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Dear Awardees and Friends:

Welcome to the Long Beach Police Foundation’s 50th Annual Awards Ceremony for the Long Beach Police Department. Thank you so much for attending and for supporting our police officers, who are among the most dedicated, professional and courageous in the country. We are all grateful for their hard work, and it is an honor to recognize them at this event.

The Long Beach Police Department is a great representative of our entire community. From the command staff to the officers to the civilian employees and community volunteers—the entire department works diligently to keep our city safe, and they do so at great personal risk. They are the reason we have seen crime drop dramatically over the past two decades, and they are the reason we can all enjoy Long Beach with peace of mind.

The award ceremony tonight is a perfect opportunity to celebrate the individuals who 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 without their outstanding devotion to the mission of the department and our city, Long Beach would not be the great city it is today.

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, thank you for your hard work, and congratulations! I hope you all enjoy the celebration.

Sincerely,

Mayor Robert Garcia
City of Long Beach
We are pleased to announce the 50th 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 eighth 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 2017. 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. Mac Rae
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Program

Long Beach Police Department Color Guard

Pledge of Allegiance
Israel Anaya, Explorer Sergeant

Invocation
LBPD Chaplain Gwendolyn Phillips Coates

Welcome & Opening Remarks
Deputy Chief Richard Conant
Investigations Bureau

Long Beach Police Foundation Message & Sponsor Recognition
Bruce D.D. Mac Rae, Board President
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Chief’s Remarks
Chief Robert Luna, Long Beach Police Department

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Daryle Black Memorial Essay Contest
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Outstanding Community Partner
Volunteer Service
Unit Citation
Chief’s Citation
Distinguished Service
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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 Explorers
- Quality of Life
- Shop with a Cop
- Toy Patrol
- Youth Leadership Academy

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Community Engagement:
- Kids and Cops Day Sponsorship for Community Engagement
- Cookie with a Rookie Sponsorship for Community Engagement
- Registration for Senior Police Partners Awards Recognition
- Operation 3595 Honoring Senior Police Partner, Laura Matthew for 35 Years of Volunteerism with the LBPD
- Donut Boy Police Officer Appreciation Event
- Junior Police Badge Stickers for Community Engagement
- Halloween Safety Trick or Treat Bags for Community Engagement
- Supplies for the Quality of Life Homeless Outreach Unit
- School Supplies for Annual Shop with a Cop Event
- Gift Cards for Toy and Gift Purchases for Toy Patrol
- Youth Leadership Academy for Teens
- Ohana LBPD Volunteer Appreciation Event
- Police Youth Explorer Field Trip

Equipment:
- Bicycles for South Division Bike Patrol
- Bicycle Safety and Maintenance Equipment for Long Beach City College Patrol Unit
- Measuring Wheels for Patrol Vehicles
- Portable Batteries for Detectives
- Search and Rescue Training Supplies
- Police Youth Explorer Uniform Shirts

Technology:
- Television and Mounting Bracket for Gang and Violent Crimes Briefing Room
- Social Media Video and Audio Equipment for Community Engagement Division

Training:
- Street Drug Guides for Police Recruits
- Police Youth Explorer Academy
- Police Youth Explorer Competitions
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

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LBPD EMPLOYEE RECIPIENTS OF OUTSIDE AGENCY AWARDS – 2017

Intelligence Crime Analyst Mariella Grote was awarded the California Narcotic Officers’ Association’s Intelligence Analyst of the Year Award. Mariella’s expertise and hard work has been crucial in identifying, locating, and convicting violent criminals wanted in connection with numerous high-level investigations.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) recognized the officer in each patrol division with the most DUI arrests made in 2017:

- **Officer Richard Wharton** 
  Field Support Division  
  42 arrests

- **Officer Ivan Garcia** 
  North Division  
  29 arrests

- **Officer Amanda Aknin** 
  West Division  
  19 arrests

- **Officer Omar Deleon** 
  East Division  
  15 arrests

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.

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.

Sergeant John Hotchkiss received the Long Beach Police Officers Association 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.

Officer Jerry Carter was the 19th 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.

The LBPD’s Criminal Intelligence Section was presented with the Law Enforcement Intelligence Unit’s (LEIU) 50-Year Membership Award. The LEIU is an internationally recognized organization associated with developing criminal intelligence best practices.
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, 2017 to December 31, 2017

**LEVEL 1 – 1st Time Recipient**
- Officer Amanda Aknin – 17 recovered vehicles with 5 arrests
- Officer Nicholas Becerra – 13 recovered vehicles with 4 arrests
- Officer Holden Deaton – 12 recovered vehicles with 5 arrests
- Officer Paul Del Rosario – 12 recovered vehicles with 3 arrests
- Officer Keyen Foley – 13 recovered vehicles with 4 arrests
- Officer Kevin Matter – 12 recovered vehicles with 3 arrests
- Officer Ernesto Olmos – 18 recovered vehicles with 4 arrests
- Officer Hunter Schneider – 19 recovered vehicles with 7 arrests
- Officer Maxwell Schroeder – 12 recovered vehicles with 3 arrests
- Officer Brian Weber – 19 recovered vehicles with 7 arrests

**LEVEL 1 AND 2 – 1st & 2nd Time Recipient**
- Officer Dylan Larrieu – 36 recovered vehicles with 6 arrests

**LEVEL 2 – 2nd Time Recipient**
- Officer Brian Calderon – 14 recovered vehicles with 4 arrests
- Officer Brian Komori – 29 recovered vehicles with 3 arrests
- Officer Justin Rivett – 12 recovered vehicles with 3 arrests

**LEVEL 3 – 3rd Time Recipient**
- Officer Andrew Fox – 6 recovered vehicles with 6 arrests

**LEVEL 4 – 4th Time Recipient**
- Officer Joshua Castro – 16 recovered vehicles with 3 arrests

The LBPD Vehicle Theft Officer of the Year Award, which is presented by the Western States Auto Theft Investigators Association of Southern CA and the AAA of Southern CA, is awarded to a Sergeant or Officer who accrues the most points for stolen vehicle recoveries and arrests in a calendar year. Four points are granted for every rolling stolen with an in-custody arrest, and one point is granted for every recovered abandoned stolen vehicle.

The 2017 LBPD Vehicle Theft Officer of the Year Award is presented to:

**Officer Dylan Larrieu**

Officer Larrieu is recognized for his 6-rolling stolen in-custody arrests and 36 recovered abandoned stolen vehicles during 2017, which resulted in 60 total points.
The Daryle Black Memorial Scholarship sponsored by the Long Beach Police Foundation (LBPF) offers scholarships to 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 2000.

This year’s essay theme was … “If you were asked to be an Explorer Recruiter, how would you describe the program to secure new recruits?” We’d like to thank this year’s judges who reviewed all the essays: Lieutenant Joe Gaynor, LBPD Explorer Advisor Larry Seielstad, and LBPF volunteers Amy Vanden Berg and Courtney Gonzalez.

**DARYLE BLACK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY WINNERS**

1. Emanuel Sanchez
   - Explorer Sergeant
   - 1st Place - $500

2. Ismael Martinez
   - Explorer
   - 2nd Place - $300

3. Daniel Velasquez
   - Explorer Lieutenant
   - 3rd Place - $200
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.

MICHAEL A. SERGI LEADERSHIP AWARD
is presented to an active Long Beach police officer or sergeant who leads by example, promotes teamwork, and goes above and beyond to uphold the values of the law enforcement profession.

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.
Gary Abston

On July 28, 2016, a Long Beach police officer was walking to his vehicle with a man who had just been arrested for a violent felony crime. As they walked through the apartment complex, the suspect began to pull away from the officer and attempted to slip the handcuffs in front of him. The officer and the suspect then went to the ground and struggled as the suspect got closer to slipping his handcuffs forward. The officer yelled for assistance but the other officers were still upstairs on the second floor of the complex.

Gary Abston was riding his bicycle near the entrance of the complex when he witnessed the suspect’s actions. Despite the risk to his own safety, he immediately came to the aid of the officer and held down the suspect’s legs. Thanks to Gary Abston’s quick response, the officer was able to take control of the combative suspect until additional officers arrived.

Felipe Gonzales

On July 12, 2017, a motor officer was dispatched to the 800 block of West Hill Street regarding a possible impaired driver. The call stated there was a vehicle parked on the street with the driver hunched over the steering wheel.

When the officer arrived, he found the driver either asleep or unconscious, with the engine running and still in gear. Drug paraphernalia and an empty beer bottle were also visible inside the car. The officer reached into the car, turned off the ignition, and attempted to detain the driver. As he came out of the car, he began to resist and the officer struggled to take him into custody. During the altercation, the officer and the driver went to the ground.

Felipe Gonzalez, who was witnessing the altercation, ran towards the officer. Due to the intensity of the struggle, the officer reached for his radio and requested back-up. Felipe, at risk to his own safety, immediately assisted the officer by grabbing the subject’s left arm. The subject was still resisting arrest, so in an attempt to convince the subject to cooperate, Felipe yelled at the subject to stop fighting and let the officer do his job. The subject listened to Felipe and stopped resisting. The officer was then able to handcuff the subject and safely take him into custody. The driver was found to be in possession of a substance believed to be methamphetamine, and a replica handgun located under the driver’s seat.

The Police Department is extremely grateful for Felipe’s Gonzalez’s courageous actions to intervene in the struggle and ensure the officer’s safety.

LB Transit Supervisor Ricardo Vergara

On July 3, 2017, Long Beach Transit Supervisor Ricardo Vergara became concerned when he observed an angry woman running into traffic at the intersection of Pacific Avenue and Anaheim Street. Supervisor Vergara parked at a nearby bus stop and notified LB Transit dispatchers of the incident. A LBPD patrol officer arrived on scene and the disturbed woman immediately began fighting with the officer in the middle of the busy intersection.

The officer was able to get the woman to the ground, but as he attempted to handcuff her, she began to violently resist. Seeing the officer struggle with the woman who was still kicking and swinging at the officer, Supervisor Vergara did not hesitate to help. Vergara ran into the street, putting his own safety at risk, and immediately grabbed the woman’s arms to help the officer handcuff the violent woman and bring the incident to a safe conclusion.

Nina Gambill, Melissa Aguilera, Janet Tu, Taylor Armenta, Aven Pradhan and Edward Jones

On October 9, 2017, a woman was seen standing on the top story ledge of the four-story parking structure at Long Beach City College. The female appeared to be distressed and was holding a knife in one hand and a bottle of liquor in the other.

LBCC student Nina Gambill was walking to her car on the fourth floor of the parking structure when she observed the woman stumbling and walking off-balance on the ledge of the structure, and immediately rushed to intervene.

Students Melissa Aguilera, Taylor Armenta, Aven Pradhan, and Edward Jones were all independently walking to the structure when they also saw the woman walking on the ledge. Realizing she might be in danger or attempting suicide, they all ran to the structure and up four flights of stairs. They approached her in an attempt to reason with her to not step off the ledge, and immediately realized she was intoxicated and very unstable.

LBCC student Janet Tu was also walking on the 4th floor of the structure and saw what was happening. Recognizing the other students were already tending to the woman, she called 911 to ensure that professional help was also on its way.

As Taylor Armenta climbed onto the ledge to reason with the female, it appeared the young woman was about to lose her balance or was preparing to jump. Taylor, without hesitation and risking her own life in the process, grabbed onto the female. The other students immediately grabbed onto the female as well and pulled her to safety. Had the distraught woman fallen off the ledge, she would have likely taken Taylor with her.

Melissa Aguilera, Taylor Armenta, Nina Gambill, Edward Jones, Aven Pradhan, and Janet Tu are commended for their concern and willingness to help someone in distress, despite the risk to their own safety. Their collective efforts averted a tragedy and prevented the suicidal woman from killing or injuring herself.

John Thomas Kelly, Michael Shook and John Makari

On April 17, 2017, at 7:30 p.m., John Thomas Kelly and Michael Shook were inside a local coffee house when they observed a mentally unstable man brandishing a sharp piece of metal in his clenched fist. The man was standing in the patio area of the business and was becoming disruptive. Michael, who was an off-duty employee of the coffee house, and John, who was a customer, noticed the man’s disturbing behavior and stepped out into the patio. When John told the man he needed to leave and was no longer welcome, the man punched John in the face while still holding the sharp piece of metal. Fearing for John’s safety, Michael grabbed the suspect with both arms in a “bear hug” in an effort to gain control and subdue him, but the suspect continued to struggle and...
attempted to stab Michael in the face. As Michael took the armed suspect down to the ground, both Michael and John also fell as they continued to try and disarm him.

John Makari, an off-duty LAPD police officer, was in front of the building when he heard screaming. As he approached the patio, he saw the altercation and immediately ran to assist. He identified himself as a police officer and assisted Michael and John in physically restraining and disarming the suspect until responding officers arrived. Both Michael and John Kelly sustained injuries during the incident.

Michael Shook, John Kelly, and John Makari are to be commended for their quick and decisive actions. Their courageous efforts in the face of imminent danger, and their willingness to place themselves at great risk from a mentally unstable and violent man, ensured the safety of the patrons.

Lejon Powel, Michael Maahs, Richard Luers and Eric Von Kauffman

On January 13, 2017, a Long Beach police officer was driving a Police Department pickup truck northbound on Bellflower Blvd. when a Mercedes Benz, being driven in the southbound lanes at a high rate of speed, lost control, crossed over into the northbound lanes, and collided with the police vehicle. The impact from the collision was so great, that witnesses observed the truck lift off the ground, spin around, and land on its side. The car immediately began leaking fluids and caught on fire. The officer, who was still trapped in the truck, saw the other vehicle on fire and was able to summon assistance over the radio.

Witnesses Eric Von Kauffman, Richard Luers, Michael Maahs, and Lejon Powell, the driver of the Mercedes Benz, could have perished in the fire. Thanks to the selfless efforts of these good Samaritans, the driver received emergency medical assistance for the life-threatening injuries sustained.

Derry MacMahon

Derry MacMahon works for a private company as a lead project manager on large construction projects. As a full-time Public Works contractor, Derry has assisted on a variety of Police Department projects in the past, but leading the project to reestablish South Division in the Public Safety Building (PSB) was the largest. Derry provided in-depth assistance, coordination, and project oversight, while continually communicating with pertinent staff from the Police Department, Public Works, outside contractors, and the leads from five different construction companies. This made it extremely challenging for Derry to manage, coordinate, monitor, and check for compliance on five different projects at once, while still managing the overall construction process.

A large portion of the reestablishment of South Division project involved the relocation of numerous Police Department details/divisions within the building. One such undertaking was the relocation of the Internal Affairs Division, which was displaced when South Division returned. The creation of a new Internal Affairs Division office area was a daunting task; however, Derry was up for the challenge. He quickly began working with the architectural team to design a suitable and productive work area. He then selected, supported, and provided oversight for the assigned contractor, while maintaining a constant flow of communication with Internal Affairs staff as the construction was completed.

In addition to Derry’s leadership on the reestablishment of South Division and other past projects, he was instrumental in facilitating the renovation of the Police Pistol Range construction project. His ability to multitask a variety of assignments, while opening lines of communication with project partners, was key to the overall operational efficiency related to the completion of this project.

It cannot be overstated how much Derry’s involvement and oversight positively impacted the reestablishment of South Division and the renovation of the Police Pistol Range. His professionalism, strong work ethic, and project management skills were extremely beneficial to the success of these projects, and ensured that there was minimal disruption to Police Department operations.
COMMUNITY WITH POWER FOR CHANGE

The Long Beach Police Department (LBPD) is pleased to recognize the Community with Power for Change (CPC) with the 2017 Outstanding Community Partner Award. This grassroots organization, which is composed of community members and organizations, worked with local families to help them improve their quality of life through education, safety, health, leadership development, and civic engagement. CPC initially began in 1996 with 10 members. Today, CPC is comprised of 120 associate and 30 active members – a significant increase from the initial 10-person association.

This dedicated and personally invested group continually advocates for change. Some examples include: leading neighborhood clean-up committees, leading a delegation of parents to speak at community meetings, and mobilizing on the issue of crime prevention at a statewide conference organized by the Office of Child Abuse Prevention.

Aside from helping mobilize and motivate community members, CPC has also created partnerships with different organizations focusing on a wide variety of issues. An example of this is their partnership with Long Beach Residents in Power (LiBRE). LiBRE is a grassroots community group focusing on advancing justice in disadvantaged communities through the creation and preservation of affordable housing, renter protections, and community economic development.

Other examples of their varying partnerships include support of the Long Beach Alliance for Children with Asthma (LBACA), Mothers Brigade, Housing Long Beach, CORAL (School Readiness), and Building Healthy Communities. Furthermore, since 2012, CPC has hosted and helped organize an annual women’s conference named “VIVA LA MUJER.”

CPC believes it is important to participate in and host events where community members cannot only come together, but also learn something new. This learning approach helps people take a step towards a healthier lifestyle and motivate the community to take action to make a positive difference. In addition to building a healthier lifestyle, CPC members have assumed personal responsibility and acted to make their neighborhood clean, secure, and safe. CPC members stay focused by strengthening partnerships, empowering residents, holding monthly meetings, and encouraging residents to stay active in their neighborhoods.

Building relationships and strengthening lines of communication is a prominent theme with CPC, and their efforts have helped build community trust in LBPD and the law enforcement profession. This is especially true for the Latino community, which is a strong focus for CPC members. This commitment to open communication between neighbors, businesses, and other governmental entities has made a significant positive impact on the City.

As demonstrated by their involvement and activities over the past 20 years, CPC personifies what is required to make a difference in the community. This difference makes a tremendous positive impact on the problems affecting Long Beach, and strengthens the bond between the City, the Police Department, and the community. For these reasons, the Police Department is honored to present the Community with Power for Change, with the 2017 Outstanding Community Partner Award.
COMMUNITY PARTNER AWARD - ALICE ROBINSON

The mission of the Long Beach Police Department is to provide “Public Safety Through Partnerships” and the department recognizes and values the importance of collaboration between the many stakeholders in our community.

The Outstanding Community Partner Award is presented to honor someone who has consistently demonstrated exceptional partnership with the Police Department and a commitment to improving community safety.

This year, the department is pleased to present this award to Alice Robinson, who is known by many simply as “Miss Alice.” In August of 2003, Miss Alice started hosting a feeding program at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park, where she would prepare a warm, fresh-cooked meal for anyone in need, with no questions asked. She and her original partner, Stella Davis, funded the meals on their own and did all of the planning, shopping and cooking once a month. As word spread in Central Long Beach, the feedings attracted many people. Almost 15 years later, Miss Alice continues her monthly feedings on the first Wednesday of each month, where her program has served over 13,000 meals.

Miss Alice’s giving nature was instilled in her as a sharecropper’s daughter in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, where her parents, who had seven children, always made a point to share what little they had because “the Lord will provide.” As an adult, Miss Alice sought to continue this giving spirit. This, along with her sweet nature, has attracted many volunteers who now help with her monthly program at the park. But if you show up, be prepared because she will hand you a pair of gloves and expect you to get to work. Miss Alice has her own section at the Peace Garden where she grows many of the vegetables she serves. She attended the Neighborhood Leadership Program in 2010, spearheaded the planting of a rose garden at Rosa Parks Park, and acquired a bench for the Burnett Branch Library.

Although she prefers to serve quietly and humbly, giving all the glory to her faith in God, Miss Alice’s program has received a number of awards including recognition from President George W. Bush, and the United States Congress, and has received the Beverly O’Neill Lifetime Leadership Award, and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Peace Maker Award.

Miss Alice is a passionate, humble, and involved community leader who makes Long Beach a better place, and her dedication to improve the quality of life for the Long Beach community is commendable. For her exceptional contributions and tireless commitment to our community, Miss Alice Robinson is recognized with the 2017 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 45,000 hours of service with a value of over $1.4 million. The Volunteer Service Award recognizes those Police Volunteers who have selflessly given over 500 hours of service during 2017.
SENIOR POLICE PARTNERS PROGRAM

Throughout 2017, the Senior Police Partners (SPPs) have done an outstanding job of providing peer support and resource referrals to seniors and dependent adults within the City of Long Beach.

The SPPs are a motivated group of seniors who are dedicated to making a positive difference in our community. They are trained to recognize situations where the senior could benefit from outside assistance from any of several senior-related resource providers. The SPPs guide the seniors through the sometimes-overwhelming process of getting back on track to a healthy and fulfilling life.

Through the end of 2017, the Senior Police Partners were responsible for the following statistics:

- 8,300 Volunteer hours
- 11,458 Patrol Miles
- 172 Wellness Checks
- 409 Dumped Items Reported
- 66 Graffiti Reports
- Handicapped Citations
  - 8,614 parking spots checked
  - 118 written warnings
  - 85 citations issued
- 701 Signs Removed
- 20 Major Public Education and Outreach Events
- 340 Vacation Checks

Without the commitment and strong work ethic of all the members of the Senior Police Partner Volunteer program, none of these accomplishments would have been possible. For their hard work and dedicated volunteer service, the members of the Senior Police Partner program are commended and recognized with a Unit Citation.

Senior Police Partner Severina Britto #10905
Senior Police Partner Pam Callender #11069
Senior Police Partner Patricia DeBacker #11070
Senior Police Partner Stan Eiler #10966
Senior Police Partner Jane Euge #10817
Senior Police Partner Edmund Guerry #8557
Senior Police Partner Bill Holt #10345
Senior Police Partner Denise Hund #11071
Senior Police Partner Tacy Hunter #8560
Senior Police Partner Harry Ivey #10820
Senior Police Partner David Kalish #10906
Senior Police Partner Michael Karlson #8562
Senior Police Partner Isidro Lopez #10466

Senior Police Partner George Loveren #10903
Senior Police Partner Laura Mathews #8695
Senior Police Partner Robert Mena #11072
Senior Police Partner Craig Miller #10816
Senior Police Partner Jane Nadeau #11073
Senior Police Partner Kara Nelson #11074
Senior Police Partner Susana Paternoster #10815
Senior Police Partner Linda Penrod #10461
Senior Police Partner Jeanne Rhoads #7242
Senior Police Partner Alfred St. Pierre #11075
Senior Police Partner Betty Jean Thompson #10751
Volunteer Coordinator Tom Leary #10743
LBPD BASKETBALL TEAM

In July 2016, members of the Long Beach Police Department formed the LBPD Basketball Team. The team is made up of sworn police officers from across the department and was created to better improve police and community relations and build trust using nontraditional activities.

Since its inception, the team has competed in more than 20 basketball games against numerous teams from high schools, community based organizations, faith based groups, and other public safety agencies. By participating in these sporting events, the members of the LBPD Basketball Team have helped to humanize the image of law enforcement, strengthen relationships with the community, and reduce the potential for community conflict.

The members of LBPD Basketball Team have volunteered countless hours to plan, travel, and participate in games. During these events, the team has made thousands of non-traditional positive contacts with our community. The opportunity to highlight these fun activities on various social media platforms allows for an added level of engagement and the chance to showcase the positive side of the law enforcement profession.

The members of this team should be commended for volunteering their own time and utilizing a new way to help the Police Department build positive relationships between Long Beach residents and the officers who protect them.

Lieutenant Patrick O’Dowd #5604
Sergeant Byron Blair #5922
Sergeant Brian McPhail #5739
Sergeant Daniel Mendoza #5710
Sergeant Robert Ryan #6303
Detective Daniel Haas #6144
Detective Michael Hubbard #5845
Officer Elaina Alvarez #10925
Officer Fernando Archuleta #10649
Officer Jose Castro #10763
Officer Candace Cleverly #10941
Officer James Connell #10777
Officer Johnny Dodson #10013

Officer Sokhoeun Kim #10564
Officer Brian Komori #10546
Officer Dylan Larrieu #10324
Officer Roger Montell #6010
Officer Vincent Nguyenlieu #10744
Officer Guadalupe Payan #10557
Officer Gavin Purdy #10581
Officer Dedier Reyes #6268
Officer Rodolfo Rodriguez #10051
Officer Chamnan Sok #10154
Officer Justin Van Dyk #10545
Officer Jeremy Van Dyk #10952
Officer Jason Wilcoxen #10544
ROBBERY

An incident is classified as a robbery when a suspect physically takes property from someone through force or intimidation. Whenever a robbery occurs in a community, it shakes the inner core of the residents and business owners, causing increased concerns for the safety of their neighborhood. The members of the Robbery Detail take every reported robbery seriously, and fully investigate the crimes to hold the suspects accountable for their actions.

The Robbery Detail exemplifies the Strategic Vision of the Long Beach Police Department. Their relentless pursuit of robbery suspects makes the city a safer place for people to live, work and visit. The detectives effectively utilize partnerships with other agencies in their investigations, and handle their cases in a courteous, ethical, and professional manner, which is consistent with the core values of the department.

Over the past year, the Robbery Detail has done an excellent job investigating a wide variety of robberies. The types of investigations range from multiple suspects entering businesses using force, while stealing large amounts of merchandise, to other cases where armed suspects enter a business and take items from the store. The Detectives recognize the significant impacts these types of crimes have on the community and immediately immerse themselves in the investigation and assign each other different tasks to expeditiously solve the case. A few examples of their outstanding work over the past year are listed below:

• During February 2017, a suspect armed with a handgun entered eight Long Beach businesses and demanded money. In one incident, an astute clerk was able to provide a detailed description of the suspect’s vehicle. With the assistance of North Division’s Directed Enforcement Team, investigators identified and arrested the suspect, who was subsequently charged with 11 counts of robbery and attempt robbery.

• Between December 2016 and March 2017, a male suspect armed with a handgun entered eight businesses demanding money. Throughout the investigation, detectives uncovered similarities that lead them to a description of the suspect’s vehicle, which led investigators to identify the suspect. The District Attorney filed 10 counts of robbery against the suspect.

• Between July 2017 and November 2017, several robberies took place. The suspects would enter the clothing stores armed with a handgun or knife, and remove several articles of clothing. Through further investigation, detectives learned the suspects were also committing similar robberies throughout Los Angeles and Orange Counties. Their relentless follow-up resulted in the arrest of two suspects responsible for these crimes.

For their unwavering investigative efforts and commitment to bringing violent criminals to justice, the members of the Robbery Detail are recognized with a Unit Citation.

Sergeant David Schillig #5383
Detective Donald Collier #5842
Detective Fermin Gonzalez #5608
Detective Eric Hubbard #5967
Detective Joseph Johnson #5731
Detective Nancy Mora #5956
Detective Jacqueline Parkhill #6215
Clerk Typist Jessika Aguilo #10713
SOUTH DIVISION SPECIALIZED DETAILS

In February 2017, the South Division was officially reactivated as an independent Patrol Division. In addition to a full complement of patrol officers, South Division includes three specialized details that provide support to patrol officers and assist with problem solving throughout the division: the Bicycle Detail, Patrol Resource Officers (PROs); and a Quality of Life Unit (QoL).

The build-up to the reopening of the South Division was highly anticipated by all community groups located in the area. As the commander met with residents and business leaders to discuss their issues and concerns, he learned of several challenges throughout the division. Many of these challenges were outside of the regular duties of patrol officers, so the South Division specialized details were called in to assist. An overview of these unique specialized details is provided below:

- **Bicycle Detail** – Their primary mission is to enforce quality of life issues in the Downtown Entertainment District (DED). A secondary mission is to enforce quality of life issues in hot spots within the division. These are also locations patrol officers have difficulty reaching in patrol vehicles, such as alleys, bridges, and the riverbed. The Bicycle Detail also provides support and security during large public gatherings, protests, marches, and rallies. Lastly, the officers provide security during City Council meetings on a weekly basis.

- **Patrol Resource Officers** – South Divisions fields two Patrol Resource Officers (PROs). Both PROs routinely work with other City departments such as Nuisance Abatement and Code Enforcement, to solve problematic long-term issues. Both PROs have received training and are certified in the multi-disciplinary Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) method, and complete CPTED evaluations on a routine basis. PROs are assigned or initiate Community Oriented Policing (COPS) projects which require collaboration with community members and/or City staff to resolve ongoing issues at the property. Lastly, the PROs work with the Directed Enforcement Team when COPS locations correlate to violent crime in the area.

- **Quality of Life Unit** – This unit is composed of a police officer that is partnered with a Mental Health Clinician from the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health. This unit is tasked with providing housing, resources, food, clothing or transportation to individuals experiencing homelessness. The clinician’s medical training gives them the skill set to deal with subjects who have psychiatric issues, and transport them with more ease to local hospitals for care. In support of the Continuum of Care Program, the QoL Unit regularly partners with the Health Department and other public and private agencies to complete this mission.

Each detail is separately responsible for many duties and receive several special assignments throughout the year. When they work together on a single project, they become a force multiplier and can achieve amazing results. The South Division specialized details were responsible for: 132 felony arrests; 261 misdemeanor arrests; 252 misdemeanor citations; 64 parolee contacts; over 2,000 homeless contacts; and 93 COPS projects. They also attended over 100 community meetings and events; housed over 300 people; offered resources to over 400 people; evaluated 197 people for mental crises; and represented the Police Department and South Division at numerous special events.

For their collective efforts to provide support, assistance, and collaborative problem solving throughout the division, the South Division specialized details are recognized with a Unit Citation.

**Sergeant Abram Yap #5740**

**Bicycle Detail**
Officer Victor Feria #5492
Officer Alberto Leon #10057
Officer Troy Matsuura #5760
Officer Sergio Ruvalcaba #6220

**Patrol Resource Officers**
Officer Gabriel Betanzos #10237
Officer Brian Mihkelson #6219

**Quality of Life Unit**
Officer Bradley Futak #5599
Mental Health Clinician Tom Krik (LA County Department of Mental Health)
OFFICER JESENIA OROPEZA

Officer Jesenia Oropeza was assigned to the South Division in June 2016 to help coordinate the reestablishment of the South Patrol Division and the subsequent move back to the Public Safety Building. Without hesitation, Officer Oropeza quickly and energetically jumped into the process to move forward with this daunting assignment. She did not show any signs of apprehension, concern, or doubt as she quickly began making progress.

Officer Oropeza immediately created a list of projects, tasks, and necessary equipment. She worked with the Commander and others to learn purchasing processes, equipment requisition procedures, and project management skills, which would be invaluable throughout her assignment.

Officer Oropeza continually involved and communicated with pertinent staff from the Police Department, other City departments, and outside vendors. She routinely kept key staff and supervisors updated on the progress of projects, and created a project management/tracking sheet which is still used on a regular basis. She did not get discouraged at the slow pace of some projects, and always maintained a positive and upbeat attitude.

Officer Oropeza routinely passed onto others the knowledge and insight she acquired during her assignment, explaining the importance of properly selecting vendors, services, and equipment, as well as the correct purchasing procedures.

Throughout this challenging assignment, Officer Oropeza maintained a strong work ethic, friendly demeanor, and a willingness to help those around her. Her “can-do” attitude has had a positive impact on her peers, co-workers, and supervisors.

Officer Oropeza's commitment to duty and overall contribution to the South Division and the Police Department cannot be overstated. Her exceptional effort made a significant difference in the reestablishment of South Division, and will make a positive impact on its operations for many years in the future.

SPECIAL SERVICES OFFICER CATHY MEDINA

Cathy Medina is currently assigned to the Traffic Section of the Field Support Division. She supervises the Department’s Crossing Guard Program and is recognized as the subject matter expert in the Police Department for crossing guard operations. Over the past year, Cathy has continued to provide exceptional service to the citizens of Long Beach. Cathy oversees the crossing guard operations at elementary schools where guards are assigned and ensures that a safe environment is in place for the children.

Cathy goes above and beyond, often volunteering her time to make sure that the crossing guards needs are met, both physically and emotionally. Cathy takes personal responsibility for all her employees, and ensures that they have a safe and productive work environment. Cathy hosts events through the year, such as pot lucks and holiday get togethers, to foster higher morale and comradery within the division.

Cathy always has a positive attitude. She goes above and beyond, and treats her job as a calling. Her dedication and attention to detail has resulted in several incident-free guard operations at the locations the Department is tasked with covering. For her outstanding performance and her efforts to help ensure the safety of the elementary school children throughout the City, Special Services Officer Cathy Medina is recognized with a Distinguished Service Award.
DETECTIVE JOE PIROOZ

Detective Joe Pirooz is a 20-year veteran of the Long Beach Police Department and has been a Detective in the Gang Enforcement Section since 2004. Detective Pirooz was assigned to a United States Marshals Fugitive Task Force from 2012 to 2017, where he worked on a team tasked with apprehending violent fugitives in the western United States.

In April 2017, Detective Pirooz returned from the US Marshals Task Force and was assigned to start up an Illegal Firearm Unit within the Gang Enforcement Section to target persons illegally possessing firearms. Detective Pirooz built the unit from the ground up, and utilized his partnerships with outside agencies such as the Department of Justice, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, the Los Angeles County Probation Department, and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, to effectively combat firearm related crimes and illegal firearm possession cases in the City of Long Beach.

From April through December 2017, Detective Pirooz coordinated hundreds of follow up investigations, proactive investigations, search warrant services, and joint operations with federal, state, and county law enforcement entities. His efforts resulted in the confiscation of 61 illegal firearms from the streets of Long Beach, coupled with the arrest of 26 suspects for a variety of illegal firearm possession violations. Detective Pirooz has distinguished himself as a highly-valued detective who continually delivers exceptional skill and productivity in all his investigations. As a result of his tenacity and dedicated investigative efforts in the enforcement of illegal firearm possession, Detective Pirooz has made the city, its residents, and its visitors, safer from gun related criminal activity.

LIEUTENANT GREG SCHIRMER

Lieutenant Greg Schirmer is assigned to the Special Victims Section, which is responsible for investigations involving sex crimes, child abuse and domestic violence. In addition to these duties, Lieutenant Schirmer also served as the Acting Commander for the Detective Division for six months. During this time, he showed superior leadership in dealing with a variety of staffing challenges resulting from attrition through retirement, and employees on maternity leave. This included finding a creative staffing solution when all of the detectives assigned to the Child Abuse Unit either retired or were off on maternity leave. He also assisted in organizing a leadership symposium for Detective Division supervisors and prospective supervisors. The symposium included a panel of leaders that discussed leadership challenges, concepts, experiences, in law enforcement, private business, and professional athletics.

In February of 2017, Lieutenant Schirmer oversaw the investigation and arrest of a serial rapist who victimized five elderly women in a North Long Beach neighborhood. Lieutenant Schirmer worked around the clock and mobilized the entire Special Victim’s Section to assist with the investigation. As a result of their relentless investigative efforts, the suspect was identified and arrested within two weeks of committing the first crime.

Lieutenant Schirmer also serves as the Police Department’s liaison to numerous victim advocate groups, and continues to develop those relationships to ensure a full scope of services for the department’s most vulnerable victims. Over the past year, the department has been contacted by numerous victim advocate groups who wanted to praise the excellent work of Lieutenant Schirmer and his staff for their commitment to building partnerships and ensuring that the victims of these terrible crimes are provided with resources and support.
DETECTIVE DONALD GOODMAN

On February 13, 2014, officers were dispatched to assist the Long Beach Fire Department at a beauty salon in the 2100 block of Pacific Avenue. The first officer to arrive found paramedics performing chest compressions, and trying desperately to save the life of a 36-year-old woman who had stopped breathing while receiving a massage. The victim was taken to a local hospital where she was pronounced deceased. Homicide Detectives Scott Lasch and Donald Goodman responded to the beauty salon to gather information. Their initial information was that this was an unusual case, but it was a death resulting from natural causes. The victim’s family was on scene as well as the licensed masseuse, who stated she was preparing to start the massage when the victim went into distress. The family supported this version of events; however, detectives felt there was more to the case and continued their investigation.

Detectives soon learned the victim had come to the business to receive a cosmetic augmentation procedure from the masseuse, who was not licensed to provide the procedure. During the procedure, the victim was administered several drugs and substances designed to enhance or change the shape of her buttocks. At some point after receiving the injections, she went into medical distress and the masseuse was not trained or equipped to handle the medical emergency.

While processing the scene, detectives located several drugs that were not labeled for sale or use in the United States. They also located drugs which are controlled substances under California law. Detectives meticulously inventoried and examined hundreds of pieces of evidence recovered from inside the suspect’s massage room and her residence. Over the course of the next few months, Detective Goodman would do extensive research on the procedure administered by the suspect and the possible side effects of the drugs found in her possession. Detectives also issued a news release, which led to several people coming forward to talk about the procedures the suspect had performed on them.

Detectives Lasch and Goodman were assigned to new partners and Detective Goodman took the lead on this unusual case. His first setback came when the Coroner listed the cause of death as undetermined. This ruling meant the doctor could not determine what caused the victim’s death. Detective Goodman continued to do research of the lab results related to the autopsy, and called the doctor that performed the autopsy several times to discuss the results. He consulted with the Los Angeles County District Attorney’s Office to get a list of experts their office had worked with previously. He made some initial consultations and was able to get the head Coroner to authorize the release of specimen slides they collected at the time of the autopsy. He then arranged for another lab to process the slides.

Detective Goodman took a slow and deliberate approach, and built a case over the next few years. He found experts who were willing to interpret the results of the additional testing, and testify the victim’s death was a homicide and a direct result of the illegal procedure.

On February 14, 2017, Detective Goodman obtained an arrest warrant charging the suspect with first degree murder. In July 2017, over three years after the incident, the suspect pled guilty. Detective Goodman wanted to make sure that no one else died from this illegal procedure and worked above and beyond to secure a conviction and remove this reckless and dangerous criminal from our community.
Distinguished Service Award

SGT. CLINT GRIMES, OFFICERS KAREN DOUGHERTY, BEN HEARST, ALEX LAWRENCE, KEVIN MORENO, LEROY STAES, AND LBFD ENGINEER DANIEL TORRES

On May 23, 2017, officers were dispatched to the 2400 Block of South Street regarding a subject who was attempting to commit suicide inside his business. As officers arrived, they observed the Fire Department on scene as numerous employees were fleeing the businesses’ main office. Several people yelled at officers that a fellow employee was stabbing himself with a knife and attempting to kill himself.

Officers Alex Lawrence and Karen Dougherty were the first on scene and quickly began devising a plan to contain the distraught man and eventually get him the help he needed. Because the subject was armed with a knife, they obtained their less than lethal 40 mm launcher from their police vehicle so they could attempt to disarm the man. Time was of the essence, as the man needed immediate medical care. Officer Lawrence directed LBFD Engineer Daniel Torres to block a rear exit with a pole to contain the subject.

Officers Lawrence and Dougherty carefully approached the front door of the business and could see the man inside. He was covered in blood, holding a large knife, and bleeding profusely from the neck, arms, and abdomen. They called out to him and attempted to calm him down, but the man stabbed himself again and kept telling the officers to kill him and that he must die. The scene was horrific, with blood on the walls, ceiling, and all over the floor. The suspect retreated back into the office just out of sight of the officers.

Sergeant Clinton Grimes, and Officers Benjamin Hearst, Kevin Moreno, Leroy Staes, arrived on scene, and along with Officers Lawrence and Dougherty, assembled an Emergency Action Team. They quickly devised a plan of action for this rapidly evolving situation. Communication between the team members was critical in implementing their plan and safely taking the suspect into custody. As they continued to order the man to surrender, he reappeared still holding the knife.

Officer Lawrence deployed multiple 40mm rubber baton rounds, striking the man in the torso and stunning him. Officers Moreno and Hearst deployed their electronic control devices and the man dropped the knife and fell to the ground. Officers Moreno, Hearst, and Dougherty immediately moved forward and handcuffed the subject. Fire personnel rushed the severely injured man to the hospital for immediate treatment.

Sergeant Grimes (a veteran and former Mental Evaluation Team member) followed-up with the man, who was also a veteran, at the hospital the next day. The man had suffered a psychological episode, but was expected to make a full recovery. Sergeant Grimes also spoke to the veteran’s wife who expressed her gratitude for saving his life.

Sergeant Grimes and Officer Lawrence are commended for their leadership, quick thinking, and decisive action in resolving a volatile and life-threatening situation. Officers Dougherty, Moreno, Hearst, and Staes are commended for their teamwork, coordination, and ability to function within such a horrific and rapidly evolving scene. Firefighter Torres is commended for his willingness to risk his safety to help secure the armed man inside the building.
OFFICER FERNANDO MAYEN

On August 7, 2015 Officer Fernando Mayen responded to a violent stabbing incident with six different victims who had been attacked by the suspect. Each of the victims required emergency medical treatment due to the severity of their injuries.

This incident began in the 3200 block of E. Artesia when the suspect stabbed his wife, his wife's brother, and a neighbor. The suspect then ran across Artesia to a convalescent home, and continued his violent behavior. Upon entering the convalescent home, the armed suspect ran through the entire complex terrorizing residents while seeking additional victims. Inside the location, he stabbed three staff members, one of whom was pregnant. The suspect in this incident had been released from jail just three weeks prior and was on parole for robbery.

Officer Mayen knew that multiple people had been stabbed by the suspect at the original dispatch location. As he approached the scene, he was informed by numerous citizens as to the whereabouts of the suspect and that the violent assault was continuing inside the convalescent home. When Officer Mayen arrived, he parked behind the car of another officer who had already arrived on scene.

Officer Mayen immediately made his way towards the entrance. As he was approaching the building, the suspect quickly exited the convalescent home holding a large knife. Officer Mayen maintained cover behind the two police vehicles, as he saw the suspect become fixated on the other officer. The suspect advanced quickly towards the other officer, who was positioned where the glass doors to the convalescent facility were in his line of fire. When the suspect refused commands to stop or drop the knife, Officer Mayen recognized the immediate threat to the other officer's life and fired his weapon at the suspect. Almost immediately, the suspect stopped advancing and dropped to the ground approximately 10 feet away from the officer.

Officer Mayen is to be commended for the incredible professionalism and heroism demonstrated during this incident. He quickly evaluated the scene, identified the immediate priorities, and did not hesitate to take appropriate action to stop the threat. Officer Mayen’s courageous and decisive actions, sound tactics, and solid decision making, saved the life of a fellow officer and unquestionably prevented the suspect from injuring or killing additional victims.
DETECTIVE JOEL CAMRIN

Detective Joel Camrin has been a Long Beach police officer for over 25 years. He was a member of Academy Class 66, and after graduation, he hit the ground running. After passing his field training, he immediately began working as a patrol officer in South Division. He handled his beat, backed his fellow officers, and was constantly arresting serious felons and gang members in his division. He developed a reputation as a hard-working street cop and was respected by his classmates and veteran officers alike.

Joel was selected to join the Police Department’s SWAT Team in 1996. As a SWAT Team member, Joel could be counted on to make wise tactical decisions under very dangerous and stressful conditions. During his tenure with SWAT, Joel became a member of the Special Enforcement Section (SES). As part of SES, Joel continued to hone his skills and his reputation as a hard-working officer. Because of his outstanding work ethic, Joel was awarded the SWAT Commitment to Excellence Award in 2007.

In 2001, Joel became a Gang Detective. He was part of an intelligence gathering team that conducted numerous plain-clothes surveillances of various hard-core gang members operating in the City of Long Beach. He played an integral part in the arrest and conviction of numerous gang members. Based on his outstanding reputation, and his ability to perform at a high level under life threatening situations, Joel was asked to join the Career Criminal Apprehension Team (CCAT). As a detective with CCAT, Joel is one of the “go to” detectives who frequently takes the lead with investigations and arrests of murder and armed robbery suspects.

Throughout all his assignments, Joel has been a strong, but humble, leader who can always be counted upon to do the right thing and to motivate others to perform at a higher level. He is dependable and focused, with a calm and confident demeanor. Additionally, Joel’s skills and abilities with complicated investigations, and his willingness to assist wherever needed, are highly valued by his peers and supervisors. His outstanding performance has been recognized with several Meritorious Awards, Unit Citations, and numerous citizen and department commendations.

Most importantly, Joel is a man who is completely devoted to his family. Joel has been married to his beautiful wife, Brenda, for over 34 years. He is the proud father of three adult children, and loves spending time with his grandson.

In recognition of his leadership, exceptional worth ethic, and demonstrated commitment to the values of the Long Beach Police Department and the law enforcement profession, Detective Joel Camrin is presented with the Michael A. Sergi Leadership Award.
COMMANDER MICHAEL LEWIS

The 2017 Excellence in Leadership Award recognizes members of the Command Staff who have displayed outstanding and dedicated leadership during the past year. Chief Robert Luna has selected South Division Patrol Commander Michael Lewis as the recipient of this prestigious award for his exceptional performance in the areas of community outreach, project management, and organizational development.

Commander Lewis began his career with the City of Long Beach as a Recreation Leader Lifeguard in 1988 and became a police officer in 1993. In 2016, Michael Lewis, a 26-year veteran of law enforcement, was promoted to the rank of Police Commander. Commander Lewis was immediately tasked with developing and implementing a plan to restore the proposed South Patrol Division, as discussed in the “Measure A” ballot initiative.

Without hesitation, Commander Lewis took charge of this special project and began developing a plan for a division that would make the community and police department proud. He recruited and hired new sworn and professional staff, developed facility specifications and proposals, managed a complex budget, and coordinated new work locations for displaced employees.

During the restoration process, Commander Lewis learned he would also be assigned to take command of the South Division once it became operational. As the opening neared, he coordinated an open house for city staff and community members to tour the facility and meet newly assigned South Division personnel. Over 250 community members visited during the South Division open house, and on November 18, 2017, South Division once again became fully operational.

During his years of service, Commander Michael Lewis has demonstrated the best of our profession, and enthusiastically collaborates with a variety of city departments, law enforcement partners, and community organizations. Through his tireless efforts, he has exhibited a commitment toward the betterment of the Long Beach Police Department and the community we serve.

Commander Lewis serves as the Executive Director of the Long Beach Police Historical Society and President of the Long Beach Police Command Officers Association. In addition, he is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and Leadership Long Beach. He is also a proud alumnus of California State University, Long Beach, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice and a Master of Science in Emergency Services Administration.

Commander Lewis works diligently to maintain employee morale and productivity within the entire organization. He displays the core values of this organization on a daily basis and instills these values in others. Commander Lewis consistently maintains a positive and professional attitude, demeanor, and spirit. His integrity, humility, and work ethic are truly exemplary.

In recognition of his leadership and exceptional contributions to this organization, Commander Michael Lewis is presented with the 2017 Excellence in Leadership Award.
Jennifer Roberts was hired by the Police Department on December 1, 2014, as the Bureau Secretary to the Department’s Financial and Administration Bureaus. In this role, Jenny is responsible for supporting two Bureau Chiefs and coordinating the workflow of the Personnel, Community Engagement, Records, and Fiscal Divisions. As the Bureau Secretary supporting the core administrative functions of the Police Department, her efforts are critical towards the coordination of department-wide technology, fleet, facilities, financial, and personnel related projects. This responsibility requires her to disseminate information across all bureaus within the Police Department, as well as with other City departments.

Jenny has developed positive professional relationships throughout the Police Department and City, which allows her to resolve issues expediently in partnership with other teams. She has developed expertise not only in Police Department operations, but also in citywide processes, and uses this information to coordinate the completion of high profile department-wide projects. She regularly coordinates with the City Attorney’s Office, and the City’s Financial Management, Public Works and Technology and Innovation Departments. She also coordinates with federal, state, county and other local agencies that are partners to the Police Department.

This past year, Jenny has taken on the additional duty of parking coordination for the entire department and works to ensure that all police personnel can be accommodated a parking space, despite the many capacity constraints caused by civic center construction. In this role, Jenny assists all sworn, civilian and contract employees. She consistently provides guidance and assistance to all employees who request her help and takes the extra effort to research and resolve problems that may impact an employee.

In addition, Jenny served on the LBPD Command Officers Association as Board Secretary, as a coordinator for the Red Cross volunteer program, and is active in the community. She is a proud mother who stays busy with her two children Jack (6) and Sadie (23). When she is with her family, she loves spending time outdoors biking and hiking.

Jenny consistently models optimism, exceptional customer service, and commitment to the Police Department organization. For her outstanding work ethic, dedication, and positive contributions, Bureau Secretary Jennifer Roberts is recognized as the 2017 Civilian Employee of the Year.
OFFICER TAMMIE STILNOVICH

Officer Tammie Stilinovich has been assigned to the Training Division since 2011, where she is responsible for coordinating the creation, update, and distribution of the Police Departmental manual, policies, and training bulletins. These tasks require a unique skill set, and her contributions to the Support Bureau and the Department are invaluable.

Much of Officer Stilinovich’s success is due to her extensive knowledge of the Department and her ability to develop and maintain professional relationships with other City departments such as the City Attorney’s Office and City Prosecutor’s Office. These traits have enabled her to effectively manage a workload that could easily be spread to several employees. Despite the demands of her position, the work produced by Officer Stilinovich is timely, accurate, and able to stand up to the many levels of scrutiny that these important projects receive.

Officer Stilinovich’s work ethic is exemplary and the quality and volume of her work is a contributing factor to the operational efficiency of the Training Division. In addition to her primary responsibilities, she makes time to assist in the maintenance of the policy tracker software, fulfill Public Records Act and Shooting Review Board requests, prepare special orders, and manage the Department’s Wellness/Fitness Program.

Officer Stilinovich has developed such a reputation for accurate and reliable work, that the difficulty in producing that work is often forgotten. It is not until you reflect on all of her accomplishments, that you can appreciate how valuable Officer Stilinovich’s contributions are to the Police Department. Highlighted below are her achievements from 2017:

- 37 documents/training items released on policy tracker;
- 11 policy changes;
- 10 special orders;
- 25 discovery or public records act requests;
- 14 in-service training documents;
- 5 projects from OIS boards;
- 9 training bulletins revised;
- 30 training bulletin projects initiated
- 330 participants for wellness/fitness program.

Officer Stilinovich is a tireless worker who demonstrates her strong work ethic by personally handling tasks in a thorough and meticulous manner. Regardless of the volume of responsibilities placed on her, she maintains a positive attitude and a commitment to excellence that is respected by all who work with her. She constantly seeks to improve the overall quality of the work product she generates on behalf of the Training Division, and the Long Beach Police Department. It is for her unwavering dedication and overall outstanding performance of duty that Officer Tammie Stilinovich is recognized as the Police Department’s 2017 Employee of the Year.
Code of Ethics

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.

I recognize the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust to be held so long as I am true to the ethics of the police service.

I know that I alone am responsible for my own standard of professional performance and will take every opportunity to enhance and improve my level of knowledge and competence.

I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession...law enforcement.
Prior to 1988
Torben Beith
James Bisetti
Ronald P. Burgess Sr.
Tom Clemens
Gary O. Denham
James Dowdell
David Esrey
Virgil J. Fogg
James Fortier
Randell C. Guesno
Daniel Kulusich Jr.
Robert Laine
Lance Livingston
Conrad N. Nutzman
William R. Penhollow
Dennis J. Robbins

1989
L.A. Arwine
Anthony Benedetti
Dennis Bracken
Leslie Soto
Victor Thrash

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
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
Thomas C. Borden 1912
Orlando E. Bridgeman 1923
Major J.R. Wilkinson 1923
Robert H. Halstead 1926
George A. Walls 1928
Ralph W. Morgan 1931
William J. Maclean 1934
Delbert T. Buckman 1940
Engebrit Larson 1942
Sylcia M. Sievers 1943
Harold W. Irwin 1945
Cecil W. Singer 1945
Marlin L. Evans 1949
Jesse M. Ream 1950
Robert H. Morgan 1950
William H. Waggoner 1954
Frederick W. Walsh 1957
Vernon J. Owings 1960
Richard Lefebvre 1965
Robert G. Smith 1965
William L. Isham 1967
Donald V. Knott 1967
Robert R. Birdsall 1975
Franke N. Lewis 1975
Gary O. Elkins 1976
Lloyd M. Lund 1981
Karl D. Simons 1996
Daryle W. Black 2000
Edward R. Davenport 2003

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