THE LONG BEACH POLICE FOUNDATION presents

The 49th Annual Police Awards Ceremony

June 8, 2017
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Dear Police, Family, and Friends:

I am pleased to welcome you all to the Long Beach Police Foundation’s 49th Annual Awards Ceremony for the Long Beach Police Department (LBPD). It is an honor to show my appreciation to the LBPD and to congratulate the awardees.

Being a member of the LBPD is one of the noblest professions in our city. We rely on Police command, officers, and staff to make our city safe for all community members, and it is through their hard work that Long Beach has become one of the most livable big cities in the country.

While the entire LBPD has been essential to these efforts, the individuals being awarded tonight have gone beyond the call of duty to keep our neighborhoods safe. They have demonstrated courage and dedication in serving our city, and we are all thankful for their contributions to the community.

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, congratulations to the awardees, and thank you to the family and friends who support these heroes every day.

Sincerely,

Mayor Robert Garcia
City of Long Beach

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We are pleased to announce the 49th 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 seventh 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 2016. 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
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Long Beach Police Department Color Guard

Pledge of Allegiance
Antonio Maciel, Explorer Commander

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Welcome & Opening Remarks
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Long Beach Police Foundation Message & Sponsor Recognition
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Chief’s Remarks
Chief Robert Luna, Long Beach Police Department

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Meritorious Award for Heroism
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Employees of the Year

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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

- Cameras for Homicide Detectives
- Junior Police Badge Stickers
- 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
- Video-Based Training Software for Police
- South Division Police Photos
- Patrol Bicycles for South Division
- Refurbishing Special Victims Section Lobby
- Radios for Motor Officers
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- 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

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LBPD EMPLOYEE RECIPIENTS OF OUTSIDE AGENCY AWARDS – 2016

- **Officer Bradley Futak** received a 2016 Long Beach Heroes Award by the Long Beach Community Action Team for outstanding community involvement and dedication to improving Long Beach by helping improve lives of the Homeless within the Long Beach Community.

- **Detective Ben Vargas** received the Long Beach City Prosecutor’s IMPACT Award for his exemplary investigation of a serial thief who was convicted and sentenced to eight years in county jail.

- **Officers Bradley Futak** and **Christopher Roth** of the Quality of Life Unit were recipients of the Long Beach City Prosecutor’s IMPACT Award for making a significant positive impact in the City of Long Beach in the past year, relating to the homeless population.

- **Detective Rudy Romero** was the first recipient of the Long Beach City Prosecutor’s “Kim Maddox IMPACT” Award, created in honor of Detective Kim Maddox, who lost her battle with cancer in September 2016. Detective Romero was recognized for assisting the Prosecutor’s office in convicting a man who harassed women online.

- Quality of Life Team **Officers Bradley Futak, Christopher Roth and Mental Health Clinician Tom Kirk** of the LA County Department of Mental Health, received the LA County Department of Mental Health Extra M.I.L.E.S. Recognition Award for outstanding service to individuals and families living with mental illness.

- **Officer Gabriel Betanzos** received the following awards:
  - Certificate of Recognition from Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez’s Office for his dedication and commitment to improve the quality of life for residents across the City of Long Beach.
  - Diploma of Honor to Merit from Latinos in Action for his dedication to the safety of Long Beach neighborhoods, and excellent representation and connection between the Long Beach Police Department and the community.

- **Lieutenant Lloyd Cox** was the 18th recipient of the “Richard A. Rose Career Achievement” Award. This award is bestowed upon an active Long Beach Police Department sworn employee with a minimum of 20 years of service, and who has demonstrated outstanding integrity, loyalty and professionalism throughout their career.

- **Sergeant Ron Burgess** received the Long Beach Optimists Club’s “Michael A. Sergi” Award, which recognizes an officer of the Long Beach Police Department for longevity in service, high standards, and professional excellence.

- **Officer Paul Del Rosario** was selected to serve as the Honorary Grand Marshal for the Long Beach Veteran’s Day parade.

- **Officer Johnny A. Dodson III** received the Long Beach Police Officers Associations Police Excellence Award. This award is presented to an officer who demonstrated outstanding police knowledge, techniques, performance, or for a particular incident, in the previous calendar year.

- **Senior Police Partner Laura Mathews** received the Long Beach City College Foundation “Lifetime of Service” Award for her 33-years of volunteer service to the Long Beach Police Department.
American Red Cross
Greater Long Beach Chapter

2017 RED CROSS CPR/FIRST AID CERTIFICATES
(FOR ACTIONS PERFORMED IN CALENDAR YEAR 2016)

Officer Thomas Gibson
Officer Justin VanDyk
Special Services Officer IV Rory Willeford

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:
January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016

Officer Harrison Moore – 24 recovered vehicles with 7 arrests
Officer Eric Cornell – 23 recovered vehicles with 4 arrests
Officer Brian Komori – 22 recovered vehicles with 5 arrests
Officer Robert Paul – 18 recovered vehicles with 3 arrests
Officer Kevin Johansen – 17 recovered vehicles with 5 arrests
Sergeant Jonathan Ornelas – 16 recovered vehicles with 4 arrests
Officer Edwin Oak – 15 recovered vehicles with 4 arrests
Officer Gary Hodgson – 14 recovered vehicles with 3 arrests
Officer Bryant Yuriar – 14 recovered vehicles with 3 arrests
Officer Jonathan Hernandez – 13 recovered vehicles with 3 arrests
Officer Joshua Castro – 12 recovered vehicles with 3 arrests
Officer Jeffery Deneen – 12 recovered vehicles with 3 arrests
Officer Alexander Roberts – 12 recovered vehicles with 3 arrests
Officer Jose Rodriguez – 12 recovered vehicles with 4 arrests
Officer Andrew Fox – 7 recovered vehicles with 7 arrests
Officer Brian Calderon – 6 recovered vehicles with 6 arrests
Officer Justin Rivett – 6 recovered vehicles with 6 arrests
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 … “How will the explorer program contribute to your immediate or long-term career goals?” We’d like to thank the judges who reviewed all of the essays: Lieutenant Dina Zapalski, Volunteer Coordinator Tom Leary, Senior Police Partners Isidro Lopez, Laura Matthews, Linda Penrod and Deborah Tremayne, L.B.P.F. Volunteer Dorothy Lopez, and L.B.P.F. Contest Organizer Betty Jean Thompson.

Daniel Olea
Police Explorer Lieutenant
3rd place (tie) $200

Alexis Miranda
Police Explorer Lieutenant
2nd place $300

Bryan Barajas
Police Explorer
1st place $500

Daniel Velasquez
Police Explorer Sergeant
3rd place (tie) $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.

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 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.
Andre Beasley, Cassandra Davis, Jesus Lopez, Mary Simmons & Rocio Torres
AOC7 is a neighborhood association that covers the area between Anaheim Street to 7th Street and Orange Avenue to Cherry Avenue. The members of AOC7 are committed to preventing community deterioration and enhancing public safety. They empower their residents by hosting monthly meetings and have demonstrated their leadership by conducting numerous neighborhood clean-ups, tree plantings and an annual literacy fair.

Thanks to their partnership with the City’s Neighborhood Services Bureau and Litter-Free Long Beach, they have removed 70 tons of trash from their neighborhood over the past year. During last year’s Literacy Fair, they gave away books to over 500 children and have given away a total of 20,000 books over the past four years. AOC7 is recognized for their community involvement and their ongoing partnership with the Long Beach Police Department.

Lorraine Ramirez
On March 17, 2016, Lorraine Ramirez was riding her bicycle when she noticed a suspicious person running down the street barefoot and pushing a child in a stroller. Ms. Ramirez also saw someone chasing after the suspect and believed a crime had possibly occurred. Ms. Ramirez followed the suspect on her bicycle, keeping him in sight until she was able to flag down responding officers. She then directed the officers to where she saw the suspect hide. Further investigation revealed that the suspect had committed a robbery while pushing his six-month old child in a stroller, and that during his attempt to escape the child had been thrown from the stroller.

Thanks to Ms. Ramirez’s initiative and quick actions, the suspect was not only located and arrested, but the child was removed from the suspect’s custody and the suspect was additionally charged with child endangerment.

Loreto Espinoza
On January 20, 2016, police responded to a home invasion robbery that had just occurred. Ms. Loreto Espinoza saw a subject dressed in a postal delivery driver’s uniform knock on the door of her neighbor. She thought it was odd when the subject went into the house and she did not see a delivery truck on the street. She believed that she may have heard some screaming so she called the police.

As Ms. Espinoza continued to watch the house, the suspect began throwing items out the front door. A vehicle pulled up and the suspect got into the car. She wrote down the license plate, walked over to the house, and eventually got in contact with two distraught young women who had been physically assaulted inside the house. Ms. Espinoza stayed with them until the police arrived.

It was later determined that the suspects robbed the women at gunpoint, terrorizing and pistol whipping them before fleeing the scene with the stolen items. The license plate number that Ms. Espinoza provided to police was a critical piece of information that led to the arrest of one of the suspects in this brutal crime.

Daniel Becerra, Alma Ibarra & Andrew Pulido
On January 8, 2016, Alma Ibarra and her kids were walking their dog around the park when she heard grunting and yelling coming from behind a parked van. She then saw two juvenile suspects punching, kicking and stomping a man who was lying on the ground. She heard one of the suspect’s tell the victim that he would kill him if he did not give him his money as they continued stomping and kicking of the victim’s head and punching the victim in the ribs. Ms. Ibarra, fearing for the victim’s life, began yelling at the suspects to leave the victim alone. The suspects then ran north through the park with the victim chasing after them.

Andrew Pulido was at his residence when his cousin, Daniel Becerra, told him that two guys were jumping a local corn vendor. They got into Mr. Pulido’s car and drove until they saw the victim chasing the suspects across the park. Mr. Pulido and Mr. Becerra confronted the suspects, convinced them to stop, and detained them until police arrived.

The suspects were arrested for robbery with great bodily injury as the victim suffered bruises, cuts and a broken eye socket. Ms. Ibarra, Mr. Becerra and Mr. Pulido are to be commended for their willingness to intervene on behalf of the injured victim and their efforts to ensure that these violent criminals were taken into custody.

John Anciaux
On September 26, 2016, John Anciaux was at a local pet store when a man attempted to steal a piece of merchandise. The man then made a threatening gesture at a female clerk as she attempted to prevent him from leaving the store with the merchandise. Mr. Anciaux followed the store employee as she walked outside after the suspect. When the employee asked the suspect to give the stolen item back to her, the suspect raised his skateboard as if he was going to strike them with it, and then ran away. Mr. Anciaux and the store employee chased after the suspect and when they caught up to him, the suspect swung the skateboard at them before pulling out a knife and swinging it at them in a violent slashing motion.

Mr. Anciaux, who is trained in mixed martial arts, was able to physically subdue the suspect. He waited until the store employee was a good distance away, and then climbed off the suspect and both he and the employee ran back to the store to wait for police. Once inside, they locked the door to prevent the suspect from reentering the store. The suspect did return and shattered the store’s glass door before fleeing.
Two days later, a man matching the description of the suspect was stopped by patrol officers. Mr. Anciaux was able to positively identify the man as the suspect who had committed the crime, and the suspect was taken into custody. He later plead guilty to assault with a deadly weapon and vandalism.

Rodney Lampkin
On May 20, 2016 at 9:30 PM, Long Beach Transit Supervisor Rodney Lampkin observed a woman standing on the outside of the railing on the south side of Wardlow Road over the 710 Freeway. It appeared she was preparing to jump off the Wardlow Road Bridge onto the freeway below. Supervisor Lampkin got out of his vehicle and slowly approached the woman, while calmly talking to her. When he was within reach, he took control of the woman's arm and said, “You don't want to do this.” The woman looked at Supervisor Lampkin and began crying. As Supervisor Lampkin brought her back over the railing and onto the sidewalk, she began running westbound on Wardlow Road. Supervisor Lampkin notified Transit Communications who in turn relayed the information to the Police Communications Center. Officers were able to locate the troubled woman and transport her to a care facility for evaluation. Supervisor Rodney Lampkin is to be commended for his swift and decisive actions that prevented the troubled woman from taking her life.

Andre & Joelle Mary
On February 11, 2016, Andre Mary and his wife, Joelle, were riding their bicycles in the area of Wardlow Road and the 605 Freeway. As they reached the top of the freeway overpass, they saw a distraught teenage girl standing on a small ledge on the outside of chain link fencing, directly over the freeway. It was clear to them that the teen was in the middle of a personal crisis, and was going to attempt suicide by jumping.

Without hesitation, and at great personal risk to himself, Mr. Mary climbed out onto the ledge, and placed himself directly behind the distraught teenager. He wrapped his arms around her, pinning her against the fence and preventing her from jumping. Joelle held on to the young girl's clothes, and pulled her against the fence to stop her from jumping. An unknown motorist stopped and threw Mr. Mary a rope, and then held the rope after Mr. Mary tied it around them. Rescue crews arrived on scene and used bolt cutters to cut the chain link fence and safely pull both the distraught teenager and Mr. Mary to safety.

Mr. and Mrs. Mary's selfless actions clearly prevented a young high school student from taking her life. Their quick actions, bravery, and willingness to risk their own safety to save the life of another truly exemplify the spirit of community and they are to be commended for assisting the distraught teen in a time of crisis.

Miguel Carrasco
On February 7, 2016, Officers responded to the area of Wardlow Road and Santa Fe Avenue regarding a suspect who was causing a disturbance at a business and had punched a female employee in the face. As the first officer arrived on scene, he contacted the suspect, who refused to stop, and began running down the street.

The officer chased the suspect and after catching up with him, the suspect resisted being handcuffed and then attacked the officer. The officer and suspect fell to the ground in the middle of the street and the officer held onto the suspect as he continued to struggle to get away.

Miguel Carrasco, who was driving with his girlfriend in the area, saw the suspect attack the officer and ongoing struggle between them. Mr. Carrasco, at risk to his own safety, immediately jumped out of his vehicle, pulled the suspect off of the officer, and assisted the officer by holding the suspect down to the ground. With Mr. Carrasco's assistance the officer was able to handcuff the suspect and take him into custody. The Police Department is extremely grateful for Mr. Carrasco's courageous actions to intervene in the struggle to ensure the officer's safety.

Patrick Connell
On March 2, 2016, Patrick Connell was dining at a local restaurant and went to use the restroom. When he walked inside of the restroom, he saw a young teenage boy being held in a chokehold by an adult. The adult had his arm around the boy's neck and the boy was terrified and crying while struggling to break free.

Mr. Connell immediately recognized that something was terribly wrong. The suspect's belt was undone and he was dragging the boy backwards towards an open bathroom stall. When Mr. Connell attempted to speak to the boy, the boy reached out to him and said “Help!” With no regard to his own safety, Mr. Connell pushed the suspect against the wall, grabbed the boy, and said “He's coming with me.” Mr. Connell then walked the boy out the bathroom and had the restaurant staff call 911. The boy was taken back to his family who were dining at the restaurant.

Family members and patrons detained the suspect to prevent him from leaving the restaurant. The suspect, who was a local transient, was taken into custody by police and charged with kidnapping.

The victim, his family and the Police Department are incredibly grateful for Mr. Connell's selfless act of heroism. As a result of his quick and decisive actions, the boy was rescued from a dangerous predator and saved from further injury and trauma.
OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY PARTNER

LONG BEACH JOB CORPS
MATTHEW DAVIS, CENTER DIRECTOR
PAUL STARSON, MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR

The Long Beach Police Department is committed to building trust and fostering legitimacy through community partnerships. Trust between the department and the many community stakeholders is an important component to strengthening these relationships. One way police can build this trust is to engage the community in positive non-enforcement activities.

The Long Beach Job Corps is a technical career training program administered by the United States Department of Labor. This program strives to assist young people between the ages of 18-24 with career and technical training, to promote personal independence, and find meaningful employment. The Job Corps also hosts monthly meetings involving community partners from around the city, including City departments, faith based and non-profit organizations, job-based hiring companies, military recruitment, colleges, and other entities. The meetings enhance community outreach for the program while also assisting these young adults in their personal and professional development and endeavors.

The Job Corps facility is located next to the West Division Substation. Center Director Matthew Davis and Maintenance Supervisor Paul Starson have been instrumental in fostering a partnership between the two organizations. The Job Corps has partnered with the department to provide a town hall style forum to discuss significant media reports of violence and traumatic imagery involving law enforcement, allowing students to voice their opinion and provide them with support through these difficult times. Officers have also been invited to use the basketball gymnasium to exercise before, or after a work shift. The opportunity for trust building interactions between police officers and the Job Corps students has helped to build trust and credibility with this important age group.

For the past three years, Job Corps has generously allowed the department’s Arrest and Control Unit to utilize the center’s on-site gymnasium to host their annual training for instructors. The Police Department has also assisted Job Corps Senior Management by providing training to their staff on preparedness for active shooter type situations.

For their willingness to invest time and resources in strengthening partnerships and developing the potential of young people in our community, Center Director Matthew Davis and Maintenance Supervisor Paul Starson, along with the entire Long Beach Job Corps team, are recognized with the 2016 Outstanding Community Partner 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 47,000 hours of service with a value of over $1.5 million. The Volunteer Service Award recognizes those Police Volunteers who have selflessly given over 500 hours of service during 2016.
ARREST AND CONTROL UNIT

The Long Beach Police Department's Arrest and Control Unit is tasked with conducting training in the areas of physical control techniques, self-defense, baton, officer safety search practices, handcuffing, and ground defense skills. Additionally, these highly trained instructors also teach use of force dynamics, case law, and liability considerations.

New instructors must complete over 160 hours of rigorous physical training in the Koga Method of Arrest and Control, instructor development, and are required to pass a comprehensive written test. Instructors must re-certify every year to demonstrate proficiency in previously taught techniques, as well as new skills that have been learned.

The Unit provides instruction to Police Academy classes to comply with state training mandates which require that every police recruit to learn and demonstrate proficiency in basic arrest and control, straight baton, and self-defense techniques. Additionally, the Arrest and Control Unit has provided training to other departments and personnel, which include the Airport, Marine Patrol, Jail Division, and Harbor Patrol officers. They have also provided specialized assistance during protests and demonstrations to ensure citizens can safely exercise their First Amendment rights.

Arrest and Control Unit instructors have demonstrated the highest level of individual professionalism, and motivation to teach others critical officer safety skills. For their collective efforts to provide high quality training in these important skill sets, they are recognized with a Unit Citation.

Sergeant Omar Martinez #5550
Sergeant Paul Gallo #5683
Sergeant Margarit McCart #5669
Officer Elizabeth Barba #10006
Officer Alejandro Cazares #10311
Officer Robert Cruz #10009
Officer Jesus Espinoza #6194
Officer Juan Fajardo #5866
Officer Eric Fernandez #10062
Officer Anthony Garcia #6074
Officer Elise Garcia #10034
Officer Leticia Gamboa #10170
Officer Denise Green #6310
Officer Vincent Kong #10241
Officer Jason Lacey #10003
Officer Walter Lavarro #10021
Officer Daniel Melendez #10236
Officer Larry Mulock #10060
Officer Danielle Quinones #10170
Officer Jennifer Riordan #6119
Officer Gabriel Ruiz #10056
Officer Alex Saldana #5497
Officer James Smigla #10224
Officer Jonathon Steinhauser #6060
Officer Rogelio Trias #6112
Officer Reginald Vega #5761
Special Services Officer Jose Mata #4262
EAST DIVISION DIRECTED ENFORCEMENT TEAM

East Division's Directed Enforcement Team (DET) officers have gone above and beyond countless times to address crime problems, follow up on criminals, find wanted suspects, address quality of life issues, and conduct relentless follow up to assist patrol, detectives, and other agencies. They implement innovative ways of addressing crime issues such as gang activity, sexual predators, package thieves, and violators of the fireworks ordinance and laws. A few examples of their outstanding work are listed below:

• A sexual predator was committing lewd acts around children when a passerby took a photo. The photo did not show the suspect's face or license plate of the vehicle. East DET studied the picture and realized that a handicap placard was visible in the background, which could be used to track down an address. They were able to find the suspect at that address and recovered evidence seen in the photograph linking him to the crime, ultimately removing this dangerous criminal from the streets.

• A 17-year-old victim was robbed of his possessions at gunpoint. East DET conducted a follow-up investigation and identified a possible suspect who was then positively identified by the victim. They conducted surveillance of areas known to be frequented by the suspect, and within a day, an arrest was made.

• East DET officers began looking for a suspect wanted for robbery, assault with a deadly weapon, and grand theft auto, who also had a no bail warrant. Through social media, informants, and other investigative resources, they were able to determine the suspect was in Idaho. Using their contacts, they notified Idaho law enforcement who arrested the suspect. This arrest resulted in Idaho's largest seizure of drugs in the past decade. This violent criminal is now serving 15 years to life in prison.

• An East Division neighborhood was experiencing a rash of burglaries, and DET officers tracked the possible suspects to Hawaiian Gardens. Through their intelligence gathering, investigation and surveillance, they found the suspects and were able to recover stolen property from multiple victims in that neighborhood.

• Addressing specific crimes plaguing East Division neighborhoods, the DET officers conducted bike stings, package theft operations during the holidays, and confiscated large party-sized boxes of illegal fireworks, all resulting in arrests.

• In 2016, the East DET made 73 felony arrests, 168 misdemeanor arrests, conducted 23 search warrants, and took eight guns off the streets. Given the diversity of the division, their assignments range from surveillance and undercover work regarding violent crimes to chronic problem locations and quality of life issues. They took a significant amount of methamphetamine and heroin off the streets through the numerous arrests of drug dealers plaguing our parks and community.

The members of the East Division's Directed Enforcement Team are to be commended for their dedication and diligence to improving the safety and quality of life in their division. Their tireless efforts, ongoing commitment, and outstanding teamwork are a testament to their ongoing commitment and have truly made a difference in the community.

Sergeant Bruce Lee #5406
Officer Jeremy Chavez #6218
Officer Jonathan Cole #6169
Officer Robert Davenport #6289
Officer Jayson Torres #5986
Officer Arthur Vega #5944
Officer Jeffrey Weber #10326
QUALITY OF LIFE, WEST DIVISION PERSONNEL & MULTI-SERVICE CENTER TEAMS

Homeless issues in the West Patrol Division remain challenging for individual neighborhoods and the city as a whole. The West Division’s Quality of Life Detail, comprised of Officer Brad Futak, Officer Christopher Roth, and Mental Health Clinician Tom Kirk, as well as West Division Lieutenant John Kanaley, Sergeant Abram Yap, and Bike Officer Armand Castellanos, were tasked to coordinate a response to these challenges. Together, with the City's Department of Health & Human Services' Multi-Service Center Outreach Team comprised of Homeless Services Officer Shannon Parker, Outreach Coordinator Lucinda Hayes, and Case Manager Candace Facemeyer, they were able to coordinate their efforts to produce positive results on a number of locations that were experiencing chronic issues related to homeless encampments.

Homeless encampments were of particular concern in the West Division. A medium sized encampment, comprised of four to five tents and approximately eight to ten homeless individuals was located, and persons within the encampment were lighting fires near a Southern California Edison electrical substation. Over a three week period, Quality of Life, West Division Patrol, and Multi-Service Center teams conducted several outreach efforts offering services to homeless individuals and addressing potential safety concerns. After each outreach effort, Public Works was contacted to clean up the encampment. This outreach model was developed by the teams after years of experience had shown that this approach was both humane and effective with homeless individuals.

This model of outreach prior to clean-up was put to the test at a large encampment at Willow Springs Park, where quality of life issues and concerns became noticeable as the transient population increased in and around the park. The encampment encompassed approximately 16 structures located in five different groupings, sheltering approximately 20-30 homeless persons, and several different animals. The size of the encampment made this a difficult endeavor, which they adapted to by adding the task of documenting the individuals they offered services to, so efforts were not duplicated. Adding to the challenge was the coordination of multiple City departments, and both the Long Beach and Signal Hill Police Departments. After several months of outreach, their collective efforts culminated in a week-long clean up.

One of the last major efforts from the group was at Lincoln Park. As part of the construction of the new Civic Center and Port buildings, Lincoln Park was scheduled to be fenced off, and it was anticipated there would be a large displacement of the homeless population located inside the park.

The teams partnered with several community groups to conduct outreach to the park’s population, and their hard work throughout the year resulted in minimal displacement and little to no complaints.

The work accomplished by the Quality of Life, West Division Personnel, and Multi-Service Center Teams in 2016 was exemplary as they coordinated their efforts on the issue of homeless encampments. They created a successful and adaptable model of addressing the homeless population through outreach within these encampments, which could also be applied to addressing the homeless within the division. Through their team efforts, they were able to clean up several encampments and improve the quality of life within the Division by providing homeless services for those in need.

Quality of Life Detail
Officer Brad Futak #5599
Officer Christopher Roth #5879
Mental Health Clinician Tom Kirk

West Division Personnel
Lieutenant John Kanaley #5166
Sergeant Abram Yap #5740
Officer Armand Castellanos #5705

Multi-Service Center Team
Homeless Services Officer Shannon Parker
Outreach Coordinator Lucinda Hayes
Case Manager III Candace Facemeyer
Distinguished Service Award

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES SPECIALIST RUTH ANNE SALAU

Ruth Anne Salau has been assigned to the East Division since January of 2014 as the Neighborhood Services Specialist (NSS). Although she is an employee of the Development Services Department, she is a Police Department employee at heart. Her loyalty to the city in which she lives and works is shown through her ongoing efforts to establish partnerships in the community. She is responsible for 270 Community Watch groups, including 54 new ones that she helped establish in 2016. That is more Community Watch groups than any other patrol division.

Ruth Anne keeps her finger on the pulse of the East Division neighborhoods by monitoring Nextdoor.com and addressing issues by stopping misinformation from spreading. She obtained over 240 followers in a four-month period for the new East Division Twitter account, and has also used social media to prevent criminal activity in East Division. Thanks to her attention to detail and her social media expertise, numerous unpermitted car club events were prevented from plaguing East Division in 2016.

Ruth Anne works closely with the Directed Enforcement Team, City Attorney’s Office, and Code Enforcement to solve nuisance problems. She also partnered with Rebuild Together Long Beach to do a trial “Light the Night” event in the Rose Park area. She used statistics to determine a target area, walked the area several times to talk to residents and see the current lighting needs, and then organized volunteers to spend a morning installing donated lights on houses in the neighborhood.

Ruth Anne has organized over twelve “Front Lawn” community meetings, ranging from 20 to 100 neighbors in attendance, to inform residents of activity in their neighborhoods and held address their concerns. She has also organized several “Coffee with A Cop” and “Talk to the Commander at the Farmer’s Market” events throughout East Division. Ruth Anne’s efforts in community engagement have resolved countless complaints and have been integral in developing and strengthening relationships between the police department and the community.

PATROL RESOURCE OFFICER JOSE M. GONZALEZ

North Division Patrol Resource Officer Jose M. Gonzalez is the Police Department’s liaison to the Division’s Neighborhood and Business Associations. He regularly communicates with the community through monthly meetings, crime prevention presentations, and community watch “front lawn” meetings in order to promote collaborative partnerships to proactively address public safety and quality of life issues in the North Division.

To effectively identify long-term solutions to chronic problems in the Division, Officer Gonzalez collaborates with other City departments, including the City Attorney’s Office, Fire, Health & Human Services, Public Works, and Development Services, as well as outside agencies such as Veteran Affairs, California Department of Transportation, and Alcohol Beverage Control. This coordination helps to avoid duplication of effort and allows for a more focused and strategic deployment of resources.

Officer Gonzalez also conducts numerous “Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design” (CPTED) surveys to assist property owners, and business owners in minimizing vulnerabilities to crime. Areas addressed in the surveys include lighting, security cameras, signage, alarm system, and overgrown trees and shrubbery. In addition to these efforts, he conducts a monthly Outreach Support Operation with the Department of Health and Human Services and other stakeholders to help the homeless population and citizens with mental illnesses.

Officer Gonzalez manages an extremely heavy workload and is tasked with a wide variety of responsibilities. He prides himself on being accessible and responsive to community needs and ensures conclusive results while serving the public with dignity and respect. In 2016, Officer Gonzalez, closed 23 COPS locations, conducted eight CPTED evaluations, and was ultimately responsible for coordinating approximately twenty separate operations in an effort to positively impact those areas in North Division with existing homeless challenges. For his tireless efforts and dedication in developing collaborative partnerships with the community, reducing crime and improving the quality of life in the North Division.
ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST III TOM LEARY

Administrative Analyst Tom Leary serves as the Police Department’s Volunteer Coordinator and manages the Senior Police Partner and Internship Programs, as well as the administrative tracking of all service hours provided by Police Department volunteers. Under his leadership, the number of volunteer hours donated increased 11.6% from 41,884 to 47,362, with a service value of over $1.5 million dollars. He also established volunteer based social media accounts on both Facebook and Twitter and regularly promotes the outstanding efforts of PD volunteers and their community engagement efforts.

Over the past year, Tom has expanded the Senior Police Partner (SPP) Program, which connects seniors in need with community resources. He has nearly doubled the number of participants in the program and increased the level of training they receive. He has enhanced the productivity of the program by providing access to shared smart phones so the teams can use the City’s “Go Long Beach” app to immediately report and upload photos of graffiti and other community issues while in the field on patrol.

Tom also spent considerable time revising the Department’s College Internship Program. He adjusted the application process to better align with semester deadlines and increased the number of volunteer hours required to enhance the value of the internship experience for both the student and the department.

A large portion of Tom’s responsibilities involve event planning and coordination to help the Department in its efforts to better engage and inform our community. Throughout the year, he coordinates dozens of community outreach efforts and assists on larger department events such as National Night Out and the Holiday Toy Patrol Program.

Tom has distinguished himself as a highly-valued employee who continuously strives to deliver exceptional service and outstanding productivity in all that he does. For his ongoing commitment to connecting community members with volunteer service opportunities the Police Department, Administrative Analyst Tom Leary is recognized with a Distinguished Service Award.

OFFICER KEVIN STINSON

Officer Kevin Stinson has been with the Long Beach City College Police Section for more than eight years. Officer Stinson has been a cornerstone of that section, providing service to the numerous students, faculty and staff over the span of years.

Throughout his assignment at the college, Officer Stinson has developed an exceptional rapport with his peers, students and staff, and has been a part of many significant events at the Long Beach City College campuses. Most recently, he was instrumental in the planning and coordination of the 2016 Presidential campaign event for Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, in which he acted as a liaison to her campaign and the United States Secret Service. Officer Stinson’s knowledge of the campus and infrastructure was indispensable, and greatly assisted the numerous Federal, State, and local security officials while planning for the visit, as well as during the time the Secretary was on campus.

On a more daily basis, Officer Stinson can be seen patrolling the campus with a smile on his face. His friendly and professional demeanor helps break down barriers and inspires students to engage with officers more freely and consider pursuing a career in law enforcement. His outgoing and service-minded personality forces detractors to challenge negative assumptions that many young people have about police and the criminal justice system.

In addition to his patrol duties, Officer Stinson volunteers to conduct campus safety presentations for new and returning Long Beach City College students and faculty, offering valuable tactics to prevent crime and increase awareness on district property.

Officer Stinson’s good nature, professionalism, humor, and wisdom blend well with the unique working environment of the college campus, making him a highly valued and integral member of the campus’ public safety team.
Distinguished Service Award

PATROL RESOURCE OFFICER GABRIEL BETANZOS

During 2016, Officer Gabriel Betanzos was assigned to West Division as a Patrol Resource Officer (PRO), focusing his efforts in his beats located in the downtown area. As a PRO, he dealt with long-term issues, requiring the involvement of other city departments and sections, such as, the City Attorney’s Office, Code Enforcement, Nuisance Abatement, and Business Licensing.

Officer Betanzos has consistently been a high producer among patrol officers. He made over 100 felony arrests and over 100 misdemeanor arrests by primarily conducting enforcement against criminal street gangs. Officer Betanzos has gained an expertise in identifying members of the gangs and is often sought out by other officers and detectives when information regarding these members is needed. He actively worked with the Gang Enforcement Section, providing information to update a court order, and made several arrests for violations of court orders.

Officer Betanzos consistently monitored criminal activity in his beats by reviewing reports of incidents occurring on all shifts. He initiated several follow-up investigations and made arrests for crimes including burglary, robbery, and assaults, based on his own investigations. Officer Betanzos created photographic line-ups and re-contacted victims of crimes to see if they could identify potential suspects, occasionally adjusting his schedule to accommodate victims’ availability. Without his relentless follow-up, these crimes may never have been solved.

Officer Betanzos’ professional and compassionate interaction with the community, and his tremendous work ethic, accomplishments, and passion make him an asset to the Police Department and the City of Long Beach.

SPECIAL SERVICES OFFICER IV MANUEL FLORES

Special Services Officer IV Manuel Flores has been an employee of the Police Department since 2007 and has developed strong technical and administrative skills. In early 2016, SSO Flores was special detailed to Deputy Chief Beckman’s office with the specific goal of improving operational efficiency through the use of existing Department technology. Flores leveraged his knowledge of numerous computer programs to create reports and spreadsheets allowing for the collection of existing data and tracking of assets that was previously done laboriously by hand. These reports and spreadsheets also allowed for the identification of cost savings through previously unidentified budgeted positions.

SSO Flores’ skills have also been called upon numerous times by details outside of the Support Bureau. Among others, SSO Flores has interfaced with Homicide and Gangs to assist with confidential investigations, collection of data, and the creation of reports to highlight accomplishments and streamline case filings.

After his service in the Bureau Office was completed, SSO Flores was assigned to work in an administrative capacity in the Jail Division to assist with the smooth transition of a new incoming Jail Administrator. As the Training Coordinator, he helped ensure compliance with state and Department training mandates, and successfully identified training needs for divisional employees and trainees. He also worked relentlessly on the development of a formalized training program for Trainee Detention Officers that highlights the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to be an effective Detention Officer.

To accomplish this goal, SSO Flores has interfaced with numerous outside agencies to highlight best practices with regards to daily operations, training and compliance, and Jail Training Officer programs. With this information, he developed a formal Jail Training manual that provides structure and guidance to both the Training Officer and the trainees, and has improved the overall quality of training. This development process continues today as the Jail Division completes the hiring and training of more than 15 Detention Officers, an unprecedented number in the history of the Division.

SSO Flores continues to meet all these challenges with a smile on his face, and his positive “can-do” attitude has helped to restore morale and pride within the Division. His technical and organizational skills have made him an invaluable member of the Jail Division, and his progressive ideas and significant contributions will leave a positive impact on the Division for years to come.
OFFICER JUAN CARLOS REYES

Officer Juan Carlos Reyes worked in the Support Bureau Office as the Department’s Lead Recruiter during the 2016 recruitment/hiring campaign. Officer Reyes’ love for his profession is evident in the outreach, encouragement, and genuine interest he expresses towards those interested in joining our profession. Throughout this assignment, he utilized new technology and implemented innovative ideas that improved the department’s overall recruiting process.

Officer Reyes updated recruitment social media profiles on several platforms, including: Facebook, Twitter, and our Department’s Recruitment webpage. He designed new Department logos and banners, actively sought out new marketing strategies, and referenced other agencies’ recruiting methods to keep our efforts on the leading edge in a highly competitive local and national marketplace.

Officer Reyes continues to collaborate with Civil Service to coordinate and staff numerous recruitment events in the Southern California region. His duties require him to work closely with numerous City and community partners such as: Community Engagement, Information Technology, Leadership Long Beach, the Long Beach Unified School District, and local area colleges and universities, as well as local military bases.

Officer Reyes is an outstanding ambassador for our organization, consistently demonstrating professionalism, hard work, and a creative passion to identify and attract the best candidates for our long-term success.

Even after being reassigned back to patrol duties, he continues to perform collateral duties as the Lead Recruiter where he supervises over a dozen sworn police officers who serve as recruiters at various community events. Officer Reyes always sets a great example in both his demeanor and appearance. His knowledge and enthusiasm set benchmarks for his colleagues, and establishes a standard of excellence that is a trademark of his efforts.

Additionally, Officer Reyes provided significant input for a video project produced collaboratively by the United States Marine Corps, the Recruitment Section, and the Community Engagement Division. This video will be seen throughout the Department of Defense as part of training designed to acclimate their members back to civilian life. The video features a current Long Beach police officer who presently serves in the Marine Corps Reserves. The video shines a spotlight on our organization as an agency that provides a bright future for our veterans.

Officer Reyes is an invaluable asset to our department whose dedication and innovation literally changed the way we do business as it relates to the recruitment of future officers and leaders of our organization. His efforts and their exceptional results are clearly above and beyond, and have raised the bar to establish a “new normal” for our agency’s recruitment efforts.
Distinguished Service Award

SERGEANT STEPHEN DOUGAN

During his 24-year career with the Police Department, Sergeant Stephen Dougan has developed a unique skill set that only few officers share. He is the only person in his supervisory peer group that has experience in investigations, operations, and administration associated with conducting employee backgrounds and navigating the hiring process.

Backgrounds are amongst the most important and challenging investigations that a police department carries out. The manner in which a background is conducted can make the difference between hiring an individual who, whether sworn or civilian, will serve in the best interest of the community, versus someone who may cause harm to the community they’ve sworn to protect. The investigations must be comprehensive in order to allow the Chief of Police to make an informed hiring decision, but must also stay within the tight parameters of fair employment practices.

Sergeant Dougan works with other City Departments, as well as contracted vendors that provide background investigation services, polygraph testing, and psychological assessments for the testing and hiring of police recruits and other Department and City employees. In order to accomplish this, he maintains knowledge about applicable local, state, and federal fair employment laws, and the legal requirements for appointment to the various public safety classifications. Sergeant Dougan understands the complexities involved in conducting background investigations and coordinating a sworn hiring process. He scrutinizes every applicant to satisfy our goals for compliance with all minimum standards for appointment, and screens out candidates who, based on their history or other relevant information, are found unsuitable for the positions in which they’ve applied.

The past year was especially challenging for Sergeant Dougan and his background staff as the Department conducted five consecutive hiring processes for three back-to-back police academies. Sergeant Dougan rose to the challenge and oversaw the processing of 564 police recruit applicants. This was no easy feat, as the recruitment and hiring process for a police recruit can take as long as one year to complete. During this time, he also continuously managed the processing of 176 civilian employees and volunteers, and reestablished a lateral police officer process, which had been inactive for several years. Sergeant Dougan’s work ethic and professionalism have gained him the respect and admiration of his subordinates, peers and supervisors. His leadership and exceptional achievements in 2016 exemplify the highest standards of the Long Beach Police Department and are recognized with the Distinguished Service Award.

CORPORAL JOHN FAGAN

On the morning of April 29, 2016, officers were dispatched to a report of a dispute between a repossession agent and the owner of a vehicle. The initial call had stated the owner of the vehicle was holding a can of gasoline and a blowtorch threatening to light the vehicle on fire.

Corporal John Fagan was the first officer to arrive on scene. The repossession agent advised Corporal Fagan that the owner had locked himself inside the vehicle. As Corporal Fagan approached the vehicle he detected a strong odor of gasoline. He looked inside the vehicle and saw the owner soaked in gasoline with a gas can in the seat next to him, and his finger hovering over the trigger of the blowtorch. Instantly realizing the gravity of the situation, Corporal Fagan remained calm and began speaking with the owner, while still advising the assisting units of the necessary information over the radio. Corporal Fagan also advised dispatch that the vehicle was directly below several apartments.

As additional officers arrived on scene, they began to evacuate residents from the apartments and convinced the repossession agent to leave the scene hoping that this would calm the owner. Fire extinguishers were prepped and a plan was quickly devised to minimize the severe trauma that Corporal Fagan and the owner would likely sustain from the flames in the event the owner set himself and the car on fire. While waiting for the Fire Department to arrive, Corporal Fagan was able to convince the owner to put down the blowtorch and come out of the vehicle. He immediately escorted the owner away from the vehicle, and stayed with him until the owner was transported to a local hospital for further evaluation. Despite the imminent threat to his safety, Corporal Fagan’s calm demeanor and his ability to quickly develop a rapport with the owner prevented the man from inflicting significant injury upon himself and others.
On May 9, 2016, Officer Sean Arndt was dispatched to a residence on Sunset Street regarding a family disturbance. The calling party told the operator her husband was spraying everything in the house with hairspray and threatening to burn the house down. The victim said she locked herself and her 10-year-old son inside the downstairs bathroom, and her 18-year-old daughter was asleep in her bedroom.

Officers Bach Zavala, Madison Moss, Jesenia Oropeza, Daniel Visser, and Kristina Cortes assisted on the call. While enroute to the residence, officers were advised the suspect set up a trap in the garage, and that he barricaded the bathroom door, locking the victim and her son inside. They were further told that the operator could hear the suspect yelling and screaming over the phone.

Officer Arndt climbed a 6-foot iron gate at the property, which allowed officers to gain access to the residence. Officers made contact with the suspect as he stood on a balcony on the second floor, yelling and screaming at them. He appeared to be either psychotic, under the influence of narcotics, or both, and holding a can of hairspray. There were also two large dogs with the suspect that appeared to be aggressive. Officers asked the suspect repeatedly to come down from the balcony and talk to them, however, he refused.

Officer Arndt continued to maintain a dialogue with the suspect to try and calm him down. With the information already provided by dispatch, and the erratic behavior exhibited by the suspect, the officers believed the victim and her children were in grave danger.

As Officer Arndt distracted the suspect, Officers Zavala, Moss, Oropeza, Visser, and Cortes gained access to the residence through the garage door. As officers entered a hallway door to the residence, they observed the bathroom door and a hallway closet door were tied together with a cable, preventing the bathroom from being opened from the inside. Officer Visser untied the cable and opened the bathroom door where the victim and her son were found hiding, and safely escorted them outside. The officers continued further into the house searching for the 18-year-old daughter. As they approached a staircase, the officers observed the suspect run down a hallway and into a bedroom, and could be heard yelling and screaming from inside. Believing the girl's life was in danger, the officers approached the bedroom door and ordered the suspect to open it. They smelled smoke, could hear a smoke alarm sounding, and observed smoke coming from under the door. Officer Zavala forced the door open, however, the suspect quickly slammed it shut. Officer Arndt then pushed the door all the way open and officers ordered the suspect to put his hands up, and to lay prone on the floor. When the suspect complied he was handcuffed and taken into custody without further incident.

Through their follow-up investigation, officers located a burnt pillow on the floor of the bedroom, and multiple pieces of material tied in knots scattered around the house that appeared to have been doused with the hairspray. The smoke detector inside the bedroom had a piece of paper covering the sensor, and the suspect was found to have several disposable lighters in his pockets. The suspect admitted to officers he had been smoking a lot of methamphetamine. Officers learned the suspect committed domestic violence against the victim the day before, there was a valid restraining order filed against him prohibiting him from contacting the victim, and was clearly demonstrated he was a danger to his family. He was booked on multiple felony charges. If it not for the quick actions of the officers, the suspect's psychotic behavior could have taken the lives of the victim and her children. The officers are commended for their decisive actions, sound judgment, and professionalism in the face of danger and under extreme circumstances.
OFFICER JORGE MARQUEZ
OFFICER DAVID WEISE

On October 28, 2016, at approximately 7:15 p.m., officers were dispatched to the area of Pacific Coast Highway and the Los Angeles River Bed regarding a woman who was about to attempt suicide. The call stated the suicidal woman had called her friend stating she wanted to end it all. When officers arrived on scene, they saw the distraught woman standing on the opposite side of the railing. She was facing outward with her arms holding onto the railing behind her, and looking down at the water approximately 60 feet below.

Believing the woman was about to jump, Officer Jorge Marquez and Officer David Weise slowly approached her from opposite sides, while other officers continued to attempt to talk her off the ledge. However, as Officers Marquez and Weise got closer, she released her grip from the railing and leaned forward to jump. Just as she did this, Officer Marquez wrapped both of his arms around her upper torso, while Officer Weise wrapped one arm around Officer Marquez, and the other around the woman, and together, they were able to pull her back over the railing to safety. The woman was subsequently transported for further evaluation.

Officers Jorge Marquez and David Weise are to be commended for the teamwork and courage demonstrated during this rapidly unfolding incident. Their quick and decisive actions, which placed them at great personal risk, saved a distraught woman from leaping to her death.
SERGEANT MARK KOSOY
OFFICER BENJAMIN COBB
OFFICER TRISTAN CORBETT
OFFICER RACHEL FRAUSTO
OFFICER HARRISON MOORE
OFFICER CONRAD PENN
OFFICER JEREMY RUNNELS

On April 13, 2016, Officers Conrad Penn and Benjamin Cobb were dispatched to an apartment complex regarding an unknown disturbance. A neighbor had reported a possible fight in the next-door apartment and the neighbor could see a person on the ground bleeding. When the officers arrived, they found a man lying on the living room floor of an upstairs apartment. The man had used a knife to disembowel himself, creating a horrific crime scene inside the living room. The male was still conscious and had a large knife in his hand. The officers immediately called for back-up, ordered medics to respond, and tried to talk the suspect into surrendering.

When assisting officers arrived, the blood soaked crime scene was beyond comprehension. Notwithstanding, officers were still faced with an armed and dangerous suspect who was threatening them with a knife.

During the incident, the man said something that led the officers to believe there was potentially a second person inside the small apartment. Realizing that the man had an extreme propensity for violence, the officers made the decision that they could no longer wait and negotiate with the suspect for a peaceful surrender. They knew that there was a high probability that there was a second person inside who required immediate medical care.

At the direction of Sergeant Mark Kosoy, the officers formed a tactical plan to make entry. At the appropriate moment, Officer Penn discharged his Taser, striking the subject. Officers Harrison Moore and Tristan Corbett made entry but had to fend off the suspect’s knife momentarily until they could gain control of the suspect’s hands. The two officers had to keep the suspect’s bloody hands pulled up over his head away from the rest of his severely mutilated body until medics could get upstairs safely. They were joined by Officer Penn, and all three of the officers were victims of blood transfer from the suspect. Despite the inherent risk, the officers safely subdued the suspect.

Officers Rachael Frausto, Jeremey Runnels, and Benjamin Cobb entered the apartment and secured the suspect’s weapon. While checking the interior for additional victims, they discovered the man’s wife in a back bedroom. She had been brutally attacked with a knife by the suspect, sustaining wounds similar to his. Tragically, she did not survive her injuries.

As the investigation unfolded, several other officers came to the scene to assist and immediately contacted the neighbor who made the call. They also located and interviewed the 7-year-old child of the murder victim who had been playing with the neighbor’s children next door when the crime occurred. The emotional nature of the interviews made them extremely challenging, but the officers performed, with the highest levels of empathy and professionalism and were able to obtain information that was invaluable to the detectives and the case.
MERITORIOUS AWARD FOR HEROISM, cont.

After the man was transported from the scene, several officers were assigned extremely unpleasant duties that had to be accomplished. Officers Runnels and Moore searched for any outstanding witnesses to the crime, while assisting officers secured the gruesome crime scene.

Officer Frausto was assigned the exceptionally difficult duty of transporting the victim’s young child to the downtown station and staying with him for the duration of the investigation. Officer Frausto built a rapport with the boy, and did her best to ease the child’s nervous fear. Despite knowing the horrific nature of the victim’s death, Officer Frausto was not allowed to share that information with the child, and had to maintain a comforting tone throughout most of the night to assure him he was safe. The emotionally taxing mission for Officer Frausto, and her professionalism in handling the mission, was universally praised by her peers and supervisors.

At the crime scene, Officers Penn and Cobb were assigned to take the main report. Together with the assigned Homicide detectives and crime lab personnel, these employees spent numerous hours inside the crime scene identifying, photographing, and collecting evidence. The violent nature of this crime created an extensive amount of blood and other bio hazards, making this the single-most stressful crime scene investigation most had ever encountered.

All of the employees involved in this investigation are to be commended for their exceptional professionalism under extremely difficult circumstances. The efforts of every officer involved in this ensuing investigation reflected the highest standards of our profession and dedication to duty.
OFFICER MICHAEL PARCELLS AND K-9 "CREDO"

In 2016, Long Beach Police Service Dog “Credo” was fatally shot during a SWAT call-out involving a barricaded suspect wanted in connection with an assault with a deadly weapon investigation.

On Tuesday, June 28, 2016, at approximately 9:00 a.m., members of the United States Marshals’ Fugitive Task Force requested assistance from the Long Beach Police Department in the apprehension of a suspect. The suspect, wanted in connection with a 2014 multiple victim shooting, fled into the apartment of an acquaintance in the 2800 block of East 15th Street, after a foot pursuit. Long Beach police officers responded and established a containment area. Due to the suspect being considered armed and dangerous, the SWAT Team was activated and nearby residences were evacuated.

SWAT deployed and directed the suspect to exit the residence. Once outside, the suspect failed to comply with officers’ verbal commands. As he began to aggressively charge the officers, a 40mm rubber baton round, and K-9 Credo who was attached to SWAT, were deployed. The suspect continued his aggressive charge toward officers, while Credo continued to try and stop the suspect from advancing towards officers. As Credo fought with the suspect, the suspect produced a knife while continuing his advance on officers. One officer, in an attempt to protect himself and the other officers, discharged his weapon, and both the suspect and Credo were struck by gunfire. The suspect was transported to a local hospital by paramedics and later pronounced deceased.

Credo was transported to a local veterinarian hospital by his handler, Officer Michael Parcells, and despite life-saving efforts, succumbed to his injuries. Credo was a 4-year-old Belgian Malinois who served the Long Beach Police Department and the City of Long Beach for two years. During his time on the streets alongside Officer Parcells, Credo worked Patrol and Narcotics, and was involved in over 30 apprehensions.

Credo made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty, and will be remembered and honored for his loyalty. We will be forever grateful to our canine comrade for demonstrating courage and strength in the face of danger to protect our officers and the community.
CREDO  
End of Watch  
July 2016  
Handler - Officer Michael Parcells

RANGER  
End of Watch  
October 2005  
Handler - Officer Michael Parcells

ROCCO  
End of Watch  
May 2001  
Handler - Officer Ernie Wolosewicz

ARGO  
End of Watch  
March 1987  
Handler - Officer Michael C. Kinrade

BONDO  
End of Watch  
July 1982  
Handler - Officer Stephen W. Zabel
PATROL RESOURCE OFFICER JOHNNY A. DODSON III

In December 2015, Officer Johnny Dodson was selected as the East Division’s Patrol Resource Officer assigned to address the increase in homeless complaints from the community. He was directed to conduct outreach within the homeless population and enforce violations of the law when necessary. He hit the ground running, reaching out to the homeless community to see what would be needed to help people off the streets or to live peacefully and lawfully to reduce nuisance complaints. Officer Dodson brought water and other donated items to the homeless to build rapport with them and gain their trust. He knew this was vital in gaining their cooperation.

Officer Dodson’s relationships with members of the homeless community have enabled him to gather information regarding criminal activity and wanted suspects. His enforcement efforts for 2016 have resulted in over 600 field interview cards, 112 crime reports, 78 arrests, 120 misdemeanor citations and the recovery of 68 bicycles.

He has also educated himself on common law violations committed by homeless and provided in-service training to patrol officers on the best way to cite and file those reports. Officer Dodson also demonstrates great flexibility by making himself available to assist on homeless issues that occur outside of his regular shift. He has cross-trained with other homeless outreach teams throughout Southern California and networks with numerous out of city agencies regarding drug rehabilitation, housing and other homeless outreach efforts.

Officer Dodson regularly attends community meetings to discuss the City’s efforts to combat homelessness, and has worked with the City Prosecutor’s Office to obtain “Stay Away Orders” for homeless persons who frequent and repeatedly cause problems in certain areas. In 2016, he helped place 25 chronic-nuisance offenders on the Stay Away Order list.

He has developed strong working relationships with other city departments such as Public Works, Health & Human Services, Parks, Recreation & Marine, as well as neighboring law enforcement agencies, the California Department of Transportation, and the Los Angeles Flood Control District. Those partnerships resulted in the clearing of 25 homeless encampments and 75 coordinated outreach efforts. Officer Dodson also obtained temporary housing for 26 people and permanent housing for six others, placed 19 homeless people into drug rehabilitation programs, and connected three homeless veterans with benefits and housing.

In recognition of his outstanding performance in addressing homeless issues in the East Division, and his collaboration with City and regional partners to positively impact quality of life issues in our community, Officer Johnny Dodson is recognized with the Chief’s Community Policing Award.
COMMANDER ALEXANDER AVILA

The Excellence in Leadership award is presented to a member of the Command Staff who has exhibited outstanding performance, professionalism, and exemplary leadership.

From 2015 to present day, Commander Alexander Avila, a 26-year veteran of law enforcement and a valued member of the Department's Support Bureau, has skillfully managed an extraordinary workload as the head of the former Communications and Training Division, which was equal to managing two divisions simultaneously, and now as the Commander of the Department's Training Division.

Among the many priorities for any professional, progressive, and accountable law enforcement agency are those of basic recruit training, advanced officer training, and organizational succession planning. Last year, these three critical objectives were met through the drive, initiative, and foresight of Commander Avila.

Under his leadership, he oversaw the planning, administration, backgrounds and selection process, and implementation of multiple back-to-back recruit academy classes, an unprecedented organizational accomplishment. He led the effort to audit and streamline our basic recruit course curriculum, which is overseen by the State of California to ensure strict compliance with state standards. Doing so has enhanced our instruction and skills training for the betterment of the City, our agency, and its newest officers.

He collaborated with the Civil Service Commission, Department of Health & Human Services, and other City partners, to institute a lateral officer hiring process, and to actively recruit experienced police officers wishing to join the Long Beach Police Department.

He managed and continues to oversee the training of all sworn personnel through Advanced Officer Training Courses, and other delivery systems. This was made especially challenging last year as he pushed to make our Department among the first in the Southern California region to provide contemporary training in the areas of procedural justice, implicit bias, and mental illness, as called for in the President’s Task Force on 21st Century Policing report.

Commander Avila will be the first to remind others that these noted accomplishments were only realized through the collective efforts of his dedicated sworn and civilian staff.

Commander Avila helped maintain employee morale and productivity despite an aging training facility. He prudently monitored allotted training funds; effectively managed his time and was readily available for his employees; was responsive to numerous and often concurrent requests and direction; and networked and maintained positive working relationships with stakeholders.

Commander Avila has served as the Acting Deputy Chief of the Support Bureau. He consistently maintains a positive and professional attitude, demeanor, and spirit. He has excelled in the performance of his duties and exemplifies our high standards. He has consistently demonstrated exceptional judgment, decision making, and compassion. In recognition of his exceptional contributions and leadership skills in 2016, Commander Alexander Avila is presented with the Excellence in Leadership Award.
ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST III ANNIE KHIN-KEO

Administrative Analyst III Annie Khin-Keo is a 10-year veteran to the City of Long Beach. She is a determined individual who has risen through the City’s ranks. Prior to working in the Police Department, she worked for the Department of Financial Management in the Cashiering, Business Licensing, Purchasing, Fleet, and Towing Divisions. Throughout her City tenure, she has amassed tremendous institutional knowledge, a diverse technical skill set, and positive working relationships throughout the City.

In 2015, Annie was hired by the Police Department in the Records Division. Shortly after coming on-board, she was transferred to the Financial Bureau to serve as the department’s lead for all procurement related efforts and administering a $17 million budget. Annie is responsible for procuring large-scale equipment as well as specialized services; securing approval from City Management; providing strategic purchasing recommendations; and is the department’s subject matter expert on all vendor contracts.

Annie’s contributions are notable in that she must engage with multiple ranks throughout the Department, understand the nuances of law enforcement operations, and articulate these needs to executive managers in City Hall. Her ability to turn ideas and concept into reality requires competency in understanding the City’s processes, sophisticated analytic capacity to strategically navigate through the City’s regulations, and strong communication skills with staff inside and outside the organization. Annie has identified solutions that enabled the Department to procure body-worn cameras; secure a new uniform contract with a new vendor; ensure that background investigations, specialized analysts, and jail medical contracts are up-to-date; and found creative paths to secure investigative technology tools.

While most City departments are equipped with several analysts handling procurement functions, Annie is the sole analyst who performs these functions for the Police Department. Despite being assigned to a technically challenging role that has an immense workload, she enthusiastically offers her knowledge, assistance, and customer service skills to Police employees across all bureaus and divisions. Annie’s performance in her role demonstrates her deep commitment to the Department’s values of doing the right thing, doing things right, and treating people right. For her exceptional performance in identifying solutions that have improved operations and streamlined procurement processes throughout the Police Department, Administrative Analyst III Annie Khin-Keo is recognized as the 2016 Civilian Employee of the Year.
OFFICER JOSHUA BREARLEY
OFFICER VINCENT OTTO

In the late months of 2014, the North Division was suffering from a rash of copper wire and metal theft incidents occurring along its major street corridors and community park areas. When a metal theft investigation class was offered locally, Officers Joshua Brearley and Vincent Otto readily volunteered to attend. They went to the course and came back with several ideas on how to combat these thefts occurring in their division.

As a result, the North Division Metal Theft Impact Team was formed. The officers also became members of the Southern California Metal Theft Investigators Association and regularly attended their meetings. They made contact with local recycling companies and put them on notice to ensure they were properly operating within California State law. As a result of their efforts, the team became very successful in quelling the rash of metal thefts in the North Division.

As violent crime began to rise in the North Division, Officer Brearley and Otto’s team morphed into a very successful Violent Crime Impact Team that has solved numerous North Division violent crime cases. They obtain and review video, conduct surveillances, search databases, interview victims and witnesses, write search warrants and do whatever it takes in an attempt to identify potential suspects. They have even re-opened and solved old cases during their investigations.

The officers have worked with several other divisions and details including: the Gang and Violent Crimes Division, the Detective Division and the Child Abuse Detail, as well as the North Directed Enforcement Team and the North Division Patrol Resource Officer. According to the Robbery Detail sergeant, their weekly, if not daily communication with the detail, enabled Robbery detectives to formalize investigative strategies to locate suspects responsible for North Division robberies.

Violent Crime Impact Team Officers Brearley and Otto have been involved in many different successful investigations throughout the past year including robberies, assaults with a deadly weapon, child abuse, commercial burglary, auto theft, police impersonation, and arson. Their investigations have also significantly impacted several local gangs. The officers work diligently, with very little supervision required, and nothing comes across their desk they can’t tackle. They work tirelessly each day, prepared to jump into their next investigation when they arrive to work. Their combined efforts have removed several dangerous criminals from our streets and helped many detectives successfully clear cases. There is no doubt their actions have helped reduce the North Division crime rate this past year. For their relentless follow-up, their diligent monitoring of the pulse of North Long Beach, and their professionalism in working with other divisions, details and agencies, Officer Brearley and Officer Otto are recognized as the 2016 Sworn Employees of the Year.
Law Enforcement Code of Ethics

AS A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, my fundamental duty is to serve mankind; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation, and the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the Constitutional rights of all men to liberty, equality and justice.

I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all; maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn, or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed in both my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the laws of the land and the regulations of my department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided to me in my official capacity will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty.

I will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, animosities or friendships to influence my decisions. With no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals, I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or violence and never accepting gratuities.

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