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 satellite stations and service centers, and even began a campaign of hiring new personnel to fill vacancies in the ranks.

Our Department joined forces with a number of government agencies to promote a selection of community policing programs. For example, along with the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the Los Angeles City Council, 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 pursuit of knowledge continued for Department personnel, and to that end, the LASD University propagated the higher education of several hundred sworn and professional staff.

The Rowland Heights Service Center was opened late in the year to better serve that community. The Center was the result of an outcry from community members and 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 will spend less time driving to and from Walnut Station to file crime reports.

Another community sharing the benefits of a new satellite station is the Athens area of Unincorporated Los Angeles (patrolled by Lennox Station). Ground was broken for the satellite station in early 2004 and it opened for business October. Community members can now travel a relatively short distance to the satellite station to make a police report instead of driving to the main Lennox Station.

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 suffered a mock attack from terrorists and personnel were taught to respond quickly, efficiently, and with the right resources to minimize damage and eradicate the problem. Both exercises were held as multi-jurisdictional actions, with several Federal, State, County, and municipal agencies involved.

Emblematic of most any large metropolitan police agency, we have experienced moments of great joy along with moments of extraordinary grief. In January 2005, we lost Deputy James Tutino and Senior General Maintenance Worker Manny Alcala. Midyear, Deputy Jerry Ortiz paid the ultimate sacrifice while on-duty, protecting the residents of Los Angeles County. Their spirit is with us today and will always be remembered. We’ve lost so much with their departure, yet conversely, their loss has renewed our strength and conviction in our duty to prevail over those who would harm innocent victims; good will triumph and we will remain steadfast to our cause.

In September 2005, personnel from Aero Bureau, Emergency Services Detail, Emergency Operations Bureau, and a Transit Services Bureau’s K-9 Unit, along with the Air-5 rescue helicopter, arrived in New Orleans and assisted with the rescue efforts for victims of Hurricane Katrina. Also, during the Summer, seventeen sworn Department members received awards for heroism at the annual Medal of Valor Awards ceremony.

We continued to increase the number of applicants with the Deputy Sheriff Trainee on-line application program.

This resulted in the hiring and graduation of Academy Class numbers 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, and 344.

The personnel from these seven classes have entered their custody assignments, promoting movement throughout the Department. With the reopening of the North Academy at College of the Canyons in Valencia, the graduation of four additional Reserve classes, and the graduation of one Explorer class, we expect this trend to continue. An additional benefit of the personnel increase is the Department’s ability to restart innovative and worthwhile social programs like Vital Intervention and Directional Alternatives (VIDA).

The Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department is the largest sheriff’s department in the world, and the country’s only sheriffs’ department responsible for protecting more than ten million citizens. 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.

Lee Baca, Sheriff
Introduction

The population of Los Angeles County grew to over ten million people for the first time during 2004, a milestone that no other county in the United States can claim. Projections show 9% annual population increases of 1% - 1.5% per year during the foreseeable future; an extra 100,000 residents per twelve month cycle. Protecting the life, health, and property of these residents is the job of the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department, a task that can best be described as daunting. Yet, even in the face of a second straight year of draconian budget cuts, the 8,100 sworn personnel, along with 6,000 professional staff members, have kept up the fight against crime.

Requirements to serve as a Sheriff’s deputy must navigate through the intricacies and customs of nearly a hundred cultures and languages, on a day-to-day basis. Diversity surrounds the population of this County, as well as the topography. At any one time, deputies patrol the coastal beaches, through city streets, along mountain roads, even in the water and the sky. At the same moment, detectives from Homicide, Arson/Explosives, Operation Safe Streets, Family Crimes, and Major Crimes may be initiating or completing another investigation. Additionally, 64 Courthouses must be opened, dozens of transportation buses take suspects to those courts, and 17,000 inmates must be housed and fed each day in six custody facilities. 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 anti-terrorist scenarios, opened new satellite stations and service centers, and even began a campaign to hire new personnel to fill vacancies in the ranks.
Major Accomplishments 2004-2005

• Developed the Sheriff Trainee on-line application program, making the initial step in the application process accessible worldwide to qualified candidates.

• Contracted for the installation of an additional 75 closed-circuit television cameras and video-recording capabilities for the Pitchess Detention Center - East Facility.

• Continued personnel training and equipment upgrades to combat and defeat terrorist acts within Los Angeles County.

• Destroyed another six tons of illegal weaponry confiscated by deputies and police officers from Los Angeles County, bringing the ten year total of “Project Isiah” to over 50,000 tons of weapons transformed into steel re-enforcement bar, used in building and highway construction.

• The Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department University (LASDU) propagated the education of several hundred sworn and professional staff, all of whom earned either their Bachelor of Arts/Science or Master of Arts/Science from a diverse selection of institutions of higher learning, including Boston University, Woodbury University, California State University at Fullerton, California State University at Long Beach, California State University at Los Angeles, University of La Verne, Touro University International, National University, and the Irvine University School of Law.

• Broke ground and began construction of the new Sheriff’s Crime Lab on the campus of California State University at Los Angeles.
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.

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.
Facilities Planning Bureau

Facilities Planning Bureau is responsible for the planning, design, and construction oversight of all capital projects, facility renovations, property leases, and other non-maintenance construction projects for the Sheriff’s Department.

“The mission of the Facilities Planning Bureau is to meet the facilities planning requirements of the Sheriff’s Department, which includes facilities operations, capital planning and budgeting, and projects programming.”

Facilities Planning Bureau currently oversees 19 major capital projects and renovations with budgets totaling $225 million, manages and controls 54 administrative and capital leases totaling $7.6 million annually, and directs $8 million in environmental remediation and landfill closure projects.

“The professional staff of Facilities Planning Bureau is responsible for designing, planning, project cost estimating, constructing, and managing new capital project construction, and for remodeling to the talent of the architects, planners, project managers, and invaluable support staff. It is this collectively talented group of operational needs of the Sheriff’s Department.

Utilizing a project management approach, Facilities Planning Bureau provides the following services to the Sheriff’s Department:

- **Facility Planning**
  - Site planning, including vehicular/pedestrian circulation, utilities, and location selection.
- **Project Planning**
  - Program and schematic planning for both renovations to existing facilities and construction of new facilities.
- **Design, Construction, and Project Management**
  - Design documentation, bid specifications, administration of contracts, and supervision of construction.
- **Special Services**
  - Other facility-related services such as facilities assessment, American with Disabilities Act (ADA) transition planning, Environmental Impact Reports, Negative Declarations, facility leasing, and labor/materials contracting.

Facilities Planning Bureau is currently working on several projects that will change the shape of the Department:

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Food Services Unit

In 2005, the Food Services Unit operated six fully functional kitchens staffed with 175 employees responsible for preparing approximately 75,000 meals per day for detainees, inmates, and staff members.

All patrol stations, court lock-ups, and special events (academy graduations, press conferences, luncheons, and community events) are also provided quality cuisine by Food Service Unit’s professionals.

The Food Services Unit currently prepares and transports more than 5,000 meals each day to the patrol stations for the new arrestees and station trustees (each station inmate receives three daily meals). Prepared at the Twin Towers Correctional Facility (TTCF), the hot meals are cooked under the traditional “cook and serve” method. After each meal item is prepared, it is then placed in bulk insulated containers and transported to the respective stations. This antiquated, inefficient, and costly feeding program is being replaced by the “chill-cook” system.

Cook-chill prepared foods are actually pasteurized which allows for a longer and safer shelf life (up to thirty days) and also maintains the food’s taste, texture, and quality. The cook-chill process also facilitates portion controlled food which can be heated immediately before consumption.

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The cook-chill equipment at CRDF will also allow for the “in-house” meal preparation of medical diet meals. This will eliminate the approximately $200,000 per year paid to private vendors to prepare the TV-dinner style medical diet meals.

The 1908 automated senior meals packaging system can package from 5-34 meals per minute.

COOK-CHILL AT THE CENTURY REGIONAL DETENTION FACILITY (CRDF)

A proven alternative to preparing food already exists in private industry and is quickly gaining acceptance in the correctional field. “Cook-chill” is a mass feeding system based on conventional preparation and cooking of food which is then followed by rapid chilling and storage in a temperature-controlled environment.

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Bon Appetite!

AUTOMATED FOOD SERVICES SYSTEM (AFSS)

In another cost savings strategy, the Food Services Unit is implementing a food service software application for recipe management, food preparation, inventory control, and procurement needs. The software uses “real time” ordering to reduce standing inventory and standardize recipes and production which results in consistency and better quality meals. The software automatically provides nutritional analysis of recipes and menus to comply with mandated legal requirements (Title 15 and Title 22 California Code of Regulations).

This automated food system will save more than $1 million in raw food value and cost savings, based on stricter inventory control and reduced waste.

The contract with the Probation Department to provide food for Lancaster and Malibu/Lost Hills Station inmates was recently eliminated, saving the Department more than $220,000.

With the implementation of these systems and various cost cutting efforts, the Department will save more than $2 million within the first year. Bon Appetite!
The new program, which is undergoing field testing, is called TROWeb. The Department of Justice (DOJ) expressed that the program has national implications for the enforcement of domestic violence laws.

A key element in the prevention of domestic violence is the protective order, a written court order commanding the restrained person to refrain from certain conduct, e.g., stay 100 yards away from the petitioner. The terms and conditions of protective orders are entered in the California Domestic Violence Restraining Order System (DVROS) for query by law enforcement officers responding to domestic disputes.

Based on a DVROS response indicating a violation of a term or condition of a protective order, a violator is subject to arrest for Section 273.6 of the Penal Code (PC) - violation of protective order. However, the data in DVROS must be verified by reviewing the actual protective order.

At this juncture, TROWeb enables the officer in the field to instantaneously gain access to a digitized copy of the protective order by typing in the DVROS file control number in the website’s search engine. The contents of the protective order can be verbally relayed to the officer by desk personnel or viewed and printed in the patrol vehicle if equipped with internet access and an onboard printer. This innovative use of the web addresses problems associated with filing and retrieving hard copies of protective orders at local police and sheriff stations.

Beginning in 2003, Court Services Division’s specialized Civil Management Unit (CMU), which performs the Department’s civil law enforcement function, began receiving protective orders directly from the Los Angeles Superior Court for entry into DVROS. Professional staff members assigned to CMU’s branch offices, located at twenty courthouses throughout the County, have reduced the burden on local law enforcement agencies (LEAs) to update DVROS and use high-speed scanners to digitize the orders for retrieval on CSDWeb. From October 1, 2004, to September 30, 2005, CMU earned $383,102 as its 61 levy deputies attempted to personally serve 15,430 protective orders emanating from domestic violence, civil harassment, family law, work place violence, and elder abuse lawsuits. This comprehensive effort resulted in the timely entry of orders into DVROS, lessening the need for LEAs to file and store hard copies of protective orders, immediate retrieval of orders for verification of 273.6 PC arrests, and the expedited service of protective orders.

The technology used in the website is cutting edge, complex, and yet transparent to the user. Sierra Systems, the website’s creator, faced numerous challenges posed by the need to extract data from two outdated systems, DVROS and the Modified Automated Process and Accounting System (MAPAS), CMU’s case management system. TROWeb also serves as a quality control mechanism and is used by the Superior Court and the Judicial Council to audit billings submitted by CMU to the court for payment of service fees.

Court Services Division has had an internet presence since 2001 to assist litigants who use the Department for the service of civil process and enforcement of court orders. CSDWeb (http://civil.lasd.org) includes brief descriptions of commonly served civil process and allows the user to fill out Sheriff’s instructions onscreen for printing. Since its inception, litigants have lauded CSDWeb’s case inquiry capability which provides live on-line case status without having to telephone busy offices. Information about vehicle inspections for fix-it tickets and diagrams for public parking at courthouses are also available.
This innovative program is one of the first in the law enforcement community to provide overtime compensation for hours worked during a ride-along. The program was developed when Assistant Sheriff Paul K. Tanaka and Chief Sammy L. Jones toured different custody facilities and found that deputies were unsatisfied with the "Volunteer Ride-Along Program." The "Volunteer Ride-Along Program" was viewed as an ineffective program for deputies because they were prevented from wearing their uniform and actively participating in the daily operation of a field unit. It was difficult for deputies to properly prepare themselves for their future patrol assignment, due to the lack of hands-on experience needed for the myriad of duties required while working a patrol assignment.

Simultaneously, Field Operations Regions I, II, and III were facing an unprecedented number of unfilled vacancies which made their personnel subject to the overtime draft on a daily basis. The lack of available personnel created an opportunity for Custody Operations, Correctional Services, and Court Services deputies to fill unwanted overtime and alleviate the draft situation, while receiving valuable hands-on training for patrol. A collaborative effort of Custody Operations Division, Correctional Services Division, Court Services Division, and Field Operations Support Services developed the Sworn Ride-Along Program to ensure that the demands of all divisions were met. The impacted Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs (ALADS) membership overwhelmingly voted to approve the program prior to implementation.

Today, deputies have the opportunity to experience the many functions of the patrol environment. The new Sworn Ride-Along Program allows deputies to wear full uniform and actively work while partnered and mentored by a patrol-trained host deputy. Deputies are encouraged to engage in police action which creates an effective training environment. Deputies who wish to participate in the program simply contact the host station and sign-up on the overtime stand-by list. When an overtime shift becomes available, the deputy is contacted by the station and hired as the second person in a county car or for special event overtime, such as the Fourth of July picnics or party suppression cars. Ride-Along Deputies will always work under the direct supervision of patrol-trained personnel. Those who participate in the program are believed to have a higher probability of successfully completing the Field Operations Training course, thus, evolving into a more knowledgeable, self-managed employee for the community and the Sheriff's Department.

To further the goals of the Sworn Ride-Along Program, a "Patrol Preparation Material" link was created by Custody Support Services and the Advanced Officer's Training Unit to provide deputies with useful information prior to their participation. The link is easily accessed through the Department's Intranet site and it is highly encouraged for deputies to review as a training aid.

Custody Operations Division believes that the Sworn Ride-Along Program is a proactive approach for personnel retention, thus enhancing positive morale. Through this program, the Department is actively addressing deputies' prolonged assignments in custody by giving them an opportunity to enhance their perishable skills. This also keeps the Department's deputies who have not been patrolled trained prepared for field responsibilities, in the event of a major emergency. The program also gives deputies the ability to understand the scope of their duties and develop future career aspirations. Deputies are prepared and motivated while waiting for their patrol assignment. Although the program is not the only approach for personnel retention and morale, Custody Operations Division feels that the Sworn Ride-Along Program is a step in the right direction.
DETECTIVE DIVISION

including: Illicit pharmaceutical distribution of foreign, counterfeit, and diverted medications, and schedule III, IV, and V industrially manufactured controlled substances, underground and unlicensed medical and dental practices, health care provider fraud of the California medical and United States Medicare programs, and corrupt practices of Los Angeles County Health Inspectors.

HALT, which has a pharmacist on staff, provides training to law enforcement in these areas and participates in community education programs. The Task Force also investigates complaints that are received through a variety of sources and successfully prosecutes numerous violators, closes illegal businesses, and suspends many Medi-Cal/Medicare provider licenses and provider numbers.

HALT has seized thousands of pounds of illicit, foreign, and counterfeit pharmaceuticals, including investigations exposing an international “shadow market” of counterfeit and diverted drugs. HALT continues to network with and educate other law enforcement agencies regarding health-related crimes. The Task Force also assisted Los Angeles Police Department homicide detectives on noteworthy cases involving death and serious injury caused by use of illicit pharmaceuticals and underground medical practices.

HALT also works with agents from Immigration Customs Enforcement to combat smuggled foreign pharmaceuticals from Mexico, Central America, Asia, and the Soviet Union. The Unit works with pharmaceutical industry corporate security professionals and investigators on a regular basis to combat international product diversion and counterfeiting issues.

HALT exposes health care provider fraud and their relationship to organized crime. These crimes often include insurance fraud, auto theft fraud, international money laundering and smuggling, recycling fraud, identity theft, and drug and weapon violations. In these cases, referrals are generally made to the appropriate state and federal investigative agencies for further investigation.

HALT has recently established an initiative with the Department of Homeland Security regarding suspect Medicare/Medi-Cal providers established by Eurasian organized crime groups that are responsible for fraudulent immigration waivers for individuals of Middle Eastern descent.

HALT has established relationships with immigrant community outreach groups in order to provide education and alternative resources for legitimate health care. HALT’s educational materials expose the dangers of underground medicine and explain how to avoid scam artists perpetrating health care benefits fraud and identity thefts in immigrant communities.

HALT has been recognized for its achievements and received several prestigious awards, including the Weibber Seavey Award for Quality in Law Enforcement, the National Public Service Excellence Award, the Association of Counties National Award, the Los Angeles County Quality and Productivity Award, the California Association of Counties Award, and several Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors’ Awards.
Believing that an informed public is an empowered public, the Sheriff tasked the Homicide Bureau and the Data Systems Bureau to develop a website that would educate the public as to the frequency, location, and motives for murder in the County. This website, more importantly, would be a vehicle for the public to form a partnership with law enforcement and permit them to become actively involved in the effort to identify, apprehend, and prosecute society’s most dangerous criminals. The website, LACountymurders.com, can be accessed from any computer that can access the Internet. The site provides visitors with a wide range of information.

A site visitor who is interested in statistical information, with a click of a mouse, can compare last year’s murder rate with the current year’s. Another click will provide a graphic display of the demographics of the victims of murder and the killers themselves. Another display will provide information as to the month, day of week, and time of day when murders were committed, and the motive and weapon used.

Site visitors interested in the investigative methodology can access a chronology of a typical murder investigation, from the original report of the incident to courtroom disposition. An overview of “historical” cases, showcasing the successes of Sheriff’s Homicide Bureau investigators in notable cases, is also available.

A visitor with an interest in a particular 2005 murder, or someone with an interest in the subject matter in general, can access information about every murder investigated by the Sheriff’s Department this year. The case can be researched by date range or name of the victim. Most important, a site visitor with information relative to a murder can provide that information electronically to investigators by way of an e-mail link. All e-mail received is responded to and all information is routed to the assigned investigators.

“Wanted” bulletins and “Information Wanted” bulletins are also available. Site visitors can view and/or print the actual posters provided by the Sheriff’s Department to law enforcement agencies across the country. A direct e-mail link to Homicide Bureau investigators is provided with each of these posters.

Los Angeles County has one of the lowest ratios of law enforcement officers to population of any urban area in the country. With “LACountymurders.com”, the public gains the ability to become the eyes and ears of homicide investigators in their communities, and greatly assist in the swift apprehension of the predators among us. The Sheriff has, in essence, created an “Electronic Posse.”
Tiger Light OC (Oleoresin Capsicum Chemical Aerosol)  
Personal Defense System  
The Tiger Light enables a deputy to have his OC spray available at all times without the need to draw a separate OC spray device. It is a combined flashlight with a pepper spray aerosol concealed in the end of the light. The Tiger Light is built with high grade aircraft aluminum and contains a Nickel Metal Hydride (NiMH) rechargeable battery. It is about 11 inches long and weighs 23 ounces. The OC spray is effective between 3 and 15 feet and does not require re-gripping the flashlight to deploy.

Because of the controversy surrounding the use of flashlights as an impact weapon, coupled with the difficulty in carrying the variety of equipment currently in use on a Sam Browne gun belt, this device has the potential of providing a defensive weapon without resorting to using the flashlight as an impact device and/or dropping the flashlight to retrieve pepper spray from a belt holder. It is also less visibly offensive, as the public would not be aware that we, in fact, have an OC device in our hands, but rather they see only a flashlight. If successful, this device might eliminate the necessity of carrying pepper spray as a separate container on the gun belt altogether.

The MAD would enable us to warn citizens of the use of a canine (K-9) for an area search, missing persons public address broadcasts, or riot announcements. Although the technology is in the prototype stage, it is expected to provide the ability to move sound waves over one mile of free space!  

This technology uses magnets instead of speakers to move soundwaves. Because it uses a different wave form, the sound wave is nearly evenly distributed along the energy path with minimal distortion. The energy path is extremely precise, with little loss of volume and nearly no loss of clarity over free space for a theoretically unlimited distance, limited only by the amount of power that is input. The magnetic array contains 96 speakers. Each component is capable of operating as a separate speaker, and can be arranged to increase or decrease the width and range of the energy lobe.

The MAD has application in crowd control and movement management, stopping potential riot situations, long range hailing (evacuations, warnings, command and control, et cetera). Furthermore, because of the ability to move the sound over long distances, some frequencies may provide a non-lethal option with irritating sounds. Because there is no decontamination time or altering of the environment, it may provide alternatives to chemical riot control agents.

This aerial view depicts a proof of concept test conducted at the Peter Pitchess Detention Center on August 4th, 2005. The transmitter was located at the Special Enforcement Bureau Long Rifle Range and the one mile target was near the heliport along the wash next to the 5 Freeway.
**MILITARY ACTIVATION COMMITTEE**

When Sheriff Lee Baca created the Military Activation Committee (MAC) four years ago, its goal was simple -- to address the needs and concerns of Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department members who, as military reservists, were called to active duty to serve their nation.

It was in the finest spirit of the MAC that a gigantic, two location yard sale fund-raiser was held at the Sheriff’s Training Academy in Whittier and in the parking lot of the Valencia K-Mart on Saturday, September 24, 2005. These events were scheduled to raise funds for equipment that was requested from the Military Activation Committee. The request asked for funds to purchase specialized holsters conducive to drawing a sidearm while seated in a military vehicle and wearing bulky body-armor. Department personnel were asked to donate items for sale to the general public. Between the two locations $4,888.00 was raised, a portion of which was used to purchase the holsters. In addition, in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, another portion was earmarked for police and sheriff’s departments in the Gulf States.

Each unit on the Department has a Military Liaison Officer and there is now also a MAC web-page. In addition, we have reviewed policies and laws regarding pay, leave, and reentry to duty. We also instituted a repatriation program and provide continuing mentoring once our reservists return. Our MAC Program was awarded the Employer Support of Guard and Reserve (ESGR) Freedom Award in 2004. We will continue to provide support for our reservists and their families who are enduring great hardships to secure our freedom.

**Multi Agency Juvenile Intervention Center (MAJIC)**

Over the last few months, numerous County departments and private organizations have been working cooperatively to develop a centralized processing, referral, and evaluation center for juveniles arrested in Los Angeles County.

Representatives from law enforcement, the affected communities, and social services work together in a coordinated MAJIC program. By working together, we can offer comprehensive community-based assessments of the needs of our youth and make referrals at the onset of intervention. Each assessment is based upon the individual needs of the juvenile in order to impact their particular behavior. The program has been transferred to our Detective Division and is scheduled to become operational in early 2006.
incidence of crime per capita, thereby requiring a much higher level of law enforcement resources.

A study of the crime statistics for the City of Lancaster demonstrated the need for a similar program. The data showed a relationship between calls for service and the percentage of demand for services by rental or owner-occupied property.

The LAN-CAP Plan
The City of Lancaster provided funds for eight deputies through rental property business license fees. Lancaster Station Captain Carl Deeley subsequently selected eight seasoned deputies with nearly 100 years of combined law enforcement experience and placed them under the committed and motivated supervision of Lieutenant Steve Fredericks and Sergeant Steve Sylvies.

LAN-CAP’s Approach
LAN-CAP established proactive working relationships with a number of units and agencies including: Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms Bureau; Housing Authority Investigators; City Code Enforcement Officers; Lancaster Building and Safety; Animal Control; Probation; Parole; Operations Safe Streets Bureau; and Headquarters Narcotics Bureau.

These relationships allow LAN-CAP to develop task forces to target specific problem areas, as well as to write and serve search warrants, as needed.

LAN-CAP handles all three phases of the Crime Free Multi-Housing Plan:

- Phase I involves landlord/manager training to target local and global problems, and to foster positive relationships with the rental communities.
- Phase II educates participants on the inspection process of Crime Prevention through Environmental Design. Participants are then routinely inspected.
- Phase III is where LAN-CAP creates an environment for open communication and awareness by meeting and educating the local rental community.

LAN-CAP Results
In the 18 months since its inception, the eight-deputy LAN-CAP team has generated 3,006 total arrests; 937 felony arrests; 2,129 misdemeanor arrests; 441 vehicles impounded or stored; and 61 search warrants successfully served.

Additionally, the LAN-CAP Team has conducted 32 criminal abatements. These abatements targeted property owners who have tenants that are involved in drug-related activity. The Federal Bureau of Investigations is completing forfeiture proceedings on a 10 unit apartment building as a result of LAN-CAP efforts.

LAN-CAP uses an in-house Deputy District Attorney for vertical prosecutions and works with Housing Authority Investigators on Section 8 tenants. Section 8 Housing and Urban Development compliance checks have been conducted at 180 locations; 154 have been found to be in violation of required guidelines. The compliance checks are based on received complaints.

LAN-CAP looks forward to continuing their successful, multifaceted law enforcement team committed to the long-term reduction of crime in the local community.
TRANSIT SERVICES BUREAU Command Expansion

In 1997, the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department re-entered transit policing after the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) chose to disband their Police Department. Based on the provision of the utmost in customer service to the MTA, Transit Services Bureau (TSB) subsequently secured the entire contract. Since May 2003, TSB has been the sole law enforcement provider for the MTA.

The acquisition of the entire $60 million contract made TSB the second largest transit-policing agency in the nation. The MTA gained a wealth of services with this new contract. In addition to the uniformed deputies patrolling the bus and rail lines, civilian fare inspectors were added to the cadre of personnel enforcing transit violations along the transit system. TSB also provides several other services, such as the Special Problems Units designed to concentrate on vandalism and other high-frequency incidents, two Crisis Response Units to deal with the mentally ill and those who need substance abuse help, and a fully staffed Detective Bureau to focus on investigations.

The MTA maintains a security force of 95 officers and over 100 contract security guards. Since the MTA elected to contract with one law enforcement entity as its police service provider, it was decided the TSB Commander would also act as the Chief of Transit Policing for the MTA.

Since May 2003, TSB has grown significantly, adding extra personnel in 2004. The opening of the Metro Orange Line Bus Way in the San Fernando Valley in 2005 also expanded the number of TSB personnel. There are a total of five TSB substations and, over the course of two and one-half years, the number of personnel has more than tripled to nearly 600; this created a need to increase the TSB command staff.

In November 2005, TSB graduated from a single Captain commanding the entire Bureau to a Commander and two Captains. The Bureau was divided into Transit Services North Bureau and Transit Services South Bureau, and was organizationally moved to the Office of Homeland Security. The Commander will manage both Bureaus, as well as facilitate coordination with other units within the Office of Homeland Security.

Safety and security is a priority for TSB. Anti-terrorism enforcement and terrorism awareness training helps educate TSB personnel, as well as employees of the MTA, to recognize and respond to potential terrorist activity.

Additionally, Transit Services Bureau is now in the same Division as Emergency Operations Bureau and Arson Explosives Detail. Together, they help ensure the highest quality service to the Metropolitan Transportation Authority.
SAN DIMAS STATION

The new San Dimas Sheriff's Station, located at 270 South Walnut Avenue, San Dimas, will be formally dedicated on January 28, 2006.

The modern facility, which includes a 28,900 square foot masonry building and a 3,400 square foot full service vehicle maintenance garage, replaced the small 55-year-old building located on San Dimas Avenue at 1st Street in San Dimas. Station personnel bid a nostalgic farewell to their former station that was the site of the very first San Dimas Sheriff's Station, which opened in September 1927.

Plans to build a new Sheriff's Station were first announced jointly by then Sheriff Sherman Block and Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, Fifth District, at a special San Dimas City Council Meeting in September 1998. Upon his election in January 1999, Sheriff Leroy D. Baca enthusiastically endorsed this project and the Glendora architectural firm of Neptune, Thomas, and Davis was awarded the contract to design the new facility.

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The new Sheriff's Station also includes a fully functional Type I detention facility which is rated for 26 prisoners. There is also living space for up to ten inmate workers who have been sentenced by the courts to perform general clean up duties at the facility. The detention facility meets the rigid requirements of the State Corrections Standards Authority.

Additionally, the new facility has a community room which will foster a strong partnership between the Sheriff's Department and the communities that it serves. Community groups and organizations will be able to use these facilities to conduct their meetings.

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The men and women of the new San Dimas Sheriff's Station look forward to serving the City of San Dimas and the unincorporated areas of Azusa, Covina, Glendora, La Verne, Claremont, and the San Gabriel Mountains for many years to come.
In 2006, the major training units of the Department, as well as the Special Enforcement Bureau, will be returning to Biscailuz Center. The newly refurbished facility will be known as the Biscailuz Regional Training Center (BRTC). Both the Training Bureau and the Professional Development Bureau headquarter units will be located at BRTC, as will the following units: Recruit Training, Advanced Officer Training, Field Operations Training, Weapons Training, and Tactics and Survival Training (Laser Village). BRTC will serve as this Department’s premier training venue.

The Special Enforcement Bureau will lead the way and take occupancy at the new facility, prior to the close of 2005. As construction progresses, the Training Bureau is expected to follow with a projected move-in date of July 2006. The dedicated staff of Facilities Planning Bureau, under the guidance of Director Gary Tse, has worked tirelessly to meet the needs of our personnel and produce plans that are functionally efficient and aesthetically pleasing by employing a variety of landscape architectural designs.

The Recruit Training Unit will be capable of concurrently handling four, 100-recruit, Sheriff’s academy classes at BRTC. In addition to the academy classes offered at BRTC, the Sheriff’s Department will continue to operate the North Academy at the College of the Canyons in Saugus. In a continuing effort to enhance personnel recruitment and remain sensitive to the family needs of new deputy sheriff recruits, Sheriff Lee Baca has approved an additional training academy site at the Antelope Valley College in Lancaster. The Antelope Valley College academy is tentatively scheduled to open in Fall 2006. The two North County academies are critical to enabling the Department to meet our expanding recruitment and training needs for the future.

The Biscailuz Regional Training Facility

From the 1950’s through 1984, the Sheriff’s Academy was located at Biscailuz Center in East Los Angeles. For the next twenty-one years, it was located at the Sheriff’s Training and Regional Services (STARS) Center in Whittier.

The training offered will continue to be the most realistic possible in order to better prepare deputies and police officers for the many critical situations they might face while doing their jobs.

Plans for a new 50-yard, all purpose range are progressing steadily at BRTC. The future range will accommodate a handgun/shotgun combat course which was previously available only at the Pitchess Detention Center Range.

So, after an absence of some twenty years, the hills of East Los Angeles will once again be home to the greatly expanded and modernized Sheriff’s Department’s Biscailuz Regional Training Center.
The Joint Regional Intelligence Center (JRIC) is a cooperative venture between the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Los Angeles Police Department, and the Los Angeles Terrorism Early Warning (TEW) Group.

It establishes a Center for the accumulation, analysis, and dissemination of all terrorist related information to assist in the fight against terrorism. By combining state and federal grant funds with monies from the FBI, the principal agencies are close to opening the 25,000 square foot office to accomplish these functions.

Slated to open in January 2006, the new JRIC will house analysts and investigators from local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies. The Center will be a clearinghouse for all possible leads linked to terrorism. The Center is intended to assist any agency throughout the Southern California area that has a need for in-depth analytical work on criminal cases where a terrorism nexus exists.

In addition to the County of Los Angeles, the JRIC’s area of responsibility includes the Counties of Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, Ventura, Santa Barbara, and San Luis Obispo. Representatives from each county, as well as other state and federal agencies, are being encouraged to participate in the Center.

The JRIC will have new, state-of-the-art technology. New systems will make the gathering of intelligence, analysis, and case management easier, and a more cohesive, all-inclusive undertaking. One of the new systems to be incorporated was designed specifically for the JRIC by MEMEX, a company which has been assisting Scotland Yard in fighting terrorism in England for more than 15 years. Advanced mapping systems have been obtained to assist analysts in developing threat models, plotting pre-incident indicators, and other data.

The JRIC will be the first intelligence fusion center on the west coast and it is anticipated that it will benefit all southland agencies in the fight against terrorism. It is intended that the partnership between local, state, and federal agencies in a specially designed and manned, 24 hour, seven days per week facility will assist in “connecting the dots” and preventing the next attack on American soil.
Consisting of just two deputy sheriffs, the Fed-Ex Unit leads the nation in its ability to acquire excess federal property, at no cost, to further our Department’s law enforcement mission. Since 1990, Congress has authorized the transfer of excess property from the Department of Defense (DOD) to law enforcement agencies. Pursuant to Section 1033 of the National Defense Authorization Act, this excess federal property can be acquired for the law enforcement mission. The “1033 Program” is operated by the Defense Logistics Agency, Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) which acts as the approval authority for excess DOD property deemed suitable for use by law enforcement.

The Sheriff’s Department’s Federal Excess Property Acquisition Unit (Fed-Ex) acquires excess military property ranging from boots, helmets, sleeping bags, and cold weather gear, to night vision equipment, generators, vehicles, boats, and aircraft. The two full-time deputy sheriffs operate a fleet of two Peterbilt tractors, six trailers, a Chevrolet van, and a Crown Victoria. Traveling more than 150,000 miles annually, the Fed-Ex deputies screen military property at various Defense Re-Utilization and Marketing Offices (DRMO’s) located on military bases throughout the United States. These deputies are licensed to drive their assigned tractor/trailer “big-rigs” and regularly commute across the United States to acquire this excess property. In fact, they are such a common sight on our nation’s roadways that they are now recognized by many trucking companies and drivers throughout the nation. In addition to property screening and pick-up, the Fed-Ex deputies are called upon by the Department for heavy equipment pick-up and transportation, as well as arranging for the movement of high-dollar equipment. This saves the Department thousands of dollars in transportation costs each year. The Fed-Ex deputies recently transported the three new “Bear” armored vehicles currently used by the Special Enforcement Bureau. In addition, because of the expertise of our Fed-Ex deputies, they routinely assist other law enforcement agencies with their needs and requests, as well.

Items recently acquired by the Fed-Ex Unit include several patrol “fast” boats, Sikorsky H-3 Sea King rescue helicopters (valued at $2.5 million each), and twenty-five H-3 helicopter jet engines (valued at $1 million each). Over the past five years, the Fed-Ex Unit has acquired, on average, more than $13 million in surplus property annually. In 2004 alone, the Fed-Ex Unit acquired surplus property valued at more than $25 million.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department’s Federal Excess Property Acquisition Unit is recognized as the most successful law enforcement agency taking advantage of this resource. The continued success and benefits of this program are attributed to the dedication, expertise, and enthusiasm of the Fed-Ex Unit deputies who staff this Unit.
MEDAL OF VALOR

The Medal of Valor award is the highest honor a member of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department can receive. It is 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 risk involved.

MERITORIOUS CONDUCT GOLD MEDAL

This medal is the second highest award a Department member can receive. It is awarded to persons who place themselves in immediate peril and perform an act of heroism and/or save the life of another person.

MERITORIOUS CONDUCT SILVER MEDAL

This medal is awarded to persons who, when confronted by circumstances beyond the normal course of their duties, place themselves in potential peril while performing an act of heroism or while saving or attempting to save the life of another person.
On May 20, 2001, Sergeant Leslie and Deputy Cofield responded to a Santa Monica residence that had been rocked by an enormous underground explosion. The explosion occurred in a “Cold War” era bomb shelter 15 feet below the ground in the backyard of a residence. Family members told Leslie and Cofield that their 85-year-old father had built the shelter in the early 60’s and had used it to store items, including possible explosives and explosive chemicals.

Leslie and Cofield searched through the debris for several minutes; they located the victim, who was obviously deceased, and attached a retrieval line to the body. While attempting to ascend, the victim’s body wedged into the narrow shaft, trapping them in the shelter. Fire Department personnel pulled Leslie and Cofield to the surface just as their air ran out.

For displaying great personal courage above and beyond the call of duty in the face of immediate life-threatening peril, with full knowledge of the risk involved, Sergeant Eugene Leslie and Deputy Michael Cofield are awarded the Department’s highest honor, the Medal of Valor.

On October 13, 2002, East Los Angeles Deputy Ricardo Pedroza observed a vehicle that had crashed into the fence of a residence and appeared to be on fire; a 10 year-old boy was standing bewildered next to the truck. The boy’s uncle had shot himself in the head and was still alive inside the vehicle.

Deputy Pedroza removed the boy from harm’s way and called for assistance. Sergeant Shannon, Deputy Lass, and Deputy Millan responded. As the vehicle suddenly erupted in fire, its interior quickly filling with thick black smoke, Pedroza reached in and cut the occupant loose with a knife. Shannon, Lass, Millan, and Pedroza dragged the occupant from the fire. Rescue efforts failed to save the man’s life, but that does not diminish the effort displayed by the deputies in their attempt.

For acting in the face of circumstances beyond the normal scope of their duties and placing themselves in potential peril while attempting to save the life of another, Deputy Darren Lass and Deputy Chad Millan are awarded the Meritorious Conduct Medal, Silver. For placing themselves in immediate life-threatening peril to perform an act of exceptional heroism while attempting to save the life of another, Sergeant Thomas Shannon and Deputy Ricardo Pedroza are awarded the Meritorious Conduct Medal, Gold.
On January 28, 2003, Deputies Allen Dollens and Michael Knieriem were patrolling Compton Boulevard when they observed a female standing next to a black sports utility vehicle (SUV) screaming for help. The deputies could clearly see three small children and two male adults in the vehicle. The deputies were driving towards the woman when the two men jumped from the SUV and ran into the adjacent neighborhood. Dollens and Knieriem knew an attempted carjacking when they saw it and turned their patrol car to follow the fleeing felons.

Suddenly, one of the suspects turned and pointed a stainless steel Smith and Wesson .45 caliber handgun at them and began shooting. The first suspect continued to fire, while the second fired a barrage of bullets at the deputies from a Tech 9 semiautomatic machine pistol. Dollens found cover in an alcove and began returning gunfire. Knieriem found himself on the other side of the radio car and began to return fire, as well. The deputies continued to engage fire until both suspects were down. Both suspects succumbed to their wounds.

We will never know what might have happened if Dollens and Knieriem had not been present. However, due to their conspicuous display of great courage in the face of immediate life-threatening peril, and with full knowledge of the risk involved, Deputy Allen Dollens and Deputy Michael Knieriem are awarded the Department’s highest award, the Medal of Valor.

On August 12, 2003, in the mid-morning, Century Sheriff’s Station received a call that a man was drowning in the lake at Earvin “Magic” Johnson Park, located in the unincorporated area of Athens Park. Responding units were met by panicked workers from the Los Angeles County Parks Department. They told the deputies that a man had walked into the lake until he was completely submerged. It appeared the man was attempting to kill himself.

Deputy Jesus Rojas and Los Angeles County Police Officer Michael Clark stripped off their gun belts, shoes, and protective vests. The two men, tethered together by a cord, waded into the water. About 40 feet from shore, the water level reached their chins. After several minutes of searching, they saw the victim. Unfortunately, and despite the heroic efforts of his two rescuers, the victim never regained consciousness.

For placing themselves in immediate peril in an attempt to rescue a drowning man, with full knowledge of the danger involved, Deputy Jesus Rojas is awarded the Meritorious Conduct Medal, Gold, and Officer Michael Clark of the Los Angeles County Office of Public Safety is awarded the Sheriff’s Department’s Star Scroll.
On June 28, 2004, Sergeant Myron Johnson responded to a call of a suicidal man who was standing on the wrong side of a freeway overpass safety fence. Sergeant Johnson and officers from the Hawthorne Police Department were talking to the man and trying to approach close enough that they might handcuff him to the fence. They tried to grab him; fingers, shirt, sleeve—anything to keep him from jumping. As the man struggled to free himself, Johnson climbed the 10-foot fence, bent over at the top of the fence, and grabbed the man’s hand. Johnson eventually secured both of the man’s hands to the fence with handcuffs.

For displaying reverence for human life when confronted by circumstances beyond the normal scope of his duties and placing himself in potential peril to save the life of another, Sergeant Myron Johnson is awarded the Meritorious Conduct Medal, Silver.

On January 10, 2004, around 2:00 p.m., a call went out that a vehicle had driven into the California Aqueduct. Normally, two Emergency Services Detail paramedics/divers would respond in the Air 5 rescue helicopter, large enough to carry both divers and their equipment. But, at the time, Air 5 was busy transporting a patient to Huntington Memorial Hospital and was unable to respond in a timely manner. Another much lighter helicopter, Air 29, was available, but its smaller size necessitated transporting only one diver to the accident. The decision was made to send Deputy Tracy River alone.

It took River less than two minutes to locate the car at the bottom of the channel in 17 feet of water. River diligently worked to free the occupant who finally came free. River struggled with him to the surface. Although the occupant died as a result of the accident, Deputy River’s efforts were noteworthy.

For displaying great courage above and beyond the call of duty in the face of immediate life-threatening peril, with full knowledge of the risk involved, Deputy Tracy River is awarded the Department’s highest honor, the Medal of Valor.
On January 1, 2005, around 3:45 a.m., Deputy Knox and his partner, Pasadena Police Officer Matthew Widger, were working a foot beat, providing overnight security for the Rose Parade attendees camped out for a good spot. A resident ran up to the pair and screamed that a house was on fire; further, that her boyfriend was trapped inside. Knox and Widger ran to the house and found it fully engulfed in flames, smoke pouring out of every opening. With complete disregard for their own personal safety, they crawled into the house on their hands and knees. They made it a few feet into a room, but intense heat and black suffocating smoke forced their retreat. Yells for help from inside the location steeled Knox and Widger for another try. They broke out a window and pulled the 230-pound victim out to safety. Within minutes, the entire structure was completely destroyed.

For conspicuously displaying great courage above and beyond the call of duty in the face of immediate life-threatening peril, with full knowledge of the risk involved, to save the life of another human being, Deputy Jeffery Knox is awarded the Department’s highest honor, the Medal of Valor, and Officer Matthew Widger of the Pasadena Police Department is awarded the Sheriff’s Department’s Star Scroll.

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On July 3, 1989, Deputy Raymond Roth and Deputy Carlos Bowers were dispatched to the top of Turnbull Canyon to evacuate any residents who hadn’t yet evacuated from an approaching brushfire. There was a single home positioned at the very summit of the hill that appeared occupied, thus the deputies headed for that. A 10-foot-high wall, coupled with a sturdy steel front gate, precluded them from entering the residence, but using their patrol car’s public address system, they made contact with the occupants.

A man who said he was the gardener told the deputies there were two female employees also in the house. The deputies collected the two others, but by this time the entire surrounding area was in flames and the burning trees and bushes lining the driveway blistered the house.

Trapped, the deputies used the one lifeline they had, requesting assistance from any fire department personnel in the area. A fire department water-dropping helicopter was directed to their location and dropped water onto the front gate, extinguishing the flames momentarily and opening up a path through the inferno. The patrol car raced through the opening and made its way to a fire company on a nearby access road. The deputies assisted the firefighters in beating back the flames, again helped by water-dropping helicopters. At this point, the deputies were able to successfully transport the others to a safe area. Later, they received a report from the helicopter crew that the house had burned to its foundation.

For conspicuously displaying great courage in the face of immediate life-threatening peril, with full knowledge of the risk involved, to perform the rescue of three other people who surely would have perished, Sergeant Raymond Roth and Deputy Carlos Bowers are awarded the Department’s highest honor, the Medal of Valor.
On April 13, 2004, while heading home, Deputy Jose Ovalle saw a fireball erupt on the opposite side of the Golden State Freeway a short distance ahead of him. The freeway was unusually deserted, even for 3 a.m. As he pulled up, Ovalle saw a car engulfed in fire.

Ovalle stopped his car and rushed over to the burning vehicle. He saw a female trapped in the rear seat of the burning car, her hair on fire. Ovalle ran back to his own car and took out a crowbar. He broke out the back window and pulled the victim out of danger. He extinguished the victim and carried her to a position of safety. He then used his cell phone and called for assistance; the California Highway Patrol arrived within a few minutes. The injured woman was taken by ambulance to a local hospital.

For placing himself in great peril to perform an act of exceptional heroism in the attempt to save another life, with full knowledge of the risk involved, Deputy Jose Ovalle is awarded the Meritorious Conduct Medal, Gold.

On November 17, 2004, Reserve Deputy Raul “Sonny” Centeno was negotiating the twists and turns of the Angeles Forest Highway on his way home from a long shift. A Los Angeles Police Department motor officer passed Centeno and lost control of his bike, plunging over the steep sides that make up the canyon. Centeno stopped his car and ran to the spot where the officer and the motorcycle had disappeared. At the road’s edge, Centeno observed the officer lying motionless about 40 feet over the side; the motorcycle was 75 feet below that.

Although Centeno was 55 years old, in street clothes, without emergency equipment, and unable to get reception on his cell phone, he was a trained emergency medical technician. If he could just make his way down to the injured police officer, Centeno knew he would be able to help. He reached the officer and carried him up the steep embankment. Centeno then transported the injured officer to a local hospital.

For placing himself in immediate peril and performing an act of exceptional bravery to save the life of another, Reserve Deputy Raul Centeno is awarded the Meritorious Conduct Medal, Gold.
Deputy Tutino was a dedicated professional law enforcement officer who attained expertise in fields that many in law enforcement did not understand. Jim spent 21 years working in the Los Angeles County jail system, and he knew it better than nearly anyone. He not only knew the system, but he also knew the people who called jail and prison home. The jail was Jim’s police beat and it was his desire to know it better than anyone. This beat is a world void of rational thinking – a place where a stare will get a man beat down, a mis-spoken word will get you stabbed, using the wrong phone can cause a riot, and where talking to the police will get you killed. In this world, righteousness and virtue are viewed as weakness, and hate and brutality are viewed as strengths. It’s a place where guys named “Evil,” “Wicked,” and “Psycho” are the “community.”

It was in this world that Jim was able to make sense of the senseless. Jim knew there was a reason for everything; seemingly meaningless acts actually had meaning. Somewhere Jim was able to understand this chaos. Jim had an unquenchable desire to know every aspect of this world; it was his police beat. He had to understand what was behind this insanity.

Jim knew there were few people who were capable of doing what he did and even fewer who did it as well. He knew that in order to combat an enemy, you have to know the enemy. Jim strived to know them better than anyone else. And he did.

He had friends and contacts throughout the Sheriff’s Department, Los Angeles Police Department, Federal Bureau of Investigation, California Department of Corrections, and nearly every other law enforcement agency around. He had sources he couldn’t tell you about.

Jim always tried to do what was right. He did it to protect the people he loved, his fellow deputies and custody assistants working in the jails. He did it for his family. He did it to protect the community. He even did it to protect the crooks from themselves. He did it because that was his job as a Los Angeles County Deputy Sheriff.

Jim lived his personal life as hard as he worked. If he started an activity, he tried to master it. He always gave 100 percent. He loved to run and nearly always took part in the Baker to Vegas relay race, on the old guys’ team. He loved Ford Mustangs, and knew them backwards and forwards. He was born in Pennsylvania and was a die-hard Pittsburgh Steelers fan. However, above everything else, Jim loved people. His family and friends came first, and after that he tried to help anyone he could.

Jim was a teenager at heart which explains his love of kids. How else could a guy go from working a full shift at the largest jail in the country, dealing with gang members, to face a group of teenagers on a hot football field in the middle of August. He loved the kids and he loved the game. In his off time, he would spend hours upon hours going over plays and reviewing game tapes. Win or lose, he loved working with the team and helping the players on and off the field.

Deputy James P. Tutino was a true friend, a faithful husband, a loving father, a dedicated coach, and a great cop.

Submitted by Deputy Tutino’s friend and supervisor, Lieutenant Roger Ross.
On June 24, 2005, a coward murdered Deputy Jerry Ortiz while Jerry conducted a shooting investigation. Hundreds of law enforcement officers responded to the scene and the suspect was arrested later that evening. Charges are pending that will ultimately become a capital punishment case.

Jerry Ortiz lived life with a passion. That passion extended to his family, his wife, his children, his job, and his hobbies. We have a tendency to evaluate a Deputy Sheriff on his career and law enforcement skills. Jerry’s skills were evident in every assignment he had, including his nearly four years with Operation Safe Streets Bureau. The day before he was murdered, he was told that he’d been successful in the gang investigator selection process and would be a detective within the next few months.

Jerry brought a sophistication to the job that not many recognized. His ability to express empathy toward victims, witnesses, and even suspects gave him access to information that few others could obtain. While well aware of his physical skills, he used his compassion and gentleness far more effectively.

Boxing is the arena that brought Jerry much of his recognition. Jerry was not a dancer, content to flick out a jab and “out-strategize” an opponent. He closed with his opponents and engaged in a physical combat that was less than subtle, characterized by devastating body shots and a willingness to exchange blows. His style led to many victories against the United States Marines’ and the Los Angeles Police Department’s Boxing Teams, and in the Police Olympics. In addition to winning many medals at state and regional police games, Jerry also won a gold medal in the World Police Games.

Jerry wanted his mother Rosa to attend his matches. She did so reluctantly and always carried a rosary in her right hand. Prior to one match, Jerry pointed out that his opponent’s mother was present and she also carried a rosary. Jerry’s mother opened her left hand toward Jerry to show that she carried a second rosary. The second rosary apparently carried the day because Jerry won his fight.

Jerry’s friends were privileged to share his personal life. He beamed when he talked of his new wife and best friend Chela. His two sons brought him immense joy and pride. His smile when talking about his wife and sons was luminous. Anyone who was around Jerry knew that smile. There was no hesitancy, no caution, no subtlety . . . just an expression of unrestrained joy that changed a 35-year-old man into a 17-year-old kid.

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Jerry was a dichotomy in many ways: a gang cop who was an usher at his church every Sunday, a fighter who called his mother four to five times a day to see how she was doing, a man who taught defensive tactics to young deputies so they would be safe, and yet a man who made himself vulnerable by living and loving with passion every day of his life. When one of his sons was with Jerry and the other was away, he would have them call each other and talk on the phone for 15 minutes every night so they remained close. His house was filled with pictures of his two boys, Jeremy and Jacob.

Teddy Roosevelt could have been speaking of Jerry when he said: “Far better it is to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure, than to take rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy much nor suffer much, because they live in the gray twilight that knows not victory nor defeat.”

Jerry dared mighty things, won glorious victories, and can never be accused of being a poor spirit who lived in a gray twilight. Jerry basked in the light of love from his family, his wife, and his sons.

God, hold Jerry close and embrace him . . . we miss his smile.
## Department Budget

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Budgeted Positions for Fiscal Year 2005-2006 (excludes student professional workers and student workers).
Department Personnel Strength

As of December 1, 2005

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2005 Part I Crime Clock

- One Larceny Theft every 15 minutes
- One Grand Theft Auto every 33 minutes
- One Burglary every 2 hours
- One Aggravated Assault every 3 minutes
- One Forcible Rape every 45 minutes
- One Homicide every 9 hours
- One Arson every 23 hours

YEAR IN REVIEW 2005

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PERCENTAGE: 84%

TOTAL PROFESSIONAL STAFF: 5,999
PERCENTAGE: 39%

TOTAL PERSONNEL: 14,193
PERCENTAGE: 39%
**Department Crime Activity Summary**

**SYNOPSIS:**
- 2005 Preliminary Data
- Percent change based on preliminary 2005 data and is subject to change once 2005 data is finalized.

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