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TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

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- Investigations—Organized Theft
- Investigations—Multi-Agency
- Training
- Technical Support
- Community Policing—Individual
- Community Policing—Team
- Community Partnership—Volunteer
- Innovation
- The Bill McSweeney Award
- Educational Partnerships

CLOSING REMARKS

John Incontro

POALAC President

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.



Dear friends and colleagues, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the Peace Officers Association of Los Angeles County 2025 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 2025 Centurion Awards.

John Incontro

Chief of Police
San Marino Police Department



Pete Demetriou

Pete Demetriou is an award-winning journalist and field reporter for KNX NewsRadio and has dedicated nearly five decades to covering major events that have shaped Los Angeles and beyond. His reporting has not only informed the public but also strengthened the relationship between law enforcement and the community,

Through real-time reporting, he has kept communities safe during barricaded-suspect incidents, wildfires, and many other major incidents by providing critical updates on emergency response efforts. Pete's endeavors go beyond excellence in journalism. As the "Voice of Baker to Vegas"—the 120-mile law-enforcement relay race—he has highlighted the teamwork of peace officers competing from around the world.

He has volunteered time and time again to support this rigorous three-day 24-7 event.

Beyond journalism, he has mentored students and spoken at institutions such as Thomas Aquinas College, educating future generations on the importance of storytelling, analysis, and critical thinking. He is a trusted figure who consistently bridges the gap between law enforcement and the public. His ability to communicate complex situations in a clear, timely, and impactful manner has saved lives and enhanced emergency preparedness.

POALAC is proud to recognize Pete Demetriou's unwavering commitment to journalism, public safety, and fostering strong relationships between law enforcement and the community.

Bill McSweeney Recognition

A Tribute to Bill McSweeney

Chief Bill McSweeney served on the POALAC Executive Board for 22 years. As POALAC President (2005-2006), Bill utilized his considerable energy and insight to revitalize the organization, focusing on training and productive collaborations. Bill played key and collaborative roles in numerous POALAC events and programs including the Annual Centurion Awards.

Bill was born in 1951 at Hollywood Presbyterian Hospital. He grew up in the booming San Fernando Valley and attended Ulysses S. Grant High School in Van Nuys where he became a star linebacker. He graduated from Grant High in 1969 and enrolled at the University of Colorado-Boulder where he joined the Buffalos football team. He returned to the Valley every summer and took great pride in his summer jobs for the Los Angeles Unified School District's Youth Services Program. It was during this time that Bill met Susie Mathers. Bill and Susie were married in June 1975. They would have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this past June.

Bill enrolled at Cal State Northridge and graduated in 1973 with a B.A. in Political Science. He later earned his Master's in Public Administration from CSUN and his MBA Management certificate from Tulane University. He completed a graduate program in

Organizational Development at Cornell University. He was an alumnus of the Naval Postgraduate School Program in National Defense and Homeland Security.

In 1974, Bill fulfilled his lifelong dream of becoming a police officer, graduating with Cadet Class #169 of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. Bill's first assignment was at Men's Central Jail, followed by

assignments at the West Hollywood and Lennox stations where he was promoted to Sergeant. As a Lieutenant he served at Malibu station, Training Bureau, Legislative Advocacy, and Internal Affairs before becoming the first Captain of the newly-founded Lost Hills station. Bill relished this role and loved serving his own community of Westlake Village. Bill continued to promote and served as Chief of Homeland Security and Chief of Leadership and Training Division. Bill's final post was Chief of Detective Division. He retired in 2015 after 41 years of dedicated service!



Immediately following his retirement, Bill assumed the role of General Manager of the Sheriff's Relief Association where he continued to serve the men and women of LASD and the law enforcement community in L.A. County for another 10 years until his passing in May of this year.

It is with great admiration and affection that POALAC honors the life of Chief Bill McSweeney.

Joe Rosen Lifetime Achievement Award

Missy O'Linn

Mildred K. "Missy" O'Linn is an equity partner and co-team leader for the Governmental Entity Defense Team of Manning Kass LLP. She has an unparalleled background as an attorney and technical expert in peace officer civil liability, use of force, training and tactics, and the defense of many police officers, sheriff's deputies, and governmental entities in the Los Angeles area and far beyond.

Graduating from law school in 1985, in her 40 year legal career Ms. O'Linn has been repeatedly recognized for her skills as litigator. She was accepted as a member of the distinguished American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), an award only bestowed upon proven trial attorneys. In 2011 she was inducted into the Litigation Counsel of America as a Senior Fellow, an invitation-only trial lawyer honorary society representing less than one-half of one percent of American lawyers.

Missy actually never really wanted to be lawyer! Her heart was and always will be with those who

wear the badge. An accomplished martial artist, Missy was a police officer for eight years at the Kent State University Police Department. She served as a patrol officer, Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Police, Manager of the Northeast Ohio Regional Police Academy, and as

the lead subject matter expert on defensive tactics for the Ohio Peace Officer Training Council.

Missy was a member of the Los Angeles Police Department's Use of Force Training Review Committee, and she assisted in the development of the LAPD ARCON curriculum. She has also served on numerous California POST Committees.

The many officers she has defended are appreciative of Missy's efforts. Her legacy is to help officers tell their side of the

story so that they can continue to protect and serve with confidence in their defense.

POALAC is proud to present its Joe Rosen Lifetime Achievement Award to Missy O'Linn!



Joe Rosen Lifetime Achievement Award

Gene Ramirez

Eugene P. Ramirez, a founding member of the Manning & Kass, Ellrod, Ramirez, Trester law firm, graduated from Whittier College School of Law where he was Editor of the Law Review and a member of the Moot Court Honors Board. Gene received his undergraduate degree in Political Science from California State University Long Beach, where he minored in both Criminal Justice and Public Policy.

Gene previously served as a Deputy District Attorney for the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, where he conducted numerous misdemeanor, felony, and murder trials. Gene also served as a reserve police officer for the Whittier Police Department and the Monterey Park Police Department.

Gene currently serves as an attorney and advisor to several public entities on the issues of use of force, canine and SWAT issues, and policies and procedures. He is frequently quoted as a national expert in police use of Body Worn Cameras. He is the General Counsel for the California

Association of Tactical Officers (CATO) and is the General Counsel for the United States Police Canine Association (USPCA). He was selected as the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Trial Lawyer of the Year in 1993 and 2006 by two different Sheriffs. Mr. Ramirez has been awarded Certificates of Appreciation from the United States Army Special Operations Command (Fort Bragg, North Carolina) and from the United States Secret Service.



Gene is also currently an Adjunct Faculty Member at the Rio Hondo College Police Academy teaching at the Basic Recruit Academy, the Field Training Officer School, and the New Supervisor School. The courses he teaches include Modern Constitutional Policing, Modern Supervisory Liability, SWAT Team Liability, K9 Team

Liability, & Modern FTO Liability. He has provided training to thousands of police officers and supervisors, from around the country and Canada for more than 20 years.

POALAC is proud to present its Joe Rosen Lifetime Achievement Award to Gene Ramirez!

Joe Ares Award For Excellence In Training



Tasked with providing legislatively and POST-mandated training for all sworn Long Beach Police Officers, as the leader of the Advanced Officer Training Cadre, Sergeant Ryan ensures AOTC training is high quality, consistent with the expectations of the Chief of Police, and relevant to the values of the community.

With a staff of six officers, Sergeant Ryan and the AOTC provide training in a vast array of topics, and it assists with instructing specific POST Learning Domains to the Basic Recruit Academy. AOTC instructors also serve as Subject Matter Experts for various policy review committees, civil litigation, and review panels. Lateral-hire officers are also provided Department-specific training by the AOTC cadre, which also provides remedial training for sworn officers and special services officers (SSOs), as requested by supervisors and the administration.

It is during Critical Incident Debriefs where Sergeant Ryan's experience and professionalism are most prominently displayed. He skillfully evaluates the decisions and actions of involved

personnel, weighing the unique circumstances of the situation against the expectations of Department policy and the intent of the officer. Sergeant Ryan eloquently and without bias assesses their actions and provides the expected response commensurate with the training and policies of the Department. Because of his abilities and reputation, Sergeant Ryan is also frequently called upon to provide background information and insight into the training courses and policies of the Police Department to the Long Beach City Attorney's Office and the Long Beach City Prosecutor's Office.

Sergeant Robert Ryan's diligent work ethic and ability to successfully develop, manage and implement an ever-expanding course of instruction for all sworn officers, security services officers, and reserves, for the City of Long Beach, while also representing the Long Beach Police Department in the most professional manner are in accord with the highest standards of the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics.

POALAC is proud to present the Joe Ares Award for Excellence in Training to Sergeant Robert Ryan.

Excellence in

FIELD OPERATIONS

LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT 77TH STREET DIVISION

Officer Jordan Helmkamp

Officer Helmkamp began his career with the Los Angeles Police Department in 2015 and completed his probation at Southeast Division. He transferred to Southwest Division patrol. Three years later he transferred to 77th Street Division. After working patrol for a year, he was selected to work the prestigious 77th St Area Gang Enforcement Detail (GED). In 2023, based upon his tenure, experience, and training abilities, Officer Helmkamp was selected and promoted to Police Officer Ill in the GED.

Officer Helmkamp has been responsible for gathering intelligence and enforcing laws on four gangs that reside within 77th St Area. His proactive policing has had a major impact on crime during these past five years. His expertise has assisted other investigative units and has led

to the apprehension of violent criminals who have committed crimes such as murder, robberies, carjackings and shootings. During his tour, Officer Helmkamp has managed to arrest more than 280 individuals whose crimes plague the community. Furthermore, he has single-handedly recovered more than 240 illegally possessed firearms. His work ethic is unmatched. The amount of passion that Jordan has demonstrated in his policing is exceptional and establishes a positive standard for his peers to emulate.

Officer Helmkamp has truly distinguished himself amongst his peers and will leave a legacy that will be very difficult to fill. His commitment to community policing and to the reduction of gang related crime within the 77th Street Area are exemplary and are consistent with the ideals and values expected of a field officer.

Excellence in

INVESTIGATIONS

LONG BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT

Detective Reza Jahangiri

On April 22, 2025, Sex Crimes Detective Reza Jahangiri was booking a suspect in the Long Beach Jail when he was contacted by another officer who had just arrested a suspect for 288.4(8) PC - arrange to meet with a minor for sex. Detective Jahangiri followed up and learned that the suspect had Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM) on his computer, possibly including a video with the suspect and a child engaged in sex.

Subsequent to his interview with the suspect, Detective Jahangiri used city security camera recordings to find the suspect's car, and he obtained a search warrant leading to the computer and other electronic devices containing CSAM evidence. Further investigation led to identification of the minor, but the minor's mother was reluctant to let the minor be interviewed.

Still, Detective Jahangiri collaborated with the District Attorney, the Los Angeles Unified School District Police, and the Department of Children and Family Services, finally locating the minor at school. The minor victim provided a statement and confirmed he was a victim of sexual abuse by the suspect. The interview led to two crime scenes in Inglewood.

As the case proceeds, the District Attorney has filed several charges against the suspect. Detective Jahangiri is working with the Federal Bureau of Investigation to chase down others to whom the suspect distributed the CSAM video. If convicted, the suspect faces a sentence as high as life in prison without possibility of parole.

Excellence in

INVESTIGATIONS—ORGANIZED THEFT

LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Major Crimes Bureau

Organized Retail Crimes Task Force

With the rise of organized retail crimes and incidents like "smash and grab" or "flash mob" thefts, in late 2023 the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department formed the Organized Retail Crimes Task Force (ORCTF). Comprised of more than 40 investigators, supervisors, and professional support staff who represent various Sheriff's stations from across Los Angeles County, ORCTF actively works with task forces from the Los Angeles Police Department and the California Highway Patrol. ORCTF conducts "Blitz" operations throughout the County. Detectives pair up with Loss Prevention agents inside retail businesses. They observe the crimes that occur, and they make arrests outside the locations.

As of May 31, 2025, ORCTF has investigated over 2,350 cases, and they have arrested 1,150 criminals. ORCTF has obtained more than 750 criminal filings from varied prosecution offices

(District Attorneys, City Attorneys, and Federal case filings.) ORCTF has conducted 160 "Blitz" Operations and served more than 1,000 warrants. They have recovered more than \$45 million dollars of stolen property and recovered more than 100 firearms.

ORCTF also targets "fence" locations. In May 2025, one targeted "fence" operation resulted in the recovery of \$2.4 million in stolen merchandise, and eight individuals were arrested. Other operations throughout the County resulted in much high-value merchandise being recovered, and arrests for receiving stolen property, firearms violations, and even an arrest for child endangerment.

By working with our business retail partners and achieving successful criminal filings for these types of cases, ORCTF sends a clear message that those who commit retail crimes in Los Angeles County will be held accountable.

Excellence in

INVESTIGATIONS—MULTI-AGENCY

BURBANK POLICE DEPARTMENT

L.A. IMPACT

Beginning in late 2023, the Burbank Police Department (BPD) experienced a surge in sophisticated residential burglaries linked to South American Theft Groups (SATGs) - transnational crews known for targeting high-end homes using advanced surveillance, Wi-Fi jammers, and counter-surveillance tactics. From 2023 to 2025, BPD documented 25 SATO burglaries, with losses ranging in the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Under the leadership of Sergeant Christian Diaz, the BPD Gang Unit spearheaded a coordinated response that integrated multiple internal departmental units (Property Detail, Special Investigations Detail, and the Crime Analyst); and collaborated with external partners including L.A. IMPACT, Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), and allied municipal agencies. Leveraging cutting-edge tools such as Flock Safety, Axon Fleet, OPS trackers, facial recognition, and private surveillance

footage, the team identified key suspects, tracked movements across state lines, and executed dozens of search warrants. This robust investigative strategy led to the arrest of 35 SATG members and recovery of substantial stolen property from crimes that occurred over a wide area including Santa Barbara, Cerritos, Seal Beach, Beverly Hills, Scottsdale AZ, and reaching into several other states.

This effort showcased exceptional investigative skill, interagency coordination, and an innovative model for modern law enforcement. Dozens of BPD's detectives and L.A. IMPACT members protected not only the Burbank community but also contributed to national public safety by developing a replicable strategy for dismantling transnational criminal enterprises. The dedication, professionalism, and tenacity of these investigators whose hundreds of hours of surveillance, analysis, and enforcement made this success possible.

Excellence in

TRAINING



LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT

Patrol Rifle and Tactical Shotgun Unit

The mission of the PRTSU is to ensure that the approximately 1,200 LAPD officers in the cadre are highly capable, highly effective, and always ready to respond with their assigned special weapons. The unit is highly scrutinized and operates in an extremely challenging environment – but continues to excel daily.

The PRTSU over the past few years has implemented several innovative ideas to maintain and expand training, even when staffing and logistics are difficult. PRTSU transitioned the rifle program into a fully private-purchase program, saving the City of Los Angeles more than 2.5 million dollars. They've increased the graduation rate of their training schools; and have added an additional course each year, thus increasing the cadre by 15%.

PRTSUs' leader Sergeant II James Zboravan (a veteran of the North Hollywood Bank Robbery

Shootout in 1997) has utilized unique and innovative ways to support the program and maintain the ability to train, qualify and re-certify students and cadre members. For example, working with LAPD's Evidence and Property Management Division, Sergeant Zboravan identifies and acquires properties set for destruction to maintain and repair the ranges as well as the weapons they use in the schools. PRTSU also acquires old ammunition that is set for destruction, which saves tens of thousands of dollars in purchase costs and destruction costs each year.

The PRTSU is staffed by Sergeant II James Zboravan and Police Officers III Samuel Briggs, Mande Duyanen, Daniel Soria and Yi Lian. They are commended for their dedication and commitment to the LAPD, to the citizens they serve, and to their fellow officers. PRTSU is a shining example of innovation and efficiency, and are the definition of effectiveness and commitment.

Excellence in

TECHNICAL SUPPORT

LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT

Firearms Analysis Unit

The FAU has played a pivotal role in advancing the expansion of the National Integrated Ballistics Information Network (NIBIN) service. The expansion enables the direct transfer, imaging, and correlation of all discharged cartridge cases (DCCs) collected from gun-related crimes throughout the City of Los Angeles. The citywide implementation of NIBIN serves as a powerful force multiplier, utilizing advanced technology to link firearms to multiple shooting incidents across the region, enhancing investigative capabilities and improving public safety.

Under the strong leadership of five supervisors and a team of 30 highly skilled criminalists, the FAU completed the NIBIN implementation nine months ahead of schedule. Additionally, the FAU collaborated seamlessly with internal and external partners to support this initiative, including the Evidence and Property Management Division, LAPD bureau detectives, ATF, and the NIBIN National Correlation and Training Center (NNCTC).

The FAU consistently processes, testfires, and images approximately 130 firearms per week. These firearms, recovered by patrol officers, are test-fired and entered into the NIBIN database to identify potential links to other gun crimes. From January 2023 to April 2025, the FAU imaged 2,871 DCCs and processed 23,700 confiscated firearms. Despite the high volume of work, the unit has consistently met the ATF's Gold Standard by providing DCC hit notifications within 24 hours and firearm-related results within 48 hours, from receipt to notification. This exceptional turnaround time has significantly enhanced the Department's ability to pursue investigative leads without delay.

Since January 2023, the FAU has provided LAPD investigators with 602 DCC hit notifications and 2,398 firearm hit notifications. These leads were promptly shared with bureau liaisons and uploaded to SharePoint for streamlined access. The rapid delivery of results has empowered investigators to link gun crimes in real time, accelerating case progress and contributing to a safer city.

Excellence in

COMMUNITY POLICING—INDIVIDUAL

EL MONTE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Corporal Jesus Rojas

Corporal Jesus Rojas has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to fostering meaningful relationships between law enforcement and the community in which we serve. Rojas brings a proactive and compassionate approach to community policing by guiding his teams and programs with a vision rooted in transparency, accessibility, and service. Jesus provides direction, goals and objectives all rooted within reinforcing the partnership between the police and community.

Under his guidance and leadership, the Community Relations Office has expanded its influence and the department's footprint within the community. Jesus Rojas is engaging, and he serves as a conduit of trust, communication, and partnership between EMPD, other city departments, residents, businesses, and service groups. Whether it's coordinating a turkey or Christmas toy giveaway, leading community

meetings, or providing emotional support to a family, Jesus is engaged and fully vested in the mission and its success. While he is a police officer and public servant, Jesus can best be seen as a "community friend."

Acting Sergeant Jesus Rojas's performance and leadership is model of progressive and contemporary, community-based policing. His presence, willingness to engage the community, and inclusive approach has contributed to building public trust and fostering a culture of cooperation, compassion and community throughout El Monte. His efforts affirm EMPD's mission to improve the Quality of Life through service, safety, and community partnerships. Jesus' performance, leadership and commitment, complement our department's core values of Character, Competence and Credibility. Throughout his career, he prioritized community needs, given of himself, and been a leader in police-community engagement.

Excellence in

COMMUNITY POLICING—TEAM

MONROVIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Community Activists Policing (CAP) Bureau

CAP was implemented in 1990. CAP is dedicated to the concept that the community itself must change the environment that breeds crime. This strategy consists of a cooperative problem-solving relationship between private and public agencies and the community as a whole, including development of necessary family and support systems, eliminating crime and the fear of crime, and constantly finding new ways to address quality of life issues for the community.

San Gabriel Valley CARE is a multidisciplinary team consisting of mental health clinicians and substance abuse counselors. SGV CARE offers an innovative approach to emergency services. The primary objective is to facilitate the transition to an alternative response model, thereby providing smaller member cities with cost-effective access to critical support and alleviating demands on traditional law enforcement resources.

As with all cities throughout Los Angeles County, the City of Monrovia has experienced an

unprecedented increase in calls for service over the course of the last five years for individuals experiencing mental health issues, those under the influence of drugs, those in need of help with chronic alcoholism, homelessness, and, sadly, overdose deaths.

CAP's key staff includes Lieutenant Richard Schneider, Sergeant Damien Bartholomy, Community Policing Officer Thomas Montes, School Resource Officer Jazmin Holguin, Mental Health Clinician Lisa Gutierrez, and Substance Abuse Counselor Tara Jolola.

With the full knowledge that law enforcement itself is not equipped to adequately, effectively, and speedily address these issues, the Monrovia Police Department has proactively tried to find ways to partner with other service providers, government agencies, and nonprofit groups hundreds of times each year to provide better mental health service and drug use disorder intervention to those within its jurisdiction.

Excellence in

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP—VOLUNTEER

EL MONTE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Jane Ellis

Jane Ellis has been a volunteer in the Volunteers Caring and Patrolling Program (VCAP) for the City of El Monte for 18 years. The VCAP Program—led by Jane—enables civilians to contribute to public safety and community outreach efforts, enhancing the department's ability to build trust, foster engagement, and maintain a visible, supportive presence throughout the city. Jane is much more than a volunteer. Her continuous service promotes safety and strengthens community partnerships. Her endless hours of volunteer work have contributed greatly to the success of the El Monte Police Department and the community.

Jane Ellis provides a significant amount of time volunteering in our Records Bureau, where she has proven herself to be a vital and contributing asset. She started assisting the unit with filing reports

and citations, eventually progressing into scanning reports and other documents into the corresponding Records Management Systems. Jane regularly assists with document control, helps maintain the office cleanliness, and coordinates decorating the office during the holidays. Jane transforms the workspace into a place of comfort where employees feel good about their work, their peers, and themselves.

With Jane's help, the Records Bureau has been able to work on more difficult and time consuming, compliance-based tasks. Her efforts make the Bureau effective and efficient. As the Bureau transitioned to a paperless process, Jane continued to assist by scanning and conducting compliance checks of completed documents. Her attention to detail, diligence, and reliability are attributes that contribute to Jane's impact as a volunteer.

Excellence in

INNOVATION

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Counter-Unmanned Aerial System (CUAS) Task Force

CUAS originated through a deep relationship with the Los Angeles County Fire Department and the FBI's Los Angeles Field Office. The task force sprung from the delays placed on firefighting aircraft when a UAS (drone) is present during wildland fire activity. The mission has expanded to interdict UAS threats on an increasingly broad scale. CUAS is the first and only functioning task force of its kind in the United States.

Since October 2024, CUAS has deployed to protect events the Rose Bowl, Coachella, Los Angeles Pride Parade, and the Long Beach Grand Prix, as well as the protection of firefighting equipment at the Palisades, Eaton and Hughes fires. CUAS's work led to the nation's first prosecution of a UAS pilot whose drone damaged and grounded a firefighting aircraft during the tragic Palisades fire in early 2025.

CUAS efforts have expanded to include addressing evolving threats to many special events, military installations, police actions, and airports. The task force has grown to include numerous police and sheriff departments in the greater Los Angeles area, as well as other federal agencies and the Navy and the Air Force. One remarkable arrest involved a suspect who made repeated UAS flights over the Vandenberg Space Force base.

The FBI's CUAS Task Force and its network of partners are the definition of innovation. The results produced thus far are encouraging, as law enforcement continues to wrestle with the extraordinary increasing challenges presented by unauthorized drone use throughout the country.

The Bill McSweeney Award

EXCELLENCE IN INTER-AGENCY COLLABORATION

CHP – LASD MALIBU TASK FORCE

From 2010 to 2023, the 21-mile stretch of Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) running through the City of Malibu experienced 61 traffic-related deaths. The shocking deaths of four pedestrians—young students from Pepperdine University in October 2023—by a speeding driver inspired the creation of the Malibu Task Force, a partnership of the California Highway Patrol (CHP) and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD).

The City of Malibu entered a short-term contract creating the CHP/LASD Malibu Task Force to facilitate the combined efforts of the CHP and the LASD Malibu/Lost Hills Station. The Malibu Task Force marks the first time both agencies have worked in concert on PCH, and it represents the first time the CHP has actively enforced traffic in the area since the City of Malibu incorporated in 1991.

The Malibu Task Force is comprised of one CHP sergeant and three CHP officers overseen by a CHP lieutenant, and one LASD sergeant and eight LASD deputies overseen by a LASD lieutenant. The team provides supplemental traffic enforcement, seven days per week, specifically along Pacific Coast Highway within the Malibu city limits.

Through 2024, the task force issued a combined total of 11,804 traffic citations. As a result, fatal crashes were down 60% and injury crashes were down 12.5% compared to 2023. The number of fatal crash victims were down an astounding 75%. As a result, Malibu has funded the program for two more years. The Malibu Task Force is a beacon to what is possible when law enforcement agencies come together and support one another to improve the lives and safety of our communities.

Excellence in

EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

LOS ANGELES SCHOOL POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mental Health Evaluation Team (MHET)

The Mental Health Evaluation Team (MHET) was established as a partnership between LASPD and the LAUSD School Mental Health (SMH) to provide a quality multi-disciplinary response to students and staff who may be experiencing a crisis or the onset of a mental health issue. These teams received specialized training to ensure that students with mental health concerns are provided the best options for assessment and treatment.

Implementing a team approach, MHET seeks to properly triage and assess students/staff for danger to self/others; access designated mental health facilities for Welfare and Institutions Code 5150/5585 transport; and collaborate with school, local district, and personnel to ensure the safety of the students and any other individuals involved.

The partnership between a sworn officer and a mental health clinician facilitates gathering crucial information about suicide/threat risk, and it establishes an action plan for response. The sworn officer assists with determining the elements of the

threat and whether they meet the criteria of a criminal threat or criteria pursuant to 5150/5585 WIC. School police personnel access the criminal background of an individual, as well as check for weapons. LAUSD SMH personnel have the ability assess the individual; gather relevant educational, familial, and social information from school staff; support the school administrator; and access Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health history.

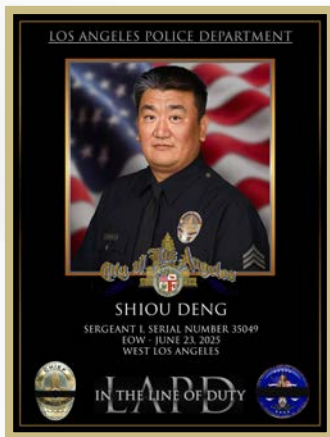
MHET has handled literally thousands of cases since its creation in 2018 including mental-health emergencies, suicide threats, and campus violence threats. MHET has demonstrated tremendous value and focus on a response-based strategy that cares about those in crisis, with an emphasis on trauma-informed strategies. This innovative team is at the forefront in intervention and support strategies. MHET shares its practices with other school districts throughout the country, and it is considered to be a national model.



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deeply appreciate
the assistance of
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that facilitated our event
tonight !!!!!**

REMEMBERING FALLEN HEROES

POALAC extends heartfelt condolences to the families of the Los Angeles County peace officers killed since 2024.



Sergeant Shiou Deng
Los Angeles Police Department
EOW: June 23, 2025



Officer Samuel Riveros
Baldwin Park Police Department
EOW: May 31, 2025



Officer Miguel Cano
California Highway Patrol
EOW: July 2, 2025

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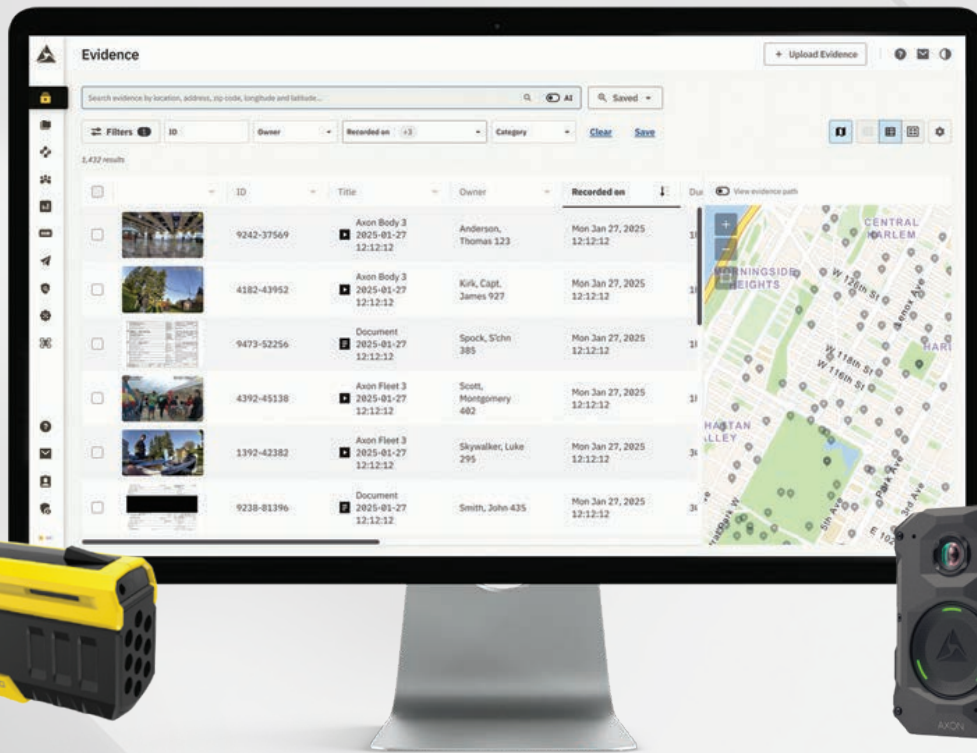
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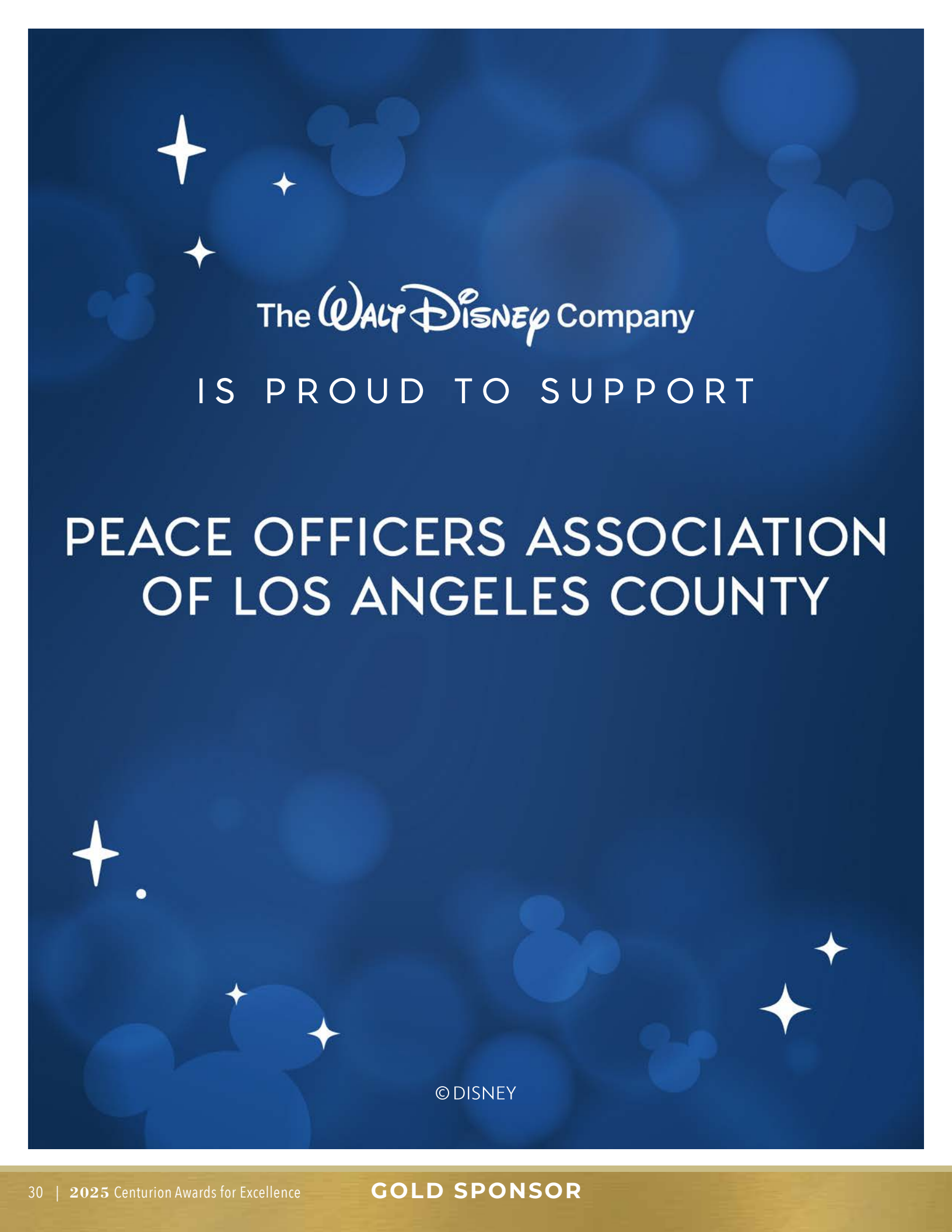
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