

# LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2007



**“ TO PROTECT AND TO SERVE ”**

## MISSION STATEMENT

*It is the mission of the Los Angeles Police Department to safeguard the lives and property of the people we serve, to reduce the incidence and fear of crime, and to enhance public safety while working with the diverse communities to improve their quality of life. Our mandate is to do so with honor and integrity, while at all times conducting ourselves with the highest ethical standards to maintain public confidence.*

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*To the members of the community :  
Presented here is the overview of the year 2007.*

2007 was a year in which we saw much advancement in the Los Angeles Police Department. The Police Commission unanimously agreed to reappoint Chief William Bratton to a second five-year term as Chief of the LAPD. The Department reached a milestone graduation which broke the 9,500 mark for sworn officers. The Department unveiled the Smart Car, the Department's most technologically advanced patrol vehicle to date. As a family we mourned the loss of Detective George Selleh and Officer David Rodriguez both killed in separate, off-duty vehicle collisions and remembered our fallen heroes with memorial dedications. Chief Bratton announced the creation of the Critical Incident Management Bureau that would coordinate and develop strategies, tactics and training consistent with LAPD policy, the National Response Plan and the Standardized Emergency Management System.

**The following are the highlights of 2007. (The notation parentheses at the end of a bulleted item references a Department issued new release or newsletter article that will provide additional subject information.)**

## LEADERSHIP

**LAPD Announces Promotions and Movement Among Command Staff** – Commander Sergio Diaz was promoted to the rank of Deputy Chief. He left his position as Assistant Commanding Officer, Special Operations Bureau to assume his new role of Deputy Chief of LAPD's Central Bureau. (May 8)

Commander Michael Downing was promoted to the rank of Deputy Chief as well. He took over as the Commanding Officer of Counter Terrorism and Criminal Intelligence Bureau. (Beat June)

Three new Commanders were promoted from the rank of Captain and assumed new positions as Commanding Officers. (Beat June)

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## POLICE COMMISSION

**Police Commission Reappoints Chief Bratton to Second Term** – On Tuesday, June 9, 2007, the five member Police Commission unanimously agreed to reappoint William Bratton to a second five-year term as Chief of the Los Angeles Police Department. (June 19) (Beat August)

**New Police Commission President Elected** – In a unanimous vote on Tuesday July 31, 2007, the Los Angeles Police Commission elected Anthony Pacheco to the position of President. (Beat September)

## IN MEMORIAM

**Officer Landon Dorris Memorial Dedicated** – Chief Bratton, Councilmember Tom LaBonge family and friends, dedicated the intersection of Riverside Drive and the Interstate 5 off-ramp as “Officer Landon Dorris Square.” (Beat April, June)

**Detective Barron Memorial Sign Dedication** – On April 26, 2007, members of the LAPD helped dedicate a memorial sign for Officer Abiel Barron that would be placed on Highway 138 at Interstate 15. (Beat May)

**Yesterday’s Hero** – On March 13, 2007, the Los Angeles Police Commission unanimously conferred the Medal of Valor to Officer Walter Kesterson who was killed in the line of duty on February 4, 1946. (Beat May)

**In Loving Memory of Commander Jim Tatreau** – A memorial ceremony was held on May 9, 2007, at the Los Angeles Police Academy in Elysian Park to honor the life and legacy of Commander Jim Tatreau. During his time leading the Robbery-Homicide Division, Commander Tatreau created the LAPD’s Cold Case Homicide Unit. (Beat June)

**Department Mourns the Tragic Loss of Two Members of the LAPD Family** – On July 27, 2007, the Department experienced the loss of two of its members. Detective George Selleh and Officer David Rodriguez were both killed in separate, off-duty vehicle collisions. (July 2)

## MILESTONES

**LAPD Hits Strength Milestone Graduation** – The Department broke the 9,500 mark for sworn officers on February 17, 2007. It marks the highest level of sworn officers on the Department since 1999. (March 1, March 30)

## ORGANIZATION

**Police Chief Bratton Announces New LAPD Bureau** – On Wednesday, May 30, 2007, Chief Bratton announced the creation of the new Critical Incident Management Bureau (CIMB) to be headed by Deputy Chief Michael Hillmann. The new bureau would coordinate and develop strategies, tactics and training consistent with LAPD policy, the National Response Plan and the Standardized Emergency Management System. (May 30)

## COLLABORATION

**K9 Teams Travel to Utah for Tactical Training** – K9 teams from the Department joined other handlers from numerous agencies across the country for training provided by the Provo Sheriff's Department in Utah. (Beat January)

**2007 Gang Enforcement Initiatives** – Police Chief Bratton and members of his staff laid out a detailed plan to address the issue of rising gang crime. The strategy consists of eleven initiatives geared at targeting the most prominent gangs with the help and support of several local, state and federal authorities. (February 8)

**Transnational Gang Summit Concludes** – The three-day International Chiefs of Police Summit on Transnational Gangs concluded after identifying four initiatives for future action. The summit was well attended with law enforcement representatives from the countries of Mexico, Canada, El Salvador, Guatemala, Belize, and Honduras in attendance. (February 12)

**Task Force Results in the Arrest of 7 Sex Offenders** – The Los Angeles Internet Crimes Against Children (LA ICAC) taskforce, which is comprised of officers from local, state and federal agencies, arrested 7 sex offenders for probation violations. (June 18)

**Cargo Burglars Nabbed by CHP and LAPD** – The LAPD's Foothill Predator Apprehension Team joined the California Highway Patrol Cargo Interdiction Program to arrest three suspects attempting to burglarize a bait truck planted by the agencies. (July 16)

## TASK FORCE

**The 77<sup>th</sup> Street Police Crime Surveillance Team** – This newly formed task force serves one of the most violent areas of the City and since its inception has arrested 49 persons for felony crimes. (February 3)

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**Multi-Agency Task Force** – Officers from the North Hollywood station entered into a partnership with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Los Angeles Unified School District Police, Burbank Police Department, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms, California Department of Corrections and the Los Angeles County Probation Department to focus on gangs and tagging crews linked to criminal activity in the area. (August 10)

## TECHNOLOGY

**Thirty Year Old Cold Case Solved** – This case went unsolved until 2005 when Detectives reopened the investigation. The discovery that a fingerprint had been lifted from the original crime scene led to it being run through the Department's updated automated fingerprint system, and returning with a match. (February 10)

**New State-of-the Art Bomb Squad Vehicle** – At 30 feet long and weighing in at 40,000 pounds, this bomb apparatus truck was designed in-house and is the first of its kind in the Department. (Beat March)

**LAPD Smart Car** – The Smart Car is the evolution of numerous stand alone systems integrated in to one vehicle. With License Plate Recognition, Digital In-Car Video Camera, Facial Recognition Software, Pursuit Management Technology, Mesh Enabled Architecture and Dell Laptop Computers, this is the Department's most technologically advanced patrol vehicle to date. (Beat March)



**Cameras Ensure Safe Passage** – On March 16, 2007, Mayor Villaraigosa and Chief Bratton announced the activation of seven cameras in the "Safe Passage" corridor of the Jordan Downs housing development. This was a joint venture between the Department of Justice, Los Angeles City Housing Department, Motorola and the Los Angeles Police Department. (Beat May)

**The Next Generation of Patrol** – The T3 Series Personal Electric Mobility vehicles take patrolling to new heights. A zero degree turning radius and compact design allow for easy maneuvering through crowds and tight spaces. The Department tested a deployment of vehicles in the Central Area to augment foot beats and cycle units. (Beat July)

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**New Premier Computer-Aided Dispatch and Command Point Mobile Systems** – On July 5, 2007, the Department announced the implementation of this new state-of-the-art system. With more than \$40 million in advancements and improvements primarily funded through the Proposition M Bond, this system will aid Police Service Representatives in saving lives. (Beat August)

**GPS Track Murder Suspects** – The Department used a Global Positioning Satellite to track down four suspects connected to a murder that took place in the Mid-City area on December 10, 2007. (December 12)

## NEW BUILDINGS

**LAPD Breaks Ground on New Police Headquarters** – On January 22, 2007, Chief William Bratton along with Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and several other dignitaries, broke ground on the new Police Headquarters Facility. The new 10-story, 500,000 square foot building replaces the old Parker Center which was built in 1955. (January 22, Beat March)



**Hollenbeck Replacement Station Topped-Off** – In a ceremony held February 15, 2007, the new Hollenbeck replacement station was topped-off; a tradition in the construction industry. The new station is set for completion in the first quarter of 2008. (Beat April)

**Hertzburg-Davis Forensic Science Center Dedication Ceremony** - On May 11, 2007, the Hertzburg-Davis Forensic Science Center was officially dedicated. Touted as the nation's largest municipal crime lab, the 209,080 square foot facility is a joint venture of the Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, and California State University Los Angeles. (Beat June, May 10)

## EVENTS

**Fight for Life Boxing Event** – In its 13<sup>th</sup> year, the Fight for Life pits Los Angeles Police Department and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department employees against officers from the New York Police Department. They fight to raise money for the City of Hope cancer research center. (Beat January)



**North Hollywood Shoot-out Anniversary** - On February 28, 1998, Officers were involved in a shoot-out with two gunmen armed with semi-automatic weapons. It was the worst shoot-out in the Department's history. Chief Bratton, Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and other state and local dignitaries marked the 10-year anniversary with a ceremony at the scene where the incident took place. (Beat April)

**National Police Week** – Each year, communities throughout the nation gather to honor our heroic law enforcement officer and pay tribute to those lost in the line of duty. The Los Angeles Police Department observed National Police Week with three events. (Beat April)

**39<sup>th</sup> Annual Los Angeles Police Celebrity Golf Tournament** – Celebrities from the world of film, television, sports and music gathered at Rancho Park Golf Course and raised more than \$300,000 for the Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation. (Beat May, June)

**46<sup>th</sup> Medal of Valor Ceremony** – The Department's highest honor was bestowed upon 19 of the finest officers the City of Los Angeles has to offer. They were recognized at a ceremony held in the Grand Ballroom at the Hollywood & Highland Entertainment complex. These officers demonstrated tremendous courage and went above and beyond the call of duty. (Beat May, July)

**8<sup>th</sup> Annual True Blue Event** – On September 29, 2007, the Los Angeles Police Foundation hosted its annual True Blue fundraiser at Paramount Studios in Hollywood. The event featured 2007 honoree Brian Grazer, producer and co-founder of Imagine Entertainment, as well as the showcase the presentation of the 2007 Crystal Angel Award winners. (Beat September, November)

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**2007 Women's Leadership Conference** – On October 24, 2007, the Los Angeles Police Department presented its annual Women's Leadership Conference held at the Hilton Los Angeles Hotel in Universal City. The theme of "Leadership through Vision" resonated with the crowd of more than 1,000 sworn and civilian employees. As one of the largest internal conferences held in the nation, the conference continues to be the "go to" event of the year. (Beat September, December)

**24<sup>th</sup> Annual National Night Out** – As part of a nation-wide campaign to promote police-community partnerships, crime prevention and neighborhood camaraderie, the Department held their city-wide events on August 7, 2007. (Beat September)

**Police Chief William Bratton's Reappointment** – As only the third Chief to be selected to serve a second term, and the first to do so under the new limits set in 1992 by City Charter Amendment F, William Bratton was sworn in as Chief of Police on October 25, 2007. (Beat October)

**27<sup>th</sup> Annual Recognition Day Awards Ceremony** – On Thursday, October 18, 2007, the Department recognized 357 sworn and civilian employees, former employees, City employees from other Departments, and volunteer citizens for their heroism, dedication and commitment to service at a ceremony held at the Los Angeles Convention Center. (October 16)  
(Beat November)

## HIGH PROFILE CASES

**Art Theft Nabbed in France through Internet** – Two 18<sup>th</sup> century violins were taken from a Los Angeles Philharmonic violinist's home in Hollywood. With help of the Internet and suspicious antique dealers, the thief was arrested by French authorities. (March 12)

**Actress Dress Stolen from Hollywood Hotel** – A distinctive dress once worn by actress Carol Channing was stolen from a Hollywood hotel lobby. An abandoned bag containing the stolen dress was later found at an area park. (September 14)

**LAPD Reaches Out to Asian and Pacific Islander Community** – In an unprecedented move, the Department announced its partnership with LA 18/KSCI-TV, the leading Asian language television station in the country, in the first ever Asian and Pacific Islander Language Public Service Announcement Campaign. (Beat December)



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**LAPD Officer Receives Purple Heart** – On September 24, 2007, Police Officer Brent Williams was presented with the Purple Heart Medal as a result of the injuries he sustained during his service in Iraq in the summer of 2004. (Beat November)

**LAPD Veteran Honored by Anti-Defamation League** – 35 year veteran, Lieutenant Fred Booker, Commanding Officer of Community Relations Section, was honored by the Anti-Defamation League for his unwavering commitment to reducing prejudice and the effects of stereotyping in his community. He was one of five honorees. (February 15)

**Governor Awards Medal of Valor to Two LAPD Officers** – California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger awarded Officers Mark Mireles and Edwin Marron, and one Los Angeles Fire Fighter, the Medal of Valor for their heroics in the safeguarding of an individual's life in an attempted suicide. (Beat November)

**Chief Bratton Named One of Governing Magazine's Public Officials of the Year** – In a private dinner ceremony held in Washington D.C., Chief William Bratton became only the second police chief to be honored by Governing Magazine in its history. The awards are given in recognition of outstanding achievement at the state and local levels. (Beat December)

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