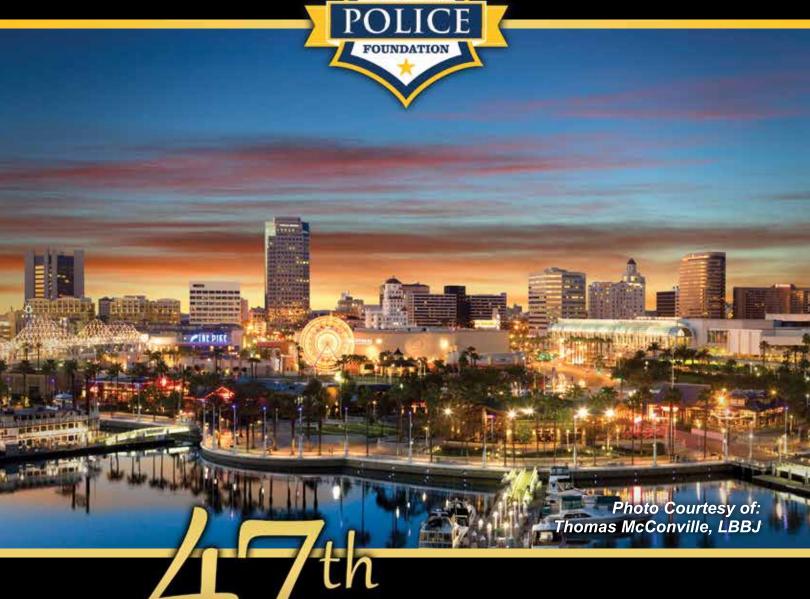
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THE ANNUAL POLICE AWARDS CEREMONY

June 30, 2015

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MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA CITY OF LONG BEACH

June 30, 2015

Dear Friends:

Welcome to the Long Beach Police Foundation's 47th Annual Awards Ceremony for the Long Beach Police Department. I couldn't be prouder to have this opportunity to thank and recognize the bravery, skill and dedication of our command staff, officers, civilian employees and community volunteers. You are the reason Long Beach residents can sleep soundly each night, and you represent the highest level of civic pride and service. On behalf of our entire city, thank you.

Tonight's award recipients have earned this recognition by going above and beyond the call of duty to keep our city safe and to help our residents in need. A city can only be as great as its public safety services, and your commitment and diligence have made our police department and our city the best there is.

I am constantly grateful for our police, and for the Foundation that provides so much support to the men and women in uniform. Your professionalism and integrity are outstanding, and I want you to know that you are deeply appreciated.

I also want to congratulate you for helping to make Long Beach as safe as it has been for generations. That should be celebrated.

You have one of the hardest jobs in the world, and because you are looking out for us, Long Beach is a better place.

Thank you again, and congratulations to all tonight's awardees.

Sincerely,

Mayor Robert Garcia

Long Beach Police Foundation & Long Beach Police Department

We are pleased to announce the 47th Annual Police Awards Ceremony to recognize Long Beach police officers, civilian employees, police volunteers and community members for their heroism and dedication throughout the past year. This is the fifth year in which the Long Beach Police Foundation has collaborated with the Long Beach Police Department to share this event with the community. The Police Foundation is a private, 501(c)(3), non-profit organization dedicated to fostering visible and direct community support to promote public safety and enhance the programs and services of the Long Beach Police Department.

Hard work and personal sacrifice are needed to ensure safety and quality of life throughout the city. The awards presented today recognize only a small portion of the many significant actions that were taken in 2014. There is no doubt that successful collaborations between the community and the Police Department are critical to identifying and addressing the public safety challenges confronting our city. These collaborations help strengthen our strategic vision of a "Safe City for All People." The Awards Ceremony celebrates this teamwork and inspires us to sustain and improve partnerships in the future.

To learn more about how you can partner with the Long Beach Police Foundation, please visit www.lbpolicefoundation.org.

Sincerely,

Bruce D.D. MacRae Vice President

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Robert G. Luna Chief of Police

Long Beach Police Department



Program

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Long Beach Police Department Color Guard

Pledge of Allegiance

Alan Feldman, Explorer Commander

Invocation

Pastor Brian Apodaca

Welcome & Opening Remarks

Michael Beckman, Deputy Chief, Support Bureau, Long Beach Police Department Braden Phillips, LBPF Board Liaison Administration Bureau Chief, Long Beach Police Department

Mayor's Remarks

The Honorable Robert Garcia, Mayor, City of Long Beach

Long Beach Police Foundation Message & Sponsor Recognition

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Chief's Remarks

Chief Robert Luna, Long Beach Police Department

Daryle Black Memorial Essay Contest Winners

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Outstanding Community Partner
Volunteer Service
Unit Citation
Distinguished Service Award
Meritorious Award for Bravery
Meritorious Award for Heroism
Chief's Community Policing Award
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Employees of the Year

Closing Remarks

Chief Robert Luna Bruce D.D. MacRae



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To financially support and enhance the programs and services of the Long Beach Police Department in the areas of **Training**, **Technology**, **Equipment** and **Community Outreach**.

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- Annual Police Awards Ceremony
- Explorer Program
- · Quality of Life
- Shop with a Cop
- Toy Patrol
- Youth Leadership Academy

GRANTS RECENTLY FUNDED

- Bikes for Patrol
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- Honor Guard Protocol Training
- Leadership Training
- Narcotics Detection K9 "Ozzy"
- Refurbishing of 'Soft' Interview Room for Child Abuse Victims
- Street Drug Guides for Police Recruits
- Uniforms & Equipment for Search & Rescue Academy

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OUTSIDE AGENCY AWARDS

LBPD EMPLOYEE RECIPIENTS OF OUTSIDE AGENCY AWARDS - 2014

- Officer Jason Lehman received the "Anti-Defamation League – Helene and Joseph Sherwood Prize for Combating Hate."
- Officers Bradley Futak and Christopher Roth received the "Centurion Award for Excellence in Community Policing."
- Motor Officers Binh Duong and Richard Wharton were recognized at the "MADD Awards."
- Officer Marco Cruz received the "LoJack Vehicle Theft Award of Merit 2013/2014."
- Detective Christopher Zamora and the Long Beach City Prosecutor's Office received the "Metlife Foundation Community Police Partnership Award for Excellence in Gang Prevention & Youth Safety" – 2014.

- The Vice Field Investigations Team received the following awards in 2014 for their outstanding efforts in Human Trafficking investigations:
 - Peace Officers Association of Los Angeles County – "Centurion Award for Excellence in Investigations"
 - o End Abuse Long Beach "Annual Award of Recognition"
 - o FBI "Joint Investigations Award" for their joint efforts to fight human trafficking in the 2014 calendar year
 - City Prosecutor's Office "Impact Award" for their work arresting suspects and providing services to the victims



2015 RED CROSS CPR/FIRST AID CERTIFICATES (FOR ACTIONS PERFORMED IN CALENDAR YEAR 2014)

Officer Ernesto Betancourt Officer Sovanna Ly Officer Conrad Penn Officer Garey Bruyere
Officer Brandon Mitchell
Officer Guadalupe Villescas Payan

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2015 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD





DARYLE BLACK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY WINNERS



The Daryle Black Memorial Scholarship sponsored by the Long Beach Police Foundation offers scholarships for members of the Long Beach Police Explorer Post #295. The scholarship is in memory of fallen Long Beach Police Officer Daryle Black, who was killed in the line of duty in April of 2000.

This year's theme was - "What are your dreams for the future and how is being a part of the Explorer's program going to help you accomplish them?" We want to thank the judges who reviewed all of the essays: Board Member Helen Najar, Administrative Director Denise Porrazzo, Interns Alejandra Cruz, Robynn Cochran, Danielle Galeazzi and contest organizer, Betty Jean Thompson.



Frankie McCoy Explorer Lieutenant 1st place \$500



Gracen Alvarez Explorer Sergeant 2nd place \$300



Alan Feldman Explorer Commander 3rd place \$200



Joseph Chavez Explorer Sergeant 3rd place \$200 (Tie)



AWARDS OF THE LONG BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEDAL OF HONOR

is awarded to the family of an officer killed in the line of duty.

MEDAL OF VALOR

is awarded to an employee for an extraordinary act of heroism and courage and performed at great risk to the employee's life or safety in an effort to preserve human life.

PURPLE HEART

is awarded to an employee who has sustained a significant physical injury while performing their duty in the furtherance of law enforcement.

EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP AWARD

is awarded to a member of the Chief's Command Staff who has exhibited outstanding performance, professionalism and exemplary leadership.

CHIEF'S COMMUNITY POLICING AWARD

is presented to those individuals embracing the Community Oriented Public Safety philosophy in developing strategies that promote proactive solving and community partnerships to address the causes of crime and social disorder

MERITORIOUS AWARD FOR HEROISM

is awarded to an employee for an act of heroism that is performed at great risk to the employee's safety in an effort to preserve human life.

MERITORIOUS AWARD FOR BRAVERY

is awarded to an employee for an act of bravery extending above and beyond the normal demands of police service or for a service performed at great personal risk.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

is awarded to an employee for outstanding performance of duty.

UNIT CITATION

is presented to a group of employees for the collective performance of a distinguished act or acts, or a significant contribution benefiting the department, or outstanding performance of duty, which is above and beyond the normal demands of police service.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

is presented to community members or City employees for courageous actions taken to protect life, prevent crime, or provide other outstanding service to the Long Beach Police Department.

OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY PARTNER

is presented to an individual or organization that has demonstrated exceptional partnership with the Police Department and a commitment to improving community safety.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS



RICHARD DONAHUE

On April 22, 2014, Richard Donahue saw two suspicious women leaving his neighbor's backyard. As they walked down the street, they got into a vehicle and began to drive away. Richard followed them in his van and was able to obtain the license plate number of the suspects' vehicle. He then returned to his neighbor's house and saw that a window screen had been removed from the rear bedroom window and that the house appeared to have been burglarized. Richard contacted police to notify them of the crime and provide them with the suspects' descriptions. Thanks to the license plate information he provided, the suspects were located and arrested.

Richard Donahue is to be commended for his keen observations and his quick actions to gather critical information regarding a crime that occurred in his neighborhood. As a result of his efforts, the stolen items were returned to his neighbor and two burglary suspects are off the streets.

TODD HOLLY

On May 19, 2014, Todd Holly left his residence to take his dog out for a walk. He saw a parked landscaping truck with two landscapers nearby, not paying attention to the truck. Holly saw an individual reach into the truck on the drivers' side and notified the landscapers of the incident. Later, when Todd returned home, he saw the same suspicious individual walking away from his residence carrying a backpack and laptop. When he realized that the backpack and laptop the suspect was carrying belonged to him and had been stolen from his house, he confronted the suspect. The suspect threw the backpack at Holly, but Holly grabbed the suspect's jacket and used his martial arts skills to detain the suspect until officers arrived. Officers conducted a search of the suspect for weapons and additional loss. They recovered a loaded black 40-caliber semi-auto handgun that was stolen in another burglary. Thanks to Todd Holly's bravery and quick actions to subdue the suspect, a dangerous burglary suspect was apprehended.

ALEJANDRO CASTENADA

On October 11, 2014, Alejandro Castaneda observed an officer drop his flashlight while chasing an auto theft suspect. Alejandro picked up the flashlight and went to find the officer to return it to him. When he located the officer, he was attempting to detain the fleeing suspect in the center median of Atlantic Avenue. Alejandro assisted him by lying across the suspect's legs while the officer handcuffed the suspect. The suspect was wanted in Illinois for multiple counts of possession of a stolen vehicle, aggravated fleeing to elude police, and theft. Alejandro Castaneda is commended for disregarding his own safety to assist an officer with apprehending a dangerous felony suspect. Thanks to his efforts, no one was injured during the encounter.

KEVIN ALLISON AND STEVE BROWN

On October 24 2014, Officers were dispatched to the 4500 block of Montair Avenue regarding a group of juveniles who were tagging a carport area and smoking marijuana. When an officer arrived on scene, the juveniles turned and fled. As the officer located two of the suspects, the suspects became confrontational and combative and refused to comply with his commands. The officer requested the assistance of additional units over the radio.

Kevin Allison and Steve Brown were driving through the neighborhood after dropping their children off at school and saw the officer struggling to control the uncooperative suspects. Recognizing that the officer was outnumbered, they stopped and came to his aid. Both Kevin and Steve intervened physically when requested by the officers. Their quick actions assisted the officer in controlling the situation until additional officers could arrive on scene. Kevin Allison and Steve Brown are to be commended for their courageous efforts and their willingness to get involved and assist a police officer in a in a volatile situation.



COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

IAN FENNELL AND LARASHANDA WHEELER

On July 6, 2014, the Long Beach Police Communications Center called Long Beach Transit Communications regarding a missing 10-year-old boy. Transit Communications Supervisor LaRashanda Wheeler relayed the critical missing boy's description to all LBT coach operators and field personnel. Coach Operator Ian Fennell notified Supervisor Wheeler that he had a passenger on board who matched the description of the missing boy. Long Beach Police responded to Ocean Boulevard and 8th Place and when they boarded the bus, they confirmed the boy was the missing child and reunited him with his family. Transit Supervisor LaRashanda Wheeler and Coach Operator Ian Fennell are to be commended for their diligence and quick actions that helped save significant manpower and resources and led to the safe return of a missing child.

ANGELA ALLEN AND JESUS SANTANA

On July 9, 2014, the Long Beach Police Communications Center contacted Long Beach Transit Communications regarding a missing 17-year-old girl and a five-year-old boy. Police officers were frantically searching for the children and believed they were possibly the victims of foul play. Transit Supervisor Jesus Santana, who was working dispatch when the call came in, relayed the missing persons' information to all coach operators and field personnel. Coach Operator Angela Allen notified Supervisor Santana that she had possibly dropped off the missing subjects, at Bellflower Boulevard and Flower Street, and they were last seen walking northbound on Bellflower Boulevard. Due to the lead from Long Beach Transit, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department was notified and the missing children were located at Alondra and Bellflower Boulevard, in the City of Bellflower. The children were safe and had not been victims of a crime. Long Beach Transit Supervisor Jesus Santana and Coach Operator Angela Allen are to be commended for their attention to detail and timely response to this situation. Their quick actions saved law enforcement from using significant manpower and resources during the search and ensured the safe return of the missing children.

NANETTE WEST

On June 6, 2014, Long Beach Transit Coach Operator Driver Nanette West notified Transit Communications about a young man who entered her bus with his dog and walked to the rear of the bus without paying his fare. When she attempted to communicate to the young man, she realized that he was disabled and alone and became concerned for the young man's safety. She requested assistance from a Transit Enforcement Officer. While an officer was on his way to evaluate the situation, Long Beach Police Dispatch aired information regarding a critical missing 19-year-old male, with mental capacity of a 5-year-old boy, and his missing dog. The officer boarded the bus and confirmed the passenger in question was the missing subject. He was later reunited with his family. Coach Operator Nanette West is to be commended for her compassion, care for the community, and her attention to detail in recognizing a situation that involved safety concerns for one of her passengers.

GENEVA CLAYBORNE AND SIXTO MACIAS

On June 15, 2014, at 7:15 a.m., a Long Beach Police Transit Enforcement Officer obtained information regarding a critically missing 89-year-old man with a severe medical condition. The officer contacted Transit Communications Supervisor Sixto Macias, who relayed the missing man's information to all coach operators and field personnel.

At approximately 9:45 a.m., Coach Operator Geneva Clayborne notified Transit Communications that she believed the missing man was a passenger on her bus. This information was relayed to the officers who were searching for the man and they responded to the area of Santa Fe Avenue and Pacific Coast Highway to board the bus. The officers confirmed the identity of the missing man and reunited him with his family. Transit Supervisor Sixto Macias and Coach Operator Geneva Clayborne are to be commended for their diligence and attention to detail which resulted in the safe return of a critically ill missing person.

OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY PARTNER



PASTOR GREGORY SANDERS

The Long Beach Police Department strives to help make Long Beach a safe City for all people. Our mission is to provide "Public Safety Through Partnerships." The Police Department recognizes the importance of collaboration between many stakeholders, from residents and businesses to non-profit organizations, other City departments and community groups.

This year, the Police Department is introducing a new annual award – the Outstanding Community Partner Award - to honor someone who has consistently demonstrated interest in working closely with the Police Department to achieve the goal of making Long Beach a safe city for all people.



Gregory Sanders *Pastor*

Pastor Gregory Sanders, of The ROCK Christian Fellowship, has distinguished himself as a community advocate, problem solver, and team member. Through his leadership at town

hall meetings and his role with the Minsters' Alliance, he has demonstrated a passion to serve the community with his active participation in our last two recruitment efforts. Pastor Sanders has introduced Department staff at church functions and talked about our recruitment efforts in an effort to increase diversity. He has been observed actively recruiting for the Department from a pulpit/podium, stressing the need for officers of the highest integrity, honor and trustworthiness.

Pastor Sanders has worked closely with the Police Department to improve community relations and to promote the Department's commitment to transparency with the goal of improving public safety services. Pastor Sanders has been a conduit to the community to provide the facts regarding incidents that have occurred in our community and quell rumors or misinformation.

Pastor Sanders has taken an active role in discussing concerns with Department staff that have come up in the community. He participated in and became a subject matter expert on "Biased Based Policing" training for the California Commission on Peace Officers Standards and Training. He was instrumental in bringing a community perspective to the group that assisted in creating a statewide training video that is used to train sworn officers. This commitment consisted of three weeks of meeting and production time spread over a three month period.

Pastor Sanders is a passionate and involved community leader who makes Long Beach a better place. He is truly a partner in public safety and his dedication and willingness to mentor others is of tremendous benefit to our community. For his exceptional contributions and tireless commitment to improving public safety in Long Beach, Pastor Gregory Sanders is recognized with the 2015 Outstanding Community Partner Award.



VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

The Long Beach Police Department is extremely grateful for the hundreds of dedicated Police Volunteers who generously donate their time and their talents to benefit the Police Department and the community. Last year, volunteers contributed over 48,000 hours of service with a value of over \$1.4 million. The Volunteer Service Award recognizes those Police Volunteers who have selflessly given over 500 hours of service during 2014.



Micheal Brown Volunteer/Explorer Advisor 1,930 Hours



Mike Yoachum Senior Police Partner 1,549 Hours



Frank Kuehn
Reserve Sergeant/S&R Advisor
1,120 Hours



Isidro Lopez Senior Police Partner 733 Hours



Jose M Flores *Volunteer* 725 Hours



Paige White Explorer Lieutenant 684 Hours



Ed Guerry Senior Police Partner 614 Hours



Jesse Villa Police Explorer 601 Hours



Kenia Duarte
Explorer Lieutenant
582 Hours



Alexis Miranda

Police Explorer

574 Hours



David Madigan
Reserve Lieutenant
564 Hours



Senior Police Partner 552 Hours



Samuel King Search and Rescue Explorer 543 Hours



Marshaun Scott Search and Rescue Explorer 516 Hours



Alan Feldman

Explorer Commander
504 Hours



Maribel Castillo
Police Explorer
503 Hours

UNIT CITATION



UNIT CITATION - NORTH DIVISION DIRECTED ENFORCEMENT TEAM

The ability to dedicate police resources towards long term and nuisance problems within the city is a rare and limited opportunity. Once given the opportunity, it is crucial that those resources are efficient and productive. The North Division Directed Enforcement Team or "DET" is exactly that. They are a patrol based, proactive team comprised of a sergeant and seven officers. The team focuses on violent crime, gang, drug activity and nuisance locations throughout the North Long Beach and work closely with detectives to solve and prevent crime. Throughout the past year, they have been instrumental in combating crime issues that plague citizens in the northern portion of the City of Long Beach.

Working in a small team environment, the North DET team has accomplished a great deal to reduce crime and improve the quality of life for those in the neighborhoods they patrol. During the first quarter of 2014, the team made 90 felony and 18 misdemeanor arrests. Of those arrests, 66 were documented gang members and 22 were on probation or parole. The team served 8 search warrants during that time and made 48 arrests related to the possession or sales of narcotics.

In 2014, their arrest and investigative productivity was also extremely impressive. The team was responsible for 345 felony arrests, 60 misdemeanor arrests, 191 arrests of documented gang members, 125 arrests of probationers or parolees, 28 search warrants served and 21 guns taken off the street.

The North Division Directed Enforcement Team is to be commended for their relentless efforts to reduce violent crime and to impact gang and narcotics activity. Their commitment to impacting crime and nuisance locations throughout their division has made a significant positive impact on the quality of life in our community.

Sergeant Robert Bernsen #5925
Officer Joshua Brearley #6226
Officer Andrew Calderon #6307
Officer Jeffery Deneen #6187
Officer Andrew Fox #6186
Officer Adrian Hunt #10011
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LONG BEACH POLICE FOUNDATION

UNIT CITATION

CRIME IMPACT MOTOR TEAM

The Crime Impact Motor Team was implemented in January 2008, to utilize traffic enforcement techniques and proactive gang enforcement to help reduce violent and gang related criminal activity. In addition to targeting areas that have shown an increase in violent crime activity, the Impact Motors also assist on priority calls for service, reducing the response time for those calls.

Due to their speed and mobility, the Crime Impact Motor Team has been used in numerous task force operations, protest marches and motorcycle gang interventions. This non-traditional approach to reducing violent and gang-related crime has been a tremendous success, helping to make the community safer for both citizens and law enforcement personnel. The officers in this unit are to be commended for their dedication, innovation and commitment to this new crime fighting strategy.

One example of the outstanding work accomplished by the team occurred on July 24, 2014, when several of the team members were dispatched to a call of possible gang members, armed with handguns, who were outside of a victim's apartment waiting to harm him. After establishing a perimeter and coordinating a search of the area, three individuals were arrested and several handguns were recovered.

During 2014, the Impact Motors created over 5,900 self-initiated calls, and assisted on over 3,900 other calls for service. Though traffic enforcement, they also became a highly visible arm of the Police Department issuing over 3,300 moving violation citations and arresting 66 drivers who were under the influence.

As a result of their productivity, the Crime Impact Motor Team is highly recognized by Division Commanders as a force-multiplier, and directly impacts crime in areas that are challenging for the Patrol Divisions. Through their combined efforts, the members of this team have directly improved the quality of life for the citizens of Long Beach and enhanced the effectiveness of the Police Department's efforts to combat violent crime in our community.

Sergeant Ernie Kohagura #5057
Officer Eric Mifflin #5703
Officer Jon Fenoglio #6033
Officer Sean Deaton #5661
Officer Edmund Moscoso #6164
Officer Brian Ekrem #5707
Officer Suradech Sriwanthana #5617
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Officer Alberto Vargas #5522
Officer Pablo Orduno #5839
Officer Rommel Chavez #5737



PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCHER II DEBORAH GREENE RICHARD RUPP - COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

On July 16, 2014, Richard Rupp was driving in the area of South Street and Orange Avenue, when he saw the police chasing a narcotics suspect through the parking lot of a gas station. Richard observed that the suspect kept swinging his arms and spinning around in circles, avoiding the officers. Richard pulled into the gas station parking lot near the police car and noticed a police radio on the ground. He said he noticed a male subject going towards the radio, so Richard picked it up before the person could take it. He then watched as the two police officers chased the suspect through the parking lot and onto the street.



Deborah Greene
Public Safety Dispatcher II

The officers were struggling with the suspect in the middle of the street so Richard, without regard for his own safety, ran into the street to stop traffic and direct the vehicles around the officers. The officers were still trying to gain control of the suspect, and had been for several minutes, so he decided to get on the police radio and advise dispatch that the officers needed assistance. Public Safety Dispatcher Deborah Greene received an attempted transmission from the officers who were involved in the struggle with the suspect. Operating with very limited information, Deborah immediately took action and began dispatching resources to assist the officers. Within moments of the first transmission, she heard Richard's request for assistance and was able to gather updated information from him regarding the incident and reassure him that help for the officers was on the way. Shortly thereafter, additional units arrived and assisted in taking the suspect into custody.

Public Safety Dispatcher Deborah Greene is to be commended for her quick actions and calm professionalism in providing immediate assistance to officers who were in an unsafe situation. Richard Rupp should also be commended for his bravery and assistance in this incident. His willingness to get involved prevented the possible theft of the radio, ensured the safety of officers from oncoming traffic, and obtained help for the officers when they were unable to do so for themselves.

CLERK TYPIST III JAMIE WALLACE

In April 2014, the Police Department was contacted by local church officials who reported that a former church member was responsible for molesting several young men. The incidents had taken place in the City of Long Beach in the late 1970's. Detectives learned that in 1986, the same suspect had previously been convicted for the molestation of three other young boys and had been sentenced to prison. Part of his conviction required the suspect to register as a sex offender over the course of his lifetime.

Detectives were able to interview four new victims who reported that they had been abused by the suspect from 1978 to 1991. The suspect had since left Long Beach and had resided in Utah and Arizona. However, during his residency in those states, the suspect failed to notify those jurisdictions of his sex offender status.



Jamie Wallace Clerk Typist III

In order to file new charges, prior convictions, sexual offender stipulation court files, and arrest reports were requested by the District Attorney. Because the original conviction had taken place over 28 years earlier, several of those files and court documents had been destroyed.

For over a month, Clerk Typist Jamie Wallace assisted detectives by working tirelessly to obtain files related to the suspect, which would be critical in proving that the suspect was in violation of his sex registration requirements dating back to the 1990's. Also, it was important to be able to prove that the suspect was, in fact, still in the City during that time. Jamie was able to find old citations, accident reports, suspect fingerprint cards, the suspect's original arrest reports, and records of the suspect's registration reports from 1986 through 1991 and had all the files certified for court



purposes. All of these records were essential to filing charges in the current case. The suspect is still in custody and his trail is pending.

Clerk Typist Jamie Wallace is to be commended for her diligence and exceptional efforts to locate critical records from nearly thirty years ago. Her contributions to this case will help to ensure that a dangerous predator remains in custody and can no longer victimize our community.

CLERK TYPIST III SILVIA MEDINA

Clerk Typist Silvia Medina joined the Gang and Violent Crimes Division in April 2013. While assigned to Gang Enforcement Section, Silvia knew the details of gang cases as well as the detectives she assisted. Silvia was instrumental in submitting laboratory requests, compiling lab results and ensuring the information was delivered to the Investigating Officer as quickly as possible. This might seem like a routine task, but ensuring that results are quickly matched to the appropriate case is imperative, as in-custody defendants may be released from jail if the District Attorney's office does not have proof of the suspect's involvement in a crime within the 48-hour arraignment requirement.



Silvia Medina
Clerk Typist III

On several occasions, the Gang Enforcement Section executed multiple-location search warrant service at 3:00 a.m., in order to arrest violent suspects and collect critical evidence in criminal investigations. Silvia readily adjusted her work schedule to conduct intelligence research and suspect work-ups to assist detectives who were executing the warrants. In addition to her daily responsibilities, Silvia routinely acted as telephone and switchboard operator, Xerox repairperson, crime and intelligence analyst, research and technical assistant, data collector and communications liaison.

While eagerly supporting the Gang Enforcement Section, Silvia never hesitated to continue helping her former coworkers at the Police Academy. She assisted them whenever possible, to ensure the latest round of the police recruit background process continued to operate efficiently and smoothly. Silvia was indispensable in initiating and processing purchase orders for the Academy and the Gang Section for critical equipment and supplies and was frequently tasked to create forms, templates and databases to document crime statistics and crime trends. On top of the above listed duties, Silvia also assumed a portion of the Divisional secretary duties when a vacancy occurred in that position. Silvia rose to the challenge and maintained all of the Gang and Violent Crime Division's projects and ensured that the acting commander was apprised of all the assignments directed to the division.

The volume of work Silvia completed for the Gang and Violent Crimes Division and the Gang Enforcement Section during 2014 was nothing short of remarkable. Silvia was highly regarded by her supervisors, co-workers, and the public she served and was admired as a leader and a touchstone in the Division. Her work ethic and character are unquestionable.

Silvia accepted every challenge with a smile and saw every opportunity as a learning experience. She is a consummate professional and the embodiment of the city's motto, "Working together to serve." Silvia's positive attitude and genuine willingness and desire to elevate the reputation of the Long Beach Police Department make her a deserving candidate for a Distinguished Service Award.



POLICE SERVICES SPECIALIST III NANCY PRATT

During her 27 year tenure with the Police Department, Police Services Specialist III Nancy Pratt has distinguished herself as a highly dedicated employee with an exceptional work ethic, strong leadership skills, and a "big picture" understanding of the Police Department and its role within the City. As one of the Department's Public Information Officers, Nancy handles hundreds of inquiries from local, state and national media and help to ensure the release of timely and accurate information to the public. During the past year, Nancy has been very proactive in utilizing social media to highlighting the good work being done by Police Department personnel. These efforts have helped to increase community awareness and motivate community members to become more engaged with the Police Department.



Nancy Pratt
Police Services Specialist III

In April of 2014, Nancy was selected as the Project Coordinator for the renovation of the Community Room in the Public Safety Building. The existing Community Room had not been updated since 2005 and contained no audiovisual equipment. The goal of this project was to improve the room's effectiveness and create a professional and welcoming environment for training sessions, meetings, news conferences and other events. Despite the demands of her media relations responsibilities, Nancy willingly took on this complex and challenging project which required a significant amount of research and oversight to ensure that each phase was completed correctly and in a timely manner. In addition, she worked with the City's Technology and Innovation Department to design an integrated audio visual system that allows the room to be utilized to its fullest potential. Nancy's attention to detail, creativity, and perseverance were critical to the success of this important project.

Nancy is a caring employee who often puts the needs of the others above her own. She is always willing to assist the Department and her coworkers with projects and events and offers innovative and productive suggestions to help ensure a successful outcome. She is a member of the Police Department's Awards Committee and is an active participant in the department's "Relay for Life" Cancer Walk Team.

PSS Nancy Pratt is to be commended for her dedication to promoting and protecting the image of the Police Department, exceptional project management skills, and unwavering commitment to excellence.

LIEUTENANT MICHAEL A. LEWIS

During the period of June to October 2014, Lieutenant Michael Lewis voluntarily accepted a Special Detail assignment to fill an unanticipated vacancy and serve as the Interim Records Division Administrator. In that capacity, he was tasked with providing leadership and managerial oversight to 78 sworn and civilian employees and a round-the-clock operation engaged in a broad range of essential activities, including records management, technology operations and coordination of the Police Department's fleet of vehicles.

Lieutenant Lewis quickly engaged his employees and reassured them about concerns related to the transition of the Administrator's position. He empowered supervisors to identify and address issues to improve operational efficiency and effectiveness. He coordinated upgrades to



Michael A. Lewis

equipment and software, scheduled additional training and instituted regular performance reviews to assess progress. He served as the Department lead for the seamless implementation of a new e-mail system using Microsoft Office 365, as well as the transition from Blackberry Personal Data Assistants to Apple i-Phones.

Lieutenant Lewis also established a close working relationship with counterparts in the City's Technology and Innovation Department, which helped to resolve a number of issues, including finalizing outstanding Tiburon service requests to improve the Computer Aided Dispatch and Records Management Systems; the identification and installation of surveillance cameras; and, assuring the required levels of training to meet the mandates of both the Criminal Justice



Information Services (CJIS) and the California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (CLETS).

In addition to managing his regular responsibilities of Homeland Security Grant management, Lieutenant Lewis demonstrated noteworthy leadership skills, a unique ability to grasp the details of complex technological issues, and most importantly, assured that the Records Division continued to perform in an outstanding manner, during a critical gap in assigned Administrators. His affable personality, engaged leadership, infectious enthusiasm and technical skill made significant contributions to the Police Department and the City, and, for this, he is recognized with the Distinguished Service Award.

DETENTION OFFICER III JOSE ESCOBAR DETENTION OFFICER III ROGELIO MARTINEZ

Detention Officer Jose Escobar was conducting a safety inspection of the Men's Jail when he observed an inmate tearing up a blanket. When Escobar opened the cell door to investigate, the inmate tried to hide a makeshift rope he was making. As Detention Officer Escobar ordered the inmate to give him the rope, the inmate began to wrap it around his neck and climbed up on a bunk and tied the other end to the bars. Escobar called for back up and then entered the cell. Detention Officer Rogelio Martinez responded and assisted Escobar in controlling the prisoner so he could not







Rogelio Martinez

Detention Officer III

attempt to harm himself again. The prisoner was moved to a safety cell and kept under close observation.

Detention Officers Jose Escobar and Rogelio Martinez are to be commended for their quick actions to prevent a prisoner from injuring himself while in police custody.

PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCHER III JEAN RHOADS

On Tuesday, February 25, Public Safety Dispatcher Jean Rhoads, while working Channel 1 radio, heard a unit come on the air advising that an officer was down. The unit provided the location, but no further details on the incident. Not knowing how or why the officer went down, Jean quickly reacted by calmly airing for units to start rolling to the location provided. Recognizing the seriousness of the situation, she set out to fill in the missing details such as if there was a possible suspect and the identity of the officer who had broadcast the original transmission that there was an officer down. Radio traffic hinted at there being several officers at the scene with mention of Narcotics and SWAT. It was still not clear what had occurred or what type of operation was being run in the field. The units that were at the location were not logged into the system or checked out which increased the confusion. Despite the uncertainty of the



Jean Rhoads Public Safety Dispatcher III

situation, Jean immediately dispatched resources to the scene, documented critical information as it was provided, and assisted the units in coordinating an escort for the ambulance that would transport the injured officer. She later learned that a motor officer had been struck by a semi-truck while blocking traffic for a procession of police vehicles that was transporting narcotics slated for destruction.

Public Safety Dispatcher Jean Rhoads is to be commended for her quick actions and insight in a situation with limited information and her ability to manage a chaotic incident in a calm and professional manner.



PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCHER II SHAINA BLALOCK

On August 10, 2014, while answering phones in the Communications Center, Public Safety Dispatcher Shaina Blalock received a 911 call from a hysterical woman reporting that her husband had just shot an intruder. Shaina was able to calm the caller, obtain the location of the shooting, and transfer the information to the Fire Department to initiate emergency medical response for the suspect. After the paramedics were dispatched, Shaina continued to calm the caller and ask important questions to ensure officer safety such as how many guns were involved, where the guns were currently located, and if they were still loaded. She remained on the phone until officers arrived on scene, continuing to gather information and instructing the victims safely out to the officers. Public Safety Dispatcher Shaina Blalock is to be commended for her professionalism and unwavering focus during an intense and fluid situation. As a result of her efforts, patrol officers had a higher sense of situational awareness and were able to approach the shooting scene safely.



Shaina Blalock

Public Safety Dispatcher II

DETECTIVE DONALD COLLIER

Many of the important qualities needed to be an effective detective include interacting positively and cooperating with co-workers and fellow law enforcement officers, responding politely to customers, working as a team member, and functioning under intense pressure. Robbery Detective Don Collier embodies all of these qualities, and his skills have been showcased in a variety of his high profile investigations.

From April through September 2012, several suspects committed multiple violent robberies to a chain of electronic stores throughout the city and struck fear in many of our residents and visitors. As Detective Collier methodically worked the case, he discovered that the same suspects were responsible for robberies in the City of Corona, and the Counties of Los



Donald Collier Detective

Angeles and Riverside. He coordinated the investigations with the law enforcement agencies in those jurisdictions and six defendants were eventually arrested on a variety of charges including Kidnap for Robbery, Attempted Robbery, Kidnapping and Burglary. After a convoluted and lengthy jury trial, the defendants were found guilty.

One of the defendant's attorneys was so impressed with Detective Collier's testimony during the trial that he commended him on the honest nature of his testimony. As one can see, Detective Collier's honesty, integrity and professionalism continue to strengthen his impeccable reputation throughout the law enforcement and legal community.

Another example of Detective Collier's investigative skills occurred in October 2013, when a suspect drove from Monterey County to a residence in Long Beach and posed as a Department of Child and Family Service employee. While continuing the ruse inside the victim's residence, the suspect beat and suffocated the 62-year-old victim to the brink of death. As Detective Collier immersed himself in the investigation, he soon realized that there was more than one suspect involved in the crime. As he analyzed reams of evidence, interviewed multiple parties, interacted with investigators and authored search warrants, he continually thought about the 62-year-old victim. He called her periodically throughout the investigation, even during his days off, inquiring about her health. Detective Collier's leadership skills came into play as he coordinated the arrest with multiple law enforcement jurisdictions and arrested the three suspects without incident. The suspects are currently awaiting trial to answer to murder-for-hire charges. The jury trail commences in August 2015.

The above cases represent the passion and commitment Detective Don Collier exhibits during each of his complex robbery cases. His effective communication, leadership skills and investigative expertise not only benefit the victims of these crimes, but help to prevent future crime by ensuring that violent criminals are off the streets and behind bars.



OFFICER OSCAR DOMINGUEZ

For the past four years, Officer Oscar Dominguez has been assigned to the Airport Police Detail at the Long Beach Airport. As part of his duties, he serves as a Terrorism Liaison Officer, works with commercial airlines, provides dignitary security support and is a liaison with State and Federal agencies.

During 2014, Officer Dominguez was tasked with doing a comprehensive security gap assessment and analysis of the 90 year old airport. The assessment took a significant amount of research and time to complete. Although the details of the report cannot be disclosed for security reasons, Officer Dominguez did not stop in just identifying the issues, but provided well thought out, specific and fiscally responsible solutions to address every issue. The



Oscar Dominguez
Officer

document was provided to the Airport Security Manager for consideration in future airport security enhancements.

Officer Oscar Dominguez is to be recognized for his willingness to take on the complex and challenging task of providing a comprehensive security assessment for the Long Beach Airport. As a result of his thorough and detailed analysis, he was able to provide security based recommendations that will help to enhance the safety of one of our City's most valuable assets

DETECTIVE ADRIAN GARCIA

Detective Adrian Garcia is a member of the Gang Enforcement Section where he investigates a high volume of lengthy and complex gang-related cases. The following cases are just two examples of his diligence and commitment to solving gang crimes in our community.

On April 18, 2014, a shooting occurred in the area of Caspian Avenue and Wardlow Road. During the course of Detective Garcia's investigation, one suspect was identified as member of a local gang. On July 22, 2014, another shooting occurred in the 2900 block of Santa Fe Avenue. During that investigation, the same suspect was identified as being the shooter. Two minors were also identified and subsequently taken into custody. During his interview, Detective Garcia obtained an admission from the suspect regarding his role in the shooting



Adrian Garcia

Detective

and gathered additional gang intelligence to secure a felony filing for attempted murder charges against all three suspects, along with gun and gang enhancements.

In a second investigation, Detective Garcia investigated a shooting that occurred in the 2500 block of East Anaheim Street. During the course of the investigation, two suspects, both outlaw motorcycle gang members, were identified and arrested. Because of the suspects' gang affiliation, Federal authorities took an interest in the case. From the onset, the case was difficult to investigate because the victims feared retaliation from the suspects' gang. Detective Garcia worked with the victims to gain their cooperation, and obtained a criminal filing. During the filing process for both cases, representatives from the District Attorney's Office complimented Detective Garcia for his thoroughness in the police investigation.

Detective Adrian Garcia is recognized for his excellent investigative work, dedication and relentless efforts to combat gang related crime in Long Beach.



OFFICER JOHN GARRY OFFICER JOHN MCVAY OFFICER CHRISTIAN MOODY

Through community contacts, Officers John Garry, John McVay, and Christian Moody learned of a residence in East Long Beach that was possibly involved in the sale of narcotics. Officer McVay coordinated with the other watches and disseminated information regarding this location to the other officers in East Division. Officer Moody acted upon the intelligence provided and conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle that was later determined to belong to the resident at the suspected narcotics location. Officer Moody



John Garry Officer



John McVay Officer



Christian Moody Officer

searched the vehicle and located a significant amount of methamphetamine. The vehicle's occupants were subsequently arrested. Acting upon this new information, Officer Garry wrote a search warrant for the residence to search for more narcotics. Officers Garry, McVay and Moody, along with other East Division patrol officers, executed the warrant and found over one hundred marijuana plants, additional methamphetamine, numerous pills, and evidence such as scales and baggies that indicated narcotics were being sold. Officer McVay contacted Drug Investigation detectives who responded to the scene to assist with the investigation.

Officers John Garry, John McVay and Christian Moody are to be commended for their diligence, planning and comprehensive investigation, which lead to the discovery and removal of this narcotics location. The elimination of this illegal narcotics site improved the safety and quality of life for the surrounding residential neighborhood.

DETECTIVE MARK STEENHAUSEN OFFICER TOMAS DIAZ

Between July 9th and 19th, 2014, seven auto burglaries were reported in an apartment parking structure located in the 400 block of West Broadway. Loss included various items of personal property as well as an assault rifle. Officer Tomas Diaz compiled information and distributed a Crime Information Bulletin regarding a possible suspect in the burglaries. On July 21, 2014, a residential robbery occurred in the 600 block of Magnolia Avenue where the female homeowner was assaulted. During his investigation, Detective Mark Steenhausen noted similarities between the



Mark Steenhausen Detective



robbery suspect and the suspect in the Crime Bulletin and contacted Officer Diaz to collaborate on the investigation. Detective Steenhausen and Officer Diaz interviewed witnesses and victims, and methodically uncovered additional evidence linking together the residential robbery and vehicle burglaries. On August 5, 2015, the suspect was arrested for his involvement in the residential robbery and auto burglaries. After the arrest, Detective Steenhausen and Officer Diaz served a search warrant at a nearby property and obtained additional evidence related to the burglaries and recovered a large quantity of marijuana and approximately \$4,000 in cash. In addition, an unrelated suspect, who was at the property when the warrant was served, was arrested for an outstanding 2010 murder warrant out of the City of Sacramento. The case was presented to the District Attorney and 12 counts of burglary, one count of Assault with Serious Injury, and one count of theft of a firearm were filed against the suspect.

Detective Mark Steenhausen and Officer Tomas Diaz are to be commended for their thorough and relentless efforts to solve these crimes, recover stolen property, and remove a career criminal from the streets.



SERGEANT CLINT GRIMES OFFICER CRIS COSTA OFFICER SEAN RIORDAN OFFICER CARLOS SANDOVAL

On May 20, 2014, North Division officers responded to a call of a mentally unstable subject who was armed with a knife. The man was in the backyard swinging the knife at a family member. As officers arrived, the subject picked up two propane tanks and fled, locking himself and the tanks in a trailer located on the property.

Sergeant Clint Grimes and the assisting officers arrived at the scene and immediately became concerned that this mentally unstable man with a history of violence towards his family had brought two propane tanks into an enclosed trailer.

The Long Beach Fire Department was called to deal with the potentially explosive situation and staged nearby. The officers at the scene recognized the severity of the propane's flammability in conjunction with use of some of their police equipment. Officer Chris Costa and Sergeant Grimes, who are both experts in dealing



Clint Grimes Sergeant



Sean Riordan

Officer



Cris Costa
Officer



Carlos Sandoval
Officer

with mentally ill subjects, attempted to calm the subject. While they talked to the suspect, Officer Sean Riordan gained access to a window on the trailer and confirmed that no propane odor was emitting from the trailer.

Officer Carlos Sandoval then deployed his non-flammable; water based chemical spray on the subject. Although the man was affected by the spray, he refused to comply with the officers' orders. Officer Riordan then deployed his Electronic Control Device causing the subject to be temporarily incapacitated. Officer Costa, who had already located the keys to the trailer, opened the trailer doors while officers ran in and handcuffed the subject without injury. The man was then transported to a local hospital where Mental Evaluation Team Officer Costa placed a hold on him for mental evaluation and treatment.

Sergeant Clint Grimes, Officer Cris Costa, Officer Sean Riordan and Officer Carlos Sandoval are to be commended for their collective efforts to control a violent subject and a volatile situation. The planning and teamwork between the Sergeant and Officers was exemplary and helped to ensure that no officers or family members were injured, no property was damaged, and that the subject received the necessary medical attention.



OFFICER JORGE GRAJEDA

On November 4, 2014, North Division patrol officers, including Officer Jorge Grajeda, were called to assist the Long Beach Fire Department with an aggressive man who was in medical distress. When Officer Grajeda arrived on scene, he saw a severely distraught male on the sidewalk outside of a convenience store, speaking Spanish and holding a large hunting knife to his own throat. Other units began handling traffic and crowd control in an effort to restore some order at this chaotic and hectic scene. Officer Grajeda spoke to the man in Spanish and attempted to develop a rapport with the hysterical subject who now had the knife directed towards his own stomach. For over 10 minutes, the distressed subject continually threatened to harm himself as Officer Grajeda calmly and patiently convinced him to drop the knife and toss it out of reach. Officers took the subject into custody and he was taken to a nearby hospital for psychiatric evaluation.



Jorge Grajeda
Officer

Officer Jorge Grajeda is to be commended for his excellent communication skills and calming demeanor which allowed him to develop a rapport with an armed and suicidal man. His decisive actions helped to save the life of the troubled man and prevented possible injury those that were there to help him.

OFFICER BRANDON MITCHELL OFFICER GUADALUPE VILLESCAS PAYAN

On June 15, 2014, Officers Brandon Mitchell and Guadalupe Villescas Payan assisted on a call involving a fight between two brothers that resulted in a stabbing. When they arrived on scene, they saw that officers had a suspect safely handcuffed and detained. The victim was on the ground, bleeding profusely from multiple stab wounds to his neck and upper body.

Officers Mitchell and Villescas Payan immediately began providing medical aid to the victim, applying pressure to his wounds and



Brandon Mitchell Officer



Guadalupe Villescas Payan Officer

keeping him conscious until paramedics arrived. The officers also spoke to his distraught wife in a reassuring manner, bringing a sense of calm to a chaotic situation. The victim was stabilized and transported to a local hospital for treatment.

Despite the risk of exposure to the bloodborne pathogens at the scene, both officers did not hesitate and provided first aid to the victim of this brutal crime. Officers Brandon Mitchell and Guadalupe Villescas Payan are to be commended for their quick actions that saved the life of a severely injured man.



MERITORIOUS AWARD FOR BRAVERY

OFFICER DAVID EBELL
OFFICER DEREK ERNEST
OFFICER ROQUE FOSTER
OFFICER JESUS HERNANDEZ
OFFICER PATRICK LYON
OFFICER SHAWN LOUGHLIN

On September 23, 2013, just after 2:00 am, a female motorist flagged down patrol officers. The woman told officers that she was being threatened by her ex-boyfriend and she was afraid to go home. While the victim continued to text with the suspect, officers directed assisting officers to the victim's home so they could check the area for the suspect. Based on the texts, it was apparent to officers the suspect was not at the house but was possibly just outside of the city limits in the City of Carson. A helicopter from LAPD joined the search for the suspect and located him in a gas station parking lot.

Officer Patrick Lyon was the first unit to arrive on scene and as he pulled into the parking lot of the gas station he saw the suspect. The suspect had been alerted to the police presence by the helicopter and before Officer Lyon could stop his patrol car, the suspect starting shooting at him. Officer Lyon returned fire and the suspect turned and ran out of the gas station towards a park.

Officer David Ebell saw the suspect run into the park. He made his way to where the suspect, who had a gun in his hand, was being illuminated by the helicopter spotlight. When the suspect took aim in his direction, Officer Ebell quickly took cover. After seeing what appeared to be a muzzle flash, indicating the suspect was shooting at him, he returned fire. Officer Roque Foster was pulling into the park and noticed Officer Ebell taking cover and the



David Ebell
Officer



Derek Ernest



Roque Foster



Jesus Hernandez Officer



Patrick Lyon



Officer

suspect pointing his gun towards Officer Ebell. He heard a loud shot and believed the suspect had just shot at Officer Ebell. Officer Foster got out of his car, found cover, and returned fire.

The suspect ran out of the park towards a residential neighborhood. Officer Ebell and Foster chased after the suspect as the helicopter continued to illuminate his position. The suspect turned up a driveway and jumped a fence into the backyard of a residence. As Officers began to set a perimeter around the house to contain the suspect, the helicopter pilot told officers that the suspect was trying to force entry into the back of the house. Officers realized the home was most likely occupied and if they let the suspect inside he could take a hostage or endanger the residents. Officers Ebell and Foster were the first to arrive at the gate and then were joined by Officers Derek Ernest, Shawn Loughlin and Jesus Hernandez.

All officers knew what actions were necessary to preserve the lives of any unsuspecting residents in the house. Without hesitation they moved into the backyard to search for the suspect and prevent him from gaining entry to the house. During the search, the suspect jumped out in front of officers with his gun pointed at them. Believing he was about to shoot, the officers fired at the suspect, striking him and bringing the violent encounter to an end.

MERITORIOUS AWARD FOR BRAVERY



OFFICER JOHNNY A. DODSON III

On December 9, 2014, Officer Johnny Dodson was dispatched to the 3100 block of East 7th Street regarding a suspicious person. When he arrived, he found the suspect standing on the sidewalk just outside the business. The suspect was large, agitated, angry, and appeared to be under the influence of an unknown drug. The suspect was also armed with a bat and had several other weapons within reach.

Officer Dodson attempted to diffuse the situation by calmly talking to the suspect, but the suspect responded by cursing and throwing a piece of wood at the officer. When Officer Dodson ordered the suspect to stop, the suspect smashed his bat into the back of a parked car that was occupied by a female driver. The suspect then walked into the middle of 7th Street traffic during the busy morning commute hours.



Johnny A. Dodson III
Officer

Officer Dodson was faced with an incredibly dangerous situation. He was alone and facing an armed suspect who was both altered and uncooperative. He eventually persuaded the suspect to drop the baseball bat, but the suspect refused to move away from the weapon. When Officer Dodson used force to try and get the suspect to comply, the suspect armed himself again and swung the bat towards the officer. Officer Dodson used his electronic control device twice to try and get the suspect to comply, but on both occasions the suspect tore the darts from his body and continued to resist. Officer Dodson was forced to pull his gun and hold his ground with the suspect until help arrived.

The tension at the scene was further heightened by an unruly group of citizens just outside of a business. Recent events around the country had led to increased tension between the police and parts of the community. He could hear citizens mocking him during the standoff in anticipation of an officer-involved shooting.

Luckily, the suspect did not advance and other units arrived to help take the suspect safely into custody. Officer Dodson had done an excellent job putting the information out on the radio as events were transpiring, and everyone realized how close he had come to being put into a situation that would require lethal force. The suspect was later found to have a knife, a wooden/metal weapon, and drug paraphernalia in his pockets. As Officers interviewed witnesses, they universally stated that they were impressed by Officer Dodson's professionalism, patience and restraint with a violent and irrational suspect.

Officer Johnny Dodson is to be commended for his exceptional bravery and professionalism during an extremely dangerous and fluid situation. Despite enormous challenges, he did an exceptional job of keeping his calm and demonstrating control in the face of tremendous danger.



MERITORIOUS AWARD FOR HEROISM

SERGEANT CHRISTOPHER BOLT SERGEANT HECTOR NIEVES SERGEANT BRUCE LEE SERGEANT BRIAN TULIAU

OFFICER JONATHAN COLE OFFICER MARK MESUN OFFICER STEPHAN RITCHIE OFFICER JAYSON TORRES

On June 25, 2014, East Division officers responded to a residence regarding a report of a man with a gun. The caller stated that her grandson was under the influence of methamphetamine, had pointed a shotgun at her and was running around the neighborhood brandishing the firearm. As officers responded to the call, the grandmother reported that the suspect had fired a shot in the alley behind her residence. Additional citizens around the area began calling about people arguing loudly and the sound a shotgun racking.

When they arrived on scene, Sergeants Chris Bolt and Hector Nieves were informed by the woman that her grandson was armed with a shotgun and had attempted to enter her apartment where she lived with his girlfriend and their five-month-old infant. The women told the Sergeants that they fled the apartment in fear for their lives, but left the infant unattended in the bathroom of the apartment. Fearing an armed and violent drug abuser was in the apartment with the infant, Sergeant Bolt decided to form a team to rescue the child. The team was formed with Sergeants Nieves, Bruce Lee, Brian Tuliau, and Officers Jonathan Cole, Jayson Torres, Mark Mesun, and Stephan Ritchie. Sergeant Lee found the infant on the floor of the bathroom and evacuated the baby to safety. As the team made their way through the apartment, Officers Mesun and Ritchie saw the suspect enter the apartment through a kitchen door, behind other officers. Officers Mesun and Ritchie then urgently communicated the new threat to the other team members.

Officer Torres confronted the suspect, who was less than five feet away. The suspect refused Officer Torres' orders to surrender so the officer holstered his weapon and applied a takedown maneuver to control the suspect. Officers Mesun and Cole then assisted handcuffing the suspect without injury. The officers recovered a loaded shotgun in the water heater closet adjacent to the kitchen door.



Christopher Bolt Sergeant



Bruce Lee Sergeant



Jonathan Cole
Officer



Stephan Ritchie



Hector Nieves Sergeant



Brian Tuliau Sergeant



Mark Mesun
Officer



Jayson Torres Officer

Sergeant Christopher Bolt, who was in his first week of training, acted quickly and with great leadership. He, along with Sergeants Hector Nieves, Bruce Lee, and Brian Tuliau and Officers Jonathan Cole, Jayson Torres, Mark Mesun, and Stephan Ritchie are to be commended for their courage and determination to place themselves at risk to rescue an innocent child and safely neutralize a potentially dangerous and deadly situation.

CHIEF'S COMMUNITY POLICING AWARD

OFFICER CLAUDIA LOPEZ

East Division Patrol Resource Officer (PRO) Claudia Lopez is a fixture at countless community meetings, and the public face of East Division's community outreach efforts. During her tenure, she has endeavored to create over one hundred Community Watch groups, including 18 in the first quarter of 2014. She has enthusiastically managed dozens of Divisional COPS projects, each one addressed holistically with numerous community stakeholders with the goal of establishing long-term solutions. Her vivacious personality, professional demeanor, and relentless work ethic have endeared her to East Division's diverse community groups, community leaders, elected officials, and earned her the respect of Police Department colleagues and supervisors. Officer Lopez's accomplishments over the past year include:



Claudia Lopez Officer

- Facilitated "front lawn" meetings with community groups to share Police Department successes with crime-impacted residents.
- Conducted presentations to schools to discuss police/youth issues
- Facilitated Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) surveys to assist property owners with minimizing vulnerabilities to crime.
- Partnered with the City Prosecutor's Office; the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Marine; and the Police Department to limit overnight recreational vehicle parking at Recreation Park.
- Worked with homeless advocates, the Department of Health and Human Services, and other stakeholders to effectively reduce the impact of the homeless on public and private properties.
- Initiated quarterly community forums conducted in Spanish
- Developed relationships with the Division's various religious institutions to advertise Police Department community
 events in church publications.
- Established a relationship with radio station 97.9 FM La Raza and their #1 radio personality "El Mandril" and provides educational information, outreach for community meetings, recruitment for the Police Department, and other issues important to the Latino community.

Officer Claudia Lopez personifies the essence of Community Policing, and her spirit, dedication, and collaborative work ethic represent the highest standards of the Police Department. For her unwavering commitment to building positive relationships with the community she serves, she is presented with the 2014 Chief's Community Policing Award.



EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP

COMMANDER LISA LOPEZ

Commander Lisa Lopez is a valued member of the Chief's Executive Team, having served as the Chief of Staff for the past three and a half years for both Police Chiefs Jim McDonnell and Robert Luna. As Chief of Staff, she oversees the operations of the Office of the Chief of Police and serves as the primary contact for coordination with the Mayor and City Council, City Manager, City departments heads, and the community on matters relating to the Police Department.

Lisa Lopez COMMANDER

Throughout her nearly 30-year career, Commander Lopez has demonstrated integrity, outstanding professionalism, tremendous drive, a caring approach, initiative, excellent judgment, and dedication. She consistently exceeds expectations while striving to do what

is best for the City, Police Department and community. She instills and expects excellence, confidence, teamwork, communication, and the courage to do what is right.

As Chief of Staff, Commander Lopez relies on the foundation set by her diverse assignments, experience, and education. Her past assignments have included field operations, administrative positions, investigations, and management. She has worked in undercover assignments, been an Academy instructor, served as the Team Leader for the Hostage Negotiation Team, ran the Office of Counter Terrorism, and was assigned as an Academy "TAC" Officer. She has a bachelor's degree in Business Management and master's degree in Criminal Justice.

Throughout City Hall, Commander Lopez is recognized for her timely, complete, and accurate responses to requests for assistance. Her level of personal customer service truly sets the standard for Police Department engagement. Her leadership and management skills have enabled her to successfully advance the directions and priorities set by the Chief of Police. As Chief of Staff, she has not only improved the relationship between the Department and the rest of the City Team, but has also demonstratively enhanced the efficiency and effectiveness of city-wide service delivery by the Police Department.

In recognition of her exceptional contribution and unparalleled leadership skills, Commander Lisa Lopez is presented with the 2014 Excellence in Leadership Award.

OF THE YEAR



SPECIAL SERVICES OFFICER III JOSE MATA

Over the past 25 years, Special Services Officer Jose Mata has established an expertise in the Marine Patrol Section and has earned the respect and trust of his peers, his supervisors, and employees from other City departments.

SSO Mata is known for his outstanding work ethic, his attention to detail, and his commitment to promoting and protecting the image and reputation of the Police Department and the City of Long Beach. He is a role model for other employees and is always willing to provide guidance and assistance. It is for these reasons and more that he was selected to be the certified Arrest and Control Instructor for the department, a Field Training Officer (FTO), and a certified Bike Patrol Training Instructor.



Jose Mata Special Services Officer III

When others are challenged in completing their responsibilities, SSO Mata is always willing to step up – often working late or arriving early to work – to ensure that all workloads are completed with the highest standards.

During 2014, it became apparent that there was a need for a Special Services Officer to be certified as an instructor for Arrest and Control Techniques. Without hesitation, SSO Mata was immediately identified as the right fit for the position. He was selected based on his willingness to provide maximum peak effort in all aspects of work, humble attitude, and exceptionally reliable and trustworthy when given an assignment.

Above all, SSO Mata has consistently outperformed and has remained in the "Top 5" of Marine Patrol personnel for his entire career, while remaining extremely flexible, responsible and dedicated to his additional duties. He also enhanced his skills by seeking out additional training to enhance his position on his own accord.

In acknowledgement of his exemplary performance, his ability to manage multiple projects and increasing workloads, and his professionalism, dedication, and on-going commitment to improving the image of the Police Department, Special Services Officer Jose Mata is recognized as the 2014 Civilian Employee of the Year.



SWORN EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

OFFICER JEREMY BOSHNACK

Officer Jeremy Boshnack had an extremely successful year in 2014, leading the march throughout the year towards reducing North Division violent crime. His successes were gained through persistent and tenacious fieldwork and the development of some exemplary field contacts. His knowledge of street gangs in the division is unmatched and was key to solving several violent gangrelated incidents.

In the summer of 2014, the North Division experienced a steep rise in gang-related shootings and homicides. Officer Boshnack played a significant role in stemming the tide of these shootings, obtaining information that revealed a conflict between a Los Angeles street gang and a Long Beach street gang. This knowledge earned him a special detail assignment working a continuing investigation with the Career Criminal Apprehension Team and the Homicide Detail. His expertise



Jeremy Boshnack

played a significant role in the identification, investigation and subsequent arrest of several players involved in these incidents.

In March 2013, a gang shooting occurred outside a gas station. This crime left an uninvolved 10-year old seriously injured after being struck by gunfire. Officer Boshnack responded to this event and took the incident to heart. In 2014, Officer Boshnack assisted Gang and Violent Crime Detectives for an extensive period of time, providing intelligence gained through field investigations, contacts and arrests. In May 2014, Officer Boshnack contacted a known gang member after learning of his possible involvement in the shooting. Officer Boshnack wrote a search warrant for the gang member's residence and recovered a loaded handgun from the gang member's bedroom. Gang detectives interviewed the suspect and obtained a full confession on the shooting of the young child.

Additionally, on several occasions Officer Boshnack wrote search warrants in response to various field investigations. The service of these warrants resulted in the disruption of a chop shop operation and the recovery of several firearms from known gang members.

These are just a few examples of the exemplary work that Officer Boshnack has done over the course of the year. Officer Boshnack is continually working the street, conducting multiple subject and vehicle stops, while assisting with calls for service. He consistently conducts in-depth investigations in an effort to curtail violent crime activity and provides the opportunity for North Division residents to feel safe in their neighborhoods. For his exceptional dedication, hard work and professionalism, Officer Jeremy Boshnack is presented with the 2014 Sworn Employee of the Year.

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Prior to 1988

Torben Beith
James Bisetti
Ronald P. Burgess Sr.
Tom Clemens
Gary O. Denham
James Dowdell
David Esrey
Virgil J. Fogg
James Fortier
Randell C. Guesno
Daniel Kulusich Jr.
Robert Laine

1989

Lance Livingston

Conrad N. Nutzman

William R. Penhollow

Dennis J. Robbins

L.A. Arwine
Anthony Benedetti
Dennis Bracken
Leslie Soto
Victor Thrash

1993

Abel Dominguez

1998

Brian Watt

1999

Brenda Relph

2001

Rick Delfin

2002

Thomas Brown
Parine Soth
Timothy Van Coutren

2004

Larry Bautista

2005

Dennis Parker

2007

Roy Wade Jr. Abram Yap

2009

Matthew Kennison

2010

Christopher Bates Paul Gallo

2011

Gabriel Garrido



MEDAL OF VALOR RECIPIENTS



Officer Wayne Clark
Officer James Fontaine

1970

Officer William Jonkey
Officer Quentin Manes

1971

Lieutenant Raymond Henry

1973

Sergeant Wesley Bertz

1974

Sergeant Robert Bell Sergeant Joseph Malcolm

1975

Officer Robert R. Birdsall
Officer Franke Lewis
Officer Arnold Schmeling

1977

Officer Steve Housden

1978

Sergeant Lewis Petix

1980

Sergeant Robert Itson Officer Donald Herrell

1983

Officer Randall Guesno



Sergeant Michael Peters
Sergeant Roy Walker
Officer James Hill
Officer Kevin Peterson

1992

Sergeant Joe Battle

2000

Detective Rick Delfin
Sergeant Ernie T. Kohagura
Sergeant Walt Turley
Detective Christopher D. Bolt

2001

Detective Thomas E. Brown
Corporal Dave Frazier
Officer Marcus D. Hodge
Officer William Jarman
Officer James H. Kloss
Officer Patrick J. O'Dowd
Officer Timothy James O'Hara
Officer Parine Soth
Officer Tim Van Coutren

2002

Officer Ciaran Crawford Officer William A. Johnston Officer Bret Thomas Milovich

2003

Officer Larry Bautista
Officer L.V. Powell

MEDAL OF HONOR





Thomas C. Borden 1912

Orlando E. Bridgeman 1923

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Robert H. Halstead 1926

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Ralph W. Morgan 1931

William J. Maclean 1934

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Sylcia M. Sievers 1943

Harold W. Irwin 1945

Cecil W. Singer 1945

Marlin L. Evans 1949

Jesse M. Ream 1950

Robert H. Morgan 1950

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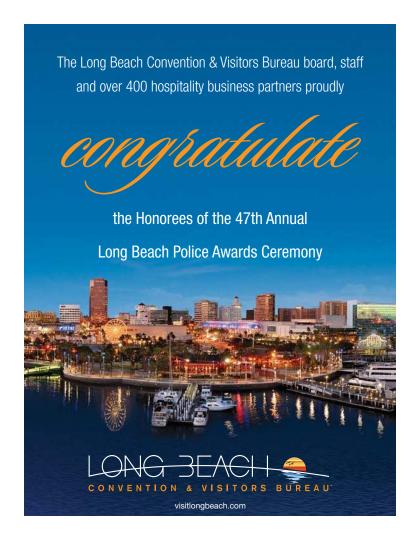
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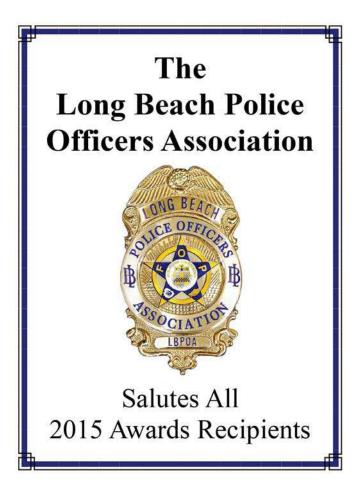
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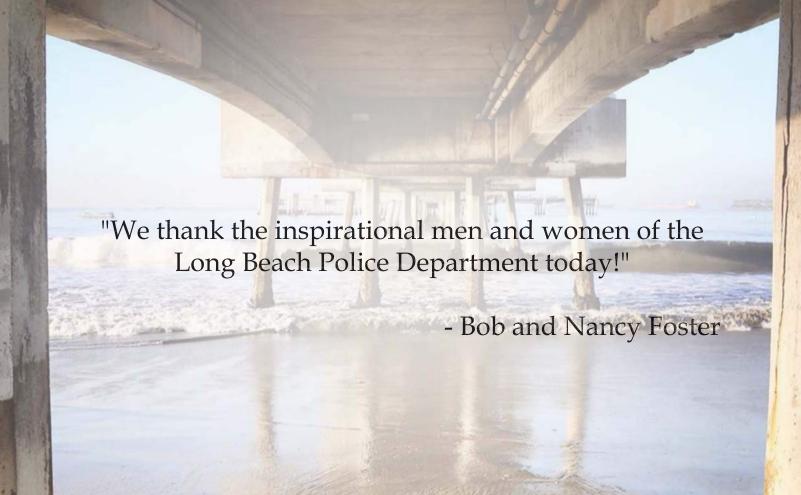
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