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## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Peace Officers Association of Los Angeles County is to lead, train, facilitate, inspire and advocate on behalf of federal state, county and local law enforcement agencies and private sector security professionals to maximize the safety of those who depend on us.

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# TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

## WELCOME REMARKS

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## PRESENTATION OF COLORS

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## DINNER

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## PRESENTATION OF AWARDS:

- Investigations
- Technical Support
- Traffic
- Community Policing
- Field Operations
- Community Partnerships
- Joe Ares Award for Excellence in Training
- President's Award

## CLOSING REMARKS

Tony Miranda

*POALAC President*

*Law Enforcement Liaison,*

*LADA Bureau of Investigations*

## MASTER OF CEREMONIES



## JORGE JARRIN

Jorge Jarrin is a sports broadcaster, who previously worked Spanish language radio for the Los Angeles Dodgers. He was a Los Angeles traffic reporter for radio station KABC. He was the helicopter reporter in "Jet Copter 790" from 1985 to 2011, earning the nickname "Captain Jorge." Jorge also broadcast traffic reports on Spanish KSKQ. Jarrin graduated with a B.A. in theater arts from Pepperdine University in 1979. Jorge Jarrin is the son of Jaime Jarrin, who broadcasted for the Dodgers in Spanish for decades beginning in 1958. Jorge has been honored by the Associated Press, and he followed in his father's footsteps, winning the prestigious Golden Mike Award for broadcasting excellence.



**D**ear friends and colleagues, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the Peace Officers Association of Los Angeles County 2023 Centurion Awards and Installation Banquet.

The commitment of our generous sponsors, event planning committee and the attendees have once again made this event possible. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to thank all of you for your continued support.

The Centurion Award recipients were selected from the numerous submissions of law enforcement professionals throughout Los Angeles County. Their exceptional performance in Community Partnerships, Investigations, Traffic, Technical Support, Field Operations and Innovations will be showcased tonight. The President's Award will be presented to a very special friend of POALAC.

I would like to thank the Peace Officers Association of Los Angeles County Board of Directors and members for their commitment to the safety of the citizens who depend upon us. On behalf of the Peace Officers Association of Los Angeles County, I hope you enjoy this evening's event as we honor the recipients of the 2023 Centurion Awards.

**Tony Miranda**

Law Enforcement Liaison for the  
Los Angeles County District Attorney's  
Bureau of Investigations  
Planning Committee member





## JOE ARES

**J**oe Ares began his remarkable career on July 1, 1970 at the UCLA Police Department where he worked Patrol, Detectives and Special Investigations. He was in charge of the UCLA command center during the 1984 Olympic Games. He also was a supervisor in three successful undercover store-front sting operations in Los Angeles County.

Joe was a supervisor in the Westside Major Crimes Multi-Agency Task Force (LAPD, LASD, Beverly Hills PD, Culver City PD, Santa Monica PD, and UCLA PD) whose operations recovered millions of dollars in stolen property and arrested more than 1,000 suspects including major organized-crime figures, sometimes in very violent encounters. Known as “Big Kahuna” and “The Sting King,” Joe provided exceptional leadership throughout the task force’s existence.

Joe became a consultant and technical advisor in property recovery and sting operations for the California Department of Justice. He was interviewed on “60 Minutes” by Mike Wallace on undercover sting operations. He trained agencies in Nevada and Hawaii and at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

Retiring from the UCLA PD as a Commander, he began his private-industry career serving as Vice President of internal investigations for Bank of America. He continued his career in corporate security with Washington Mutual and JP Morgan Chase Banks. He then became Senior Vice President of Corporate Security for Spectrum Management. After three years, Joe decided to start his own business, Joe Ares & Associates Security Consulting.

Joe has been a member of POALAC for more than 30 years and a board member for more than 20 years. He chaired the POALAC Training Committee for the past 10 years. He is past President of the Chiefs Special Agents Association of Southern California where he served two terms, and he was a board member of the Los Angeles County Crime Stoppers.

POALAC mourns the loss of this talented, extremely hard-working Board member, and loyal friend of law enforcement who passed away on August 4, 2023. Joe Ares truly lived the POALAC mission of engaging in public-private partnerships that make our communities safer!

Joe is survived by his beloved wife, Terry, his sons, Mark and Anthony; his brothers, Pete and Orlando; his sisters, Adrienne and Alicia; his daughter-in-law Erika; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

# Excellence in

## INVESTIGATIONS

BEVERLY HILLS POLICE DEPARTMENT

### Detective Aaron Mori

**I**n the early morning hours of April 24, 2023, a vehicle smashed into the front window of the Yves Saint Laurent store in Beverly Hills. Five masked suspects poured into the store and removed \$100,000 in merchandise, then fled. The incident also caused \$300,000 in property damage.

A female, later determined to be a suspect, called Beverly Hills police to falsely report her rental vehicle as stolen. Although the female used an alias when communicating with Detective Mori, he quickly determined her actual identity and discovered she had prior burglary arrests.

Utilizing city owned CCTV cameras, Detective Mori identified the license plates of two getaway vehicles used in the crime, leading to recovery of evidence. Detective Mori linked the suspects to seven additional burglaries throughout the state of California, spanning from San Diego to the Bay area, with losses in excess of \$2,000,000.

Detective Mori's exceptional investigative skills solved a significant crime in Beverly Hills, which ultimately led to the disruption of an organized criminal group who had preyed on businesses throughout the state. He also assisted multiple police agencies in investigating their crimes where no investigative leads previously existed.

# Excellence in

## Investigations

BEVERLY HILLS POLICE DEPARTMENT

### Sergeant Lynnsey Diamond

**O**n March 23rd, 2022, multiple suspects violently smashed display windows during daylight hours to steal millions of dollars in jewelry in the City of Beverly Hills. A single cell phone was left at the scene. Pursuant to a search warrant, Sergeant Diamond identified a phone number and later confirm DNA which was determined to belong to a potential suspect. Sergeant Diamond worked with Long Beach Police Department detectives to establish that the owner of the cell phone was on active probation for burglary. Sergeant Diamond used many additional resources to make sure she could positively identify all parties involved.

In her relentless pursuit in tracking the suspects responsible for the burglary, she did not let any roadblocks impede her investigation. Sergeant Diamond went outside the box to use technological advances and digital media to establish a complete case for prosecution. In doing so, Sergeant Diamond worked with the Federal Bureau of Investigation to get federal charges on three of the four identified suspects for robbery which interfered with interstate commerce.



# Excellence in

## Traffic

### BURBANK POLICE DEPARTMENT

LT. John Pfrommer

SGT. Chris Canales

SGT. Fletcher Stone

OFCR. Casey Chapman

OFCR. Scott Choe

OFCR. Gregory DeBelius

OFCR. Christopher Hensley

OFCR. Jorge Jaime

OFCR. Ryan Johnson

OFCR. Randy Lloyd

OFCR. Ryan Rhoads

OFCR. Jose Soto

OFCR. Harry Markey

OFCR. Bronson Perez

OFCR. Sevada Hosepian

TRAFFIC DET. Ryan Murphy.

DET. Rodriguez

SRO Kiyomi Roberts

**I**n 2022, the Burbank Police Department's Traffic Bureau demonstrated their professional dedication, flexibility, and partnerships with the community to achieve significant reductions in traffic collisions and enhance public safety.

The Bureau adopted an enhanced enforcement posture, including adjusted shift hours and targeted enforcement areas to address times and locations of known problematic driving behavior. Focus areas included enforcement of excessive speed and street racing, and robust public awareness and education campaigns including its "Mindfulness for Young

Drivers" program for 1,500 9th graders in the Burbank Unified School System.

The combined enforcement efforts resulted in an almost 40% increase in the total number of issued citations; the increase in DUI enforcement resulted in a 16% reduction in DUI-related traffic collisions; and overall traffic collisions were correspondingly reduced almost 10% from their pre-pandemic average. The BPD Traffic Bureau's strategic enforcement, education, and engineering efforts effectively impacted driving behaviors and enhanced safety on Burbank's roadways.

# Excellence in

## Traffic

CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL  
SOUTH LOS ANGELES AREA

### Officer Andrew Swank

**T**hroughout his career, Officer Swank has displayed unwavering dedication to combating illegal street racing activities, spending countless hours responding to illegal meets, conducting thorough investigations into street racing incidents, apprehending offenders, and providing support and assistance to victims affected by these dangerous and malicious activities. As a member of the CHP Street Racing Enforcement Unit, Officer Swank has conducted investigations into other felony-level criminal activities associated with takeovers and street racing, authoring follow-up search warrants, and providing crucial intelligence on takeover and

street racing activities. He became a respected authority in the field, focusing on street racing, takeovers, and takeover culture. He organizes every CHP operation in Los Angeles County, providing detailed plans and instructions, resulting in over 5,000 citations, 1,000 arrests, and 1,300 vehicles impounded.

Officer Swank's remarkable dedication and tireless efforts exemplify the highest standards of law enforcement professionalism. His valuable contributions have had a profound impact on public safety, ensuring that communities are protected from the risks and disruptions caused by illegal street racing.

# Excellence in

## Investigations

### CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL WEST LOS ANGELES AREA

### Officer J. Fromm

**O**n August 4, 2022, personnel from the CHP- West Los Angeles Area responded to a traffic crash involving multiple vehicles on Slauson Avenue at La Brea Avenue. This horrific, multi-vehicle crash involved six fatalities, which included a fetus. A very complex and extensive investigation involving dozens of personnel and investigators from the CHP were called upon to assist. Officer Fromm acted as the lead investigator.

During the investigation, Officer Fromm authored ten search warrants to include cell phone data extraction and details, Airbag Control Module (ACM), Event Data Recorder (EDR) download

information for the involved vehicles, medical records, and the seizure of personal property. Officer Fromm interviewed 80 witnesses and processed countless pieces of evidence, which included DNA swabs and video footage.

Because of Officer Fromm's subject-matter expertise, his impeccable work ethic and his perseverance, he made significant contributions and demonstrated extraordinary competence in this complex investigation. Officer Fromm dedicated hundreds of hours conducting follow-up investigation to provide the victim's families with a quality investigation of this tragic events.

# Excellence in

## Traffic

### CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL BALDWIN PARK STATION

### Officer Jacob Moniz

**T**he Baldwin Park Areas was experiencing a rise in commercial traffic throughout its highways, which also resulted in a rise in commercial vehicle traffic collisions. Officer Moniz was chosen to focus on this problem because of his exceptional work ethic, Level 1 commercial training, and commitment to traffic safety through enforcement.

After his first month in the assignment, commercial enforcement statistics increased 300 percent. Officer Moniz began encouraging other officers to stop more commercial vehicles, while providing training and common violation sheets to officers during daily briefings. Officer Moniz

helped organize and participated in multiple commercial special enforcement days along the Interstate 210 and State Route 60 corridors. Officer Moniz has issued over 1,000 citations, conducted numerous commercial vehicle inspections, placed drivers out of service, and impounded noncompliant commercial vehicles. Thanks to the contributing efforts of Officer Moniz, commercial vehicle traffic collisions have been reduced 10 percent over previous years within the CHP Baldwin Park jurisdiction.

Officer Moniz is always willing to step up and help wherever needed. He has established himself as an invaluable resource and contributor to the Baldwin Park traffic safety program.

# Excellence in

## Technical Support

DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION  
LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

Technical Specialist Ying "Jimmy" Huang

In 2018, the Drug Enforcement Administration's Los Angeles Field Division created an Over Dose (OD) Justice Task Force to investigate drug related deaths and the increase in abuse of prescription pills and fentanyl. Advancing these investigations requires the expert assistance of a Telecommunications Specialist (TS) from the Technical Operations Group (TOG) and the use of devices and software known as a Cellebrite Premium and GrayKey. These devices unlock and extract data from digital devices.

TS Jimmy Huang excels in the operation of both Cellebrite Premium and GrayKey. He was involved in the initial testing of the system, and his coordination with these providers made him proficient in the use of these units. He works long hours to include weekend and holidays if necessary to complete data extractions and quickly provide case agents with necessary digital evidence.

TS Huang has provided support to countless investigations. The evidence obtained as a result of his contributions is often the crucial evidence needed to secure an indictment.



# Excellence in

## Investigations

### DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY HOMELAND SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS

DHS/HSI Special Agents Kevin Knipp, Paul Welch,  
Michael Fernandez, Shabnam Aboubakri and  
Group Supervisor Michael Corkery

Redondo Beach PD Detectives Josh Spry, Blake Nimmons,  
Chris Warren and Terrence Stevens

LAX PD Sergeant Mike Strosnider and  
Detective Edna Moreno

DEA SA Robert Thomas

AUSA Scott Dubois and AUSA Maria Stiteler

**O**n June 26, 2019, HSI LAX initiated an investigation into the criminal activities of Sergio Petroni following the overdose death of Jeremy Sapien (Victim-1). It was later learned that another individual, Erik Wilson (Victim-2), died of an overdose in April 2020. Tragically, both deceased victims were the sons of local law enforcement officers.

The deaths were caused by the victims' consumption of fentanyl which was supplied by Petroni. Subsequent buy-walk operations resulted in the issuance of search and arrest warrants and the identification of another suspect, Ryan Delfine. The team soon made the arrests.

Petroni pled guilty to one count of possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine, and one count of possession with intent to distribute fentanyl resulting in death and was sentenced to 204 months federal incarceration followed by 60 months of supervised release. Delfine pled guilty to one count of possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine and was sentenced to 60 months in prison.

This team is honored for their performance in the arrests and prosecutions of Sergio Petroni Ryan Delfine whose drug-dealing crimes resulted in at least two deaths.

# Excellence in

## Investigations

### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION LOS ANGELES OFFICE

Special Agent Perry Woo  
Officer Trevor Larsen (LAPD)  
Computer Scientist Michael Fisher  
Special Agent Aaron Butzin  
Special Agent Eduardo Ruvalcaba  
Special Agent Ryan Kielman  
Special Agent Blair Fulcher  
Supervisory Special Agent Kevin Brennan  
Supervisory Special Agent Van Nimitsilpa  
Assistant Special Agent in Charge Olivia Olson

Special Agent Sung-Jun Lee  
Computer Scientist Rushi Chakrabarti  
Special Agent Phillippe Prohoroff  
Special Agent Jeremy Farris  
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Special Agent James Kang  
Acting Supervisory Special Agent Bennett Hong  
Supervisory Special Agent Nathan P. Shields  
Supervisory Special Agent Ron Manuel

**O**n September 3, 2022, the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) experienced a ransomware attack that impacted facilities operations, including attendance tracking, food distribution, bus dispatch, the grading system, and some emergency services. Agents of the FBI LA responded in person and identified the threat actor's infrastructure within hours of arrival. FBI LA requested additional resources from the FBI's Cyber Division headquarters, which arrived onsite the next day with additional technical experts and equipment to perform deeper analysis.

The FBI provided information on the actors and their Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures (TTPs) and worked

with LAUSD to ensure that the compromise was effectively contained and remediated. FBI LA also brought on other government resources, such as LAPD, DHS/CISA and State of California resources.

The FBI's forensic findings helped LAUSD restore priority systems without paying the ransom. School opened on schedule with minimal impact to students and employees, although the network remained impaired for several weeks.

When the incident occurred, LAUSD knew exactly who to call at FBI LA and how the FBI generally operates, saving them precious time.

# Excellence in

## Innovation

### HERMOSA BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT INTERNAL RECRUITMENT TEAM

Sergeant Joe Poelstra

Officer Richard Taylor (retired)

Human Resources Manager Vanessa Godinez

Human Resources Analyst Mei Shih

City Manager Suja Lowenthal

**I**n 2020 the Hermosa Beach PD faced a catastrophic staffing crisis that could not be solved through traditional recruitment, hiring and retention strategies. The department recognized that the quality employees who had been hired were leaving for better opportunities, and too many candidates failed to successfully complete their probationary period. In 2019, the City Manager implemented a task force to bring numerous departments together to find and hire quality employees. But in 2020-2021 the police vacancies and attrition rates grew worse as the pandemic and civil unrest took its toll.

Sergeant Joe Poelstra established an internal recruitment team that included the named honorees. The team's mantra was "every candidate matters" and "there is no such thing as a secret sauce." Successful recruitment and hiring required hard work, a change in culture, and an authentic approach to connect with each candidate. By mid-2023, the HPD fully staffed and has a waiting list for candidates, thanks to this team's success!

# Excellence in

## Field Operations

### LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT SOUTHEAST AREA

Police Officer II Brenner Marsh

Police Officer II Nicholas Illsley

Since January 2022, patrol partner Officers Marsh and Illsley have recovered 65 stolen vehicles, effected 82 felony arrests, and 13 misdemeanor arrests while they conducted 141 Pedestrian Stops and 142 Vehicle Stops. They have received a combined 54 commendations. Officers Marsh and Illsley have been involved in 23 Pursuits, each found In Policy with Administrative Approval.

Officers Marsh's and Illsley's investigations are consistently thorough. They have a reputation of remaining professional while following policy and procedure during every pursuit they have initiated by

demonstrating experience and maturity, applying the balance test throughout their pursuits. Officers Marsh and Illsley terminated several pursuit when it became too dangerous for the community, officers, and the fleeing suspects.

Officers Marsh and Illsley give 100% on every shift they work. Their work is reflected in the number of stops, arrests, filings, answered radio calls, and commendations they receive each year. As role models in patrol, they motivate their peers to work harder toward effecting positive change within the community.

# Excellence in

## Innovation

### LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT SEROLOGY/DNA UNIT CODIS TEAM

**Criminalist III Alexa Calderaro  
(CODIS Administrator)**

**Criminalist III Jonathan Williams**

**Criminalist II Forrest Yumori**

**Criminalist II Randy Zepeda**

**L**APD's CODIS team developed two novel software tools that led to a 50% annual increase in the number of samples entered into the DNA database, resulting in 75% more forensic matches, solving more crimes than ever before.

Previously, laboratories across the United States struggled with finding solutions to allow the use of probabilistic genotyping software while still uploading DNA profiles into the database. The CODIS Team developed and built POPSTR and DATABSR. POPSTR estimates which DNA profiles would generate the most useful investigate leads. DATABSR rapidly identifies matches within CODIS while

filtering out profiles that do not match. While a manual procedure could take a few hours per sample, DATABSR completes the evaluation in seconds.

POPSTR and DATABSR have been presented at multiple national and international forensic conferences. The CODIS Team has worked alongside interested organizations to help guide and customize the software to meet each laboratory's specific needs, parameters, and criteria. Thanks to this team's efforts, POPSTR and DATABSR are now used by more than 25 laboratories in a dozen states across the United States.



# Excellence in

## Outstanding Community Partner

### LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT WILSHIRE AREA

#### Mitch Jacoves

**M**itch Jacoves was introduced to the LAPD when he attended a Citizen Police Academy. He joined the Wilshire Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB) and learned of issues facing his community and neighboring communities as well.

Mr. Jacoves has served as the CPAB co-chair for four years. He formed the CPAB Traffic Subcommittee and worked with West Traffic Division on many task force assignments.

Mr. Jacoves was Wilshire's first community member to complete the LAPD's Volunteer Community Patrol (VCP) training. VCP

members patrol in a specially marked vehicle, and they alert officers of crimes in progress or community concerns.

Mr. Jacoves is an accomplished runner, having competed in Ultra Marathon Events which are 100-Mile Races. He runs with Wilshire Cadets (age 13-17) as they train to run the LA Marathon. His inspiration to our youth is remarkable.

His passion along with his donation of hundreds of hours of volunteer time has brought about change and improvement of our community.

# Excellence in

## Community Policing

LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
SOUTH LOS ANGELES

Deputy Troy Hilliard

**D**eputy Hilliard has been assigned as the Lawndale Elementary School District (LES D) and Centinela Valley Unified School District (CVUSD) Resource Deputy for the last 17 years. He has developed professional and meaningful relationships with school staff, administration, students and families during his tenure.

Recently there was an incident at an elementary school where an anonymous person posted threats on social media. Deputy Hilliard brought a sense of calm because of the established trusting relationships with staff and school families.

Members of the school community spoke wonders of Deputy Hilliard's work to develop community engagement with law enforcement.

Most young students who attend LESD will eventually promote to the CVUSD, and Deputy Hilliard's unique position allows him to watch students grow from elementary school to high school graduation. Deputy Hilliard knows many students by name and he learns their stories.

Deputy Hilliard's positive community engagement and partnership have exemplified "community policing" through the years of his service.

# Excellence in

## Technical Support

### LONG BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT RECORDS COMPLIANCE DIVISION

**Administrator Tom Leary**

**AAII Annette Rygh**

**AAII Suzette Arce**

**Administrative Aide II Diane Scarritt**

**Administrative Aide II Christopher Gamello**

**Administrative Aide II Moulene Navor**

**Administrative Aide II Patrizia Cisneros**

**CTIII Laura H. Gonzalez**

**T**he Public Records Compliance Division which was created in 2020 to address new California legal mandates that focus on four critical incident categories: Officer Involved Shooting (OIS), Use of Force (UOF), Sexual Assault and Dishonesty. The Division is also responsible for processing all incoming Public Records Act (PRA) requests under the California Public Records Act (CPRA).

From August 2020 through May 2023, the members of the Public Records Compliance

Division were responsible for processing 184 SB1421/SB16 requests and 7,341 PRA requests.

Without the commitment and strong work ethic of all the members of the Public Records Compliance Division, none of these accomplishments would have been possible. For their hard work and dedicated service, the staff of the Public Records Compliance Division is recognized for superior service that sets an example for similar technical support entities.

# Excellence in

## Investigations

LONG BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT

### Detective William Neal

**O**n November 21, 2022, a male suspect attacked a female employee at a business. During the assault, the woman ripped a small sticker off the suspect's clothing.

This case was assigned to Sex Crimes Detective William Neal, who conducted an exhaustive investigation including a video surveillance recording that captured the crime. A screen-capture of the suspect and the use of mugshot facial-recognition software led to the victim's tentative identification of the suspect. In addition, DNA evidence was collected and processed. Detective Neal learned that the suspect frequented

a particular homeless shelter that issued the same type of sticker to its clients. On the shelter's video surveillance, Detective Neal observed that the suspect was wearing the same distinctive clothing he wore during the crime. Detective Neal presented the case to the District Attorney, who filed kidnap and multiple sex-crime charges against the suspect. A \$2 million warrant was issued. Detective Neal utilized LBPD's Career Criminal Apprehension Team, which located and arrested the suspect.

Detective Neal's dedication and hard work which led to the successful identification, arrest and prosecution of this violent criminal.

# Excellence in

## Field Operations

### LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT

### SEO Supervisor Tony Acevedo

**S**pecial Enforcement Operation Supervisor Tony Acevedo supervises a group of up to ten armed deputies who plan and conduct compliance checks, warrant apprehensions, and field contacts for clients supervised under formal probation and Post-Release Community Supervision (PRCS), which generally include persons released from state prison.

His unit collaborates with to conduct crime suppression, specialized enforcement, compliance checks, and warrant apprehensions for both adult and juvenile offenders. He often partners with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies when a supervised person is wanted for new

criminal activity or if there is intelligence that violations were committed and/or community safety is in jeopardy. Mr. Acevedo's unit also handles several of Probation's internal assistance requests, which include the armed transportation of high risk and high-profile youth from juvenile hall to funerals and medical appointments. His unit also executes the arrest of registered sex offenders, who are found to be in violation of their condition of supervision during Operation Safe Halloween.

Mr. Acevedo's professionalism in the field should be marveled and replicated by any Probation Officer who serves the community.



# Excellence in

## Investigations

### MONTEREY PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

SGT. Jay Silverman

OFCR. Michelle Contreras

OFCR. Anna Alcaraz

OFCR. Peter Cienfuegos

Dispatcher John Reza

Dispatcher Brittney Escandon

DET. SGT. Gabriel Escarsega

DET. Guotao Zeng

DET. Russell Salinas

DET. Cang Sou

CORP. Gilbert Alvarez

OFCR. Samantha Corona

OFCR. Connor Crabtree

OFCR. Angel Pena

Dispatcher Chia Luo

DET. LT. Bob Hung

DET. Vanessa Delgado

DET. Ryan Esquibel

DET. Jeffrey Sanchez

DET. Hector Hernandez

**O**n January 21, 2023, at 10:22 p.m., a gunman entered the Star Ballroom Dance Studio in the City of Monterey Park and began shooting at the patrons who were at the dance studio celebrating the Lunar New Year, killing 11 people and wounding numerous others. Monterey Park Police Officers arrived approximately 3 minutes after the first 911 Call. The suspect had fled the location to another club prior to the officers' arrival. Officers retrieved their department issued medical supply bags from their vehicles as they tried to render first aid to injured patrons.

Detectives quickly initiated the challenging multi-location investigation. Additional County, State, and Federal resources arrived on scene and assisted. It was determined that the suspect may have fled to the South Bay area of Los Angeles County. Torrance Police Department officers found and approached the suspect's vehicle as the suspect shot and killed himself.

The courage, compassion, and "no-quit" attitude of all of the honored Officers, Detectives, and dispatchers, along with personnel from numerous allied agencies, led to the saving of lives and the identification and location of the suspect a within a few hours this unspeakable tragedy.

# Excellence in

## Community Policing

### SAN MARINO POLICE DEPARTMENT

**Dispatch/Records Manager Angelica Gonzalez**

**Dispatcher Sylvia Ramirez**

**Administrative Assistant Brittnie Camacho**

**Records Clerk Diana Gascon**

**O**n January 21, 2023 the San Marino Police Department hosted our first “Donuts with a Dispatcher” to familiarize the youth of our community with the dispatch operations, especially 911.

The event was focused on younger children and adolescents who may contact 911 in the event of an emergency, to help children feel safe when calling 911. To ensure participation by the community our Dispatchers contacted public and private elementary schools in San Marino, and they used social media.

Each child toured our Dispatch Center, and they listened to Dispatchers in action as they received emergency calls. Each child was taught how to make a 911 call. The kids participated in games, art activities toured our police vehicles. Each parent was provided a free DNA kit to swab their children and keep it at home in case their child became lost or kidnapped.

Each child was able to eat all the donuts they wanted and drink as much juice as they could handle. Feedback from parents noted that this was one of the best events the Department had ever held.

# Excellence in

## Community Policing

SAN FERNANDO POLICE DEPARTMENT

### Lieutenant Irwin Rosenberg

**L**t. Rosenberg started with the San Fernando Police Department as a Reserve Officer in 2004, and he became a regular officer in 2007. From the onset, he demonstrated that he was committed to the philosophy of community policing and has been a visible arm of the Department's community policing strategy.

He organizes and coordinates our Christmas Basket Program serving underprivileged community members. He even dresses as Santa Claus for the festivities! He designs, organizes and coordinates our National Night Out. He raises funds for our Police Explorer Program, including obtaining a trailer used by our Explorer

Post. He is a board member of New Directions for Youth, and he is assistant director of the Law Enforcement Torch Run for the Special Olympics. In addition, he has established a collaborative partnership with Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority to bring resources to the unhoused in San Fernando.

Lt. Rosenberg has been described as having "the salt of the earth" type personality and his volunteer/community policing efforts embody the Community Policing pillar of the Presidential Task Force on 21st Century Policing.

# Excellence in

## Investigations

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

### US Postal Inspector Loren Rofe

**U**nited States Postal Inspector Rofe was the lead investigator for a multimillion-dollar check fraud scheme with conduct dating back to early 2019. The conspiracy occurred throughout several counties in California and Nevada. The suspects altered numerous large dollar checks (often stolen from the U.S. Mail) and deposited them into various checking accounts across multiple victim financial institutions. Many of the suspects were known to the investigators as belonging either to the Rollin' 40s Crips or the Pasadena Denver Lanes Bloods gangs. As a result of USPI Rofe's investigation, an 88-person true bill indictment was returned by a

Los Angeles Grand Jury. The case is being prosecuted by the California Attorney General's Office.

During the arrest sweep in October 2022, Inspector Rofe coordinated over 30 arrest teams comprised of over 250 Federal, State, and local law enforcement partners. To date, 75 of the 88 suspects have been arrested, with several others scheduled to be brought into custody once their prior prison sentences are completed.

# Joe Ares Award for Excellence in Training

## LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

### Detective Anthony Moore

**W**ith unwavering dedication and unparalleled expertise, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Detective Tony Moore has achieved remarkable results in combating cryptocurrency crimes, making a significant impact on both national and international levels. Meanwhile, for more than a decade Detective Moore has created and presented training based upon his extraordinary investigative cyber skills and policing expertise. Thousands of peace officers, and therefore the public, in Los Angeles County and throughout the United States have benefited from Detective Moore's outstanding teaching skills and decades of extraordinary investigative experience.

Detective Moore is a recognized expert on social media investigations, cryptocurrencies, and emerging internet trends. Through his persistence and intelligence he has gained and shared tremendous knowledge of new and deep-web technologies as he investigates cyber and social media related crimes.

Detective Moore developed a groundbreaking cryptocurrency seizure process. Through his relentless pursuit of justice, he has successfully seized over 2 million dollars of cryptocurrency, effectively dismantling the financial infrastructure of numerous cybercriminals. Beyond individual cases, he has also demonstrated exceptional prowess in identifying international cybercriminals responsible for billions of dollars in cryptocurrency thefts. His tenacity and ability to connect

the dots have led to the exposure of these malevolent actors, ensuring that they are held accountable.

Detective Moore developed and instructed classes on social media, internet investigations, cryptocurrencies, public information and computer forensics via the California Department of Justice (CADOJ), DEA's Federal Law Enforcement Analysts Training (FLEAT), University of California, Irvine, University of Southern California, and POALAC.

Moore has lectured or been a featured panelist at more than 50 internationally recognized conferences including the International Association Chiefs of Police; Social Media, Internet and Law Enforcement Conference; National Black Police Officers Association; and the California District Attorneys Association. He is a member of the Microsoft Southern California Law Enforcement Group. He was listed by Richtopia.com as one of the Top 100 Most Influential Blockchain Insiders. He has been recognized with several awards during his career, including the 2015 POALAC Centurion Award for "Excellence in Innovative Communications."

It is a testament to the respect that policing leaders hold for Detective Moore that Joe Ares' final decision as POALAC's Training Committee Chairman was to personally select Detective Moore for this award. Before Joe Ares passed away, he said that whenever he called upon Tony Moore to present training, Tony always said "yes" and presented outstanding training to peace officers throughout Los Angeles County and beyond.





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2020	KRIS CARTER	Deputy Chief, L.A. Co. DA	1979	JOHN P. KNOX	Chief, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept.
2019	SCOTT LaCHASSE	Chief, Burbank Police Dept.	1978	LOUIS L. SPORRER	Assistant Chief, Los Angeles Police Dept.
2018	SCOTT LaCHASSE	Chief, Burbank Police Dept.	1977	ROBERT H. MCGOWEN	Chief, Pasadena Police Dept.
2017	WILLIAM DANCE	Chief, California Highway Patrol	1976	SHERMAN BLOCK	Undersheriff, L.A. County Sheriff's Dept.
2016	WILLIAM DANCE	Chief, California Highway Patrol	1975	DARRYL F. GATES	Assistant Chief, Los Angeles Police Dept.
2015	MIKE MOORE	Assistant Chief, Los Angeles Police Dept.	1974	JAY STROH	Chief, Inglewood Police Dept.
2014	MIKE MOORE	Assistant Chief, Los Angeles Police Dept.	1973	ALLEN W. SILL	Chief, West Covina Police Dept.
2013	MIKE PARKER	Captain, L.A. County Sheriff's Dept.	1972	ROBERT A. HOUGHTON	Assistant Chief, Los Angeles Police Dept.
2012	MIKE PARKER	Captain, L.A. County Sheriff's Dept.	1971	JAMES F. DOWNEY	Undersheriff, L.A. County Sheriff's Dept.
2011	JOHN TORRES	Special Agent in Charge, ATF	1970	EVELLE J. YOUNGER	District Attorney, Los Angeles County
2010	SHARON PAPA	Commander, Los Angeles Police Dept.	1969	ROY E. TRACEY	Chief, Gardena Police Dept.
2009	STEVE COOLEY	District Attorney, Los Angeles County	1968	ORVAL DAVIS	Chief, El Monte Police Dept.
2008	STEVE COOLEY	District Attorney, Los Angeles County	1967	RICHARD SIMON	Deputy Chief, Los Angeles Police Dept.
2007	CRAIG KLEIN	Assistant Chief, California Highway Patrol	1966	IVAN ROBINSON	Chief, Downey Police Dept.
2006	WILLIAM McSWEENEY	Division Chief, L.A. County Sheriff's Dept.	1965	C. HENRY FERTIG	Chief, Huntington Park Police Dept.
2005	WILLIAM McSWEENEY	Division Chief, L.A. County Sheriff's Dept.	1964	W.E. SLAUGHTER	Officer, Long Beach Police Dept.
2004	WILBUR C. FAULK	Exec. VP, Cultural Property Protection Group	1963	THOMAS REDDIN	Chief, Los Angeles Police Dept.
2003	WILBUR C. FAULK	Exec. VP, Cultural Property Protection Group	1962	CLIFFORD E. ROOS	Chief, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept.
2002	HELENA ASHBY	Division Chief, L.A. Co. Sheriff's Dept. (Ret.)	1961	WILLIAM B. McKESSON	District Attorney, Los Angeles County
2001	ERIC LILLO	Commander, Los Angeles Police Dept.	1960	RUSSELL E. FUNSON	Inspector, California Highway Patrol
2000	ROBERT E. BENDER	Special Agent in Charge, DEA (Ret.)	1959	ROBERT S. SEARES	Chief, Arcadia Police Dept.
1999	JAMES T. BUTTS JR.	Chief, Santa Monica Police Dept.	1958	ROGER MURDOCK	Deputy Chief, Los Angeles Police Dept.
1998	SHARON PAPA	Commander, Los Angeles Police Dept.	1957	PETER J. PITCHESS	Sheriff, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept.
1997	ROBERT L. SYPULT	Director of Security, So. California Edison	1956	S. ERNEST ROLL	District Attorney, Los Angeles County
1996	BERNARD C. PARKS	Chief, Los Angeles Police Dept.	1953	CLARENCE H. MORRIS	Chief, Pasadena Police Dept.
1995	CHARLIE J. PARSONS	Special Agent in Charge, FBI	1952	THAD F. BROWN	Deputy Chief, Los Angeles Police Dept.
1994	RUSSELL K. SIVERLING	Chief, Alhambra Police Dept.	1949	RICHARD B. HOOD	Special Agent in Charge, FBI
1993	PAUL E. MYRON	Division Chief, L.A. County Sheriff's Dept.	1948	JOSEPH F. REED	Assistant Chief, Los Angeles Police Dept.
1992	EDWARD W. GOMEZ	Chief, Southern Division, CHP	1947	JOHN C. GUTTING	Chief, South Gate Police Dept.
1991	ROGER MOULTON	Chief, Redondo Beach Police Dept.	1944	WILLIAM J. BRADLEY	Deputy Chief, Los Angeles Police Dept.
1990	BARRY M. WADE	Risk Management, So. California Gas Co.	1943	STANLEY DECKER	Chief, Pasadena Police Dept.
1989	RICHARD K. PROPSTER	Chief, Gardena Police Dept.	1942	C.B. (JACK) HORRALL	Chief, Los Angeles Police Dept.
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1983	JAMES H. JOHNSON	Chief, El Segundo Police Dept.	1931	WILLIAM TRAEGER	Sheriff, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept.
1982	JOHN K. VAN DE KAMP	District Attorney, Los Angeles County	1929	EUGENE W. BISCALUZ	Sheriff, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept.
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