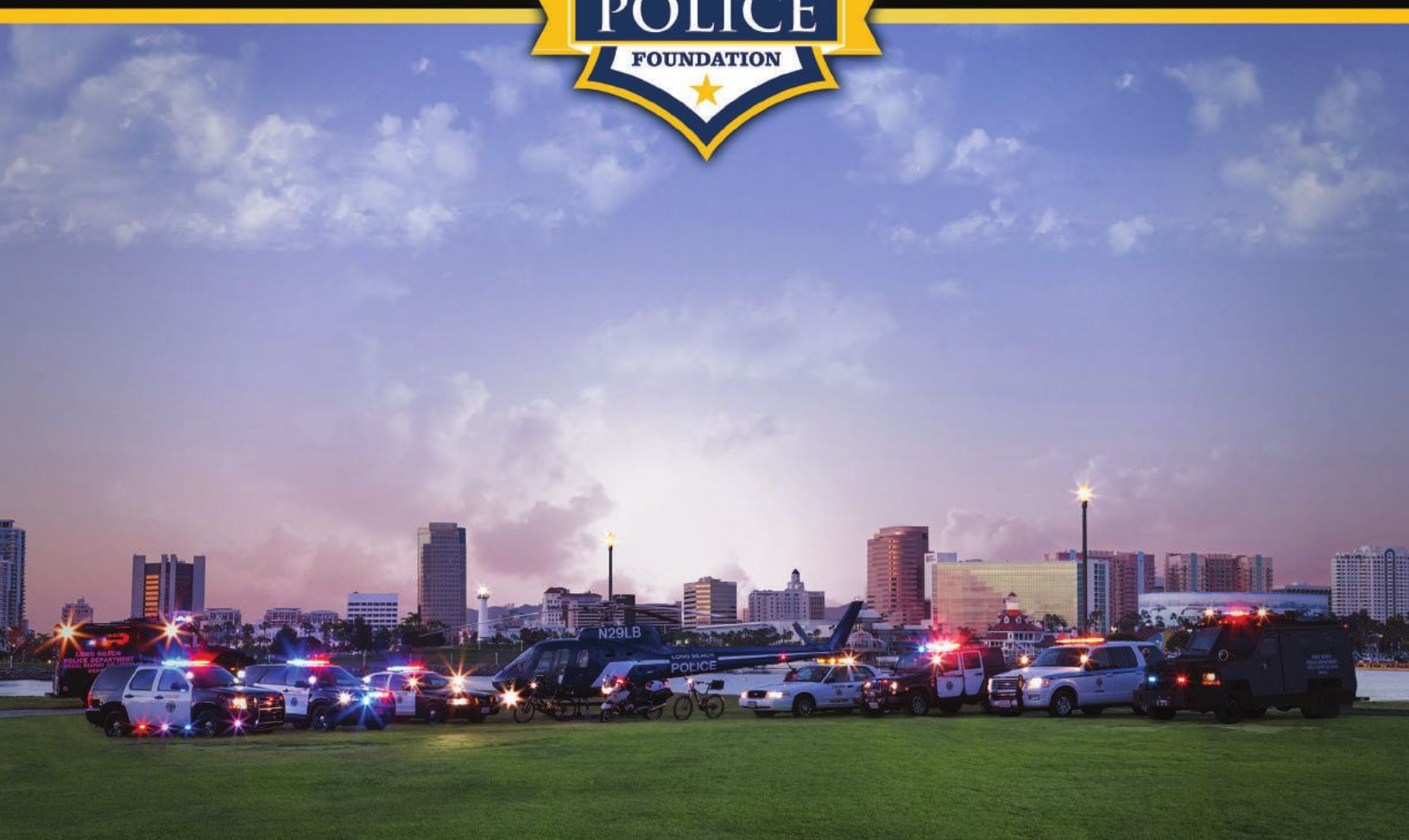


# THE LONG BEACH POLICE FOUNDATION PRESENTS



# THE 48<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL POLICE AWARDS CEREMONY

June 8, 2016





## "RED, WHITE & BLUE" DONATION DRIVE

Hosted by Goodwill SOLAC

# SATURDAY, JUNE 25

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**MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA**  
CITY OF LONG BEACH

June 8, 2016

Dear Friends:

Welcome to the Long Beach Police Foundation's 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Ceremony for the Long Beach Police Department, and thank you for attending. Our police officers are some of the most dedicated, most professional, and most courageous men and women in the nation, and I am extremely grateful to be able to thank and recognize them.

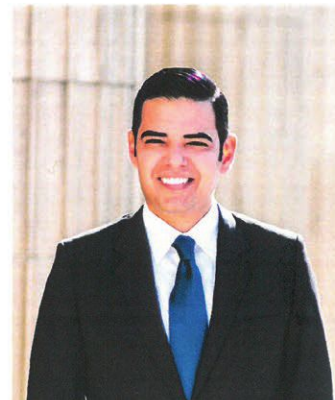
The Long Beach Police command staff, officers, civilian employees and community volunteers keep our city safe and do so at great personal risk. They are the reason we have seen crime drop dramatically over the past two decades. They are the reason residents and visitors can enjoy all Long Beach has to offer with peace of mind. They are the reason our city thrives.

Tonight's awardees have gone above and beyond the call of duty in service to our community. They have met adversity and danger with bravery and skill, and have demonstrated outstanding devotion to the mission of the Police Department and the needs of our city.

On behalf of the entire City of Long Beach, thank you, and congratulations!

Sincerely,

Mayor Robert Garcia



# *Long Beach Police Foundation & Long Beach Police Department*

We are pleased to announce the 48th 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 sixth 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.

Courage and commitment 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 2015. 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](http://www.lbpolicefoundation.org).

Sincerely,



Bruce D.D. MacRae  
Vice President  
State Government Affairs, UPS



Robert G. Luna  
Chief of Police  
Long Beach Police Department



# *Program*

## ***Long Beach Police Department Color Guard***

### ***Pledge of Allegiance***

*Antonio Maciel, Explorer Lieutenant*

### ***National Anthem***

### ***Invocation***

*Pastor Terrence Brooks, New Wine Community Church*

### ***Welcome & Opening Remarks***

*Deputy Chief Michael Beckman*

*Support Bureau, Long Beach Police Department*

### ***Mayor's Remarks***

*The Honorable Robert Garcia, Mayor, City of Long Beach*

## ***Long Beach Police Foundation Message & Sponsor Recognition***

*Bruce D.D. MacRae, Board President*

*Vice President, State Government Affairs, UPS*

### ***Chief's Remarks***

*Chief Robert Luna, Long Beach Police Department*

### ***Award Presentations***

*Daryle Black Memorial Essay Contest*

*American Red Cross*

*"10851" Awards*

*Community Service*

*Outstanding Community Partner*

*Volunteer Service*

*Unit Citation*

*Distinguished Service Award*

*Meritorious Award for Bravery*

*Meritorious Award for Heroism*

*Purple Heart*

*Chief's Community Policing Award*

*Excellence in Leadership*

*Employees of the Year*

### ***Closing Remarks***

*Chief Robert Luna*



## *Partnerships for a Safer Community*

### **ABOUT US**

Originally established as the Long Beach Police Chief's Foundation in 1988 by Chief of Police Robert M. Luman, the Foundation was created to simplify directed donations to the Long Beach Police Department (LBPD). The organization transitioned to a community-based Board of Directors in 2007 and renamed the Long Beach Police Foundation.

We are the only charitable organization that provides private, direct funding for LBPD. We are a registered 501 © (3) nonprofit organization and actively seek donations from private businesses and individuals, and facilitate direct, designated donations that support our community safety mission.

### **OUR MISSION**

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.**

#### **PROGRAMS WE SUPPORT**

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

#### **GRANTS RECENTLY FUNDED**

- Binoculars for Patrol
- Cameras for Detectives
- Chairs for Report Writing Area
- Jr. Police Badge Stickers
- Laptops for Detectives
- Leadership Training
- Refurbishing of 'Soft' Interview Room for Child Abuse and Domestic Violence Victims
- Street Drug Guides for Police Recruits
- Training for Senior Police Partners
- Uniforms and Equipment for Search & Rescue Academy

## ***HOW YOU CAN HELP***

- Refer potential sponsor/donor information to LBPF – We will make contact to solicit funding & support
- Become a Member of the LBPF
- Encourage others to become members of LBPF
- Get involved! Volunteer to assist with LBPF events and programs

## ***FOR MORE INFORMATION***

Visit us at [www.lbpolicefoundation.org](http://www.lbpolicefoundation.org)

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*Thank you to the following companies and individuals  
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# OUTSIDE AGENCY AWARDS

## LBDP EMPLOYEE RECIPIENTS OF OUTSIDE AGENCY AWARDS – 2015

- **Officer Gabriel Betanzos** received the “Steward of the Second District” Award, presented by the Anaheim, Orange, Cherry, and 7th Street Association (AOC7) for going above and beyond to make the AOC7 neighborhood safe and clean. Officer Betanzos worked tirelessly to find solutions in problem areas of the community by attending monthly meetings and neighborhood events.
- **Detective Leticia Carranza** received the Crime Survivors “Above and Beyond” Award, presented at the Gratitude Gala “Hopeful Healing for Survivors” Awards Banquet.
- **Officer Kenny Cruz** received the prestigious “Silver Beaver” Award, presented by the Boy Scouts of America to recognize over 37 years of Community Service and Leadership. This prestigious award is one of the highest awards an adult volunteer can receive.
- **Sergeant James Foster** received the “Richard A. Rose Achievement” Award.
- **Officers Binh Duong, Danny Hernandez, and Richard Wharton** were recognized by Mothers Against Drunk Driving for making more than 50 DUI arrests in one year.
- **Sergeant Ernie Kohagura** received the “Michael A. Sergi Memorial” Award, which recognizes an officer of the Long Beach Police Department for longevity in service, high standards, and professional excellence.
- The **Vice Investigations Section** received a “Steward of the Second District” Award for its Vice Operations.
- **Officer Claudia Lopez** received the following awards:
  - “Honorary Police Excellence” Award for demonstrating professional excellence and providing outstanding service to the community
  - “Steward of the Second District” Award, presented by the community of Rose Park, for going above and beyond the call of duty in making the neighborhood safe.
- **Clerk Typist Cindy Martinez** received the following award and certificates:
  - City Prosecutor’s Office “Impact” Award for exemplary efforts assisting their office in coordinating witnesses needed for trial and making a significant, positive impact in the City of Long Beach
  - Certificates of Recognition from Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez - First District, and Councilwoman Stacy Mungo - Fifth District
- The **Senior Police Partners** received the following recognition:
  - “Go Long Beach” Award from Mayor Robert Garcia
  - “Steward of the Second District” Award for their assistance to seniors in need and for their crime prevention efforts.
  - A proclamation from Mayor Garcia and the City Council recognizing the 20th Anniversary of the SPP Program.
- Quality of Life Unit **Officers Bradley Futak and Christopher Roth**, and **Mental Health Clinician Tom Kirk**, Department of Mental Health, received the following awards:
  - WYSM “Community Policing” Award
  - Catholic Charities Los Angeles, San Pedro Region, “Evening with Angels” Community Award
  - “Steward of the Second District” Award
  - “Centurion Award for Excellence” – Unit award for Los Angeles County Mental Health Team
- **Sergeant Lee DeBrabander**, and **Detectives Fernando Jiminez, William Johnston, Shea Robertson, Luis Rodriguez, Jose Serenil, Mark Sisneros, Jason Ur, and David Urbina** received the below awards for their joint investigation with Homeland Security Investigations to target the illegal trade-based money laundering of drug proceeds throughout the Los Angeles Garment District. The investigation lasted approximately 2.5 years and resulted in a cash seizure of over \$35,000,000, and over 130 pounds of illegal narcotics.
  - POALAC “Centurion” Award, presented by the Peace Officers Association of Los Angeles
  - “Task Force of the Year” Award, presented by the International Association of Financial Crimes Investigations (IAFCI)

# OUTSIDE AGENCY AWARDS



## American Red Cross Greater Long Beach Chapter

### 2016 RED CROSS CPR/FIRST AID CERTIFICATES (FOR ACTIONS PERFORMED IN CALENDAR YEAR 2015)

Officer Cris Costa  
Officer Mary Covarubias  
Officer Gerrit DeJongh  
Officer Nicholas Kent  
Officer Klinton Keller

Officer Jason Lacey  
Officer Randy Lacsina  
Officer Lisa McCourt (2)  
Officer Harrison Moore  
Officer Dennis Price (2)

Officer Alexandra Romero  
Officer Robert Torres  
Officer Laurence Walker, Jr.  
SSO Jonathan Vigil

The American Red Cross prevents and alleviates human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors. Since 1917, the Greater Long Beach Chapter has served the communities of Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Hawaiian Gardens, Lakewood, Long Beach, Paramount, Signal Hill and Catalina Island with disaster relief and response, disaster preparedness training, CPR and first aid training, water safety programs, service to military families, international tracing, youth programs and more.



## CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL 10851 AWARD RECIPIENTS



The California Highway Patrol's 10851 Award is presented to a sergeant or officer assigned to patrol who, during a 12 month period, makes six (6) separate incident rolling stolen in-custody arrests, or recovers a total of 12 stolen vehicles of which a minimum of three must be rolling, or develops information resulting in the identification of a vehicle theft ring, subsequent arrest of two or more suspects, and the recovery of at least ten vehicles.

Qualification period of January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015:

Officer Travis Harris #10364 - 13 recovered vehicles with 4 suspects in custody  
Officer Jeremy Reno #10023 - 14 recovered vehicles with 4 suspects in custody  
Officer Eric Thai #10554 - 13 recovered vehicles with 3 suspects in custody  
Officer Brent Woods #10554 - 33 recovered vehicles with 7 suspects in custody



# 2016 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD



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## DARYLE BLACK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY WINNERS

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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.



**Paige White**  
Explorer Commander  
*1st place \$500*



**Martin Mena**  
Explorer  
*2nd place \$300*



**Emanuel Sanchez**  
Explorer  
*3rd place \$200*

# 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

## **JESUS CERDA RUIZ**

On January 26, 2015, Jesus Cerda Ruiz found a laptop bag unattended on a table at a fast food restaurant. Another customer had, inadvertently, left the bag containing a computer and nearly \$6,000. Mr. Ruiz waited with it approximately 45 minutes, hoping the owner would return. He also attempted to contact the owner via email, but was unsuccessful, so he called police. Fortunately, the owner was located by officers and they were able to return all of the property to the extremely grateful owner.

## **GIOVANNI SERGI**

The Grand Prix is the largest annual event in Long Beach and attracts nearly 200,000 spectators to the downtown shoreline area. The Long Beach Police Department is responsible for managing security and relies extensively on both public and private partnerships to ensure the public's safety. One of the department's most crucial partners is the Port of Long Beach and specifically, Giovanni Sergi. For the past several years, Mr. Sergi has served as liaison to the police department for the Grand Prix and other events. He works tirelessly on logistical and technical support, which is essential to creating a safe environment. During Grand Prix week, he can be relied upon to fulfill departmental requests and ensure the Port's assets are working appropriately. Gio's work ethic, positive attitude, and commitment are inspirational.

## **AL BRUNELLA**

In September 2015, local businessman Al Brunella partnered with the Long Beach Police Department's Evidence Control Section staff to design and build "The Crusher" machine. The Crusher allows for increased efficiency and productivity in the area of gun and weapons destruction. Mr. Brunella donated the materials and labor to build the hydraulic machine, which has an estimated value of approximately \$20,000. Prior to obtaining the Crusher, all firearms and weapons ready for destruction had to be transported by armed escort to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. The process required extensive planning, coordination, and several personnel hours to ensure a safe delivery. Utilizing the Crusher, one employee can ensure approximately 150 to 200 firearms are destroyed in approximately three hours.

## **JORGE GUZMAN AND VICTOR VALDEZ**

On June 17, 2015, Jorge Guzman and Victor Valdez were walking in a residential neighborhood to promote their business. As they were about to knock on a door, they saw a man walking along the driveway from the backyard. They briefly spoke with the potential customer and learned he didn't live there. They also noticed he had electrical cords sticking out of his pockets and seemed nervous. The man borrowed Mr. Guzman's phone and after a quick call, he tried to walk away with it, but returned it. Within a few minutes, a car arrived and the man left with the driver. Suspicious of this encounter, Mr. Guzman looked into the backyard and immediately saw evidence of a burglary. As they returned to the front yard, they saw the same suspect walking down the driveway of another home with the suspect vehicle nearby. Mr. Valdez took a photo of the suspect's car while Mr. Guzman went to alert the neighbor and call police. As a result of their actions, officers were able to apprehend the suspects on the other side of the city within 30 minutes and the stolen property was returned to the homeowner.

# COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS



## **KATHLEEN PONCE**

On May 13, 2015, Kathleen Ponce was jogging in the 200 block of Grand Avenue when she saw a man leaning against a vehicle and performing a lewd act, while two girls were playing outdoors. The suspect noticed Ms. Ponce had seen him, so he got into his vehicle, drove closer to where the girls were playing, and resumed his actions. Once Ms. Ponce started taking photos, the suspect drove away from the area. She then contacted the victims' parents and police were called. Due to Ms. Ponce's keen observations and photographs, officers were able to locate the suspect, link him to two separate indecent exposure incidents, and arrest him.

## **MARK WILSON**

On December 3, 2015, around 10:00 a.m., a patrol officer was dispatched to the Naples area regarding a suspicious man who appeared to be casing while riding his bicycle in the alley. The officer drove around the neighborhood and spotted him near Bay Shore Avenue and 2nd Street. When the man saw the officer looking at him, he quickly peddled into the intersection against a red light, crossing in front of oncoming traffic. He continued riding throughout the neighborhood for nearly 15 minutes until the officer lost sight of him in a narrow alley. The officer spotted him again in the area of 2nd Street at Covina Avenue, but the man continued to evade him. Officers closed the distance in the 200 block of Glendora Avenue when the suspect stopped, turned his bike around, and rode in the opposite direction. As the officer exited his vehicle and began to chase him, Mark Wilson interceded. Mr. Wilson grabbed the suspect's bicycle as he rode by and stopped him. The officers caught up and took the suspect into custody.

## **ROBERT KILLINGBECK, MICHAEL MURANO, AND GREGORY PUENTE**

On July 3, 2015, Mr. Robert Killingbeck, Michael Murano, and Gregory Puente were working in the front yard of a residence in the 600 block of Los Altos Avenue when they heard a loud traffic collision in the intersection north of them. They turned and saw a large U-Haul truck had collided with a Dodge Caravan, and the U-Haul driver jump out of his vehicle, run from the scene, jump on the roof of a nearby home, and continue northbound. The three men ran across busy 7th Street to assist the mother and her two children in the other vehicle. Realizing the suspect was a danger to the neighborhood, the men looked toward the suspect's last location and spotted him running across Los Altos Avenue to another house, where he tried to force his way in through the front door. Mr. Murano ran to the suspect and ordered him to surrender, but the suspect refused to cooperate. Mr. Murano tackled the suspect, and with the assistance of Mr. Puente and Mr. Killingbeck, they kept the combative suspect detained until the police arrived. The family in the other vehicle were treated by paramedics at the scene and released. Further investigation revealed the suspect had stolen the U-Haul truck in Seal Beach earlier in the day, and several callers reported dangerous and reckless driving. He was found to have an extensive criminal history and appeared to be under the influence of narcotics at the time of his arrest. Mr. Killingbeck, Murano, and Puente are to be commended for their courage and decisive actions to detain the suspect.

## **SARAH WEFALD**

On numerous occasions in September 2015, residents reported a male suspect accessed an East Division apartment courtyard during hours of darkness. The suspect would look through various bedroom windows, stand in front of several female tenants' windows performing lewd acts, and flee into the alley. Female residents became frightened and found it difficult to sleep. Sarah Wefald took it upon herself to install a surveillance camera in an effort to catch the suspect in the act. She provided surveillance footage and detailed descriptions to police, while officers increased patrols in the area. She also attended community meetings and spoke with several residents in the area to keep them informed, created posters depicting the suspect's face, and consistently updated patrol officers and detectives. Thanks to Ms. Wefald's efforts to heighten community awareness and collaborate with police department personnel, a suspicious person who matched the suspect's description was apprehended on September 24, 2015, and subsequently convicted.



# OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY PARTNER

## **STEVE GOODLING,**

*PRESIDENT/CEO - LB CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU*

The Long Beach Police Department recognizes the importance of collaboration between our many community stakeholders. The Outstanding Community Partner Award was created to honor an individual or organization who consistently demonstrates an interest and willingness to work closely with the Police Department to achieve the common goal of making Long Beach a safe city for all people.

Steve Goodling, President and CEO of the Long Beach Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB), has established himself as a true partner to the Police Department. For many years, he has worked closely with the department, providing invaluable insight and assistance to ensure the safety and growth of our developing city.

Steve's commitment to community safety is evident in his support for a newly created program that allows the Police Department to provide emergency housing for victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, and crimes against children and the elderly. When the department contacted Steve regarding this idea, he immediately reached out to his hotel partners throughout the city to assist with this project. This collaboration has granted detectives the ability to place victims into safe, temporary housing until alternative housing can be provided.

Steve and the CVB have partnered with the Police Foundation to help fund many projects and the purchase of police equipment. On a regular basis, Steve has extended his leadership and knowledge of community needs to the Police Department's Command Staff to discuss solutions for current challenges within the city and insight on how to foster stronger relationships with the CVB stakeholders and the community.

The City of Long Beach has been the host city for many law enforcement meetings and training conferences, including the 2015 COPSWEST Training and Expo, which brought thousands of law enforcement industry professionals together. During the planning stages of these events, Steve took an active role in connecting the Police Department with industry resources to ensure the success of each event and that participants had a positive experience in our city.

In recognition of the challenging times facing law enforcement today, Steve and the CVB Board invited Police Department employees to participate in their annual holiday party to demonstrate their support for our department.

Steve's leadership and commitment to our community has had an extraordinary effect on the city and surrounding regions. He, and his entire team, have worked tirelessly to put Long Beach on the map, and through their efforts, our community has become a dynamic and vibrant destination for visitors and convention attendees from all over the world. For his exceptional contributions, insight, and commitment to improving community safety, Steve Goodling is recognized with the 2016 Outstanding Community Partner Award.



Steve Goodling  
President/CEO  
LB Convention & Visitors Bureau



# 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 41,000 hours of service with a value of over \$1.3 million. The Volunteer Service Award recognizes those Police Volunteers who have selflessly given over 500 hours of service during 2015.



Micheal Brown  
*Volunteer/Explorer Advisor*  
1,743.8 Hours



Mike Yoachum  
*Senior Police Partner*  
1,109 Hours



Frank Kuehn  
*Reserve Sergeant*  
788 Hours



Daniel Velasquez  
*Explorer Sergeant*  
640 Hours



Paige White  
*Explorer Commander*  
639 Hours



Ed Guerry  
*Senior Police Partner*  
582 Hours



David Madigan  
*Reserve Lieutenant*  
534.5 Hours



Isidro Lopez  
*Senior Police Partner*  
525 Hours



Joseph Chavez  
*Explorer Sergeant*  
516 Hours



Linda Penrod  
*Senior Police Partner*  
508 Hours



Alexis Miranda  
*Explorer Sergeant*  
506 Hours



Antonio Maciel  
*Explorer Lieutenant*  
505 Hours



Jesse Villa  
*Police Explorer*  
501 Hours



# UNIT CITATION

## NORTH DIVISION PATROL – WATCH I

In the later months of 2015, North Division experienced a rash of commercial burglaries. Most of these burglaries occurred during late night hours, and over a period of time, officers began to see a pattern emerge.

North Division Watch I patrol officers, assigned to the graveyard shift, worked diligently, going above and beyond the normal expectations of a patrol officer to identify and apprehend members of this organized group responsible for this series of commercial burglaries. Officers worked together as a team collecting and sharing suspect information, interviewing victims, and analyzing surveillance videos. Based on information the officers gathered, investigative bulletins outlining specific information relating to these crimes were produced and began to circulate in the North Division daily patrol briefings.

Officers scoured the streets each night in search of those responsible for these crimes. In mid-December, officers caught a break when the suspects were spotted driving around in the neighborhood. Two of the five suspects fled on foot, while the remaining three suspects were apprehended before they had a chance to flee. After a quick perimeter and search of the neighborhood, the two suspects who fled were also found and taken into custody. Numerous items of loss and evidence of the burglaries were recovered that night. Although the arrest of these suspects was a disruption to the group's mission, the burglaries continued. Officers were meticulous in each of these burglary investigations, carefully reviewing surveillance footage and being watchful for possible suspects and suspect vehicles.

By the end of the year, 13 burglary suspects had been arrested, five suspect vehicles were impounded, numerous pieces of evidence were recovered, and significant items of loss were returned to their rightful owners. These suspects were believed to be responsible for a crime-spree that spanned over several months and victimized dozens of businesses throughout the area.

North Division Watch I officers are to be commended for their diligence in solving a commercial burglary series that had made a devastating impact on the North Long Beach business community. Their dedication, outstanding teamwork, and exceptional investigative efforts are recognized with a Unit Citation.

Sergeant Richard Chambers #6025

Officer Sean Arndt #10539

Officer Michael Barth #5936

Officer Manuel Banuelos #5960

Officer Adam Burleson #10308

Officer David Collazo #5921

Officer Brian Craney #10575

Officer Gerrit DeJongh #5954

Officer Larry Fleet #10571

Officer David Garcia #5948

Officer Antonio Haro #5193

Officer Kevin Johansen #10559

Officer Shawn Loughlin #6308

Officer Jonathan Lucero #10063

Officer Jack Manu #6068

Officer Fernando Martinez #5745

Officer Jeffrey Meyer #6311

Officer Madison Moss #10547

Officer Alfonso Navarro #5931

Officer Jesenia Oropeza #10549

Officer Kyle Piper #10543

Officer Gavin Purdy #10581

Officer Jeremy Reno #10023

Officer Jose Rodriguez #10153

Officer Carlos Sandoval #10572

Officer Mario Talavera #5175

Officer Justin Van Dyk #10545

Officer Guadalupe Villescas Payan #10557

Officer Bach Zavala #10555

# UNIT CITATION



## WEST DIVISION DIRECTED ENFORCEMENT TEAM

West Division's Directed Enforcement Team is a proactive team of patrol based officers assigned to the busiest area of Long Beach. The team worked alongside our Quality of Life Team and Patrol Resource Officers to help identify and resolve issues associated with problem locations within the division. The team focused on and devised enforcement action to combat the recent spike in violent crime within the West Division. They regularly assisted the department's Violent Crimes, Gang, Homicide and Narcotics details. They have helped to both prevent and solve numerous violent crimes within the West Division and throughout the city. Their efforts significantly impacted the quality of life and safety for our citizens.

During 2015, they were tasked with addressing the significant rise in West Division violent crime. The team devised numerous strategies to impact the criminal element, including a Violent Crime Event Action Plan, which was supplemented with patrol officers. They made numerous arrests of violent offenders and kept the West Division a safer place.

One example of their work was when the officers observed a vehicle speeding near a park where a large community gathering was occurring. Concerned for the safety of the public, the officers initiated a traffic stop. They learned the vehicle was wanted in a carjacking that occurred in Los Angeles, and the occupants were to be considered armed and dangerous. The vehicle immediately fled from the officers and a pursuit was initiated. The driver attempted to hinder the pursuing officer's path by purposely ramming into both parked and moving vehicles to cause blockage in the roadway. The suspect's caused three separate vehicle collisions in their attempt to evade officers. Ultimately, the suspect's vehicle collided head on into a citizen's car. One suspect fled on foot and was immediately captured. The second suspect could not open the car door due to damage caused by the collision, which prevented him from fleeing. He was also taken into custody, and found in possession of a loaded firearm. The driver of the vehicle was later found to be involved in a homicide that had occurred in Long Beach. He has since been charged with that murder and is currently being held on \$4,000,000.00 bail and is awaiting trial.

As a result of their efforts in 2015, the team made 352 felony arrests, 155 misdemeanor arrests, recovered 69 firearms, conducted 343 probation searches, and made contact with 1,105 gang members.

The West Division Directed Enforcement team consistently demonstrates dedication, hard work, and professionalism in their everyday duties. They have undoubtedly made a positive impact on the quality of life for West Division residents, have increased their safety, and are recognized with a Unit Citation.

Sergeant Michael Richens #6056

Officer Bernardo Barajas #6234

Officer Randall Beach #10071

Officer Christopher Brammer #10014

Officer Ryan Christopher #6171

Officer Martin Ron #6269

Officer Ricardo Solorio #6297.

Officer Francisco Vasquez #6125

Officer Henry Vong #10124



# UNIT CITATION

## DRUG INVESTIGATION SECTION FIELD TEAM

During the years 2014 and 2015, Drug Investigations Section detectives were tasked with closing illegal marijuana dispensaries in the City of Long Beach. This was in response to a reenacted ordinance, increased crime complaints, and quality of life issues stemming from marijuana sales, grows, butane hash oil, paraphernalia, narcotics, and clandestine laboratories. These illegal operations all adversely influenced criminal activity near their respective locations.

Our City had approximately 50 illegal dispensaries, which refused to close or would reopen after enforcement was completed. The detectives addressed these problems with vigilant enforcement strategies, and when faced with challenges and increased community complaints, strategies were adjusted to continue to impact the illegal operations. This included, but was not limited to, increased arrests, surveillances, and the service of search warrants. Additionally, detectives worked with Patrol Directed Enforcement Teams, the City Prosecutor's Office, Code Enforcement, Business and Licensing, and the Fire Department, to collaboratively disrupt the illegal activity.

The detectives also attended to a multitude of other responsibilities. Their exceptional productivity can be seen in the 400 arrests they made and 150 search warrants they served. The tactics and enforcement strategies implemented demonstrate the successes that can be accomplished when police, coupled with our City partners, implement a plan designed to impact crime and improve the safety for the people in our community.

The detectives exemplify the Strategic Vision of the Long Beach Police Department. Their relentless pursuit of narcotics violators makes the City a safer place for people to live, work and visit. These detectives not only utilized partnerships effectively, but they addressed all of their complaints in a courteous, ethical, and professional manner.

In April of 2016, the DIS Field Team was recognized by the California Narcotics Officers Association for their outstanding investigative efforts regarding marijuana enforcement. Further, as a result of their hard work in reducing the number of illegal dispensaries, the team was able to refocus their efforts towards other narcotics related activity, which included working 392 complaints, arresting 280 suspects with 59 of those arrests being gang related, 94 search warrants, and the removal of 15 guns from our streets. For their tireless efforts and teamwork, which impacted violent crime and enhanced the quality of our neighborhoods, they are recognized with a Unit Citation.

Lieutenant Michael Pennino #5593

Sergeant Tim Long #5630

Officer Randy Beach #10071

Detective Scott Destefano #5688

Detective Gabriel Garrido #6118

Officer Brian Greene #10072

Detective Jason Kirk #6051

Detective Dylan Lobascio #6150

Detective David Strohman #5543

Detective Chris Thue #5701

Detective Chris Valdez #6229

Officer Larry Mulock #10060

Officer Justin Rivett #10315

CT IV Melissa Arnusorn #7006

# UNIT CITATION



## HOMICIDE DETAIL & CAREER CRIMINAL APPREHENSION TEAM

On January 3, 2015, an attempted murder and kidnapping occurred in North Long Beach. Three adults were shot and three-week-old Baby Eliza was kidnapped from her home. Two days later, the San Diego Sheriff's Department notified detectives that the body of an infant had been found deceased in Imperial Beach. The medical examiner confirmed the identity to be that of Baby Eliza.

The entire Homicide team focused their efforts on solving the heinous and senseless murder of a child. Detectives combed crime scenes for evidence, interviewed witnesses, and researched the background of the shooting victims to determine a motive.

Due to the magnitude and complexity of the investigation, a request for assistance with reviewing and analyzing collected data was made to the Joint Regional Intelligence Center (JRIC), an agency comprised of federal, state, and local agencies that monitor possible threats to the homeland regionally. Melinda Gottesman, an experienced analyst, was assigned to the investigation by JRIC. She combed through reams of evidence collected in an attempt to identify potential leads or suspects, developed a comprehensive timeline of events, created extensive background packages on possible suspects, and provided easy to understand reports.

During the course of the investigation, detectives learned one of the shooting victims, the mother of the infant, had taken a Long Beach Transit bus prior to the shooting, and had a brief verbal encounter with an unknown subject in a vehicle after she exited the bus. Detectives contacted Long Beach Transit authorities to obtain video evidence of the bus. The footage proved to be invaluable and provided detectives information relating to a possible suspect vehicle. That information then led detectives to other locations with video surveillance recordings, which they linked to additional items of evidentiary value.

Throughout the investigation, Homicide detectives executed 91 search warrants and court orders, collected and reviewed over 33,000 images and video files, and determined that the driver of the suspect vehicle captured by surveillance had been hired to commit this crime by a second suspect.

The Career Criminal Apprehension Team was enlisted to compile evidence against the suspects. This team of distinguished detectives worked seven days a week during a three month period, conducted hundreds of hours of careful surveillance, and traveled thousands of miles across Los Angeles, Riverside and San Diego Counties to investigate the infant's murder. CCAT detectives closely monitored the suspects' daily activities, identified and located their associates, and obtained irrefutable evidence of their involvement in all aspects of this criminal case.

After a thorough and exhaustive investigation into this very complex kidnapping and murder case, detectives arrested the suspects on March 25, 2015. The Homicide and CCAT Details are to be commended for their extraordinary efforts, unwavering dedication, and commitment throughout the entire investigation and are recognized with a Unit Citation. For her collaborative efforts and exceptional contributions, Analyst Melinda Gottesman is recognized with a Chief's Citation.

### HOMICIDE DETAIL

Sergeant Erik Herzog #5125  
Detective Mark Bigel Guarino #5203  
Detective Hugo Cortes #5329  
Detective Malcolm Evans #5708  
Detective Donald Goodman #5311  
Detective Michael Hubbard #5845  
Detective Teryl Hubert #5577  
Detective Sean Irving #6027  
Detective Todd Johnson #5774  
Detective Greg Krabbe #5624  
Detective Peter Lackovic #5324  
Detective Scott Lasch #5451  
Detective Mark Mattia #5964  
Detective Mark McGuire #5212  
Detective Shea Robertson #6103  
Detective Oscar Valenzuela #5790  
Clerk Typist III Erlinda Custodio #8332  
Clerk Typist III Alicia Brown #8147

### CAREER CRIMINAL APPREHENSION TEAM

Sergeant Chris Ferrari #5068  
Detective Bobby Anguiano #5945  
Detective Tom Brown #5104  
Detective Joel Camrin #5490  
Detective Hector Cardiel #5678  
Detective Theo Covey #5388  
Detective Luke Everts #5483  
Detective Michael Hynes #6290  
Detective Abel Morales #5367  
Detective Russ Moss #5298  
Detective Mario Razo #4022  
Detective Jesse Valadez #5642

### JOINT REGIONAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER

Analyst Melinda Gottesman - Chief's Citation



# DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

## SERGEANT DANIEL BARKWILL

The California Penal Code states that firearms that are no longer needed as evidence or that have been surrendered shall be destroyed so they can no longer be used as weapons. Historically, all firearms and weapons ready for destruction had to be transported by armed escort to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, which included several personnel hours, planning and coordination for the transport.

In September 2015, Sergeant Daniel Barkwill, who supervises the department's Evidence Control Section, met Al Brunella through a mutual friend. Al is a Long Beach resident and the owner of a manufacturing business. The need for the crime lab to have its own weapon destruction capability came up during their conversation and Al offered to create a hydraulic machine that could be used to disable the firing pins on firearms that have been slated for destruction. Sergeant Barkwill presented Al with an initial set of drawings, and for several months they worked together to design the new machine, named "The Crusher." Through the Long Beach Police Foundation, Al generously donated all the materials, labor and time to build "The Crusher," which has an estimated value of approximately \$20,000.

Thanks to the innovation and collaboration of Sergeant Daniel Barkwill and Al Brunella, this new equipment will give the department the ability to process more weapon disposals annually, and will also save thousands of dollars each year by redirecting resources used for the armed escort. It will also provide the ability for on-site audits to be conducted and to potentially increase salvage revenue back to the department for the scrap metal.



Daniel Barkwill  
Sergeant

## SERGEANT SHALEANA BENSON

As a sergeant on the East Patrol graveyard shift, Shaleana Benson oversees the Walking Beat Unit that patrols 2nd Street in Belmont Shore during the evening hours. Seeing the need to address alcohol related crimes, Sergeant Benson wrote a proposal to initiate the "Know Your Limit" Campaign in April 2015.

"Know Your Limit" is an alcohol awareness campaign where specially trained officers can interact one-on-one with the public. The officers pre-identify an establishment where alcohol is served and, after receiving permission from the management, contact patrons who are consuming alcohol. The officers engage the patron and their table guests in a conversation about alcohol absorption, metabolism, and impairment and the patron is asked to guess their current Blood Alcohol Content or BAC. With their consent, the officer then provides a Preliminary Alcohol Screening test to the patron so they can see their current BAC – thus, they know their limit.

Finally, the patrons are given gift cards provided by the cooperating businesses, as well as a free ride voucher from Yellow Cab. To date there have been five successful campaigns, including an all-day event at the Belmont Shore Car Show.

Sergeant Benson was also able to obtain a "Choose Your Ride" DUI awareness vehicle, which is placed on display near the designated establishments. Half of the vehicle is painted black-and-white like a police car, and the other half is painted yellow like a taxi. On the vehicle it states, "CHOOSE YOUR RIDE" with the police-half showing a cost of \$10,000 and the taxi-half showing a cost \$20, indicating it's much cheaper to take a cab than to get a DUI.

In addition to the "Know Your Limit" campaign, Sergeant Benson wrote a proposal for grant funding to be used to increase the number of officers available for DUI checkpoints. The funding also enabled her to host and teach DUI training courses, send one officer to Drug Recognition Expert School, and re-certify five more DRE officers.

Sergeant Shaleana Benson is to be commended for her efforts to promote alcohol awareness and responsible driving in our community.



Shaleana Benson  
Sergeant

# DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD



## LIEUTENANT WALLY HEBEISH

From April to November 2015, Lieutenant Wally Hebeish voluntarily accepted a special detail assignment to fill an unanticipated vacancy and serve as the Interim Records Division Administrator, while continuing to serve as the Criminal Investigations Section Lieutenant. In his new assignment, he was tasked with providing leadership and managerial oversight to 78 sworn and civilian employees. These employees work in 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.



Wally Hebeish  
*Lieutenant*

Lieutenant Hebeish 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 equipment and software, scheduled additional training and instituted regular performance reviews to assess progress. He refined the monthly reporting of crime statistics; coordinated with the Fleet Services Bureau to address replacement plans for patrol vehicles; and, oversaw the installation of new mobile data computers. He also reestablished a close working relationship with counterparts in the Technology Services Department, which helped resolve a number of issues, including finalizing outstanding service requests to improve the Computer Aided Dispatch and Records Management Systems; the installation and maintenance of City-wide surveillance cameras; and, assuring the required levels of training to meet the mandates of both the Criminal Justice Information Services and the California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System.

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

## BUREAU SECRETARY LISA CULVER

The Patrol Bureau is the largest of the five bureaus that comprise the Long Beach Police Department. As such, it is also the busiest in daily operations, overseeing four patrol divisions.

Lisa Culver is the secretary to Deputy Chief Richard Rocchi who oversees the Patrol Bureau. Lisa is not only responsible for managing Chief Rocchi's busy calendar, but also handles a large volume of incoming and outgoing projects, and coordinates with the patrol division secretaries to ensure that the administrative functions of the bureau are running smoothly. She receives and disseminates a wide variety of information, which is often time-sensitive and confidential. She carefully triages requests and assignments to ensure all items are addressed in a timely manner.



Lisa Culver  
*Bureau Secretary*

As a bureau secretary, Lisa's position requires her to interact with elected officials, city staff, and community leaders. She also networks with community based organizations such as the Downtown Long Beach Business Association and the Long Beach Convention and Visitor's Bureau.

Lisa's extensive experience in managing the Patrol Bureau's administrative office has provided her with a wealth of knowledge, which has proven invaluable to the problem solving efforts of staff throughout the bureau. She is extremely flexible and adjusts her schedule to ensure the needs of the bureau are met and participates in department activities and events that are scheduled outside of her regular work hours.

Lisa frequently volunteers to assist with department functions or programs. She has assisted the Command Staff at the annual Long Beach Mission Rescue's backpack drive, which provides hundreds of underprivileged children with school supplies. She also served on the Command Officers Association's Board as Secretary, where she routinely contributed her time and organizational skills, and coordinated the Association's annual dinner.

Lisa was a nominee for the 2015 Employee of the Year Award, and her dedication and commitment demonstrate she is a valuable asset to the Police Department. For her extraordinary contribution to the operational efficiency of the Patrol Bureau, Lisa Culver is recognized with a Distinguished Service Award.



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## **SERGEANT DARREN LANCE SERGEANT ABRAM YAP**

In addition to their regular patrol supervisor responsibilities, Sergeant Abram Yap and Sergeant Darren Lance have worked as a team managing the public safety operation in the Downtown Entertainment District. This demanding and high profile area requires extraordinary attention and dedication, as well as a significant amount of resources and personnel to provide the community with a safe and enjoyable experience.



Darren Lance  
*Sergeant*



Abram Yap  
*Sergeant*

Sergeants Yap and Lance supervise, assign resources, and direct patrol operations in the areas of Lincoln Park and the Metro Blue Line. They also manage the operation of specialized units including the Quality of Life and Patrol Resource Officers, which have made a significant impact on the short and long term issues specific to our developing downtown area.

Sergeants Yap and Lance are also responsible for overseeing the Department's downtown Bike Patrol Detail to ensure patrol resources are able to access and address the needs within the entertainment district. It is incumbent upon them to engage with community stakeholders to ensure celebrations and events unique to Long Beach, such as the Toyota Grand Prix, Pride Parade and Festival, and prominent holiday celebrations are enjoyed safely by the community and surrounding areas. Their exceptional problem solving, decision-making, and ability to adapt to both planned and unscheduled events have been critical to maintaining a superior level of public safety and service. In acknowledgement of their efforts, Sergeants Yap and Lance were nominees for the 2015 Employee of the Year award.

For their unwavering dedication and commitment to community safety and their contributions to the Downtown Entertainment District, Police Department, and the community, Sergeants Abram Yap and Darren Lance are recognized with a Distinguished Service Award.

## **OFFICER JOEL CASILLAS OFFICER ERIC CORNELL**

On December 28, 2015, Officer Eric Cornell and Officer Joel Casillas were dispatched to a report of an attempt suicide at an apartment complex. When they arrived, they located a 300 pound male adult standing at the top of a second-story stairwell ledge with an electrical wire around his neck that was tied to the second floor railing. The officers attempted to engage the subject in conversation, pleading with him not to jump, but the subject said he would if the officers came any closer. Officer Casillas called for backup and requested paramedics to respond.



Joel Casillas  
*Officer*



Eric Cornell  
*Officer*

The subject threw down the cigarette he had been smoking and began climbing over the railing. Officer Cornell ran and positioned himself under the balcony to attempt to catch the subject, as Officer Casillas ran up the stairs to try and grab him and prevent him from jumping. The suspect leapt off the balcony just as Officer Casillas reached the top, and was suspended approximately six feet from the ground with the cord tight around his neck.

Officer Cornell stood on a plastic children's wagon to reach up and hold the subject's legs and relieve some of the pressure the wire was placing on his neck, while Officer Casillas attempted to grab his arm and pull him back up. When Officer



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Casillas was unable to pull him up, and saw he was being strangled by the rope, he pulled out his knife and cut the cord. As he did, the subject fell straight down onto Officer Cornell, breaking his fall. Officers Cornell and Casillas immediately removed the cord from the subject's neck and began life saving measures. The subject was disoriented but began breathing normally. Paramedics arrived and transported the subject to the hospital for treatment. One of the subject's family members arrived and was overcome with emotion, and expressed her gratitude for the caring attention the officers provided her family member in crisis. She hugged the officers and thanked them profusely.

If not for Officers Cornell and Casillas' quick and heroic actions, it is likely the outcome would have been devastating. Their dedication to their profession and commitment to helping a community member is commendable, and they are recognized with a Distinguished Service Award.

## SERGEANT ERIC HOOKER

Sergeant Eric Hooker is a 21-year veteran of the Long Beach Police Department currently assigned to the Vice Detail. As the Vice Field Investigations Sergeant, he supervises a group of undercover detectives who investigate a variety of crimes, including human trafficking. Throughout his career, Sergeant Hooker has been a model employee, however, it is his work in the area of human trafficking that is his most notable achievement and worthy of recognition



Eric Hooker  
Sergeant

Human trafficking is the second largest international crime industry behind illegal drugs and reportedly generates a profit of \$32 billion a year. Sergeant Hooker recognized the impact of new legislation as an opportunity to incarcerate human traffickers with increased prison sentences and provide assistance to minor and adult victims forced into a life of prostitution. He experimented with the idea of treating every prostitute as a victim, rather than a suspect. This shift in paradigm had a dramatic effect on the success of the investigations. Many of the victims had endured mental and physical abuse that amounted to torture, several were branded with a tattoo of the trafficker's street name, most were moved away and isolated from their families, and all of them had their lives controlled by their trafficker. Sergeant Hooker brought in victim advocates to assist in the interviews and provide support and services to the victims. Victims testified in court and helped put the traffickers in prison. In one such case, the suspect received a life sentence, and in many of their cases, the suspects are receiving over 40 years in prison. Operating under the old procedures would have resulted in the arrest of the female who would have returned to the trafficker when she was released from jail a few days later.

Sergeant Hooker was instrumental in the development of "My Sister's Keeper" Program, a grant funded multifaceted approach designed to arrest and convict gang members involved in human trafficking and enter as many women into services as possible. He helped design the protocols to address the handling of Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) and for victim/witness testimony in human trafficking cases involving minors. He is currently working with P.O.S.T. to develop a human trafficking curriculum for police officers in the State of California. Sergeant Hooker is a recognized expert in Human Trafficking and presented training on the topic at the Alcoholic Beverage Control Annual Training Conference for the past two years, and at the California Parole, Probation, and Correctional Association Convention.

Under Sergeant Hooker's leadership and direction, the Vice Investigations Field Team has made more human trafficking arrests in the past three years than any other agency in Los Angeles County. Sergeant Hooker has set the standard and has put the Long Beach Police Department at the forefront. His innovative and creative techniques are considered revolutionary, as they have changed the way law enforcement organizations across the nation approach this heinous crime. For this, and a career dedicated to the residents of Long Beach, Sergeant Hooker is recognized with a Distinguished Service Award.



# MERITORIOUS AWARD FOR BRAVERY

**OFFICER GREGORY JENSEN**  
**OFFICER RICHARD LUBCHENKO**  
**OFFICER AARON MASCORRO**  
**OFFICER BO PAK**  
**OFFICER RYAN PETERSON**  
**OFFICER EDUARDO URQUIZA**

**FIRE CAPTAIN JAMES OWEN**  
**FIRE CAPTAIN MIKE ROMERO**  
**FIREBOAT OPERATOR JOHN KNIGHT**  
**FIRE ENGINEER GARY SCHALL**  
**FIREFIGHTER STEVE TALLOSI**  
**MARINE SAFETY SERGEANT IAN WENGER**  
**MARINE SAFETY SERGEANT DON WETTELAND**  
**MARINE SAFETY OFFICER TREVOR WAWRZYNSKI**

On November 16, 2015, Long Beach Port Police Division officers were patrolling the waterways of the Port of Long Beach in their police boat. They received a call of a loose barge, which had broken free of its anchor, was heading towards an oil platform, and was less than half a mile away. The approximate 300 foot long by 40 foot wide barge, which stood 30 feet out of the water, had broken free due to sustained high winds of 30 miles per hour and was drifting at 6 knots directly in the path of the oil platform.

When the Port Police boat and the Long Beach Fire Department's Lifeguard boat arrived and assessed the situation, it was apparent the barge was going to collide with the oil platform. The Marine Safety officers on the Lifeguard boat notified the oil platform crew of the impending danger and began working to evacuate the crew. At the same time, the Port Police officers determined it would be worth attempting to use their vessel to stop or alter the course of the runaway barge. The officers reached the barge, and placed their vessel against the center of the barge. With the wind at a constant 30 mph and with three to four foot waves, they had difficulty keeping contact with the barge and were bounced off and around. Eventually they were able to make solid and consistent contact with the barge and slow its drift.

Eventually, the barge not only slowed, but was also re-directed away from the oil platform. Fireboat Challenger also responded and its crew assisted the police boat with helping



Gregory Jensen  
*Officer*



Richard Lubchenko  
*Officer*



Aaron Mascorro  
*Officer*



Bo Pak  
*Officer*



Ryan Peterson  
*Officer*



Eduardo Urquiza  
*Officer*



James Owen  
*Fire Captain*



Mike Romero  
*Fire Captain*



John Knight  
*Fireboat Operator*



Gary Schall  
*Fire Engineer*

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keep the barge in place until a responding tugboat arrived. The Marine Safety officers were able to safely evacuate all personnel from the oil platform, in the event the plan was unsuccessful. Due to the quick thinking, coordinated efforts of all involved, and immediate actions of highly trained personnel, a near catastrophe was avoided and our environment was protected. For their extraordinary efforts while placing themselves at risk, the Long Beach Police and Fire Department personnel involved in this incident are recognized and presented with a Meritorious Award for Bravery.



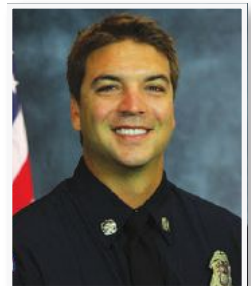
Steve Tallosi  
*Firefighter*



Ian Wenger  
*Marine Safety Sergeant*



Don Wetteland  
*Marine Safety Sergeant*



Trevor Wawrzynski  
*Marine Safety Officer*

## HARBOR PATROL OFFICER TYREE JONES

On the morning of Wednesday, November 18, 2015, Harbor Patrol Officer Tyree Jones was driving southbound on the 710 Freeway at Anaheim Street when he saw a car on fire on the northbound side of the freeway. Officer Jones immediately exited the freeway and then got back on the northbound lanes and parked behind the burning car.

Upon his arrival, he saw the back end of the car was engulfed in flames and the driver was leaning into the backseat grabbing personal items and talking incoherently. The flames had moved into the passenger area and without regard for his own safety, Officer Jones approached the car immediately physically removed the man from the car and moved him to a safe location. The flames from the car were so intense, that the man's hair had begun to burn so Officer Jones used his hands to stop it from smoldering. When the man told him he was on his way to see his wife at the hospital, Officer Jones remembered seeing a wheel chair in the back seat of the car and feared there may be a disabled passenger still trapped inside. As Officer Jones grabbed his fire extinguisher, the man returned to the car to try and remove additional personal items. Officer Jones pulled him away from the fully engulfed car and double checked to ensure there were no other occupants. Once he cleared the car, he attempted to extinguish the flames until Fire Department personnel arrived on scene.



Tyree Jones  
*Harbor Patrol Officer*

Harbor Patrol Officer Jones is to be commended for his quick and decisive actions and for placing himself at risk to ensure the safety of the motorist.



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**OFFICER JACOB DILLON**  
**OFFICER ELAINE GOMEZ**  
**OFFICER DAVID OKERMAN**  
**OFFICER DANIEL VISSER**

On March 31, 2015, Officer Daniel Visser was dispatched to an attempt suicide call where calling party informed dispatch a male subject was attempting to stab himself in the stomach with a knife over a dispute. The caller further advised there were three young children in the home with the distraught male subject.

Officer Visser arrived at the location, assisted by Officers Jacob Dillon, Elaine Gomez, and David Okerman. The officers were able to look inside the residence and observed a large amount of blood on the tile floor leading back to a bedroom. The officers immediately began calling out the children and the distraught male subject through the locked security door, but got no response. Officers, fearing the distraught male subject was suffering from a fatal wound or that the young children had been physically harmed, formulated a plan to enter the apartment. Officers recognized the above-mentioned exigencies, and that immediate action needed to be taken to protect life, and forced the front door open and entered the apartment.

Once inside, officers meticulously moved from room to room, clearing the apartment, and calling out to the children in English, but got no response. Officer Gomez made additional announcements in Spanish. Fearing the worst, officers remained composed and continued on. Officers then heard children crying and screaming for help coming from a bedroom. Officers moved to them quickly, while providing cover for one another, and discovered the door to the bedroom locked and doorknob removed. Officer Dillon told the children to move away from the door, and with one single blow, kicked the door open. The children ran out of the room and into the arms of the officers who escorted them out to be checked by paramedics and reunited with their mother.

Officers gathered information from the eldest child who confirmed the children's father was injured and bleeding, and locked in another bedroom, and begged officers to help him. The officers quickly formulated a plan, and made announcements to the subject in English and Spanish. He replied that he wanted to kill himself and that he had a knife. Officer Dillon kicked the door open, and the officers discovered the subject had a large kitchen knife embedded in his abdomen. He was losing large amounts of blood and appeared to have sustained serious internal injuries. Officers immediately moved in and safely secured the suicidal subject. Fire personnel staged nearby were called in and quickly began treating the subject, who was then transported to a local hospital where he underwent emergency surgery. The tending physician commented that had the subject not received immediate treatment, he would not have survived.

The exigency of the circumstances and the manner in which the situation unfolded was of great demand, both physically and mentally. The training and expertise of these officers was truly demonstrated during a highly stressful situation. For their exemplary performance, which protected the lives of three young children and saved the life of their father, these officers are recognized with a Meritorious Award for Bravery.



Jacob Dillon  
*Officer*



Elaine Gomez  
*Officer*



David Okerman  
*Officer*



Daniel Visser  
*Officer*

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## OFFICER NICHOLAS DYER OFFICER CORY LAPWORTH OFFICER ROBERT PAUL

On Thursday, July 16, 2015, just before 2:00 a.m., Officer Cory Lapworth was working uniformed patrol in the area of 4th Street and Chestnut Avenue when a man ran up and told him there was a fire in the alley. The man led Officer Lapworth to a nearby apartment building where he saw flames and smoke coming from one of the windows.

As Officer Lapworth approached he heard someone yell, "Help! There's people trapped inside!" While requesting additional units and the Fire Department, he heard glass breaking from the window adjacent to the window with the flames.

Without regard for his personal safety, Officer Lapworth ran through the breezeway and past the smoke and flames pouring out of the window. He climbed onto the security window screen and looked inside. Officer Lapworth saw a person's hand sticking out from inside the apartment attempting escape. A man and a woman were trapped inside the burning apartment and were prevented from escaping by the bars on the windows. Officers Robert Paul and Nicholas Dyer arrived on scene and together the three officers were able to pry the bars from the window to help the occupants climb out.

By this time, the smoke and fire had increased, preventing all of them from leaving the way the officers came in. The officers led the man and woman in the other direction, but soon realized that this exit was also blocked by a wood and chain link fence. Officer Dyer used his flashlight to signal nearby Firefighters who had just arrived. Long Beach Fire personnel cut down the fence, allowing the officers to lead the man and woman to awaiting medics.

The couple were transported to St. Mary Medical Center and listed in grave condition. The man had sustained 2nd and 3rd degree burns over the majority of his body, and the woman was treated for burns and smoke inhalation, and was admitted into the Intensive Care Unit.

Fire Department personnel on scene all agreed that if it had not been for the actions of Officers Lapworth, Paul, and Dyer, the two residents would have certainly perished in the fire.

Officers Cory Lapworth, Robert Paul and Nicholas Dyer demonstrated great courage and bravery in the face of danger to save the lives of two community members. Their actions that morning exemplify the best principles and practices of the Long Beach Police Department, and bring great pride to our organization and our community.



Nicholas Dyer  
*Officer*



Cory Lapworth  
*Officer*



Robert Paul  
*Officer*



# MERITORIOUS AWARD FOR HEROISM

**SERGEANT DOUG BENDER**  
**OFFICER VICENTE ACEVES**  
**OFFICER GAMALIEL COLLAZO**  
**OFFICER SEAN DEATON**  
**OFFICER TRAVIS HARRIS**  
**OFFICER KELSEY MYERS**  
**OFFICER EDMUND MOSCOSO**  
**OFFICER SURADECH SRIWANTHANA**  
**OFFICER ERIC THAI**



Doug Bender  
*Sergeant*



Vicente Aceves  
*Officer*



Gamaliel Collazo  
*Officer*

On Saturday, August 1, 2015, officers were assigned to work the Special Olympics Marathon in Downtown Long Beach. The streets were closed for vehicular traffic, with officers stationed at street closures with barricades and cones throughout the area.

While in the middle of the intersection of Pine Avenue and Bay Street, officers observed a vehicle driving southbound on the west sidewalk of Pine Avenue. Officers yelled at the vehicle to stop, but the driver kept driving past the barricades. Officer Gamaliel Collazo ran to his motorcycle to follow and stop the driver, as well as warn pedestrians on the closed roadway, but the driver refused to stop. Officer Vicente Aceves was stationed at that barricade as the vehicle continued toward him with no signs of slowing down. Officer Aceves took cover behind his vehicle as the suspect hit the barricade.



Sean Deaton  
*Officer*



Travis Harris  
*Officer*

The vehicle continued onto the bike path while Officer Collazo continued to follow and warn the public, and eventually lost sight of him. As Officer Collazo continued toward Ocean Boulevard to check the area, several citizens flagged him down to advise the vehicle drove the wrong way onto the Gerald Desmond Bridge. Officer Collazo drove to the bridge and saw a major traffic accident with two vehicles on fire, one overturned on its side, and a third with major damage.



Kelsey Myers  
*Officer*



Edmund Moscoso  
*Officer*

Sergeant Doug Bender, and Officers Edmund Moscoso, Sean Deaton, Suradech Sriwanthana, and Vicente Aceves arrived immediately after. Officers Collazo and Moscoso kicked out the rear window of the first vehicle on fire in an attempt to free the driver. Officer Moscoso reached into the truck through the broken rear window and checked the driver's carotid artery for a pulse, but was unable to locate one. He grabbed the driver's arm, attempting to pull him from the burning car, but was unable to free the pinned driver. While this was happening, several officers tried to use fire extinguishers to help put out the fire, but it continued to increase in size causing extreme heat and heavy black smoke.



Suradech Sriwanthana  
*Officer*



Eric Thai  
*Officer*

# MERITORIOUS AWARD FOR HEROISM



Officers Suradech Sriwanthana, Travis Harris, Eric Thai, and Kelsey Myers, also attempted to pull the driver of the truck out through the back window, however, the driver remained pinned and they were unable to free him. At the same time, Sergeant Bender climbed on the top of the passenger side of the truck to see if he could get into the passenger side doors. As he did, he heard someone yell, "Get down, the fire is spreading!" As he jumped off the truck, it started popping and exploding and the flames began engulfing the cab of the truck, leaving officers no choice but to retreat.

Sergeant Bender, Officers Aceves, Moscoso, Harris, Myers, and Thai ran to the second vehicle on fire, which the suspect was driving. They made several attempts to pull the suspect out of the vehicle, and used several fire extinguishers to keep the fire from spreading into the cab of the vehicle. A witness citizen gave Sergeant Bender a crow bar, and he and Officer Moscoso went to the driver's side and tried to pry open the door, but it would not open. Officer Moscoso climbed into the back seat and tried to bend the driver's seat back so the driver could be pulled out. Officer Harris reached into the car from the passenger side and also attempted to pull the driver out. The fire started to spread closer to the passenger compartment, bringing large amounts of heavy black smoke. The backed up traffic on the bridge had delayed the Fire Department, but they'd arrived just in time to continue rescue efforts and get the suspect out of the vehicle.

After the scene was contained, all nine officers had to be evaluated at the hospital for smoke inhalation. They are all to be commended for not being deterred by the horrific circumstances and for putting themselves at great personal risk to save the lives of others. They showed true courage and determination, and are recognized with a Meritorious Award for Heroism.



# PURPLE HEART

## OFFICER JOSEPH GARCES

On the evening of June 14, 2015, officers responded to a call of shots fired at an apartment complex in North Long Beach. The calling party stated a suspect had fired shots and was still nearby. Before the dispatch operator could gather more information the calling party whispered, "He's coming!" and hung up.

When the first officer arrived on scene, the woman who called the police frantically ran up to the patrol car screaming, "Let me in, he's got a gun!" When the suspect saw the officers, he darted back inside the apartment complex.

As more officers arrived, they formed a plan to enter the apartment complex to look for any victims or evidence of a shooting. During the search, the suspect came out of an apartment and opened fire on officers. An officer involved shooting occurred and both the suspect and Officer Garces were struck by gunfire.

Despite being shot, Officer Garces was able to get up and move out of the "kill zone." He was transported to the hospital where he was treated for a bullet wound to his left shoulder.

Fortunately, Officer Garces has made a full recovery and has resumed full patrol duties. The suspect has been charged with two counts of attempted murder of a police officer, and the court case is pending. For sustaining significant physical injury while performing his duty, Officer Joseph Garces is awarded the Purple Heart.



Joseph Garces  
Officer



# PURPLE HEART



## **Prior to 1988**

Torben Beith  
James Bisetti  
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Virgil J. Fogg  
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## **1989**

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

## **2015**

Joseph Garces



# CHIEF'S COMMUNITY POLICING AWARD

## OFFICER BRADLEY FUTAK OFFICER CHRISTOPHER ROTH MENTAL HEALTH CLINICIAN TOM KIRK

The Long Beach Police Department is fortunate to have the teamwork of Officers Christopher Roth and Bradley Futak, and Mental Health Clinician Tom Kirk, who comprise the West Division's Quality of Life Detail. As a team, they have the incredible task of providing outreach to the city's homeless population in ways which go beyond traditional policing strategies.

With resources provided by the Long Beach Police Foundation and other community partners such as the Multi-Service Center, Mental Health Associates, and the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health, the officers serve as a liaison to connect homeless individuals to city, county, and non-government agency services. These include community support groups, housing resources, transportation and mental health services. Their efforts have resulted in fewer homeless encampments, lower-crime rates, and improved quality of life for neighboring residents and businesses.

The Quality of Life Team embraces the Community Policing philosophy and develops proactive problem solving strategies to address the causes of crime and social disorder. They have worked tirelessly to overcome the many challenges presented to them, and their efforts have resulted in 181 housing placements and over 1,268 field interviews in 2015 alone. But evidence of their work can best be found in their success stories, which include reuniting a man with his family who presumed him dead for 26 years and finding housing and a job for a man who had been living on the streets for more than a decade. Officer Futak has also established a social media site to share these success stories and partnerships with the community.

For their collaborative work ethic, resourcefulness, and compassion, the Quality of Life Team is presented with the 2015 Chief's Community Policing Award.



Bradley Futak  
*Officer*



Christopher Roth  
*Officer*



Tom Kirk  
*Mental Health Clinician Tom Kirk*

# EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP



## LIEUTENANT DONALD MAUK

Lieutenant Donald Mauk was promoted to his current rank and selected to be the acting Jail Administrator in September 2015, a position normally held by a civilian with the rank equivalency of a sworn Police Commander. As part of their duties, the Jail Administrator is responsible for managing a staff of approximately 70 sworn and civilian individuals, and oversees jail, booking, court affairs, bailiff, and City Hall security duties.

Upon his selection, the Jail Division was in need of many remedies. Lieutenant Mauk quickly developed and set into motion a comprehensive plan to improve and enhance Jail Division operations, assess and mitigate risk, and where necessary, correct facility, staffing, and procedural deficiencies. While serving as Jail Administrator, Lieutenant Mauk overwhelmingly excelled in his performance, and as a result effectively positioned the jail facility and its personnel to address future custody-related challenges. His vision, leadership, judgment, and direction, along with the hard work of a dedicated staff, have resulted in a number of accomplishments creating a lasting effect on Department policy, procedure, and overall functionality.

During Lieutenant Mauk's command, he has ensured significant jail policy and procedural refinements to identify the best practices to further safeguard all lives and property. He has enhanced employee background and security measures while providing increased and contemporary training for all Jail Division Staff. Through his service, he was responsible for the acquisition of additional medical equipment and training, in the event of an inmate or employee medical emergency.

Lieutenant Mauk successfully identified, reviewed, and managed the proper handling of incomplete project assignments, and offered his professional oversight of sensitive and confidential Internal Affairs matters. He facilitated state and local audits and inspections, while implementing technological advances to modernize the tracking and documentation of critical divisional events. As of the end of 2015, he made staffing modifications that have resulted in a substantial savings in divisional overtime.

During the performance of his duties and over the course of the noted achievements, Lieutenant Mauk has demonstrated extraordinary leadership, maintained an excellent and positive attitude, showed care and concern of those in his charge, and offered numerous ideas to improve the Jail Division for the betterment of the entire Police Department. He served in his capacity with great distinction until February 2016 when a permanent Jail Administrator was appointed, who he expertly trained and counseled. For his passion, dedication, and absolute commitment to serve others and improve the daily operations of the Jail Division, Lieutenant Donald Mauk is recognized with the Excellence in Leadership Award.



Donald Mauk  
*Lieutenant*



# CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

## **POLICE SERVICES SPECIALIST III MARLENE ARRONA**

During Marlene's 27-year career at the Police Department, she has excelled in building relationships with the community and developing communications strategies to help engage the community in public safety efforts. As a member of the department's Media Relations Detail, Marlene serves as one of the full-time Public Information Officers and participates in the on-call rotation to respond after-hours to high profile incidents and events that generate media interest. In this highly complex and demanding assignment, Marlene and her colleagues handle hundreds of information requests from local, state and national media each month and help to ensure the release of timely and accurate information to the public.



Marlene Arrona  
*Police Services Specialist III*

Marlene is also actively involved in creating and monitoring the Department's social media postings and has proactively sought out social media training and best practices that have been successfully implemented by other law enforcement agencies. This has allowed us to highlight the good work being done by police employees and continuously increase the number of community members who participate on the Department's social media sites.

In 2014, the City announced that it would be developing a new website that would provide updated and expanded information in a format that was responsive to the wide variety of mobile devices being used by the public. To support this goal, each city department had to review and redesign its portion of the website to be compatible with the new format. Despite the demands of her media relations responsibilities, Marlene willingly took on this complex and challenging project and took a leadership role in revising the department's website and connecting this information to the department's mobile application and social media platforms.

Throughout this project, Marlene spent countless hours working with the City's webmaster and the citywide communications team to research and design a police department website that was more user friendly and allowed the community easier access to important information. She coordinated with employees from each bureau to remove outdated information and add new and more relevant content. She also updated resource links throughout the site to allow visitors to more easily connect with other law enforcement agencies and community organizations. Marlene's innovation, dedication, and attention to detail were instrumental in the successful launch of this project.

Marlene is a highly skilled employee with a strong understanding of the Police Department and its role as a community partner. She regularly provides input on ways to improve communications strategies and divisional operations and is always willing to assist with projects and events that help to further strengthen our relationship with the community and our city partners.

For her leadership, outstanding work ethic, and dedication to improving the image and connectivity of the Police Department, Police Services Specialist III Marlene Arrona is recognized as the 2015 Civilian Employee of the Year.

# SWORN EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR



## DETECTIVE DAVID STROHMAN

Detective David Strohman began his career with the Long Beach Police Department in 1994 and has worked diligently in a variety of assignments, and has served as a member of the SWAT Team. In 2010, he achieved his goal of becoming a detective with the Drug Investigations Section.

In 2015, Detective Strohman led the Section in production and project assignment completion, wrote and served 21 search warrants, and made 96 felony narcotic related arrests. He assisted patrol divisions in impacting violent crime trends by organizing enforcement of narcotic crime and quality of life issues at Lincoln and Bixby Parks. During one of these operations, he arrested a suspect responsible for four robberies that occurred during a two-month period. During a shooting investigation, Detective Strohman developed critical information regarding a suspect living in a Los Angeles River homeless encampment, which led to the suspect's arrest and the recovery the firearm used in the crime.

Detective Strohman also led the Drug Investigations Section in informant development and intelligence gathering, which required a high level of confidentiality and case integrity. He embraced the Gang and Violent Crimes Division philosophy of sharing information and regularly passed it along to both Gang Investigations and Financial Crimes detectives.

Detective Strohman engaged in positive community interactions and regularly kept constituents apprised of progress in the investigation. In August 2015, he responded to a community complaint of methamphetamine sales and possible child endangerment. His thorough investigation confirmed narcotics sales were occurring while a young child was living in a hazardous and dilapidated environment. Due to his tenacious investigative techniques, he ensured the safety of a young child's life and the suspect was successfully prosecuted. The department has received several letters from community members expressing their gratitude for Detective Strohman's relentless efforts to address the drug activity in their neighborhoods.

Although the majority of his time is dedicated to complex investigations, Detective Strohman is also involved in a variety of collateral assignments and maintains his proficiency as a SWAT Assistant Team Leader, Cross Trained Sniper, Rappel Master, Range Safety Officer, Team Mentor, SCUBA diver and AR-15 certification.

Detective David Strohman's professionalism, investigative expertise, and dedication to every assignment is exemplary and he is recognized as the 2015 Sworn Employee of the Year.



David Strohman  
Detective



# MEDAL OF VALOR



## 1969

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

## 1991

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



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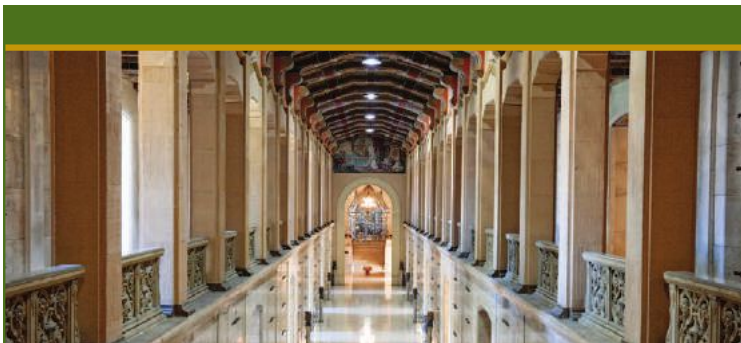
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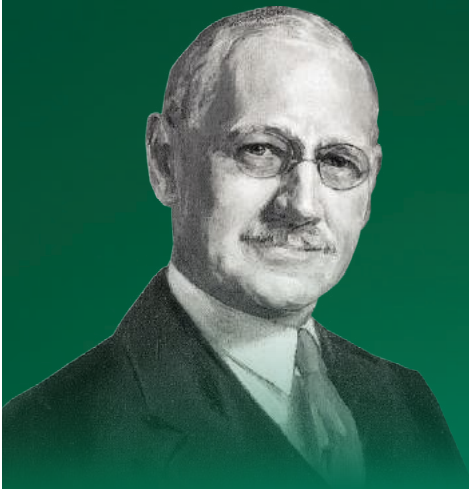


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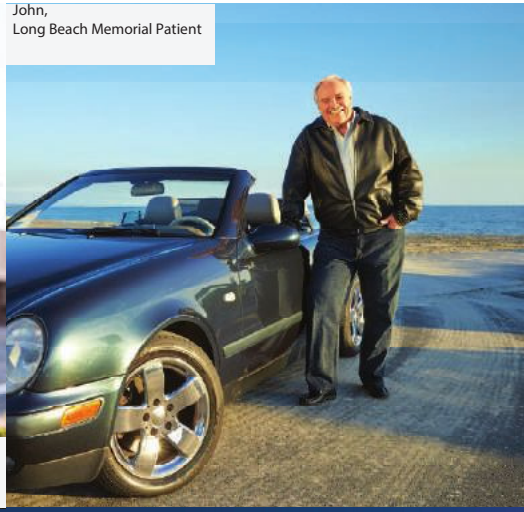
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