

1980

"Cops Love Kids" program establishes a firm relationship of mutual trust between children and deputies.

Football cards for kids.

Sheriff's Bulletin 262 – Termination of the Matron Program (March 3) The department announces that the station jail matron program will be phased out. With women now assigned to work at patrol stations, this program is deemed unnecessary.

Deputy Susan Bouman files a lawsuit against the Sheriff's Department for discrimination in failing to promote females to the position of sergeant. (April 7)

Norco Bank Robbery. SEB confronted one of the suspects in heavy brush and were forced to shoot him.

Eye protection was now required when firing at the weapons range.

Advanced Officer Training tested an 8' X 8' Capture net along with a fire extinguisher and two eight foot poles for controlling PCP Suspects.

Canine Services Detail created.

1981

Deputy Julie Cabe became the first full-time sworn female law enforcement helicopter pilot in the nation's history

Deputy "Corky" Jackson became the first woman assigned to Aero Bureau as an observer.

Reserve Deputy Constance Worland was accidentally shot and killed by her partner following a call involving a man with a gun in a high-crime area. At that time, she was the first, and only, female deputy to die in the line of duty. (May 2)

Tire House was built at Wayside for SEB live fire training.

Deputies Bud Slack and Jay Whitmarsh completed the construction of "Hogan's Alley" at what was then known as Wayside Honor Rancho.

Homicide investigators investigated the death of Actress Natalie Wood who drowned in the waters off of Catalina Island. (November 29)

1982

Sheriff Sherman Block 1982 - 1998

Deputy Kenneth Ell was accidentally shot and killed by his partner Tom Hart during a confrontation with an armed suspect in a dark alley. (January 19)

A physical agility course was constructed in the CJ parking lot to test all deputies yearly to ensure they were in shape. So many deputies were injured and retired, the testing was cancelled.

A sound wall was installed at the BC Range which protected the hearing of by-standers not on the firing line.

Actor Vic Morrow and two child actors were killed by a helicopter that crashed during filming of the "Twilight Zone" movie. LASD homicide investigated and charged the director and four others with involuntary manslaughter. (July 23)

The Civilian Volunteer Program began at Temple Station.

1983

Laser Village Training began. First Municipal Law Enforcement Agency use of laser weapons for training in the nation.

Sheriff's Bulletin 262 – Assignment Priorities for Deputy Personnel (April 19) announces the 214 rule. Patrol is now to be a mandatory assignment for all newly hired deputy personnel. The primary reasons for this is, "the policy of the Sheriff's Department relating to the assignment of personnel continues to be one of assuring a balanced distribution of critical human resources where they are needed, when they are needed... Of critical concern is the unbalanced distribution of female deputies."

Sheriff Sherman Block renames "Wayside Honor Rancho" in honor of former Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess as "Pitchess Detention Center."

Marina Del Rey Sheriff's Station was completed.

Deputy Lawrence Lavieri was shot and killed when he and his partner responded to a gas station to investigate a suspicious person. (March 19)

Sgt. Larrell Smith died from a gunshot wound sustained while attempting to serve a narcotics warrant. (April 14)

Sheriff Block made the Civilian Volunteer Program mandatory at all Sheriff Stations.

Deputy James Clark was killed in an automobile accident while he and his partner responded to a home burglary call. (June 16)

The 1983 Malibu's were the last radio cars to have the shotgun mounted across the front of the bench seat.

A Live Fire [SACON] House was built by the Army Corp of Engineers at the Wayside Range. The walls were built with a unique mixture which allowed the walls to absorb live rounds fired at it.

The Crime Lab Video Unit which was responsible for videotaping crime scenes was merged with the Visual Aids Section of the Training Bureau. Visual Aids produced training films in 16mm and 35 mm using 150 reserves and civilian volunteers who worked in the movie industry.

First Distinguished Services Medals Awarded to Senior Criminalist James Raymond Wells and Dep. Jack P. Morgan (November 22)

The Training Bureau's Visual Aids Unit began changing from producing training films in 16mm film to ¾ inch videotape. They also began checking out videotape players instead of 16 mm projectors. To reflect this change, the name of the unit was changed from Visual Aids to Media Resources.

1984

Dedication of Sheriff's Training and Regional Service Center in Whittier.

Harbor Patrol merges with L.A. County Sheriff's Department (April 1)

The 1984 Ford LTD came with bucket seats which required shotguns to be mounted upright attached to the dash.

Olympics are held in Los Angeles. LASD responsible for venues in our jurisdiction and transportation security of athletes. And shared command responsibilities with LAPD, FBI and other agencies.

The Aero Bureau became heavily involved in providing Aerial assistance during the 1984 Olympics. Missions included convoy escorts, Special Weapons Team transportation and Aerial Command Post capability.

Reserve Captain Lloyd Brooks was struck and killed by a vehicle while directing traffic at the scene of a serious motor vehicle accident. (September 1)

The Aero Bureau acquired its first twin-turbine Sikorsky helicopter (SK-58T) for initiating an era of expanding our mountain rescue capabilities. The Bureau also purchased a Bell Jet Ranger (Bell 206L) for Executive and VIP transportation purposes.

Night Stalker Richard Ramirez started his killing spree. (June 28)

While off-duty Deputy David Holguin was shot and killed as he assisted a young child who was alone at a bus stop. (September 5)

1985

New Avalon Station, on Santa Catalina Island, dedicated.

Sergeant George Arthur was shot and killed while returning home from work. (June 1) Later determined the suspect was a fellow employee.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and the Department of Children and Family Services joined together and organized the **"999 for Kids" Program**. This program was developed to help physically and mentally challenged children throughout Los Angeles County who are victims of the most severe cases of child abuse, neglect and family violence.

The **"999 for Kids" Program** raises money for the purpose of purchasing special items and services for these children, i.e., sport wheelchairs, computers, special education classes, medically-oriented toys and games.

Groundbreaking began for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Memorial Wall at the STARS Center. The wall was designed by Reserve Deputy Leo Monohan and construction was supervised by Sergeant Chuck Villanti. (August 14)

The ARWEN (Anti Riot Weapon ENfield) a less lethal weapon which fires a impact baton was approved for use by the department.

The Smith House was built at Pitchess Detention Center for SEB live Fire Training. The Smith House was named after SEB Sgt. Larrell Smith who was shot and killed during a narcotics warrant service.

Sheriff's Narcotics Prevention and Education Unit (SANE) was formed. (November)

After a number of seniors were killed crossing the road by jay walking and not using crosswalks, Operation (STOP) Safety To Older Persons was initiated. The program encouraged the use of crosswalks and warned drivers to be on the lookout for older persons crossing the road, as well as the fact that they took longer while crossing.

1986

Department unveils Mobile Entry Device.

Robbery at Van Cleef and Arpels in Beverly Hills. SEB accidentally kills hostage.

LAPD Officers Arleigh McCree and Ronald Ball were killed while trying to defuse two booby-trapped bombs. Sheriff's Arson/Explosive investigators investigated the case. Sheriff's investigators also handled LAPD bomb calls while LAPD Officers were mourning the deaths. (February 8)

The Sheriff is responsible for providing the coordinated fingerprint identification services for the County of Los Angeles as part of the statewide Cal-ID Plan. To provide this service the Los Angeles County Regional Identification System (LACRIS) was established within the Records and Identification Bureau.

Memorial Wall at the STARS Center is unveiled. (May 14)

The Aero Bureau acquired a second Sikorsky SK-58T replacing an older H-34 reciprocating-engined machine.

Pepper spray was approved for use by department personnel. Implementation and training occurred from 1986 - 1988

The Aero Bureau purchased a Cessna 414 II to prove the need for an all-weather, pressurized, high-altitude aircraft for its transportation needs.

Deputy Raul Adauto died following surgery to a knee injury received several years earlier while assigned to the Special Enforcement Bureau. (April 5)

An Aeromexico DC-9 jetliner on approach to LAX collides in mid-air with a small Piper aircraft over Cerritos. 82 people are killed in the crash including 15 on the ground. Homicide investigators were deputized as deputy coroners to assist the Coroner's Office with processing the bodies. (August 31)

LASD initiates the first Law enforcement chapter supporting the efforts of the City of Hope that combat catastrophic illnesses.(October)

1987

Walnut Station dedicated.

Deputies Michael Claus and Brant Tunget were involved in a pursuit and shooting with a suspect who fired a MAC-10 at them. (January 14) An in-depth critique of the shooting and the tactics employed by the deputies revealed a need for more realistic "combat shoot" training for deputies and was a major catalyst for the Sheriff's Department changing from revolvers to Berettas.

Mid Morning L.A. T.V. Show – The entire hour showcased the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

All Sworn personnel from the rank of deputy to lieutenant were required to attend Verbal Judo Training. This training was designed to create a service minded attitude among sworn personnel by helping them understand interpersonal communication dynamics. (both cooperative and uncooperative people). The training was geared to cops on the street in utilizing good communication skills in dealing with the public,

The aging fleet of Hughes 300 and Hughes 500 model and Bell helicopters were replaced with 10 new McDonnell-Douglas 500 E models.

The North Academy started at College of the Canyons to train recruits who lived in the northern part of Los Angeles County. Recruits from the southern part of Los Angeles County were trained at the STARS Center in Whittier. (March 3)

SEB protected the Pope during his visit to Universal Amphitheater. (September 15)

Name tag redesigned from black name tag with white letters to gold with blue letters.

A third Sikorsky SK-58T was acquired by Aero Bureau and modified for Air Rescue.

Deputy Charles Anderson was shot and killed when he confronted a burglar in his home. (January 24)

1988

Beretta 9mm semi-automatic pistol became Department's official sidearm.

The Gang Enforcement Team (GET) was created to address the escalating gang violence.

High Tech Mobile Digital Communications System for dispatching calls was implemented.

Operation "Big Spender" investigation of Narcotics Deputies stealing drug money.

Deputy Jack Miller succumbed to a gunshot wound sustained the previous day while serving a narcotics search warrant at a home. (January 9)

The Countywide Warrant System (CWS) was implemented. (April)

The Vehicle Theft Detail implemented the first "Bait Car" to catch car thieves in the act.

First "SANE Kids Say No" Telethon was held at Universal Studios and broadcast on KHJ-TV channel 9. (July 16) It was held annually for four years.

Deputies Roy Chester and James McSweeney were killed in a helicopter accident while working on a multi-agency narcotics task force. (October 24)

Fire in the Hall of Justice (November 9)

1989

Department began transmitting radio calls on new portable 480 Radio Systems.

Sheriff's Museum dedicated.

The Service Oriented Policing Committee was established.

Aero Bureau's Pilot Recurrence and Observer training programs were standardized. This took place from 1989 to 1991.

Deputy Rosemary May was killed in an automobile accident in Lancaster when another driver ran a stop sign at a high rate of speed. (September 26)

The Sheriff's Department's Mission Statement was developed. (November)

SEB confronts Unocal demonstrators chained to tanker truck.

While re-holstering a few deputies experienced accidental discharges when their holster straps became lodged on the trigger of their revolver. Safariland created a holster exclusively for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department to prevent these accidental discharges. All deputies holsters were exchanged.