl locked behind a chain link fence.

Officers requested for LAPD's SWAT, and Officer Daniel Sanchez was one of the first to arrive. The officers were able to reach the teenage girl and moved her to a safe location. As Officer Sanchez approached the suspect, he felt a sharp pain to his shoulder and immediately realized he had been shot. Despite being wounded, Officer Sanchez drove on, deployed the noise-flash device and never wavered.

OFFICER THOMAS DELUCCIA #34852
INCIDENT DATE: SEPTEMBER 11, 2005

On September 11, 2005, Officer Thomas Deluccia was assigned to Northeast Gang Detail. While patrolling the Cypress Park gang territory, he and other Gang Detail officers conducted a Burglary from a Motor Vehicle (BFMV) investigation on a suspect. The suspect pointed a large caliber revolver at the officers which resulted in an officer-involved shooting. During the incident, Officer Deluccia was struck by gunfire in his right hand. He was transported to the hospital for medical treatment.

The suspect, who was a local gang member, was later apprehended and subsequently convicted of assault with a deadly weapon.

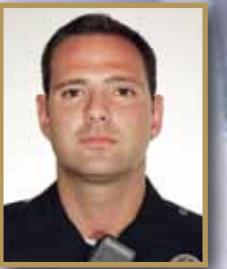
SERGEANT ALFONSO MENDOZA #30905
INCIDENT DATE: NOVEMBER 16, 2005

On November 16, 2005, Officer Alfonso Mendoza was assigned to Metropolitan Division suppression detail in 77th Street Area. While processing an arrestee at 77th Street station, a back-up call was broadcast for the area. Officer Mendoza and two other partners responded to the call. While traveling through the intersection of Florence Avenue and Broadway, their police vehicle was struck by another vehicle. The other vehicle struck their patrol car where Officer Mendoza was seated. All occupants were transported to local hospitals for various injuries.

Officer Mendoza's injuries were the most serious of all. Additional injuries from the incident were found during his numerous follow-up medical appointments. Officer Mendoza ultimately was able to return to full-duty status. He was eventually promoted to Sergeant.



Officer Daniel Sanchez



Officer Thomas Deluccia



Sergeant Alfonso Mendoza

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Officer James Tuck

OFFICER JAMES TUCK #37554
INCIDENT DATE: AUGUST 12, 2006

On August 12, 2006, Hollenbeck Area Officer James Tuck was seriously hurt when a suspect attacked him with an AK-47 assault rifle during a traffic stop in the Montecito Heights area. As soon as the vehicle stopped, the passenger exited armed with an assault rifle and immediately began shooting at him and his partner showering their police car with high-velocity rounds. While still seated in the police car, Officer Tuck was hit three times. He was wounded in his lower back and struck in the stomach by a bullet that passed through his protective vest. Another bullet severely damaged his left wrist. He returned fire at the suspect, even after sustaining serious injuries. His partner immediately exited the driver side of the police vehicle, straddled the pavement, and returned fire.

The suspect suffered bullet wounds to both his upper legs from the officers' gunfire. The suspect dropped the rifle and fled the location.



Officer Landon Dorris

OFFICER LANDON DORRIS #37027
END OF WATCH: OCTOBER 22, 2006

On October 22, 2006, Northeast Area Officer Landon Dorris and his partner, Officer Marc Fujiwara, were investigating a minor traffic collision at the intersection of Riverside Drive and Hyperion Avenue. Officer Dorris was in the street when a car heading west on Riverside Drive struck him. The force of the impact caused Officer Dorris to hit another car that was waiting to turn left onto the Golden State Freeway onramp. The driver of the car immediately stopped and was very distraught over the incident.

Officer Dorris was transported to USC Medical Center in critical condition with major head trauma. Despite the efforts of the hospital emergency staff, Officer Dorris did not survive his injuries.

Officer Dorris had served with the Los Angeles Police Department for over three years and had previously served for six years with the California Highway Patrol.



Sergeant Mark Wilbur

SERGEANT MARK WILBUR #30646
INCIDENT DATE: JANUARY 5, 2007

On January 5, 2007, Sergeant Mark Wilbur received information on the location of two wanted attempt murder suspects. Sergeant Wilbur's partner placed several phone calls to the residence, but there was no answer. The suspects were then called out by name, but they did not respond. The officers entered and cleared a rear bedroom. A suspect exited from a different room. Sergeant Wilbur advised him to put his hands up. The suspect turned and re-entered the room shutting the door behind him. Sergeant Wilbur was close enough to kick the door so that he could keep his eyes on the suspect. Sergeant Wilbur's leg went through the door, but the door did not open. Without warning, one of the suspects armed himself with a handgun and fired at the officers. A bullet struck Sergeant Wilbur in the thigh. Sergeant Wilbur, ignoring his wound, requested help at his location and attempted to set up a perimeter to contain the suspects.

Both suspects were eventually arrested for attempted murder on police officers, and for outstanding attempt murder warrants.



OFFICER ANDREW TAYLOR #31466
INCIDENT DATE: JANUARY 22, 2007

On January 22, 2007, Officer Andrew Taylor responded with other officers to a possible "assault with deadly weapon" radio call. When they arrived, the officers were advised that the suspects were in the apartment. Upon investigation, they encountered three suspects who were inside a bedroom. One of the suspects, Matthew Powell, became belligerent and combative and tried to run out of the apartment. He was left under the guard of Officer Taylor who interviewed him while the other officers were inside the apartment. Suddenly, Officer Taylor observed the muzzle of a revolver in the suspect's hand. Immediately, Officer Taylor attempted to subdue him, but the suspect fired a shot. Officer Taylor managed to tackle him to the floor, but he fired 2 additional shots at him. Officer Taylor suffered a gunshot wound through his armpit, above the level of his ballistic vest. Another shot directly struck his ballistic vest, the force of which bruised a lung, without penetrating his body.

The gunman, 24-year-old Matthew Jerome Powell, died at the scene after three other officers returned fire in the narrow hallway of an apartment building in the 600 block of Coronado Street.

Officer Taylor was transported to the hospital for treatment of his gunshot wounds.

SERGEANT JASON BEATTY #27023
INCIDENT DATE: MARCH 1, 2007

On March 1, 2007, Sergeant Jason Beatty received information that a suspect wanted for a violent attack in Nevada was holed up in the Howard Johnson Motor Lodge in Reseda. Officers went to the room that the suspect was reportedly in and were confronted by a male who came to the door, and yelled "Cops!". The suspect immediately attempted to slam the door shut on the officers. Knowing that violent criminals sometimes arm themselves when confronted by police, Sergeant Beatty was determined to keep a visual on the suspect. He used his body to block the suspect's efforts to close the door. In the process, Sergeant Beatty slammed his elbow on the door frame while simultaneously snapping his neck, causing a severe debilitating injury.

OFFICER RANDAL SIMMONS #22885
END OF WATCH: FEBRUARY 7, 2008

On February 6, 2008, patrol officers from West Valley Division responded to an "open 911 line" radio call. When they arrived to the home, the officers tried to contact the people inside and quickly realized they were dealing with a very dangerous situation. The suspect had shot and killed several of his family members. SWAT responded and determined the situation required emergency deployment into the house to rescue at least one downed victim who was critically injured and believed to be alive.

Officer Randal Simmons and his partner quickly and decisively formulated a tactical plan using SWAT officers to rescue the victims inside the home while West Valley officers maintained containment of the residence. As they entered through the front door, the team was met with an onslaught of gun fire from the suspect. During the fierce gun battle, Officer Simmons and a second officer were struck by the suspect's gunfire and critically injured.

Both officers were immediately transported for medical treatment, where Officer Simmons succumbed to his wounds approximately 30 minutes later.

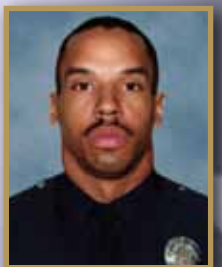
Officer Simmons had served with the Los Angeles Police Department for 27 years.



Officer Andrew Taylor



Sergeant Jason Beatty



Officer Randal Simmons

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Detective Daniel Hanabusa

DETECTIVE DANIEL HANABUSA #30828
INCIDENT DATE: JUNE 5, 2008

On June 5, 2008, Detective Daniel Hanabusa was conducting surveillance with Hollenbeck Narcotics Enforcement Detail. They were preparing to serve a search warrant at a heavily fortified and protected location suspected of manufacturing and selling cocaine, crystal methamphetamine, and PCP.

Detective Hanabusa was the first officer through the rear door of the location and immediately without warning came under heavy gunfire. Detective Hanabusa's ballistic helmet was hit by gunfire just above the right eye and the force of the bullet's impact propelled him to the ground. While on the floor in a seated position, he returned fire, but was struck in the left knee. Several of his partners moved in to rescue him. They were able to drag him away from the shooting suspect.

The suspect who was firing at the police officers took his own life with a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head. The other suspects surrendered to police officers shortly after the shooting ceased.



Officer Owen Berger

OFFICER OWEN BERGER #37319
INCIDENT DATE: NOVEMBER 7, 2008

On November 7, 2008, Southeast Area officers were responding to a call of a man with a gun holding two hostages. As they approached the residence, they observed the rear door open and three females exiting the location. They advised the officers that the suspect was gone and that everything was fine. At that time the officers told the women that they would still have to check the residence. Suddenly, one of the females turned and ran back into the residence. Officer Owen Berger and his partner, fearing for the safety of the female and disregarding their own safety, entered the residence. Officer Berger observed the female go through a bedroom and entered a hallway. As he cleared the bedroom and entered the hallway, he observed the female now in an adjoining doorway with a male holding her. Officer Berger ordered the male to put his hands up. As Officer Berger confronted the male, he came under immediate gunfire from the suspect. The suspect fired two rounds hitting Officer Berger. One round struck him in the right arm just above his wrist and went through into his bullet-proof vest. Both officers were eventually able to redeploy outside the residence.

The suspect was subsequently taken into custody.

Officer Berger was transported to the hospital for treatment of his wounds.



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