Year In Review 2004
County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department
Leroy D. Baca, Sheriff
The population of Los Angeles County grew to more than 10 million people for the first time during 2004, a milestone that no other county in the United States can claim. Protecting the life, health, and property of these residents is the job of the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department, a daunting task, to say the least. Yet, even in the face of a second straight year of draconian budget cuts, the brave men and women who proudly wear the tan and green uniform of a Los Angeles County Deputy Sheriff, supported by our great professional staff, have performed superbly in the ongoing fight against crime.

We face challenges unique to this area. Our landscape is as diverse as our population. At any one time, we will have deputies patrolling the coastal beaches, in the sky, on city streets, along mountain roads, even in the water. At the same moment, detectives from Homicide, Arson/Explosives, Safe Streets, Family Crimes, and Vice may be initiating or completing another investigation. Coupled with the sixty or so courthouses that must be opened, the dozens of transportation buses on the road, and the 17,000 inmates that must be housed and fed each day, and you have some idea of the immense pride I feel overseeing the finest Sheriff’s Department in the land, a Department that performs every assigned task unfailingly.

Our effort to secure new revenue through Measure A resulted in 60% of the County voters voting “yes.” This message of support will challenge me and my fellow police chiefs to offer the voters another opportunity to increase the hiring of more deputies and police officers.

Meeting the increasing demands of the growing population will take a strong dose of leadership, foresight, and plain, old hard work. The Department continues to be a leader in every aspect of law enforcement, and I will ensure the trend continues.

I want to thank and congratulate every member of the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department for yet another year of exemplary service.

Lee Baca, Sheriff
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Introduction

Despite another year with massive budget cuts, the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department (LASD) remained a leader in the law enforcement community. Loss of budget monies in no way deterred the brave men and women who proudly wear the LASD star from overcoming whatever obstacles lay in the way of fighting crime, nor did the loss cause professional staff to falter in their duties. In fact, flying in the face of financial adversity, the Department began many new community outreach and safety programs, continued several popular existing programs, further prepared Department members in antiterrorist scenarios, opened new community Sheriff’s stations and neighborhood Sheriff’s offices, and even began a campaign of hiring new personnel to fill our vacancies.

During 2004, Sheriff Baca joined forces with a number of government agencies to promote several community policing programs. For example, along with the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the Los Angeles City Council, the LASD announced the “Not Even for a Minute” child safety care partnership. This program was initiated to educate the public on the dangers of leaving children alone in parked cars during the summer.

The annual gun meltdown was a huge success in 2004. More than 6,000 confiscated firearms and miscellaneous weapons, many of which were used to commit violent crimes in both Los Angeles and Orange counties, were melted down to form steel reinforcement bars (re-bar). This program was aimed at “Turning Weapons of Destruction into Elements of Construction.”

The Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department University (LASDU) propagated the higher education of several hundred sworn and professional staff. Returning students, pulled from the ranks of both sworn and professional staff, earned their Bachelor of Arts/Science degree or Master of Arts/Science degree from a diverse selection of institutions of higher learning, including Boston University, Woodbury University, California State University at Fullerton, Long Beach, and Los Angeles, University of La Verne, and Irvine University School of Law. LASDU continues to search for suitable, on-line and on-site scholastic programs from colleges and universities throughout the country, including doctorate programs which should become available in 2005.
The Rowland Heights Service Center was opened late in the year to better serve that community. The Center will provide crime prevention materials and classes to both English and non-English speaking community members. The site will also increase patrol time in the area, as deputies spend less time driving to and from Walnut Station to file crime reports. Another community sharing the benefits of a new neighborhood Sheriff’s office is the Athens area of Unincorporated Los Angeles (patrolled by Lennox Station). Ground was broken for the office in early 2004 and it opened for business in October. Community members can now travel a relatively short distance to the Sheriff’s office to make a police report instead of traveling to the main Lennox Station.

In a related subject, Compton Sheriff’s Station received a free construction upgrade for its bunk room area from the television show “Monster House.” The show’s crew replaced the old, decrepit bunk area with a nearly half-million dollar sleep-pod chamber center complete with reading lamps and entertainment decks for each soundproofed sleep pod.

Several hundred deputies and professional staff attended antiterrorism education and training programs. Two of the major exercises held this year were “Operation Blue Sky” and “Operation Talavera.” In each scenario, the County suffers a mock attack from terrorists and personnel are taught to respond quickly, efficiently, and with the right resources to minimize damage and eradicate the problem. Both exercises were multijurisdictional with several Federal, State, County, and municipal agencies involved.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department is the largest sheriff’s department in the world and the country’s only sheriff’s department responsible for protecting more than ten million residents. Both sworn and professional staff members, assisted by the citizenry, attempt to keep crime rates at bay, allowing for a better quality of life for productive members of the community. Working together, cops and community members are putting the squeeze on criminals and their ilk in Los Angeles County.
Our Mission

Lead the fight to prevent crime and injustice. Enforce the laws fairly and defend the rights of all. Partner with the people we serve to secure and promote safety in our communities.

Our Core Values

As a leader in the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department, I commit myself to honorably perform my duties with respect for the dignity of all people, integrity to do right and fight wrongs, wisdom to apply common sense and fairness in all I do, and courage to stand against racism, sexism, anti-Semitism homophobia, and bigotry in all its forms.
In July 2004, Personnel Administration began development of an online application system accessible via the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department web site. Once completed, this project will align our deputy sheriff recruitment and testing procedures with modern technology, and potentially attract younger applicants.

The Online Application Project Team included members of Personnel Administration’s Pre-Employment Unit and Data System Bureau’s project managers, programmers, and web site designers. Initial research revealed the Department’s web site generates over one million hits per week; a significant number by any standard. Following detailed discussions, the parameters for the system were developed and discussions regarding system design were conducted. In approximately six weeks, the entire system went from concept to reality. The final product was exceedingly efficient in design and execution.
The premise on which the application operates is very simple: Prospective applicants visiting the Department’s web site are directed to the online application http://www.LASD.org by selecting the appropriate links. The applicant enters their personal information in the form and then selects a test date for the written examination. Once the application is submitted, the applicant receives a printable page with their test date and confirmation number. Each applicant’s information is retained and is available for Personnel Administration managers to generate reports and review applicant information.

The first real world test of the system came on September 14, 2004, when the LASD Online Application System went live on the web. Within three days, several hundred applications were processed by the system, and within three weeks over one thousand applications were received. The first results came on October 5, 2004, when the first twenty-three online applicants took part in the written examination phase of the selection process.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department tirelessly explores new and innovative ways to provide law enforcement services to the citizens of Los Angeles County. Our reputation for creative approaches to difficult problems has kept us on the forefront of law enforcement trends, and has made us the benchmark for the efficient development and implementation of current technology. The work performed by the Online Application Team is a first rate example of how the Department’s motto, “A Tradition of Service,” continues to guide us into the future.
2004 was a banner year for Correctional Services Division. Divisional leaders were invited to make presentations to several national conferences, including the American Jail Association Conference, the American Correctional Association, and the National Correctional Industries Association. The National Association of Counties bestowed awards to four units for their outstanding accomplishments and innovative programs.

Five Los Angeles County Quality and Productivity Awards were presented to Division individuals and groups in recognition of their exceptional achievements. Lieutenant Robert Hudson and the Inmate Services Unit received the highest award, the prestigious Mega Million Platinum Eagle. The Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department became the only county correctional organization in California to receive licensure for a Correctional Treatment Center. Although many people deserve recognition for this accomplishment, over the last two years, Captain Rodney Penner and the Medical Services Bureau dedicated full time resources to accomplishing this goal.

Correctional Services Division is currently spearheading another long-term project; the Custody Automation Plan. This plan was adopted and approved by the Board of Supervisors in October 1997. The Custody Automation Plan actually includes nine separate projects, but the most complex and comprehensive project is the replacement of the Department’s Automated Jail Information System (AJIS). Although AJIS is the current county-wide computer system that manages inmate information in the Los Angeles County jail system, it is antiquated with limited functionality.

AJIS is being replaced by the new Jail Information Management System (JIMS). Lieutenant Mark Walker of Correctional Services Division manages the JIMS project, as well as other hi-tech projects within Correctional Services and Custody Operations Divisions.

When completed, JIMS will provide management of all automated inmate information, from booking to release. JIMS will be implemented in three phases, which are in turn implemented in modules. Until JIMS is fully operational, both systems will be operating simultaneously. Overcoming the obstacles created by two information systems and the sharing of information between the new system and the old system is a significant challenge.

The very first part of JIMS, Inmate Trust Accounting, was started in 2004. This saved the Department $100,000 in maintenance costs alone. However, the ability to apply a debit to an inmates account will save
millions of dollars. Since inmates learn they will be charged for the items they receive if money is later deposited in their account, they do not indiscriminately order the "Indigent Kits." The Department is reimbursed for over 40 percent of the kits that are ordered, saving almost $400,000 in one year.

The new Inmate Trust Accounting system will allow the Department to collect for jail services such as sick call and a proposed "Pay for Stay" program. In addition to discipline for damaged or destroyed property, inmate accounts can be accessed to pay restitution. The potential for cost savings and cost recovery is tremendous.

Due to the significant media attention the jails received in 2004, Custody Automation was called on to provide technical solutions to some of the challenges faced by the Department. The Defendant/Inmate Movement Management System (DIMMS) was expanded in Men's Central Jail to provide better tracking of inmates. The electronic tracking of Title 15 is currently being tested in a module of Men’s Central Jail. By the beginning of 2005, all inmates will have an identification card with the picture of the inmate prominently displayed on their chest and special handle designations readily visible. This card will have a magnetic strip which can potentially be used for purchases, tracking, inmate information, and other technological advancements.

As new technology evolves and becomes available, Custody Automation will continue to apply these developments to the jails and spearhead the effort to maintain twenty first century standards in the Los Angeles County jail system.
Trial Court Funding

“A Dynamic Partnership, Meeting Today’s Challenges”

Trial Court Funding accounts are the single largest contract serviced by the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department. Over 100 million dollars is spent annually toward services provided by the Department to the Los Angeles Superior Courts, the largest judicial system in the country with over 500 courtrooms and nearly 600 judges, commissioners, and other bench officers. Trial Court Funding provides for 1,100 deputies and sergeants, 275 additional security personnel, and 250 professional staff.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department and the Los Angeles Superior Court have formed a unique relationship. Every day in the Los Angeles County court system is dynamic. Special situations, inmates, and cases cause both Sheriff’s Department executives and Superior Court managers to constantly review existing staffing levels in order to meet the special needs of the numerous and varied cases simultaneously being tried on a daily basis. As an example, on any given day, over 50 murder
Los Angeles County? On July 7, 2004, the Judicial Council approved court security funding standards based on a state-wide formula. The same standards were applied equally to every county regardless of inmate numbers, special handling issues, number of courtrooms, or several other factors which were applicable only in Los Angeles County.

Recognizing that the formula was not an effective funding guide and that other large counties were also being negatively impacted by these funding guidelines, Sheriff Baca stepped forward and volunteered to assist the courts in doing a need’s assessment which would be more representative of the individual requirements of the counties. Court Services Division command personnel quickly established a working committee which was tasked with developing the new guidelines. The committee, headed by Lieutenant Gerald Cooper with assistance from Sergeants James Hellmold and Timothy Perkins, is working to complete their assessment of the courts throughout the state of California. The specialized needs of each court system are being reviewed and modified based on input from every county. Naturally, the committee will incorporate the special needs of the Los Angeles Superior Court and, as part of the aforementioned best practices model, will develop mutually agreeable working standards. Although a monumental task, once completed, the assessment and new formulas will provide the State Legislature, the Governor, and Court administrators with the tools to assist them in making funding decisions relative to the operations and security of the courts which will more accurately reflect the needs of each and every county.

Today, Trial Court Funding faces it toughest challenge. Since 1985, the State legislature has been gradually shifting responsibility for funding the judiciary from the individual counties to the State. In 1992, the Trial Court Budget Committee was established to direct and oversee trial court budget submissions and the allocation process for the State’s share of the costs. In 1997, principal responsibility for funding trial court operations was shifted to the State. Allocation of funds are determined by the Judicial Council, based on appropriations in the State budget. Generally, for the past several years, the State and counties have struggled with funding the Court. The situation worsened and beginning in 2000, the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department implemented a series of trial court security reductions resulting in the elimination of 173 Sheriff’s personnel. The reductions were caused by the cuts made at the direction of the Superior Court’s budget by the State.

In July 2004, the Court was required to implement additional reductions which disproportionately impacted Los Angeles County. These cuts were made as a result of $22 million in general fund cuts of which $10.7 million was Los Angeles County’s share. Why such a substantial decrease for
For the past six years, the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department has been in the process of reviewing various closed circuit television (CCTV) solutions for implementation throughout Custody Division. The objective of this video surveillance project is to provide personnel with the ability to remotely monitor activities within the jail, use recorded images as evidence in criminal prosecutions, employ in the defense of civil claims against the Department and its personnel, and provide a secure environment for inmates to live and personnel to work.

In early 2004, the Sheriff’s Department prepared a detailed bid for a seventy-seven camera network video recording (NVR) solution at Pitchess Detention Center’s East Facility. After numerous bidder walk-throughs and reviews by various contractors, a successful bid was awarded. A contract is currently being prepared and installation should begin in the early part of 2005. Once the pilot is installed and evaluated by the Sheriff’s Department, the Department will begin updating jail facilities with a fully digital CCTV solution. Numerous
Sheriff’s Department jail facilities are currently without functioning or recording CCTV systems, thus increasing liability and safety concerns for Department personnel and inmates alike.

During the last few years, technology has increased significantly. Recent NVR technology allows for numerous improvements over digital video recording (DVR) and analog CCTV devices. NVR systems allow for fully digital images. The cameras, which can be analog or digital, record images and immediately places them on the Sheriff’s Data Network via an intranet connection. The "digital image" is then sent to a server and processed.

Since the image is fully digital, it can be used in various ways. The image can be viewed via real-time on any authorized computer connected to the intranet. Additionally, the image can be electronically stored for any length of time, depending upon storage space. This removes the need for VHS tapes and increases the "shelf life" for events. Additionally, NVR records at up to 30 frames per second with digital quality allowing for better review and use for investigations. Encoding and watermark program ensures the images are original and have not been tampered with for court purposes.

This fully digital solution allows for events to be forwarded, via department email, to investigators and executives for timely review of critical incidents. Beyond that, there are numerous additional benefits such as event recording (recording only during movement) and jail automation (recording when cell doors or secured rooms are opened).
Terrorist alerts issued by the United States Department of Homeland Security and the Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department’s Terrorist Early Warning Group regarding maritime targets have caused the Arson/Explosives Detail to expand their expertise in responding to underwater events.

The Arson/Explosives Detail now has SCUBA trained bomb technicians who can rapidly deploy from land or air. They investigate, render safe, and recover any intact underwater improvised explosive device, exploded device, or explosive. The team can conduct post-blast evidence recovery for any body of water, or coastline area, in Los Angeles County or, when requested, on a mutual aid basis. Bomb technician divers are highly skilled operators in both underwater render safe procedures and post-blast evidence recovery. Since the inception of the team, LASD bomb technician divers have trained with United States Navy Explosive Ordnance Disposal divers, United States Coast Guard divers, Alcohol Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) Underwater Explosives Recovery Teams, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Underwater Evidence Recovery Teams, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Underwater Dive Unit divers, and the LASD Emergency Services Detail.

The Arson/Explosives Detail also created and hosted the first ever Underwater Post-Blast Investigations Course. The course teaches non-bomb technician divers the proper ways to locate, mark, identify, and collect bombing evidence from an underwater bombing crime scene. The class was so successful that the United States Navy requested Arson/Explosives divers teach the class to their active duty explosives ordnance disposal personnel.
Bomb technician divers constantly train in all types of underwater environments and continue to hone their dive skills by seeking advanced diver training. The team has already handled three underwater explosives related incidents since January 2004. The team estimates handling five to seven water related explosive events yearly. However, this estimate could be extremely low, as our coastal cities become more vigilant and have expressed significant interest in the newly formed dive team. Based on the areas serviced by the Sheriff’s Department and the heightened security concerns confronted by this County, there is a potentially significant demand for specialized bomb technician divers.
The goal of developing a web-based cargo theft notification system was to provide the cargo industry with a method of connecting with Cargo Criminal Apprehension Teams (CATs) via the Internet. The concept started with the creation of the web site [www.cargocats.us](http://www.cargocats.us).

The site provides information about Cargo CATs with links to its personnel, and associated industry partners, as well as security tips.
The project took many months to bring to fruition. It involved work on the part of employees from Cargo CATs, Data Systems Bureau, and Region III. There were legal and technical hurdles to overcome. After much work and constant re-designing, the finished product fulfills its design intentions. It establishes a seamless interface with the community while providing direct access to those of us within law enforcement who provide those services.

Direct input of losses has reduced the workload of Cargo CATs’ employees by eliminating the data input step. This effort to have a web-based Cargo Loss Report was groundbreaking. Not only is this a secure site, but it serves as a repository of information that is available to Cargo CATs personnel at their desk via the Sheriff’s Data Network.

The site has greatly increased the Department’s presence in the cargo industry, as evidenced by inquiries which staff has received from across the country and other parts of the world.
Sheriff’s Headquarters Bureau (SHB) is the hub of information dissemination for the entire Sheriff’s Department. SHB personnel handle all high-profile or noteworthy Department-wide media events that occur within the jurisdiction of the Sheriff’s Department, as well as neighboring municipal police agencies who contract for Sheriff’s Department resources.

SHB is also responsible for keeping the Department’s executives apprized of the daily events which chronicle local, national, and international law enforcement in general, and the Sheriff’s Department in particular, as well as the media’s portrayal of such events. SHB records all local news broadcasts, as well as several national news magazine programs, 24-hours per day, seven days per week, while logging individual pertinent news stories for later review.

The recordings are used for several important purposes. At the end of each day, early morning shift deputies review the day’s television log and select the best news story(s) for each noteworthy event for inclusion on the Sheriff’s daily tape, a compilation of several news stories in a single streaming video that can be easily reviewed by Department executives. These recordings are also routinely requested by various Detective Division units and station detectives for investigative use.

Until earlier this year, SHB was forced to manually activate a bank of eleven videocassette recorders several times per pay, in order to capture the numerous daily news programs aired by Los Angeles area stations. The recording limitations of these videocassette recorders prohibited the presetting of the machines, due to the numerous start times of the news programs.
SHB has taken advantage of TiVo digital recording technology to move its operation into the 21st Century. TiVo digital recording is far superior to that obtained through videocassette recordings and produces cleaner, more professional results. TiVo also allows for advanced search functions, allowing SHB deputies to use their time more efficiently when attempting to locate a specific news item for transfer from the TiVo to another medium. Most importantly, though, is that TiVos are capable of having the start times of every news program of interest preprogrammed into the units, thereby virtually eliminating the instances of missed recordings.

Another major enhancement to the program is in the area of storage capacity. Prior to the acquisition of the TiVo units, SHB was limited to archiving two weeks of news coverage through the rotation of color-coded videocassette tapes. With the addition of the TiVos, SHB is now capable of storing 140 hours of coverage on each of the eight units, resulting in access to virtually several months of coverage on each news channel.

The acquisition of these TiVo units is just another step in the ongoing quest for SHB to keep pace with advanced technology. The TiVos have made the SHB operation more professional, accurate, and efficient, thereby allowing personnel to focus their attention on the myriad of other responsibilities confronting them. SHB will not stop here. As new tasks and improved ways of doing business are introduced, every attempt will be made to acquire the necessary technology to accomplish those tasks routinely required from the information hub of the Sheriff’s Department.
The Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department continues to receive accolades for our deep-seeded commitment to provide unmatched support to the members of the Department, both sworn and professional, who have chosen to serve our Country as members of the National Guard or Reserve.

The Sheriff’s Department was one of 15 employers selected by the United States Department of Defense’s National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) as a recipient of their 2004 Freedom Award. The Freedom Award is the highest in a series of awards given by the ESGR which recognize esteemed employers across the Country who demonstrate extraordinary support of their military reservists above and beyond what is required by law.

On August 18, 2004, following the announcement of the award, the California Committee for the ESGR invited select members of the Sheriff’s Department to take part in the California Boss Lift program to and from Pensacola, Florida. The Boss Lift program, which included a flight to Florida aboard a military aircraft and a two-night stay on the Naval Air Station in Pensacola, was designed to acquaint employers with the roles and responsibilities of the Guard and Reserve personnel. Employers hopefully gain appreciation of the demanding and vital roles these personnel provide for our national defense.

On September 21, 2004, Sheriff Leroy D. Baca and a contingent of Military Activation Committee (MAC) members visited Washington, D.C., to receive the award on behalf of the Department. In a gala celebration held at The Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, complete with the requisite military pomp and circumstance, Sheriff Baca stood proudly in the company of executives from mega-corporations such as Wal-Mart, Home Depot, General Electric, Adolph Coors, American Express, Harley Davidson, Northrop Grumman, and Sprint. Deputy Secretary of Defense
Paul Wolfowitz and ESGR National Chairman David Janes presented the award to Sheriff Baca, thanking him for making such a lofty commitment of support to those Department members who serve our Country as military reservists.

This award was only a brief stop in a long journey which began shortly after the tragic events of September 11, 2001, when, at the direction of Sheriff Baca and Undersheriff William T. Stonich, the Department's MAC was formed. MAC ensures that when a Department military reservist is activated, all the administrative requirements are handled as smoothly and painlessly as possible. Of our more than 14,000 employees, 305 are currently military reservists, with 36 of those on active-duty status.

The Sheriff's Department demonstrates its support through several programs. Military reservists receive pay differential for up to two years of their deployment, and their health care benefits remain in full effect for them and their families. Pay and Leave Management staff work hand-in-hand with the reservist in getting the required administrative requirements completed before they depart, leaving them time to focus their efforts on preparing their families and friends for the upcoming separation. While they are away, unit commanders and coworkers keep in touch with their families, ensuring that they have a line of communication with the Department should any particular situation arise in which MAC could be of assistance. Units are encouraged to send the reservist regular correspondence in the form of care packages or letters/e-mails using the Department's e-mail/pen pal program or our "Letters from L.A." campaign in which we have partnered with the Los Angeles Police Department. The Department regularly includes the families of our reservists in special events throughout the year, such as Fourth of July fireworks extravaganzas and holiday celebrations.

When reservists return home from activated duty, they are introduced to the three day phased re-entry program, designed to allow them to make a smooth transition back into Department service. One key element of this program is the availability of a Employee Support Services Bureau psychologist with whom the reservist can discuss their experiences and upcoming work transition.

The MAC will not stop here. This Freedom Award only serves to spur the MAC into further action. MAC members will continue to show their creativity and ingenuity in finding new and exciting ways to enhance our already outstanding support of our military reservists. Many new programs are already in the design stages and hope to be up and running in the near future. Sheriff Baca continues his promise that, "As long as we have Department members who also serve in the military, we will provide them and their families the resources and support they need and deserve."
Unforeseen earthquakes, wild fires, floods, and unpredictable events have always been a part of life. Today, however, with violent individuals and terror organizations on the rise, and the proliferation of dangerous weapons and substances, law enforcement and disaster preparedness groups are being challenged to meet the changing demands of serving and protecting their communities. An effective and efficient Emergency Operations Center is vital to the exchange of communication and coordination of efforts required to deal with these emergencies.

The Emergency Operations Center at Crescenta Valley Station serves the City of La Canada Flintridge and the contract cities of Burbank, Glendale, Pasadena, San Fernando, and South Pasadena. It also serves the unincorporated areas of Altadena, Crescenta Valley, Lake View Terrace, and 386,000 acres of the Angeles National Forest. Approximately 500,000 people live in these areas and more visit the area for recreation, shopping, work, or business. They expect and deserve the best life and property protection we can provide.

To be better prepared to deal with disasters and emergencies, it became apparent that the Emergency Operations Center at Crescenta Valley Station needed to be modernized. Sergeant Randy Sulstrom was assigned to oversee the project and to work with the Crescenta Valley Sheriff’s Support Group to raise funds for the project.

After considerable research and training, Sergeant Sulstrom developed a plan for the new operations center. The projected cost of the renovation was $124,090. The Support Group pledged to raise $125,000 to cover the cost.

At the time, the only source of revenue the Support
Group received was from its annual golf tournament. To be successful, they would need the support of the community, service groups, and business owners. In an effort to raise community awareness, it was decided that the Support Group would launch a massive membership drive. This drive included a marketing plan, web site, brochures, a billboard, and mailing information to every local resident. The membership drive was a tremendous success, raising nearly $30,000 in the first year and $25,000 thousand in the second year. Funds were received from community members, business owners, and businesses.

With $80,000 available, it was decided to start the renovation project while fund-raising efforts continued. Personnel from Sheriff’s Facilities projected the room renovation costs to be $37,140. The ceiling was replaced and the lighting was adjusted to reduce eye fatigue. A media center was installed that can monitor and record up to four television broadcasts simultaneously. Walls were constructed to allow telephone, computer, and power wires to be placed inside the walls to provide a safer work environment. Additionally, an audio system that allows each individual to monitor network broadcasts through headsets was included to reduce the noise level in the Emergency Operations Center. When the modifications to the room were completed, the Support Group purchased tables, chairs, computers, televisions, fax machines, and other items to be used in the Emergency Operations Center.

Thus far, the 700 member Support Group has raised nearly $100,000 for the renovation project. They are committed to securing the remaining funding to complete the project. Although there is work to be completed, Crescenta Valley Sheriff’s Station now has a modern Emergency Operations Center and they are better prepared to coordinate the effort of responding personnel, equipment, and supplies.
Try to imagine providing law enforcement services for ten small cities under one central command with your personnel working at locations stretching from Sylmar in the north, to Wilmington in the south, Culver City in the west, and Monterey Park in the east. That is exactly what the Community College Bureau was required to do when the contract was signed in 2001.

Since 2001, Community College Bureau has continued to police the nation’s largest community college district with an annual enrollment of over 126,000 students. The Los Angeles Community College District is comprised of nine main campuses, one satellite campus in the city of South Gate, and will soon add another satellite campus in the Atwater Village area of Los Angeles.

Each campus, no matter how small, can be compared to any other contract city where the Department provides police services. Each campus has a population that draws from the surrounding demographics, which is vastly different from one campus to another. The school administration is similar to a city council. Each and every campus has its own unique needs and problems. For example, East Los Angeles College (ELAC) has one of the largest stadiums in the county that seats nearly 50,000 spectators. The college is spending millions of dollars in upgrades to the stadium in hopes of drawing international soccer matches to its venue. The Sheriff’s Department is working closely with the school administration to address future security concerns.

As innovative as the contract was for the Department, so was the staffing model for providing basic law enforcement services for the campus-
Training has proven to be crucial to the security officers’ ability to provide a safe environment for the students and faculties of their respective campuses. The Bureau received approval to provide the security officers with training in the use of less-lethal weapons, such as the M-26 Taser and the pepper ball launchers. In keeping pace with Department mandated first aid/CPR training, Bureau personnel were trained in the use of the Automated External Defibrillator (AED).

The College District purchased and placed an AED in each of the Sheriff’s offices.

The Bureau also trained the security officers in bicycle patrol techniques which has proved a valuable and effective tool on our campuses. Our security officers also drive golf carts and pickup trucks to patrol the campuses and parking lots. Community College Bureau, in conjunction with the staff of the Training Bureau, went to great lengths to create a Security Officer Update Course. The course is designed to emulate the Continuous Professional Training Course for deputies, but is more specific to security officer duties. This course will be offered in the near future. Since the recent expansion of Transit Services Bureau’s (TSB) contract with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority to include all bus routes and Red Line trains throughout the county, it became apparent that TSB’s and Community College Bureau’s jurisdictions virtually overlapped. Not only do the buses stop at all of the campuses, but both the Blue and Red Line trains have passenger stations within walking distance of some campuses. The Blue Line Grand Passenger Station is virtually at the front door of Los Angeles Trade Technical College. Additionally, Los Angeles City College (LACC) has one of the Red Line Vermont Passenger Station entrances located near the campus. Not only do the TSB units visit the campuses on a regular basis, they are also usually the first units to respond to back-up requests from the Bureau. Community College Bureau has also responded to back-up calls at various passenger stations and bus stops near the college campuses.

Over the past year, the Bureau has become a stepping stone for several of its young men and women as they advanced their careers within the Department. Several Bureau members have gone on to become custody assistants, reserve deputies, or full-time deputy sheriffs. In addition to Department members, the Bureau uses College District employed student workers (cadets) to staff desk and clerical positions. Because of their direct involvement with the Bureau and the influence of the Sheriff’s Department, several of the cadets have also gone on to start their careers with the Department in various positions from security assistants to deputy sheriffs.

The creation of the Community College Bureau is just another fine example of the partnerships the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department has developed with the communities we serve.
The Problem Specific Policing (PSP) Team consists of a sergeant and six investigators that are contracted by the City of Pico Rivera to address specific issues and concerns within the City. Their mission is to reduce crime and improve the overall quality of life in the community. To accomplish this mission, the PSP Team works very closely with many city and county code enforcement agencies to address problematic locations in the business and residential communities. As a result, the PSP Team, with the help of local code enforcement agencies, the Department of Children and Family Services, and the Los Angeles County Probation Department, has been very successful in addressing problematic business and residential locations. The Team also assists the City in enforcing Section Eight Housing provisions which forbid narcotic and gang activity on the premises.

The PSP Team enforces a variety of crimes, from misdemeanor narcotic violations to working closely with Homicide Bureau on murder investigations. They have been involved in numerous significant investigations which resulted in the arrest of several homicide suspects.

In 2003-2004, several armed robberies occurred at small businesses throughout the eastern portion of Los Angeles County. The PSP Team investigators, through excellent police work, were able to identify, locate, and arrest the serial armed robber.

The "Mongol" outlaw motorcycle club has been impacted by the PSP Team. By focusing on issues and concerns brought by the community regarding club members, the PSP Team has had an impact on criminal activity by arresting club members for a variety of crimes, including transportation of narcotics, operation of a sophisticated motorcycle theft ring, and by locating and arresting multiple suspects wanted for homicide in Laughlin, Nevada.

The Team conducted two major identity theft investigations this year. Each investigation involved multiple suspects who, by establishing fictitious credit card accounts and false identities, victimized local businesses and unsuspecting consumers. Members of the Team were able to locate and arrest the suspects, and recover thousands of dollars in stolen property.
The City of Pico Rivera experienced a series of church and residential burglaries. The PSP Team investigators were able to identify, locate, and arrest the suspect who was wanted for multiple burglaries in Pico Rivera and in the Walnut Sheriff’s Station area.

The success of the PSP Team is a direct result of investigators maximizing the enforcement of arrest warrants, and the enforcement of probation and parole conditions to identify and arrest the criminal element in the City. The assigned investigator handles each case from the initial observation, through the interview and criminal filing process, up to the conclusion of the case in court. The investigator will also monitor the person, once he or she has been released from custody.

The combined efforts by the PSP Team and the City of Pico Rivera have made a considerable positive impact in suppressing crime and improving the quality of life in our community.
Sheriff Baca has always deeply believed that education should be a lifelong process and wants our Department to be viewed as a learning organization. He believes that a highly educated workforce is necessary to carry out the responsibilities entrusted to us by the public we serve. It was from this vision that the Sheriff sought to create the LASD University.

The pioneering phase of the LASD University began in September 2001 when the Career Resources Unit developed a baccalaureate degree program through the California State University at Long Beach and began administering the degree for personnel throughout the Department.

On March 27, 2002, as an LASD2 project, the LASD University concept was presented to the Executive Planning Council (EPC). The EPC subsequently approved, “LASDU - A Consortium of Colleges and Universities.”
LASD University Mission
The LASD University is a consortium of colleges and universities whose mission is to provide Department employees with accessible and varied learning programs that will: enhance personal and professional growth; promote a lifelong commitment to learning; and enable all Department employees to better serve their community.

LASDU has gone on to forge additional partnerships with learning institutions such as California State University at Los Angeles, Woodbury University, Touro University, North Central University, and National University. These partnerships led to additional undergraduate and graduate degree programs, including doctoral programs, now being offered to LASD personnel. Through Abraham Lincoln University School of Law, Irvine University College of Law, and Pacific Coast University School of Law, our personnel can even earn a law degree under the auspices of the LASDU.

Over 450 of our personnel have earned bachelors and masters degrees, and about 50 more will receive their degrees in Organizational Leadership, Criminal Justice, or Public Administration, during 2004. Current enrollment in the LASDU is over 800. Projects in the planning stages include nursing degree programs to help meet the needs of our Medical Services Bureau, and bachelors and masters degrees in the new and growing discipline of Homeland Security.

LASDU has become nationally recognized and its success has once again placed our Department at the forefront of law enforcement innovation and leadership.
The Los Angeles Regional Gang Information Network (LARGIN) was formed in 2003 as a county-wide coordination of anti-gang strategy information and counter intelligence centered on the CalGang system. CalGang is a statewide database used to track intelligence and case information on identified street gangs and gang members.

LARGIN is a multi-jurisdictional street gang clearing-hiouse which captures street gang activity, both strategically and tactically, with the intent of coordinating anti-gang strategies between various law enforcement entities. Additionally, LARGIN enhances officer safety by incorporating deconfliction for all preplanned field enforcement actions targeting street gangs. The deconfliction is coordinated by the existing LA CLEAR War Room, which currently provides this service for active law enforcement operations.

LARGIN is staffed by sworn personnel and intelligence analysts who provide information and case analysis to investigators on street gang-related criminal activities that may occur in any given area, regardless of jurisdictional boundaries. In addition to CalGangs, LARGIN staff use specialized databases and software not readily available to investigators.

Analyst Notebook, Microsoft Visio, Excel, PowerPoint, and Corel Word Perfect are samples of the software used by LARGIN analysts to create data visualization, target packages, and charts. The target package may include gang member information, associates, vehicle data, addresses, phone numbers, and weapon information. Maps can be created to show street gang-related crimes in any area, as well as overlays using gang intelligence information. Link diagrams can be created to visually depict associations between suspects, criminally involved motor vehicles, etc.

Some of the databases queried are:

- R.I.S.S. Regional Information Sharing System – A nation wide pointer system
- EPIC El Paso Intelligence Center
- LexisNexis A commercial public records database
- AutoTrack A commercial public records database
- FinCEN Financial Crimes Enforcement Network
- EDD Employment Development Department – A statewide database
The following typical analytical product illustrates gang associations and activities. It consists of a sample link chart, maps (future crime mapping that will be available via CalGangs), and a sample target package.

**ANALYTICAL PRODUCTS**

**CHARTS**

**MAPS**

**TARGET PACKAGE**

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

LARGIN (Los Angeles Regional Gang Information Network)
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The Scientific Services Bureau (Crime Lab) has been at the forefront of deoxyribonucleic (DNA) testing since DNA first gained widespread acceptance in forensic science and law enforcement. In 1999, the Crime Lab was the first in the state to introduce this state-of-the-art technology to perform “13-loci STR-DNA testing” which is used in the national databases. Short Tandem Repeat (STR) testing looks at regions of the DNA molecule that tend to repeat themselves in short, adjacent, or tandem segments. It can use low quality, small quantity DNA and has a very high degree of discrimination among random individuals. This powerful technology has become the primary forensic tool available to law enforcement in solving crimes. In the past, DNA was predominately a tool used to investigate crimes, but now databases, such as the Combined DNA Indexing System (CODIS), allow DNA to actually solve cases by identifying suspects and freeing the wrongly accused.

CODIS
The FBI Laboratory’s Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) blends forensic science and computer technology into an effective tool for solving violent crimes. CODIS enables federal, state, and local crime labs to exchange and compare DNA profiles electronically.

CODIS generates investigative leads in crimes where biological evidence is recovered from the crime scene using two indexes, the forensic and the offender:

Forensic Index
• Contains DNA profiles from crime scene evidence.

Offender Index
• Contains DNA profiles of individuals convicted of sex offenses (and other violent crimes) with many states now expanding legislation to include other felonies.

Matches made among profiles in the Forensic Index can link crime scenes together, possibly identifying serial offenders. Based on a match, police in multiple jurisdictions can coordinate their respective investigations and share the leads they developed independently. Matches made between the Forensic and Offender indexes provide investigators with the identity of the perpetrator(s). After CODIS identifies a potential match, qualified DNA analysts in the laboratories contact each other to validate or refute the match.
There are two types of CODIS Hits:

**Cold Hit**
- Forensic unknown matches a convicted offender sample
- Confirmation required
- Name of perpetrator, California Information Index (CII) number, and last known address returned

**Case-to-Case Hit**
- Forensic unknown matches another forensic unknown sample
- Suspect is the same person in these case hits

**Belmont Shore Rapist**
Using the CODIS database, the Crime Lab linked four Long Beach Police Department (LBPD) cases to several cases from other agencies which were all committed by the same suspect. During the extensive investigation, the Crime Lab analyzed approximately 75 reference samples and eliminated these individuals as suspects. In 2002, LBPD detained and arrested a suspect several blocks from a recent sexual assault. A reference sample was obtained which linked this suspect to the rapes. This suspect was subsequently charged with numerous sexual assaults dating back to 1997. In August 2004, the suspect was convicted of 59 felony counts, 20 special allegations, and he received a sentence of 1,030 years plus ten life terms.

**Murder of Josephine Tan**
In November 1993, the nude body of 41 year old Josephine Tan was found on the upper embankment along the west side of the Harbor (110) Freeway just south of the 220th Street pedestrian bridge. The victim, a local resident who frequently used the foot bridge, was abducted, sexually assaulted, and murdered sometime after 5:30 P.M. the evening before. Sheriff’s Homicide Detectives investigated and screened numerous subjects through voluntary DNA submissions, however, the case grew cold with no further leads to pursue. In 2002, the CODIS system hit upon a convicted pedophile who was indicted for this murder in July 2004 and is currently awaiting trial.

**2003 Body Recovered in Monterey Park**
This 2003 LASD Homicide case involved a sexual assault and murder of a female victim whose body was dumped in Monterey Park. Homicide Detectives followed all workable leads, but were unable to make any arrests. The Crime Lab entered the DNA profiles from the evidence into CODIS and obtained a cold hit on a registered sex offender. In November 2004, this subject was arrested for this offense and subsequently sentenced to 35 years to life.

**Proposition 69: The DNA Fingerprint Initiative**
In November 2004, California voters passed the “DNA Fingerprint Initiative.” This legislation, which will be enacted January 1, 2005, requires the collection of DNA samples from all felons, from adults and juveniles arrested for or charged with specific crimes, and, in five years, from adults arrested for or charged with any felony. These DNA samples will be profiled and submitted to the State’s DNA database which is part of CODIS, and will be included in the Offender Index. With these upcoming changes to the laws governing statewide submissions, more felons will be put into the database which will, in turn, create more cold hits and case to case associations than ever before in California’s history. The Los Angeles County Sheriff Department Crime Lab looks forward to these enhancements in DNA testing which will enable us to provide even better services to our Crime Lab clients.

### Breakdown of CODIS Hits for LASD

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MEDAL OF VALOR

Awarded to persons who distinguish themselves by displaying great courage, above and beyond the call of duty, in the face of immediate life-threatening peril and with full knowledge of the risks involved.
MERITORIOUS CONDUCT GOLD MEDAL

Awarded for acts of heroism or while saving the life of another person where the employee placed him/herself in immediate peril which was likely to cause them harm or injury.

MERITORIOUS CONDUCT SILVER MEDAL

Awarded for acts of heroism or while attempting to save the life of another person where the employee placed him/herself in a position of potential harm or injury.
On April 6, 2002, Norwalk Station deputies and Canine Services Detail deputies were confronted by an armed and violent ex-convict wanted for murder and assault in two other counties. They reacted to a life-threatening situation quickly and efficiently, displaying heroism and teamwork while facing mortal danger.

Sergeants Guilbault and Palmer, and Deputy Salinas assumed and held their positions in the face of a barrage of bullets from the armed and wanted murderer. Deputies Flotree, Calzada, and Arrieta exchanged gunfire with the suspect, allowing their fellow deputies to move to better cover. Their actions kept the suspect occupied and halted the one-man crime spree.
For placing themselves in extreme danger and never wavered in their task to save two innocent lives from the harm of a gunman’s rampage, Sergeant Steven Paul and Deputies John Broad, Chris Gonzalez, Gregory Gutierrez, Gina Kolowski, and John Moore were awarded the Meritorious Conduct Medal-Silver.

For displaying great courage and placing themselves in life-threatening peril, while ending the danger to innocent victims, Sergeants Robert Guilbault and Tracy Palmer, and Deputies Ruben Arrieta, Craig Calzada, Jeff Flotree, and Alejandro Salinas were awarded the Department’s highest award, “The Medal of Valor.”
In the early morning hours of March 14, 2002, Deputy Cleveland was patrolling the waterfront area near the City of Avalon, Santa Catalina Island. Across the choppy waters of the bay, Deputy Cleveland heard a faint, hoarse cry for help. Exiting his patrol vehicle, Cleveland began searching desperately.

Shining his light over the brine, he observed someone hanging onto a skiff line, being thrown around by the water’s chop. Deputy Cleveland immediately called for assistance, and began stripping off his gun belt and his uniform shirt.

Entering the sub-50-degree water, Cleveland lost sight of the victim as ocean swells carried him up and down. At the top of a swell, Cleveland pinpointed the victim’s location and reached the man, pulling him back toward the shore. Met by assisting units when they reached dry land, the victim (too weak to stand without help) repeated to Deputy Cleveland, “Thank you. You saved my life.”

For placing the welfare of an elderly victim in immediate danger of drowning before his own and entering the cold, dark, choppy waters of Avalon Bay without hesitation to save another human being, Deputy Kris Cleveland was awarded the Meritorious Conduct Medal-Gold.
On May 25, 2002, Lakewood Station deputies were monitoring a Long Beach Police Department stolen vehicle pursuit. After the pursuit had been terminated they heard a collision, drove to the scene, and found one of the vehicles on fire. One occupant had been ejected, but another had his legs pinned underneath the auto. The Long Beach Officers forced the passenger door apart and lifted the vehicle allowing Deputy Powell to extricate the occupant. Deputy Castaneda then administered cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) to the critically injured man.

To extricate the driver Deputy Powell, assisted by Long Beach Officers, climbed into the backseat, cut the seat belt, and cleared a path. Deputies Leach, Calderon, and Santa Ana reached through the shattered glass of the driver’s and passenger’s side windows, to assist. Finally, the driver was pulled to safety.

For applying CPR to an unconscious, non-breathing car accident victim, Deputy Daniel Castaneda was awarded the Department’s Lifesaving Award.

For risking their lives to save the driver and passenger of the vehicle Deputies Osvaldo Santa Ana, Mark Leach, and Rick Calderon were awarded the Meritorious Conduct Medal-Gold.

For twice ignoring the immediate peril to his own safety to assist in saving both trapped occupants, Deputy David Powell was posthumously awarded the Meritorious Conduct Medal-Gold.
On November 27, 2002, Crescenta Valley Station Deputies Broumley, Burt, Marcus, Mickelopoulos, Wiggins, and Speer responded to a call from a local man who stated his wife was distraught and wanted to commit suicide in the Angeles National Forest area. The man described the truck the woman was driving and said she had a handgun taken from their residence. Burt began patrolling Angeles Crest Highway and soon observed the woman driving her truck. The other deputies quickly responded to his calls for assistance.

She stopped the truck in the center of “The Narrows” bridge, which spans the canyon floor 185 feet below. Then, without any indication or warning, the woman ran in front of her truck, climbed the guardrail, and leapt off the bridge.

Deciding there was a chance to save the woman, Speer sprinted toward her and grabbed her left wrist as she jumped. The dangling woman became combative and thrashed about, trying to break Speer’s grip. Mickelopoulos, Broumley, Burt, Wiggins, and Marcus grabbed whatever body part they could reach and pulled to safety.

For placing themselves in immediate peril to come to the aid of their partner and a would-be suicide victim, Deputies Joel Broumley, Rodger Burt, Glen Marcus, Ruth Mickelopoulos, and Craig Wiggins were awarded the Meritorious Conduct Medal-Gold.

For saving the life of a distraught woman, while placing himself in an immediate life-threatening peril with full knowledge of the possible deadly consequences, Deputy Mark Speer was awarded the Department's highest award, "The Medal of Valor."
On January 25, 2003, Compton Station received a call that a man was shooting an assault weapon in the neighborhood of the 15200 block of Butler Avenue. Several units began to converge on the location. Tension increased as deputies were advised the suspect had shot up a Carson neighborhood prior to the Compton shooting.

Deputy Verdugo spotted the suspect driving on Compton Boulevard and was quickly joined by Deputies Chahine, Chism, and Carrion. The suspect drove to a storage yard in the 1700 block of El Segundo Boulevard, tailed by the convoy of patrol cars. The suspect pointed an M-1 carbine out the window and fired several rounds. Then he abruptly stopped in the middle of the street ran to the front of his car as cover, and began to shoot at the deputies.

Shooting at anything that moved, the suspect fired several rounds close to the four deputies, including a shot that hit the driver’s headrest of Verdugo’s radio car. As the gun battle continued, the deputies displayed a high level of control knowing that an elementary school was in the direct line of the wounded suspect’s fire.

For displaying great courage in the face of an immediate life-threatening peril, never flinching under intense fire, and placing themselves in the destructive path of a criminal bent on escape under any circumstances, Deputies Sean Carrion, Nader Chahine, Robert Chism, and Gerardo Verdugo were awarded the Department’s highest honor, “The Medal of Valor.”
It was April 7, 2003, just before 4:00 p.m., and Deputy Archuleta and his partner, Deputy Darin Thompson, were assisting other Compton units with a traffic accident. A passing motorist pulled up to the pair and reported that a woman had climbed out over the safety rail of the Wilmington overpass of the Artesia (91) Freeway. Archuleta and his partner responded to the location and saw the woman perched in the middle of the bridge, standing on a 4-inch concrete ledge which ran the length of the span. She was outside the safety fence and standing over the roaring, rush-hour traffic of the freeway.

While Thompson called for assistance, Archuleta attempted to talk with the woman, but found her completely unresponsive. Seeing that his only recourse was to approach the woman, Archuleta swung himself over the concrete wall, now using the safety rail as a finger hold to keep from falling. He crept along the outside of the safety rail, trying to find a foothold on the 4-inch ledge while trying to verbally connect with the potential jumper. Archuleta finally reached the middle of the overpass and the distraught woman.

While his partner attempted to stop the freeway traffic below, Archuleta spoke to the woman. A passing tow truck driver stopped and offered Archuleta a safety strap, which Archuleta readily accepted. He secured the unmoving woman and then himself to the fence. Assisting deputies used bolt cutters to cut through the safety fence and tossed the pair a rope, pulling them to safety.

For saving another human being, knowing full well that any slip would have meant certain severe injury and possible death, Deputy Albert Archuleta III was awarded the Meritorious Conduct Medal-Silver.
On April 21, 2003, Deputy William Rodriguez, assigned to Pico Rivera Station, responded to a vehicle fire call. Rodriguez noticed that the car was fully engulfed with flames burning from the bottom of the vehicle and smoke billowing out of the passenger and engine compartments. With little hope of stopping the inferno with a single fire extinguisher, Rodriguez waited for the fire department to arrive.

Rodriguez was astonished to see the car’s rear brake lights flicker on and off. Approaching the car, he could barely see the head and shoulders of an occupant, catching glimpses of the man through the hideous black smoke filling the interior. He observed that the man was seat belted and disoriented by the toxic smoke. With the heat burning his arms, Rodriguez broke through the window, reached into the interior, unfastened the restraint release latch, and pulled the victim to safety.

For risking severe injury to save the life of a person who would have perished, Deputy William Rodriguez was awarded the Meritorious Conduct Medal-Silver.
On June 20, 2003, due to a series of unfortunate human-errors, a Union Pacific train, with 31 fully loaded flatbed railroad cars, was reported as a “runaway” from its switching yard in Montclair.

Twenty-four minutes after it had left Montclair, the cars derailed, sending sheets of lumber and wooden missiles into the adjoining Commerce neighborhood. The force of the crash was so great that flatcars were launched onto the roofs of houses, collapsing them. Cars were overturned or flattened, and thousands of board feet of lumber were scattered everywhere. Adding to the danger, high-tension electrical poles had been knocked down and gas lines cut, posing the possibility of an explosion.

Thirty seconds later, East Los Angeles units arrived at the disaster to assess the situation. Sergeant Saucedo and Deputy Andujo ran toward the area, searching through several completely or partially demolished homes.

A child’s cries for help led Saucedo and Andujo, now joined by Deputies Gama and Macias, to the backyard of a semi-collapsed house with a railcar sitting on the roof. A family of six was trapped in the debris. The three deputies and their sergeant, spurred on by the cracking and creaking of the structure, climbed over the wreckage, found an exit, and safely extricated the two trapped adults and four children.

For displaying bravery and great courage in confronting circumstances beyond the normal course of duty, Sergeant Henry Saucedo, Deputies Hector Andujo, Armando Macias, and Raul Gama were awarded the Meritorious Conduct Medal-Silver.
On July 19, 2003, a compact car cut off a big-rig on the southbound Long Beach (710) Freeway, causing the truck to veer up over the shoulder and knock over a 12-foot-high section of the sound wall which weighed several tons.

Compton Station Deputies Furman and Kalassay were on patrol when they received the call that the accident had damaged an East Rancho Dominguez residence. When they arrived, the deputies saw that the sound wall had fallen on top of a trailer parked in the driveway. Immediately, the deputies began to search for any victims who might be inside. They peered into the trailer, now only a few feet high, yelling for victims. No response was received, but witnesses frantically advised the deputies that three people lived inside the trailer.

Spurred on by the witness reports, and the fact that fire department personnel were minutes away, both deputies crawled under the unstable wall and into the collapsed trailer. Inside the trailer, they were able to extricate one victim, a male adult. Furman and Kalassay pulled the victim out from under the wreckage to safety. They tried to reach the two other victims, but the teetering wall and severe damage to the trailer prevented further rescue attempts. It wasn’t until the wall was stabilized by a Los Angeles County Fire Urban Rescue Team that the other two victims were discovered. A five-year-old boy was pulled alive after rescuers cut a hole through the side of the trailer. Sadly, the boy’s mother was killed on impact.

For placing themselves in a situation where severe injury or death was a distinct possibility to save the life of another human being, Deputies Robert Furman and Scott Kalassay were awarded the Meritorious Conduct Medal-Silver.
In the early morning hours of September 8, 2003, Deputy Phyllis Antuna responded to the call of a possible “jumper” who was sitting on top of the guardrail spanning the Azusa Way bridge which crosses high above Valley Boulevard. When she arrived, Antuna saw a large woman straddling the railing.

The woman was perched on the top rung of the railing, about four feet above the surface of the bridge, and about 45 feet above Valley Boulevard. She was looking down intently and did not notice the approach of Deputy Antuna. As she got closer, Antuna could see that the woman started to lose her grip and began to teeter from side to side. Deputy Antuna now made a conscious decision that she would have to grab the woman to ensure her safety from the 45-foot drop to the asphalt of Valley Boulevard.

From her position on top of the rail, the woman, who weighed considerably more than Antuna, could easily cause both herself and Antuna to plummet over the side. The woman continued to peer at the street below as Antuna approached. The woman was on the verge of jumping and Antuna now knew she could not wait for back-up. In one quick motion, Antuna reached as high as she could, grabbed the woman around the waist, and jerked her back over the guard rail to safety.

For her actions in saving another human being from injury or death, while knowingly risking her own personal safety, Deputy Phyllis Antuna was awarded the Meritorious Conduct Medal-Silver.
On October 31, 2003, a contentious probate matter had left one of the parties enraged with the final court decision. Outside the courthouse, the suspect waited with two handguns hidden in his pockets. When the victim appeared, the suspect walked up to him and began firing shot after shot at the victim, hitting him in the head and shoulder area. The victim was able to duck and sway behind the cover of a tree. With several news cameras capturing the event on videotape, the gunman expended all the bullets in one gun, placed the weapon in his jacket pocket, and calmly walked away.

Reserve Deputy Katz, at the Van Nuys Courthouse serving as Judge Pro-Tempore in Division 109, had just completed his court calendar when he heard multiple gunshots and saw several people running and screaming that a deputy had been shot. Moving toward the sound of trouble, Katz identified himself as a deputy sheriff and asked others where the deputy had been hit. It was Katz’ intention to render medical aid to the fallen victim. However, in the blink of an eye, the situation changed.

As Katz ran toward the victim, several people began pointing at the suspect, indicating that he was the shooter. Dropping his coat and briefcase, Katz charged the suspect from behind, executed a perfect shoulder tackle of the suspect, and knocked him to the ground. With the help of assisting deputies who arrived seconds later, the suspect was handcuffed and taken into custody.

Reserve Deputy Katz’ decisive actions not only resulted in the immediate apprehension of a dangerous attempt-murder suspect, but also neutralized the potential for any further life-threatening confrontations between the suspect and law enforcement, which would have taken place in a plaza full of people.

For bravery above and beyond the call of duty, and placing his life in immediate life-threatening peril, Reserve Deputy David Katz was awarded the Department’s highest honor, “The Medal of Valor.”
On November 9, 2003, Lancaster Station desk received a 911 call of a large structure fire in the 44600 block of Cedar Avenue. Sergeant Perez and Deputy Freeman were the first to arrive at the scene and saw numerous people standing in the front of the location. At first they were told that everyone was out of the building, but a few minutes later another witness ran up and hurriedly explained that a female was still inside, probably in an upstairs bedroom. Perez and Freeman spotted an upstairs window that just might be accessible from the overhang of the structure’s patio roof. With life-killing smoke enveloping them, the pair set about making the rescue.

Assisted by a crouching Perez, Freeman was able to climb out onto the overhang and make contact with the woman who was indeed trapped in the west bedroom. Freeman saw that the only way to extricate the woman and save her from asphyxiation was to kick out the window, but the window turned out to be too small. Undaunted, Freeman kicked out the entire window frame, as well as some stucco, and helped the woman out of the burning building.

For placing themselves in danger and potential harm and injury, Sergeant John Perez and Deputy Devin Freeman were awarded the Meritorious Conduct Medal-Silver.
It was December 22, 2003, Deputies Patterson, Avina, and Vera were assigned to the United States Marshal’s Fugitive Task Force. Along with other members of the team, they drove to the 9100 block of Palm Street, Bellflower, regarding the whereabouts of a wanted parole violator who was living with a 16-year-old runaway.

The Task Force made several announcements for the suspect to exit the house and surrender, but the interior of the residence remained quiet. Suddenly, trying to escape through the rear window, the suspect appeared, holding a firearm. Deputy Patterson ordered the suspect to surrender and, when he ignored those commands, she fired one round driving the suspect back into the house. The suspect began wildly firing through the walls of the location, striking Deputy Patterson. As his partner fell, Deputy Avina was also struck by the fugitive’s bullets. Seriously wounded, Avina stood, used himself as bait to deflect attention from his fallen partner, and engaged in a shootout with the suspect, who fled over a chain-link fence.

When the gunfire started, Vera ran from her position and found Patterson defenseless. Without knowing the location of the suspect, Vera chose to remain in an exposed position, with her gun drawn, protecting Patterson. A radio broadcast advised that the suspect was running eastbound from his last known location. Vera realized this meant the suspect was running toward her and her injured partner. Without flinching, and without cover, Vera stood in front of Patterson, waiting for the suspect to reappear.

For sustaining life-threatening injuries, Deputy Stephanie Patterson received the “Line of Duty Award.”

For placing themselves in life-threatening peril, Deputies Manuel Avina and Liza Vera were awarded the Department’s highest award, “The Medal of Valor.”
San Dimas Station Deputies Michael Davis and John Detreville were not credited as Medal of Valor Award recipients in the 2003 Year in Review. Our apologies for this oversight.

On June 14, 2002, San Dimas deputies responded to a rescue call at the Maxdem Corporation, a plastics research company. Upon their arrival, deputies saw people running out of a burning building, some bleeding profusely from serious stab wounds and others with severe burns. Employees quickly told of deputies about a man inside the building who had entered and began throwing caustic, flaming chemicals, and stabbing employees. Before they were able to enter, the suspect, holding a chemical container in one hand and a sharp, pointed weapon in the other, exited and advanced toward the victim and deputies. Ignoring their orders to drop the weapons, the suspect kept closing the gap. Deputies Detreville and Davis yelled at the suspect to keep him away from the stabbing victim. The suspect then redirected his attack toward the deputies, allowing the victim to escape. After several warnings were ignored, deputies were compelled to shoot the suspect in order to stop him.

For their actions which undoubtedly prevented the loss of life and while placing themselves in clear and present danger of being killed, Deputy Michael V. Davis and Deputy John E. Detreville were awarded the Department’s highest honor, the Medal of Valor.
In Memoriam

Deputy Mike Arruda

Based on Sergeant Dean L. Scoville’s Eulogy

With immigrants from 140 countries that speak more than 90 different languages and read more than 50 different newspapers, Los Angeles has its fair share of bohemians, wayfarers, and nomads. Mike was one of them. A readily understood displaced Bostonian, wearing a Red Sox baseball cap, Patriots windbreaker, Bruins sweater, and the “I Hate the Yankees” T-shirt.

And if the attire wasn’t a giveaway, the distinctive accent was. The kidding was inevitable, for Mike was blessed with a beautiful smile and a personality to match, qualities that made it easy for even the newest of acquaintances to joke with him.

One might have had some understandable reservations about the genuineness of Mike’s manner. Even Mike’s best friend, Joey Mesa, said he found it difficult to believe that this walking poster boy from a Colgate ad
could possibly be that nice. But he was nice. And the
guileless manner in which Mike put people at ease
was nothing more than Mike being Mike.

By Mike’s own admission, he might not have turned out
that way. In Boston, there were influences and dis-
tractions that sometimes undermined Mike’s innate
sense of right. He found himself on a slippery slope. It
was only his determination to do things his way that
kept Mike out of trouble before he got into it. He joined
the Navy. He served well, but maritime duty was just a
layover for law enforcement. In the spring of 1991, he
joined the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department.
Mike did his time at the jail, finally making his way to
Industry Station some six years later. One quickly
became well acquainted with Mike’s work product
because he generated so much of it.

Like Sean Penn’s Pac-Man in "Colors," Mike was fear-
lessly omnivorous when it came to gobbling up street
criminals. But unlike Pac-Man, Mike did his job with
no rhetoric, no heroics, and no exhibitionism. The
exhibitionism he saved for bodybuilding in the Police
Games. First, he took the stage, then he took the gold.

Mike went from collecting Police Games medals to col-
clecting California Highway Patrol 10851 pins for arrest-
ing suspects in stolen vehicles. The pride that Mike
deservedly took in his physique was matched by that
which he had in his police work and this was exceeded
only by that which he had in his role as father. Though
having the opportunity to have better days off, he
passed, "I need the schedule I’m on for my son," he
explained.

From his physical symmetry, to his career, to his family,
Mike had attained balance and a promising future with
his fiancé, Lidia. This changed forever when Mike and
his partners responded to a gunman’s assault last
June. When it was over, Mike was mortally wounded.
Even then, Mike’s death did not come quickly. Days
passed. Mike held on long enough for his family,
friends, and loved ones to say their last goodbyes.
Having felt their touch... he let go.
On a Monday morning, a procession rolled from the Calvary Chapel in Diamond Bar. It cut a swath through the Pomona hills, then rounded a bend at Forest Lawn. Throughout, a steady and seemingly endless stream of black and whites flowed like some lone tributary to a body of water. Only the body was that of our fellow deputy, Mike Arruda, on his way to his final resting place.

Together, the deputies stood atop the hill, their badges bisected by black bands. They watched as Mike’s family made their way to the grave site. As helicopters soared past overhead in the missing man formation and parents grieved, the pastor ushered Mike into the hereafter.

Mike’s name will be added to various memorials walls, including the Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department Memorial Wall at the Sheriff’s Training Academy and Regional Services (STARS) Center, the Fallen Officers’ Memorial in Sacramento, California, and the National Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Long after the doves have sailed, the bagpipes have been silenced, and the last of the twenty-one guns have faded from memory, Mike will remain in the hearts of those who had the pleasure to know and work with him. And there will always be a special place in our hearts for Savannah Violet and her eleven-year-old brother, Mike, who accepted the flag from his father’s casket then watched bravely as his father was laid to rest.

Rest in peace, Mike.

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Budgeted Positions for Fiscal Year 2004-2005 (excludes student professional workers and student workers.)
### Department Personnel Strength

**As of December 1, 2004**

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**Total Personnel** 13,989

As of December 1, 2004
2004 Part I Crime Clock

CRIMES COMMITTED EVERY 24 HOURS

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- One Larceny Theft every 14 minutes
- One Grand Theft Auto every 28 minutes
- One Burglary every 33 minutes
- One Aggravated Assault every 46 minutes
- One Robbery every 2 hours
- One Arson every 8 hours
- One Forcible Rape every 14 hours
- One Homicide every 26 hours

Number of Crimes
## Department Crime Activity Summary

### Calendar Year 2003 vs. Calendar Year 2004*

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### ARRESTS***

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