



45th Annual Awards Ceremony

LONG BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT

JUNE 6, 2013



LMM proudly recognizes the Long Beach Police Foundation. You are making a difference to the men and women who devote their lives maintaining and creating a positive and safe environment for our communities.

*Kareem Ahmed
President*



MAYOR BOB FOSTER **CITY OF LONG BEACH**

June 6, 2013

Greetings Employees, Friends, and Family of the Long Beach Police Department:

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all in attendance at 45th Annual Police Awards Ceremony. With more than 40 years of dedicated recognition, I am proud to congratulate the Long Beach Police officers, civilian employees, police volunteers, and community members on celebrating 45 years of heroism and dedication to the City of Long Beach. Today we are proud to honor the remarkable staff and volunteers for their hard work, and I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations to each of today's award recipients.

We are recognizing today's recipients to honor their outstanding commitment to supporting public safety within our community. Their exceptional achievements demonstrate their dedication and perseverance to maintaining a high standard of public safety.

This year's award recipients represent the finest of our great City, and I want to sincerely thank each of you for representing yourselves and the City of Long Beach with distinction. Your achievements and unselfish performance have garnered you these prestigious awards, and your accomplishments will have a far-reaching impact toward your future triumphs.



Congratulations again on your achievements, and best of luck on your future successes. Each of you are true representatives of the vast array of dedicated leaders emerging from the Long Beach community.

Warmest Regards,

Mayor Bob Foster
City of Long Beach

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Long Beach Police Foundation & Long Beach Police Department


We are pleased to announce the 45th Annual Police Awards Ceremony to recognize Long Beach police officers, civilian employees, police volunteers and other community members for their heroism and dedication throughout the past year. This is the fourth 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.


Much hard work and personal sacrifice are needed to ensure the 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 2012. In this time of ever-declining resources, successful collaborations between the community and the Police Department are critical to identifying and addressing the public safety challenges confronting our city. 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.lbpolicfoundation.org.

Sincerely,




Daniel K. Walker
President, Long Beach Police Foundation
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Jim McDonnell
Chief of Police
Long Beach Police Department



Program

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Long Beach Police Department Color Guard

Pledge of Allegiance

Explorer Alex Levine

National Anthem

Invocation

Reverend Beryl Nyre-Thomas

VIP Introductions

Mayor's Remarks

The Honorable Bob Foster, Mayor, City of Long Beach

Long Beach Police Foundation Message & Sponsor Recognition

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Chief's Remarks

Chief Jim McDonnell, Long Beach Police Department

American Red Cross CPR/First Aid Responder Award

*Braden Phillips, LBPF Board Liaison, Administration Bureau Chief,
Long Beach Police Department*

Daryle Black Memorial Essay Contest Winners

*Dennis Hathaway, LBPF Board Member, Vice President,
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Award Presentations

Community Service Award

Volunteer Service Award

Unit Citation

Chief's Community Policing Award

Employee of the Year – Sworn & Civilian

Excellence in Leadership Award

Distinguished Service Award

Meritorious Award for Bravery

Meritorious Award for Heroism

Critical Incident

Closing Remarks

Chief Jim McDonnell



Inspiring Partnerships For A Safer Community

ABOUT US

Originally established as the Long Beach Police Chief's Foundation in 1998 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 was renamed the Long Beach Police Foundation.

We are the only charitable organization that provides private, direct funding for LBPD. We are a registered 501 (c)(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 foster visible and direct community support for the LBPD by enhancing the programs and services of the Department in the areas of Training, Technology, Equipment and Community Outreach.

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OUTSIDE AGENCY AWARDS

LBCPD EMPLOYEE RECIPIENTS OF OUTSIDE AGENCY AWARDS – 2012

City Auditor Award for Detective Darlene Wigmore's investigation that led to the prosecution and conviction of a former City employee for embezzlement.

City Prosecutor Office's 2012 IMPACT Awards is an annual recognition bestowed upon individuals, groups and organizations who have worked to make a positive impact on Long Beach.

- Detective Mark Steenhausen for his investigation and personal efforts on the "Baby Maggie" case.
- Patrol Officers Josh Brearley and Andrew Fox and the North Division Directed Enforcement Team (DET) for their success in combating gang related crime.
- Criminalist Greg Gossage and Police Officer Tyrone Anderson for their technical expertise and hard work relating to DUI investigations.
- Detective David Strohman, Narcotics Division for his leadership in the effort to reduce illegal drug activity in Long Beach.

Peace Officer Association of Los Angeles County (POALAC) Awards for Excellence - Detective Candice Wright was recognized by the Peace Officers Association of Los Angeles County (POALAC) for Outstanding Innovation in 2012 for the Situational Awareness Network.

The Gang Enforcement Sections' Field Operations Team was recognized in 2012 by the Peace Officers Association of Los Angeles County (POALAC) with the 2011 Award for Excellence in Field Operations.

Michael A. Sergi Memorial Award - Sergeant Robert Razo is the 2012 recipient of the Michael A. Sergi Memorial Award. Sergeant Razo has consistently demonstrated high standards of excellence exemplified by Sergeant Michael A. Sergi.

Richard A. Rose Career Achievement Award - Honorary Members of the LBPOA presented Officer Don Radcliff with the Richard A. Rose Career Achievement Award. The award is given to a Long Beach Police Officer who has served a minimum of 20 years of with integrity, loyalty, and outstanding professionalism.

Emerging and Community Leader Award - Long Beach Explorer Post #295 was presented with the Emerging and Community Leader Award at the 30th annual Greater Long Beach Leadership Prayer Breakfast. The award was given for the Post's commitment to developing young people by providing valuable insight, leadership experience and mentoring.

Homer L. Garrott Community Service Award - Officer Lorenzo Uribe was selected the recipient of the 2012 "Homer L. Garrott Community Service Award" by the Southern California Chapter of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives ("NOBLE"). This annual event highlights dedicated professionals who are committed to the community they serve.

OTS Award for Traffic Safety Excellence - Police Officer Tyrone Anderson was presented with the 2012 California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Award for Traffic Safety Excellence for his work during 2011. Officer Anderson led the department in DUI arrests with 121, and is one of only 25 officers in the State of California to receive this special recognition, and one of three in Los Angeles County.

California Attorney General Awards - Sergeant Don Campbell received the Attorney General's Award of Commendation for 22-years of service to LBCPD and the City of Long Beach.

The Long Beach PD Airport Detail received the Attorney General's Award of Commendation for displaying outstanding professionalism in the aftermath of a deadly plane crash on March 16, 2012. Recognized officers included: Sergeant Mark Coble and Officers Anthony Brown, Jason Dallas, Jonathan Doma, Oscar Dominguez, Philip Golia, Monique Hall-Glover, Kevin King, Fernando Longcob and Conrad Penn.

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Boy Scouts of America Silver Beaver Award - Officer Brian Armstrong was awarded the Boy Scouts of America Silver Beaver Award. Recipients of this award are adult community leaders who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the council.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Awards - The following officers were recognized by Mother's Against Drunk Driving (MADD) for their work in removing dangerously impaired drivers from our roadways: Tyrone Anderson, Miguel Rosales, David Whelan, Danny Hernandez, John Garry, Omar DeLeon, John McVay, and Juan Mendoza.

Police Excellence Award - Detective Chris Zamora received this recognition from the Honorary Members of the Long Beach Police Officers Association.



American Red Cross
Greater Long Beach Chapter

2013 RED CROSS CPR/FIRST AID CERTIFICATES (FOR ACTIONS PERFORMED IN CALENDAR YEAR 2012)

Detective Neil Vadnais

Officer Justin Krueger

Officer Guillermo Arias

Officer Jason Lehman

Officer Jeremy Boshnack

Officer Jack Manu

Officer Tristan Corbett

Officer Alfonso Navarro

Officer Robert Curran

Officer David Okerman

Officer Derek Ernest

Officer Mario Olloque

Officer Richard Hieb

Officer Robert Ryan

Officer Addiel Julian

Officer Lorenzo Uribe

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

All disaster relief is free thanks to the generosity of the American people and disaster volunteers who respond 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to local disasters such as single family fires and other emergencies.



2013 ESSAY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD



DARYLE BLACK MEMORIAL 2013 ESSAY SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

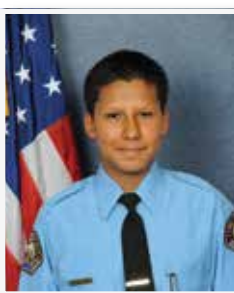


The Daryle Black Memorial Scholarship sponsored by the Long Beach Police Foundation offers scholarships for members of the Long Beach Police Explorer Post #295. The scholarship is in memory of fallen Long Beach Police Officer Daryle Black, who was killed in the line of duty in April of 2000.

The 2013 competition was based on essays written about "Leadership, Dedication and Teamwork." After learning more about Officer Daryle Black, those Post members in good academic standing wrote what traits they have that are similar to Officer Black's. We want to thank the judges who reviewed the essays: Christine Thompson, Nolan Thompson, Long Beach Police Foundation Board Member Helen Najar and Committee Chair Betty Jean (BJ) Thompson.



Alma Magaña
Explorer Lieutenant
1st place \$500



Edgar Montelongo
Explorer
2nd place \$300



Rodolfo Davila
Explorer Commander
3rd place \$200

AWARDS OF THE LONG BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT



MEDAL OF HONOR

is awarded to the family of an officer killed in the line of duty.

MEDAL OF VALOR

is awarded to an employee for an extraordinary act of heroism and courage and performed at great risk to the employee's life or safety in an effort to preserve human life.

PURPLE HEART

is awarded to an employee who has sustained a significant physical injury while performing their duty in the furtherance of law enforcement.

EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP AWARD

is awarded to a member of the Chief's Command Staff who has exhibited outstanding performance, professionalism and exemplary leadership.

CHIEF'S COMMUNITY POLICING AWARD

is presented to those individuals embracing the Community Oriented Public Safety philosophy in developing strategies that promote proactive solving and community partnerships to address the causes of crime and social disorder

MERITORIOUS AWARD FOR HEROISM

is awarded to an employee for an act of heroism that is performed at great risk to the employee's safety in an effort to preserve human life.

MERITORIOUS AWARD FOR BRAVERY

is awarded to an employee for an act of bravery extending above and beyond the normal demands of police service or for a service performed at great personal risk.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

is awarded to an employee for outstanding performance of duty.

UNIT CITATION

is presented to a group of employees for the collective performance of a distinguished act or acts, or a significant contribution benefiting the department, or outstanding performance of duty, which is above and beyond the normal demands of police service.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

is presented to community members or City employees for courageous actions taken to protect life, prevent crime, or provide other outstanding service to the Long Beach Police Department.



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TOM FLORES

Tom Flores, a resident of central Long Beach, worked with City officials and members of the community to open "Daryle Black Park," a mini-park located at 20th Street and Pasadena Avenue. The park is in tribute to Long Beach Police Officer Daryle Black, who was shot and killed in the line of duty a few blocks away on April 29, 2000, and contains a bronze statue to honor the fallen officer. Tom, who lives in the neighborhood, has taken great pride in the park ever since it opened, and opens it every morning and closes it every evening. He keeps an eye on the park, which was designed by the neighborhood children, and ensures it will be a source of pride for generations to come. Tom Flores is to be commended for his dedication to his community, and for instilling a sense of pride and setting an example of good citizenship in his neighborhood.

ANGELA ALLEN

On September 28, 2012, the Police Department received a report of a missing elderly man who was diabetic and also suffered from dementia. An officer relayed the missing subject's information and description to Long Beach Transit Control who notified all their bus drivers. A short time later, coach operator Angela Allen informed Transit Control that she had observed the subject earlier at a bus stop near Spring Street and Temple Avenue. This information was relayed to police who quickly located the missing man and returned him safely to his relieved family. Angela Allen is to be commended for her keen observation skills, quick action, and teamwork during this critical situation. Thanks to her efforts, the missing man, whose safety and health was at grave risk, was safely reunited with his family.

LANVIN WIGGINS & KENT BOWERS

On August 18, Mr. Lanvin Wiggins, a coach operator for Long Beach Transit, was driving his bus in the city of Paramount, when he became concerned over a male passenger who appeared disoriented and lost. He contacted Transit Control Supervisor Kent Bowers, who responded to the scene. Moments later, a LBPD Transit Officer who was monitoring both Police and LB Transit radios, heard Police dispatch air information regarding a "critical missing" person from Long Beach. The officer asked Supervisor Bowers if the disoriented passenger fit the description of the missing person, and if he would answer to the person's name, which the subject did. It was confirmed that they had located the missing person, and he was soon reunited with his family. Long Beach Transit Supervisor Kent Bowers and Operator Lanvin Wiggins are to be commended for their attentiveness to the community that they serve and willingness to share vital information with the Police Department. Through their diligence, they ensured the safe return of a missing person who was unable to care for his own safety.

ALEX MIZE

On August 22, a shooting occurred at a downtown Long Beach motel and during the course of the investigation, officers learned that the suspect might be walking towards the Main Library. Officers relayed this information to the library staff and instructed them to call 9-1-1 if the suspect showed up at the library. Alex Mize, a library employee, was on his way to lunch when he spotted a man matching the suspect's description walking nearby. Alex immediately contacted a security officer who was working at the Civic Center and pointed out the suspect. The security officer made contact the suspect and detained him at gunpoint until police officers arrived and took him into custody. The investigating officers learned that the suspect was a convicted felon who lived at the motel and when they searched his room, they found loaded guns, a stolen gun, and a vast array of ammunition and other weapons. Library Clerk Alex Mize is to be commended for his assistance in locating a dangerous criminal and quickly relaying that critical information to the police.

GREGORY GOLGART

On September 26, Gregory Goltart was returning home when he noticed a suspicious person knocking on his neighbor's door. He drove past his home to go around the block again so he could observe the subject unnoticed, and saw two other subjects nearby that he did not recognize. As he returned to his house, he heard a loud noise as the neighbors trash bin was knocked over by the suspect after he used it to get into his neighbor's backyard. He immediately called 9-1-1, and provided a detailed description of the suspects as he discretely continued to monitor their actions and relay the information to the dispatcher. Officers quickly responded arrested the suspects for residential burglary. Thanks to Gregory Goltart's actions, three criminals are off the street and will no longer be committing crimes in our community.

SANDY GUTIERREZ

On Saturday, June 9, 2012, a mentally disabled female adult and two children were reported missing in the area of Santa Fe Avenue and Spring Street after they walked to a fast food restaurant and didn't return. Police officers searched for them throughout the night, and all law enforcement agencies in the region were notified, as well as local hospitals and public transportation. The Police Department worked with the media to alert the public about the missing persons, and the story ran on many newscasts and was publicized on social media. On the morning of Monday, June 11, 2012, Sandy Gutierrez was at the

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metro station in Sylmar, when she saw the missing trio and recognized them from news reports. She immediately called the local police who responded to the metro station. Detectives later learned that the three had been traveling around the city using public transportation and made their way to Sylmar. Ms. Gutierrez is to be commended for her attentiveness and willingness to get involved. Without her help, their ordeal would have lasted much longer, and their safety may have been compromised. Her efforts brought an end to the search and led to the safe return of the missing woman and children.

LUCY CARBAJAL

On July 11, 2012, at approximately 7:00 p.m., 9-1-1 callers reported a man standing outside the guardrail on the 710 Freeway overpass at Wardlow Road, who appeared ready to jump. As officers raced to the scene, Lucy Carbajal was driving to work when she saw the distraught man and stopped to try and help him. As she spoke to the man, he responded to her friendly and caring approach and eventually stepped back over the guardrail. Lucy kept the man engaged in conversation and distracted him so that officers could approach and quickly pull him away from the edge of the overpass. The man was unharmed and was transported to a hospital where he received the help he needed. He told officers that he had made his mind up to take his own life, but Ms. Carbajal convinced him not to do it. Lucy Carbajal's heroic actions prevented a distraught man from ending his life, and likely saved the lives of the many passing motorists traveling on the busy freeway below.

SCOTT BEAUBIEN & MARIANO BEJARANO

On October 25, 2012, Scott Beaubien and his co-worker Mariano Bejarano were in their work truck in a parking lot near Cherry Avenue and Del Amo Boulevard, when they saw a man running nearby with a purse under his arm, and a woman following him and yelling for help. They immediately jumped out of their truck, chased after the suspect, and eventually tackled him. Although the suspect struggled, they pinned him down until officers arrived and took him into custody. The victim, who was recovering from cancer, got her purse back and was extremely grateful that two strangers came to her rescue. Scott Beaubien and Mariano Bejarano are to be recognized for their willingness to come to the aid of a fellow community member and for their courageous actions, which took a dangerous suspect off the street.

DESTINY LOPEZ

Twelve-year-old Destiny Lopez was looking after some young children playing in the lobby and courtyard of her apartment building in September, when a man came inside and grabbed the arm of a four-year-old girl and attempted to pull her outside. Destiny quickly took hold of the child's other arm, and tried to pull her out of his grasp. When this was unsuccessful, she then positioned herself in front of the door to block his path. As the suspect got closer to her, Destiny, who is 4'7" and 85 pounds, used both hands to push the suspect down, who stands 5'10" and is 190 pounds. The impact from the fall caused the suspect to release his grip on the victim, and Destiny picked the child up and ran to safety. Responding officers arrested the suspect, who was known to frequent the alley adjacent to the building and close to the homes of many children. Prosecutors subsequently filed kidnapping charges against the suspect and the trial is pending. Destiny Lopez is to be commended for her courage, maturity, and heroism in physically confronting a suspect, despite a significant size difference, and rescuing a small child from a perilous situation.

RYAN GORDON & KEITH DODSON

On November 13, 2012, Ryan Gordon was working in his office when he heard tires screeching and looked out the window to see a pickup truck crashing through the chain link fence into the water in the San Gabriel River at Pacific Coast Highway. He ran down the stairs to get to the scene, someone yelled that the driver was still in the truck. Ryan scrambled down the rocks and dove in the water, and saw that the driver was trying to get out but could not open the windows or door due to the water pressure. Ryan was able to open the sliding back window on the truck open but the driver was not able to fit through the opening. Keith Dodson had been out for his morning run when he saw Ryan in the water trying to assist the driver of the sinking truck. He climbed down the rocks, picking one up as he went, and swam toward the truck. He swung at the window with the rock until he was able to break the window, but the pressure of the water rushing into the truck pinned Keith against the truck and pulled Ryan under the water. But soon the pressure neutralized and Keith was able to pull the driver up to the surface. Ryan then verified that there was no one else in the truck before leaving the water. The driver, who had become ill just prior to the crash, sustained only minor injuries in the incident. Ryan Gordon and Keith Dodson are commended for bravely risking their own safety to save the life of the trapped motorist.

CURTIS IRWIN

On Tuesday, September 4, 2012, just before midnight, an officer patrolling the area of 6th Street and Bellflower Avenue was responding to a suspicious person call, when he located the subject who appeared to be sleeping on the hood of his car, but he soon woke up and began acting erratically. The suspect attempted to get back into his car, which had not yet been searched for



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weapons, and he refused to comply with the officer's orders. As the officer attempted to physically remove the suspect from the car, the suspect resisted and began fighting with the officer. The officer took the suspect to the ground in an attempt to handcuff him, but the suspect continued to fight to free himself, creating a very dangerous situation. Curtis Irwin was driving by, noticed the struggle, and stopped to assist the officer. He ran to the scene and placed his full body weight on top of the subject and pushed him down, which enabled the officer to regain control and handcuff the subject. Curtis Irwin is commended for his courageous actions to help ensure the safety of an officer during a volatile situation.

OFFICER DUSTY GARVER TORRANCE POLICE DEPARTMENT

On November 30, 2012, a pickup truck versus a parked stake bed truck accident occurred at 32nd Street and Long Beach Boulevard. The first person at this horrific scene was Torrance Police Officer Dusty Garver, who was in Long Beach on unrelated police business. Officer Garver positioned his patrol vehicle to protect the trapped occupant of the crashed pickup truck. The force of the impact from the collision pushed the truck onto the sidewalk and suspended the front end of the pickup truck in the air.

Officer Garver immediately ran to the aid of the driver and began medically evaluating him as to his injuries and mental state. The windshield was destroyed, airbags deployed and the dashboard was pushed downward onto the citizen's legs. The engine was smoking profusely and Officer Garver was concerned that it was about to ignite into flames. Officer Garver made the decision to risk removing the man from the vehicle to prevent him from being trapped and possibly burned alive. He used his knife to cut the seatbelt but was unable to open the door due to the passenger compartment being crushed and wedging the door closed. Officer Garver grabbed the door's window frame, and using brute strength, bent it away from the vehicle and down at more than a 90 degree angle. This allowed enough room for him to pull the citizen out of the vehicle and safely away from immediate danger. The victim was treated by paramedics and was rushed to the hospital for further treatment for his injuries.

Officer Dusty Garver's actions were nothing less than heroic. His decisive and courageous actions allowed the injured motorist to be pulled to safety and avoid further harm in the dangerous wreckage.

JULIE MOLINA, JOHN ROBERTS & DEPUTY HUGO ROMAN

On May 8, a patrol officer was on the northbound 710 Freeway transporting a prisoner from Long Beach Jail to the LA County Jail, when the prisoner in the back seat slipped his handcuffs from behind his back to the front of his body, kicked the window out of the police car, and attempted to escape. The officer quickly pulled over to the side of the freeway, and saw that the prisoner was already partly out the window. As the officer pulled the suspect from the car window, he and the suspect fell to the ground and a violent struggle ensued onto the freeway embankment, with the prisoner fighting to pull the officer's handgun from his holster.

Off-duty civilian security officer Julie Molina was on her way home from work and noticed the struggle. She immediately stopped her car, grabbed her handcuffs, and ran to assist the officer. She restrained the prisoner's legs for the officer, helping him gain more control of the situation. John Roberts, who was driving his semi-truck on the freeway when he saw the struggle, also pulled over to lend assistance. His physical presence and his stern verbal warnings on what "his boot would do" to the prisoner caused the prisoner realize that struggling was futile. John then helped the officer physically control the suspect until assisting units arrived on scene. Off-duty Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy Hugo Roman was driving northbound on the freeway when he saw the officer on the side of his patrol car struggling with the prisoner. He immediately pulled over and ran to assist. After identifying himself as an off-duty deputy, he also assisted in holding the suspect down so that they could fully control the violent prisoner until additional units arrived on scene.

When originally arrested, the prisoner was an armed and dangerous parolee with multiple third strike violations. Knowing that he was going back to prison, he calculated an escape plan and was willing to attempt to kill a police officer to ensure his escape.

Julie Molina, John Roberts, and Deputy Hugo Roman are to be commended for risking their own safety by coming to the aid of a police officer involved in a dangerous fight for his life. Their courageous actions prevented a violent struggle from escalating into a deadly confrontation and ensured that the suspect returned to prison and is no longer a threat to the community.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD



The Long Beach Police Department is extremely grateful for the hundreds of dedicated Police Volunteers who generously donate their time and their talents to benefit the Police Department and the community. Last year, volunteers contributed over 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 2012.



Michael Brown
Volunteer
1,725.5 Hours



Jose M Flores
Volunteer
1,198.0 Hours



Mike Yoachum
Senior Police Partner
1,040.5 Hours



Larry Seielstad
Volunteer
780.05 Hours



Ed Guerry
Senior Police Partner
691.0 Hours



Alan Feldman
Explorer Lieutenant
687.0 Hours



Alma Magaña
Explorer Lieutenant
618.0 Hours



Rebecca Katzen
Senior Police Partner
613.0 Hours



Jessica Brunick
Explorer Sergeant
609.0 Hours



Rodolfo Davila
Explorer Commander
601.0 Hours



Linda Penrod
Senior Police Partner
538.5 Hours



Frank Kuehn
Reserve Sergeant
535.0 Hours



David Madigan
Reserve Lieutenant
534.0 Hours



Isidro Lopez
Senior Police Partner
513.3 Hours



Dennis Mahaney
Reserve Sergeant
511.0 Hours



UNIT CITATION

LONG BEACH POLICE EXPLORER POST # 295

The Long Beach Police Department Explorer Program is designed for motivated and service-oriented young men and women ages 16-20, who have an interest in law enforcement. The program provides an opportunity for youth to gain personal satisfaction, enhance their leadership and teamwork skills and make a significant difference in our community.

During 2012, the Long Beach Police Explorers achieved exceptional levels of excellence. The Explorers volunteered over 17,000 hours by participating in Explorer academies, safety fairs, DUI check points, tobacco and paint decoy programs, parades, traffic control assistance, ride-a-longs, and Explorer tactical competitions. They attend weekly meetings and donate their time to our community, all while going to school full-time and maintaining a high grade point average.

The Explorer Coordinator and Advisors have donated over 1,300 hours to train and mentor the young Explorers. Their commitment is evident in the outstanding performance delivered by the Explorers in all that they do. The contributions and accomplishments of the Explorer Program were recognized in 2012 when the Explorers received the "Emerging Leader Award" at the Greater Long Beach Leadership Prayer Breakfast.

The Explorers make a difference to the youth of Long Beach in areas that are beyond measure. The Explorers wear their uniforms with pride, are visible in their neighborhoods and schools. Young people throughout the City see the explorers and the officers working together and it helps to show them that they, too, can make difference in their community and make good choices in their lives.

The Long Beach Police Explorers and their Advisors are to be commended for their outstanding teamwork, dedication, and achievements while representing the Long Beach Police Department. Their willingness to provide thousands of hours of volunteer service for the betterment of the community is truly inspirational.

Sergeant Stephen Stough #5527

Detective Sondra Benskin #6109

Officer Matthew Mills #6185

Officer Brandon Mitchell #6042

Volunteer Michael Brown #10456

Explorer Commander Rodolfo Davila

Explorer Lieutenant Alan Feldman

Explorer Lieutenant Alma Magaña

Explorer Lieutenant Martin Ramirez

Explorer Sergeant Jessica Brunick

Explorer Sergeant Stephanie Fitzgerald

Explorer Garcen Alvarez

Explorer Arlene Benancourt

Explorer Anthony Birong

Explorer Isaac Dasilva

Explorer Kenia Durate

Explorer Jose Esparza

Explorer Carlos Echeverria

Explorer Sergio Garcia

Explorer Elizabeth Hernandez

Explorer Jimmy Lav

Explorer Alex Levine

Explorer Cindy Loeurn

Explorer Belle Lopez

Explorer Erasmo Lopez

Explorer Antonio Marciel

Explorer Zaire Marinerio

Explorer Frankie McCoy

Explorer Victor Martinez

Explorer Vincente Medrano

Explorer Beverly Mendoza

Explorer Alexis Miranda

Explorer Edgar Montelongo

Explorer Marlene Perez

Explorer Daniel Olea

Explorer Joan Reyes

Explorer Jasmine Santos

Explorer Jazmine Soto

Explorer Alexis Tristan

Explorer Luis Villarreal

UNIT CITATION



TRANSIT ENFORCEMENT DETAIL

During 2012, the Transit Enforcement Detail provided Homeland Security and police services to the Long Beach community. The Transit Enforcement Detail is a small and productive team comprised of one supervisor and five officers. Worldwide, public transportation systems are the number one target for terrorists. By developing partnerships with Federal, State, local law enforcement, mental health professionals, and numerous stakeholders, the Transit Detail has developed their small detail into a large vigilant team focusing on Homeland Security efforts.

A key technique the Transit Detail has developed is to provide training to solicit assistance and support. These results were realized after budget cuts forced students to depend on Long Beach Transit Bus service. Through training and working with school administrators, student concerns were identified, addressed and minimized. In addition, the Transit Detail is the leader in submitting hundreds of recommendations to improve our City's traffic safety.

The Transit Enforcement Team has extremely high productivity results. The team's ability to evolve, adapt and embrace partnerships to prevent crime, to provide Homeland Security and solve community problems is outstanding. For their commitment and exceptional results, the Transit Enforcement Detail is recognized and presented with the Unit Citation Award.

Sergeant David Marander #5548
Officer Jason Smith #5478
Officer Kenny Cruz #5502

Officer Scott Nishitani #5736
Officer Blayne Tom #5895
Officer Ricardo Ramirez #5997

SPECIAL EVENTS UNIT

In 2012, the Special Events Unit and specialized support staff effectively planned, facilitated, and oversaw numerous complex citywide annual events, as well as assorted civic and industrial projects that positively reflected on the City of Long Beach and the Long Beach Police Department. The success of many of the City's most prominent celebrations and traditions, including the Long Beach Grand Prix, the Long Beach Marathon, State of the City, and the Long Beach Lesbian and Gay Pride Festival and Parade, and over 100 other special events, can be attributed to the thorough preparation and dedicated efforts of the unit.

Long Beach has become widely recognized to the film and television industry as a preeminent venue for location filming. This distinction is largely ascribed as a result of the competency and professionalism of the Special Events Unit and its efficient coordination of various concurrent multi-day and multi-location filming projects. In 2012, the unit handled over 200 such projects, including 62 television commercials, 40 television shows, and a host of feature and student films.

In 2012, the responsibilities of the Special Events Unit became transcendent. The unit was compelled to adapt and absorb the critical incident management duties of many unforeseen emergencies and potentially injurious incidents. These activities included large and volatile local public protests and First Amendment demonstrations, the disastrous consequences of natural occurrences, and other local and regional emergency incidents that required a public safety response. Through the preparation of complex Event Action Plans and the implementation of the Incident Command Structure, the Special Events Unit was able to dedicate and manage personnel and equipment resources to many moderate and large scale occurrences. The unit also helped train City department heads and City partners in emergency preparedness and aspects of critical incident management. For their exceptional planning and coordination efforts that have ensured the safety and success of the many significant annual celebrations and events throughout the City, the Special Event Unit is recognized with a Unit Citation.

Lieutenant Christopher Morgan #5924
Sergeant Jeffrey Berkenkamp #5734
Officer Mark Swanson #5093
Officer Eric Matusak #10127

Clerk Typist Elaine Lopez #8861
System Technician Tarek Israw #10309
Communications Supervisor Melina Runnels #7754
Public Safety Dispatcher Sarah Day #8585



UNIT CITATION

GANG ENFORCEMENT SECTION

The Long Beach Police Department maintains a standing philosophy that emphasizes the importance of protecting our community from the nuisance, intimidation, and violence of street gang activity. The Gang Enforcement Section (GES) was created in the early 1990's as a full-service counter-gang operation to directly combat the total gang problem in our city.

Throughout the years, the GES has proven to be an effective and proactive method of preventing gang violence, as well as apprehending and convicting gang offenders. In large part, the success that the GES has achieved is due to both of the Gang Field Teams. The detectives assigned to the field teams are responsible for supporting the Patrol Bureau in the handling of gang related incidents, solving neighborhood gang nuisance through the Department's COPS philosophy, preventing gang crime through self initiated activity. They also provide case support and assistance to gang investigators, as well as the to the Investigation Bureau in general.

Over the past few years, the issues faced by our Gang Field Teams in conducting anti-gang operations have been daunting. Major challenges in 2012 include the release of thousands of state prisoners due to overcrowding, and successive years of budget cut backs that have thinned the ranks of the Gang Field Teams. Despite these challenges, these detectives have maintained a professional and positive attitude towards their work and the Department's anti-gang efforts.

The Gang Field Teams have remained focused by relentlessly tracking and arresting the City's most violent gang members. They have worked along side Homicide Detectives, providing valuable intelligence that led to the arrest and prosecution of several murder suspects. They have also worked with the Drug Investigation Section to impact gang related drug sales.

In 2012, the Gang Field Teams' productivity was impressive. Combined, the two teams made 428 felonies and misdemeanor arrests, over a thousand field contacts, conducted 299 parole and probation searches, wrote and/or served 93 search warrants, and took 41 illegal firearms off the streets. Their productivity significantly contributed to suppressing gang crime throughout the City, and in turn saved countless lives. For their professionalism and dedication to duty, the Sergeants and Detectives in the Gang Enforcement Section Field Teams are to be commended and recognized with a Unit Citation Award.

Sergeant Daniel Barkwill #5291

Sergeant Brian Tuliau #5400

Sergeant Robert Titus #5499

Detective Ernie Armond #5360

Detective Gabriel Carrillo #6184

Detective Jeff Conrad #6156

Detective Hector Gutierrez #5144

Detective Carlos Del Real #6228

Detective Gabriel Garrido #6118

Detective Mark Gell #6151

Detective Gary Hodgson #5611

Detective William Jarman #5601

Detective Steven Jilek #6098

Detective Dylan Labascio #6150

Detective Tim Olson # 5711

Detective Udom Sawai #5644

Detective Ricardo Solorio #6297

Detective Armando Yearwood #5835

Probation Officer Randy Trenado #D446

CHIEF'S COMMUNITY POLICING AWARD



SERGEANT ROBERT KURODA

Sergeant Robert Kuroda is the Police Department's liaison to the Downtown Entertainment District, and works closely with the stakeholder organizations of this area such as the Downtown Long Beach Associates, The Safe Team, and the Long Beach Area Convention and Visitors Bureau. He regularly communicates with members of this densely populated community comprised of residents, business owners, employees, and visitors, and promotes collaborative partnerships to proactively address public safety and quality of life issues in the downtown area.



Robert Kuroda
Sergeant

Sergeant Kuroda works with other City departments such as the City Attorney's Office, Business and Licensing Department, Fire Department, Public Works, Health Department, Community Development, the Vice Detail, and Alcohol Beverage Control, to identify long-term solutions to problems affecting the Downtown Entertainment District. In addition, he has been actively involved in addressing issues related to lighting, security cameras, signage, and the enforcement of municipal codes, all of which lead to a safer and more enjoyable environment for all who spend time in the area.

For his tireless efforts and dedication to developing collaborative partnerships, reducing crime and improving the quality of life in the downtown area, Sergeant Robert Kuroda is recognized with the 2012 Chief's Community Policing Award.





CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

CRIME ANALYST KRISTI BASHOR

Crime Analyst Kristi Bashor has been assigned to the North Patrol Division since 2004. During this time period she has been tasked with keeping up with the various crime statistics occurring within the division, reading all relevant crime and arrest reports written by officers, and recognizing and addressing current crime trends in the division. She is responsible for compiling the division's crime statistics and assisting the Commander in presenting this information during the monthly crime meetings. She also routinely comes up with solutions and offers ideas and suggestions to the supervisors in her division on how to address and solve these trends.



Kristi Bashor
Administrative Analyst

Analyst Bashor is instrumental in relaying information between the Patrol Bureau, Detective Details, outside agencies, and the officers on the various Patrol shifts in the division. She is the catalyst that ensures relevant information gets disseminated to everyone regardless of assignment, shift, or days off. She has also developed a positive rapport with every officer in the division. This encourages patrol officers to approach her and allows for a two-way flow of information between her and the officers.

Analyst Bashor meticulously keeps track of habitual offenders and often links them to rising crime trends. She recently recognized that a specific area in Beat 24 was suffering from a spike in robberies and auto burglaries. Analyst Bashor recognized that a subject who had recently been released from jail had a history of these types of arrests and lived in this same area. Analyst Bashor was able to get this information out to patrol officers who were able to make a timely arrest and stop the spiking crime in this area.

During the past year, Analyst Bashor was instrumental in implementing the Surreno/North Side Longo Crime Suppression Task Force and North Division Auto Theft/Burglary Event Action Plan (EAP). Both of these operations resulted in numerous felony and misdemeanor arrests, but even more importantly, these operations took dangerous criminals off of the streets and positively affected the division's rising crime trends. She not only assisted in writing these Event Action Plans, but also offered excellent ideas on how best to allocate the resources dedicated to each EAP. She helped keep track of the statistics achieved during these operations and used this information to modify the EAPs in a timely manner in order to achieve the desired results. Most recently Analyst Bashor assisted Gang Detective Pirooz and the United States Marshals with "Operation Summer Heat." This was a 4-day multi agency operation that netted 280 arrests, 242 citations, 200 sex offender compliance checks, 102 probation compliance checks, and six recovered firearms. As part of this operation, Analyst Bashor was tasked with tracking the location of all officers on the operation, acting as a liaison between agencies, and providing intelligence on wanted criminals and ensuring this information made it to the proper personnel.

Analyst Bashor's work ethic, professionalism, and willingness to make the most out of every workday has gained the respect and admiration of both her peers and her supervisors. Her exceptional achievements and positive attitude exemplifies the highest standards of the Long Beach Police Department and make her an excellent choice for the 2012 Civilian Employee of the Year.

SWORN EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR



DETECTIVE HUGO CORTES DETECTIVE MARK MCGUIRE

In the early morning hours of November 2, 2008, Long Beach police officers responded to the scene of the largest multiple murder in the history of the City. Five people were found shot to death in a homeless encampment near the 405 freeway. There were no witnesses and the location of the encampment was an extremely difficult crime scene to investigate.

Detectives Hugo Cortes and Mark McGuire were called to the scene to investigate this horrific and brutal crime. Because there were no witnesses, detectives had to process every aspect of the crime scene and investigate each victim independently to determine a possible motive for the murders.

The immediate concern was that the victims were targeted because they were homeless, which led to a fear that there would be more victims. Detectives were part of a coordinated search of all nearby homeless encampments to ensure there were no other victims. Detective Cortes and McGuire established a procedure to ensure that anyone contacted during the extensive search was interviewed regarding the murders.

Over the next several months, Detectives Cortes and McGuire interviewed more than 50 people including family members of the victims and several homeless people living in the area. Through these interviews, detectives learned of an ongoing dispute over a drug debt between one of the victims and two local gang members. Although based on evidence at the scene detectives always believed there were at least two people responsible for the killings, without evidence or an eyewitness to place them at the scene the case would go cold.

Detectives met weekly to discuss the status of the case and determine if any new developments had surfaced to further their investigation. In 2011, they received a crucial tip, which would propel their investigation. Detectives Cortes and McGuire received a call from deputies working custody operations at LA County Jail. Detectives were advised they had a source with information regarding the multiple murders. What followed was a complex operation conducted inside the Los Angeles County Jail systems that involved the relocation of subjects from various state prisons to the Los Angeles County Jail, rotating targeted inmates through a single module without arousing their suspicion.

This operation proved extremely beneficial and detectives were able to obtain taped confessions from the suspects who spoke openly about the murders and other crimes they had committed. In January 2012, based on the taped admissions and the detailed work of Detectives Cortes and McGuire, the Los Angeles County District Attorney filed multiple counts of murder with special circumstances allegations against two hard-core gang members.

Detectives Cortes and McGuire left no stone unturned over the course of this painstaking 5-year investigation, and are commended for their dedication and outstanding commitment to seek justice on behalf of all citizens in the city of Long Beach.



Hugo Cortes
Detective



Mark McGuire
Detective



EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP

BUREAU SECRETARY MONICA SABUNAS

Monica Sabunas joined the Long Beach Police Department in July 2006 as a Clerk Typist in the Records Division, providing clerical support to the Division Administrator. In December 2009, she became a member of the Command Staff, when she was selected to become the Administration Bureau Secretary. In addition to her consistently outstanding performance managing the schedule of activities for the Bureau Chief, she has distinguished herself by effectively leading, training and coordinating the activities of the three Division Clerk Typists in her Bureau. She has earned a reputation in both the Department and the community for the cordial and informed professionalism she demonstrates in handling each and every call to the Bureau Office.



Monica Sabunas
Bureau Secretary

What truly sets Monica apart from her peers and makes her worthy of this recognition is the way she goes above and beyond the daily demands of her job to truly set the example and make a difference throughout the Department. She has been elected to serve as the Secretary of the Command Officers Association, and coordinates all volunteer activities and social events. She schedules and administers the activities of the Awards Committee, whose efforts are reflected in this Annual Awards Ceremony. She personally coordinates and assures the timely completion of several annual audits, including various categories of fleet and technology equipment. She is the Department coordinator for the Xerox contract, and recently worked with the company to reallocate and reduce the number of machines, saving the City tens of thousands of dollars.

In September 2012, as a result of budget cuts, illness and retirements, the staff in Office of the Chief of Police was dramatically reduced. Recognizing the compelling need for administrative support, Monica volunteered to augment the Chief's Office staff, in addition to her regular duties. Her superb administrative and interpersonal skills were instrumental to seamlessly sustaining the level of quality service to internal and external customers alike. Once permanent replacements were identified, Monica's leadership and training were key factors in assuring a smooth transition.

Twice a year, Monica also coordinates a Job Shadow Program for students from the California State University Long Beach Human Resources curriculum. She assures that all training materials are prepared; presenters are scheduled; and parking arranged. Her superior event planning skills are evident and appreciated by the students, who regularly single her out for praise in their critiques.

In addition to her very busy work schedule, Monica, who is a U.C. Berkeley graduate, is pursuing her Master of Public Administration degree, and still manages to ensure quality family time with her husband, Brian and two-year old daughter, Elena.

Bureau Secretary Monica Sabunas demonstrates extraordinary levels of energy, drive and commitment, coupled with an exceptional desire to get the job done right. These traits, and many more, make her an ideal selection as the 2012 civilian recipient of the 2013 Excellence in Leadership Award.

EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP



DEPUTY CHIEF ROBERT LUNA

Deputy Chief Robert Luna is a 26-year veteran, who has served as the Patrol Bureau Chief for over seven years. In that capacity, he has been responsible for effectively leading and managing the largest Bureau in the City, with over 600 sworn and civilian personnel. His Bureau provides around the clock Calls for Service units throughout the City, as well as support services like SWAT, K-9, Motors, Helicopter, Mental Evaluation, Marine Patrol, Crossing Guards and Long Beach City College Security. As the senior sworn Deputy Chief, he has also capably served as the Acting Chief, when the Chief of Police is out of town.



Robert Luna
Deputy Chief

Since 2009, Deputy Chief Luna has demonstrated exceptional innovation and flexibility in crafting plans to decrease the Department's sworn staffing level by over 20 percent, while maintaining the highest possible level of service to the community. Working closely with his peers and subordinate Patrol Division Commanders, he has developed staffing patterns and resource allocations, which have preserved average response times to Priority One calls below 5 minutes. He has reduced the size of specialized units and introduced the sharing of resources between divisions to maintain an adequate level of visible police presence in the community, thereby assuring public safety.

Deputy Chief Luna is an engaged and caring leader, who personally responds to the scene of every major incident to ensure the safety and well-being of his Officers. If injuries are involved, he is among the first to visit the Officers and their families in the hospital. His outstanding and exemplary performance operationally, has provided a role model for dozens of new Patrol Division Commanders, many of whom have gone on to become Chiefs of Police at other agencies.

An integral part of the LBPD Executive Team for over a decade, Deputy Chief Luna has helped to establish and implement the policies and strategies responsible for the achievement of dramatic crime reductions in the city. He has worked diligently to refine his craft through education and training, and he encourages his subordinates to follow his example. His sound and well-reasoned advice in countless crisis situations has been invaluable.

Deputy Chief Luna is highly regarded in the community. He is a gifted public speaker, who has taken the time and made the effort to become engaged in the City he serves. He has addressed virtually every neighborhood organization and helped them to understand the unique interdependence between the police and the people. Although he is extremely dedicated to his profession, Robert Luna is, above all else, a devoted father to his children Ceci and Asher, and husband to Celinas, and he regularly brings his family with him to department and community events throughout the year.

In recognition for his tireless crime fighting efforts, his exceptional leadership through incredibly challenging times and his unwavering commitment to excellence and innovation, Deputy Chief Robert Luna is awarded the 2013 Excellence in Leadership Award.



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

OFFICER JASON LEHMAN & OFFICER JOHN MAGALLANES

On May 3, 2012, Officers Jason Lehman and John Magallanes presented a program they created called "Why'd You Stop Me," to a group of at-risk teens at a local high school, many of which are documented gang members and/or probationers. The three-hour program is both graphic, and honest, and is designed to give students a better understanding of what it is like to be a police officer and increase their knowledge of the Police Department.

As the officers entered the classroom, they were greeted with hate stares and looks of contempt from a number of the students. But as the program progressed, an amazing transformation took place with the students, who were completely immersed in what the officers had to say. Because of the officer's candor and ability to effectively communicate with the students, many of them felt comfortable to participate and answer questions honestly, creating a truly interactive experience. At the conclusion of the program, the students, who initially expressed hostility, now approached the officers to say "thank you."

"Why'd You Stop Me?" has been presented to dozens of schools throughout the city, and has met with success each time. Principals and teachers have also recognized the significant positive impact the program has had on their students. One principal commented that this is "...the most powerful Police Department presentation he has seen in 27 years of education." Another compelling example of the impact of this program is a poem written by a 16-year-old student at the conclusion of the class. The poem starts with "I used to hate you..." and ends with "Now I just want to be like you."

Officers Jason Lehman and John Magallanes are to be commended for creating an innovative learning tool that engages at-risk youth in meaningful dialogue about the role of police in our community.

DETECTIVE TERYL HUBERT

On September 30, 2007, Detective Teryl Hubert responded to a murder/suicide scene in the 2200 block of Florida Avenue. The three children, now orphans, had discovered their deceased parents. Four years later, while looking for a witness in the murder of the liquor store clerk at 4th Street and Cherry Avenue, Detective Hubert noticed a child matching the description of the witness. The child had fled the scene of the crime, not wanting to speak with Police.

She approached the child and started a conversation asking him what his name was and where he lived. She quickly realized he was one of the three children who found their parents dead in their bedroom on the murder/suicide from 2007. She asked the boy, Christopher, how he had been doing and if he had ever received counseling. Although he had not, he expressed that he would be willing to talk to someone about what had happened to his parents. She took his phone number and contacted "For the Child", a non-profit organization that provides counseling and therapy to victims of child abuse and other childhood trauma. Detective Hubert first met with the therapist to explain the horrific crime scene that the boy had witnessed in his own home.

Detective Hubert drove Christopher to counseling and checked in with him weekly. She eventually got his older sister, Roaiza, a therapy appointment at the same place so that she could also begin to heal from the trauma they experienced.

Detective Hubert remains involved in Christopher's life; she enlisted the help of a friend to tutor him, she enrolled him in summer school and met with his school counselor and summer school directors to explain his situation. She eats out



Jason Lehman
Officer



John Magallanes
Officer



Teryl Hubert
Detective

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD



with the children occasionally, and has taken Christopher to go paint balling, to a Lakers' game, and invites him along when she spends time with her nephew.

She is encouraging his sister, Roaiza, to finish school. In 2007, she was a senior in high school but she was not able to manage the trauma and school. She has the promise of assistance in going to paramedic school (through Hubert's cousin) if she finishes her high school diploma or GED.

Detective Teryl Hubert has shown that one person can truly make a difference in the life of others. A chance encounter with the young witness of a horrific crime allowed her to reach out to a child in need and connect him, and his older sister, with people and resources who can help them to heal and have hope for a brighter future.

DETECTIVE ERIC GOLZ

In July 2011, Detective Eric Golz was assigned a forgery case that initially appeared to have approximately \$3,500 in loss to a local bank. During his initial investigation, Detective Golz soon learned the loss was actually closer to \$20,000. Relentless investigation by Detective Golz put him on the heels of a suspect who used numerous aliases and had ties to Long Beach. The suspect was believed to be involved in additional larger-scale forgery/fraud cases including, welfare fraud, insurance fraud and medical benefit fraud.

Utilizing resources from local, regional and national law enforcement partners, it was determined that the suspect received over \$120,000 dollars in various payments from California Health Care Services. Additionally, the suspect received another \$60,000 in unemployment benefits that he was not entitled to. The total estimated loss was over \$203,000. The suspect was located in Alabama and was extradited back to California to face 69 counts of fraud related charges.

Financial crimes of this nature can be complex and time consuming. Throughout this investigation, Detective Golz has displayed the highest level of commitment, professionalism, and dedication. His tireless investigative efforts led to the arrest and conviction of a career criminal who would have continued committing these fraudulent crimes.

DETECTIVE ANTHONY ANAST

On January 10th, 2012, Detective Anthony Anast began the trial of a suspect that was arrested for Identity Theft and Fraud. The suspect, a career criminal on Parole for Burglary, was the focus of a complex, two-year investigation conducted by Detective Anast.

During his investigation, Detective Anast identified and located several additional victims, which included numerous financial institutions and retailers throughout Los Angeles County. He worked closely with the District Attorney's Office and other law enforcement agencies to gather evidence needed to support the investigation. Detective Anast spent numerous hours gathering evidence and coordinating witness/victim testimony for the pending trial. After approximately two weeks of testimony, the jury found the defendant guilty on 32 of 35 felony counts. The counts included Identity Theft, Possession of Stolen Property, Fraudulent Use of Access Cards, Auto Burglary, and Residential Burglary, which will require the defendant to serve a minimum of 85% of his sentence.

Through dedication and determination, Detective Anthony Anast identified the evidence needed to convict a career criminal that has victimized numerous individuals and businesses for years and remove him from the streets of our community.



Eric Golz
Detective



Anthony Anast
Detective



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST III CRYSTAL SLATEN

Administrative Analyst III Crystal Slaten transferred to the Police Department's Personnel Division from the Department of Community Development in February 2010 and has already made a number of significant contributions to the Department's personnel and facilities operations. As the second in command of the Personnel Division, Crystal is responsible for a myriad of duties including oversight of the Payroll Section and supervision of the Department's Facilities Section and Maintenance Assistants. In addition to the above supervisory duties, she processes all personnel requisitions, compiles and distributes weekly and monthly personnel tracking reports that monitor all personnel movement within the organization, and responds to the multitude of in person and phone inquiries that come into the division on a daily basis.



Crystal Slaten
Administrative Analyst III

Over the past year, the Personnel Division has been tasked with a number of extremely challenging assignments and special projects, including several projects for the City Attorney's Office, and the largest Police Department workforce reduction in recent history involving the separation or reassignment of dozens of Police Department employees. No matter how demanding or complex the assignment, Crystal embraced the challenge with a smile and worked tirelessly to ensure that each project was completed in a thorough and timely manner and that critical information was relayed to all involved. Her attention to detail and organizational skills were instrumental in ensuring that all of the necessary administrative tracking and updates were completed to document these changes. In addition to her many duties at the Police Department, Crystal's exceptional work ethic and professional reputation are widely recognized and valued throughout the City and she is often called upon to help other divisions and City departments by sitting on interview panels and assisting with employment testing processes.

Administrative Analyst Crystal Slaten leads by example and maintains the highest level of professionalism and integrity in all that she does. Her enthusiasm, innovation, and positive attitude have resulted in significant contributions to both the Police Department and the City and for this, she is recognized with the Distinguished Service Award.

CRIMINALIST II GREG GOSSAGE

Criminalist Greg Gossage began his career at the Police Department as an Identification Technician and then quickly promoted to become a Criminalist in the Forensic Sciences Services Division. At this time, Greg is the only Criminalist in the Department performing analysis and providing court testimony regarding presence of alcohol in blood, breath, and urine. In fact, his courtroom testimony has been positively acknowledged by attorneys for both the prosecution and the defense.

During the past year, Greg has taken the initiative to deliver and pick up blood and urine samples on a weekly basis to the Los Angeles County Sheriffs Crime Laboratory so that they can be analyzed for detectives and attorneys with as little delay as possible. Greg also provides excellent training to cadets, officers, and California Highway Patrol officers regarding the proper procedures for the collection and submission of blood and urine samples, as well as proper use of related equipment.



Greg Gossage
Criminalist II

Due to limited staffing in the Controlled Substance Section and a large volume of casework, Greg routinely divides his time between both the Toxicology and Controlled Substance Sections so that the cases can be completed in time for filing. He also approaches his work in a very efficient manner so that he can maximize the amount of work completed during his shift. Criminalist Greg Gossage is to be commended for his strong work ethic, professionalism, and scientific expertise, which have helped to ensure the successful prosecution of hundreds of criminal cases in 2012.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD



DETECTIVE UDOM SAWAI DETECTIVE ARMANDO YEARWOOD

Gang Enforcement Detectives Udom Sawai and Armando Yearwood have been integral members of the Gang Enforcement Section's Field Team for over eight years. In 2012, Detectives Yearwood and Sawai worked tirelessly, in conjunction with numerous law enforcement agencies, to combat gang crime both in the City of Long Beach and outside jurisdictions.

Due to their vast experience and intimate knowledge of Asian gang crime, Detectives Sawai and Yearwood are recognized as Asian Gang experts. Their knowledge and expertise have proven to play vital roles in the capture and prosecution of suspects wanted for crimes such as homicide, robbery, narcotics, auto theft and burglary. In addition, they have assisted other regional law enforcement agencies by sharing valuable intelligence and investigative information to help solve crimes in those jurisdictions.

Detectives Sawai and Yearwood have reached out and shared their knowledge and experience with youth organizations throughout Long Beach and have conducted Gang Awareness training for the Search and Rescue recruits and at a community forum hosted by the Chief's Latino Advisory Group. They have also presented training sessions on Asian Gangs at various Gang Investigator conferences that are attended by law enforcement officers from all over the country.

Detectives Udom Sawai and Armando Yearwood are to be commended for their dedicated work ethic, investigative expertise and willingness to share valuable gang intelligence with other investigators and the community. Their collective efforts to combat and reduce gang violence throughout the region are recognized with a Distinguished Service Award.



Udom Sawai
Detective



Armando Yearwood
Detective

SERGEANT CHAD ELLIS

Sergeant Chad Ellis is assigned to the Police Department's Port Police Division, where he has served since 2008, and is responsible for the supervision, training, and mentoring of the unit's personnel. He was instrumental in designing and implementing the Maritime Coordination Center ("MCC"), a coordination center in the Port of Long Beach that has radically improved the communication and operational effectiveness of maritime law enforcement. The MCC organizes field components to ensure a unified front to effectively counter maritime threats, including those of terrorism and national security.

Prior to the establishment of the MCC, there was a dramatic regional increase in illicit maritime activity—including small vessels engaging in human and narcotics trafficking in and around area ports, marinas and beaches. This activity had numerous negative effects on our communities, the environment, and was a drain on law enforcement resources.

Sgt. Ellis, in collaboration with regional partners, worked to ensure that the MCC is staffed 24 hours a day, every day, to track maritime law enforcement and intelligence operations, coordinate responses, and provide a rapid notification mechanism to all stakeholders in the region. As a result of his leadership and innovation, maritime law enforcement agencies throughout the Central District of California are now communicating and responding to criminal activity on and affecting the waterways in a more efficient and collaborative manner. For his leadership, innovation and collaboration to reduce illicit maritime activity, Sergeant Chad Ellis is recognized with the Distinguished Service Award.



Chad Ellis
Sergeant



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

DETECTIVE CANDICE WRIGHT

Detective Candice Wright is assigned to the Office of Counter Terrorism, where she is the lead detective for maritime domain issues. She is currently working on the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force, with responsibility for Critical Infrastructure and Domestic Terrorism, and is known for her tremendous work ethic, knowledge, and national maritime connections.

For the past several years, Detective Wright has been working to design and implement a web-based portal for law enforcement to promote information sharing and public/private partnerships in the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles. The long-term goal has been to create the capability to expand the portal beyond the maritime environment into other arenas, such as aviation and surface transportation. In fact, while attending the Naval Postgraduate School in 2007, Detective Wright completed her thesis on this proposed network.

In 2012, after much planning and collaboration with many regional partners, Detective Wright oversaw the launch of the Situational Awareness Network, which is also known as "SAN." This real time information sharing network between law enforcement agencies, including the FBI, the Coast Guard, the Port, the Port stakeholders and the public, builds the connectivity between the involved entities. Ultimately, this will promote improved communication and domain awareness to strengthen security in the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles and beyond.

Detective Wright's unwavering dedication and perseverance to this project is evidenced by the number of times she returned to the drawing board to work through issues and the multiple meetings she convened over the course of several years to bring this concept to reality. Since the launch of SAN, the Center for Homeland Defense and Security published an article on Detective Wright's diligence to design and implement the network, and she has been approached by other organizations around the country that are interested in replicating the project in their areas.



Candice Wright
Detective

SERGEANT ROBERT RAZO

Sergeant Razo began his distinguished career with the Long Beach Police Department in 1987 at only 20 years of age. As a young patrol officer, Sergeant Razo quickly established himself as a humble, extremely motivated, and hard working officer that garnered him respect from his supervisors and peers. Consequently, Sergeant Razo earned a wide range of work assignments, including: Vice; Gang Enforcement Sections; Special Enforcement Section; Field Training Officer, and Night Auto Theft.

In 1992, Sergeant Razo was selected as a member of the Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT). Because of his great determination, professional dedication to the team, and positive attitude, he was awarded the coveted SWAT Commitment to Excellence Award in 1997. In 1998, Sergeant Razo was promoted from Officer to Sergeant. He advanced to SWAT team leader and ultimately Tactical Sergeant. To date, Sergeant Razo has over 21 years of experience on the SWAT team.

In 2007, the Police Department identified the need to establish a unit to prepare and respond to critical incidents within the City. Sergeant Razo was selected as the sole officer in the unit, which ultimately came to be known as the Critical Incident Management Section (CIMS). Sergeant Razo wrote comprehensive Operation Orders and facilitated the management and oversight of special events, protests, and critical incidents. Sergeant Razo trained the Department's command staff and personnel on the Incident Command System (ICS) and became an expert on its structure and applications. In addition to ICS, Sergeant Razo is a highly regarded instructor and industry expert in tactics, crowd control, incident planning, incident preparation, and command post operations.

Although Sergeant Razo's contributions have spanned his entire career, his notable accomplishments for 2012 include



Robert Razo
Sergeant

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD



the implementation of a Tactical Medic component to the SWAT team and the development of SWAT Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's). He was also responsible for the acquisition of a large amount of highly competitive, grant-funded equipment and training, thereby improving officer and citizen safety, and increasing the Police Department's organizational response capabilities.

Sergeant Razo is an extremely humble and soft-spoken police officer that does not seek recognition for his efforts and successes. He has proven to be an outstanding ambassador for policing, a highly capable tactical operations expert, and a tremendous representative of the Long Beach Police Department to a host of local and national law enforcement partners. For his exceptional contributions and dedicated service to continuously improving the operations of the Police Department, Sergeant Robert Razo is recognized with the Distinguished Service Award.

PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCHER LILY DEMASI

On the evening of September 2012, Public Safety Dispatcher Lily DeMasi answered a 9-1-1 call from an employee of an electronics store in the area of Pine Avenue and Willow Street that was being robbed. The caller, who was still inside the store, had to end the conversation quickly as the suspect began to approach him after turning his attention from the other employees in the store. The suspect then grabbed the phone, said, "Hello" and hung up.

Lily called back and the same man answered the phone. Realizing it was likely the suspect she was now talking to, and fearing a potential hostage situation or injury to employees, Lily posed as a customer and began asking questions about products the store was known to carry. She kept the suspect on the line and distracted him from the frightened employees, while officers arrived on the scene. They soon secured the business, and took the suspect into custody. His accomplice had fled, but the officers located him inside the perimeter they had set up in the surrounding neighborhood, and took him into custody as well.

Public Safety Dispatcher Lily DeMasi's expertise and quick thinking helped control a volatile situation where several people's lives were in danger. Her professionalism, under extremely stressful circumstances, played an active role in the apprehension of the robbery suspects and ensured the safety of the employees and customers inside the store.



Lily DeMasi
Public Safety Dispatcher

DETECTIVE RAYMOND ARCALA

Detective Raymond Arcala recently conducted an investigation regarding the repetitive sexual molestation of a young victim by a family member. The abuse spanned the course of six years making it an exceptionally complex investigation. Hours of interviews and corroboration of statements were needed to build the case against the suspect. Once the investigation was concluded, the District Attorney filed charges against the suspect, and an arrest warrant was issued.

At the time the warrant was issued, the location of the suspect was unknown. With assistance from fellow detectives and the US Marshals, Detective Arcala located the suspect in the state of Louisiana. Local authorities arrested him, and the suspect was extradited to California, where he is being held on \$1.35 million dollars bail and faces a sentence of 100 years to life in prison.

The time and effort Detective Arcala put into this challenging and extensive investigation, while still managing a heavy caseload, is commendable. He wisely used investigative resources and gathered intelligence to locate and arrest a sexual predator. For his relentless and collaborative investigative efforts, the Long Beach Police Department is proud to recognize Detective Arcala with the Distinguished Service Award.



Raymond Arcala
Detective



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

DETECTIVE NEIL VADNAIS

On December 11, 2012, Detective Neil Vadnais was working as the School Resource Officer at Jordan High School when he received information from the school staff that paramedics were needed for a student who had collapsed near the athletic field and was unconscious and not breathing. Detective Vadnais quickly requested paramedics and responded to the field to render aid to the student. As he arrived, he found a coach and school nurse administering CPR to the student. Detective Vadnais then took over chest compressions and the coach took over rescue breathing. They both continued to administer CPR until the paramedics relieved them.

While the paramedics were working to stabilize the student, Detective Vadnais recognized that it was urgent that the student be transported to the hospital in a timely manner and suggested that intersections be blocked for paramedics. Responding Officers then blocked intersections and enabled the paramedics to get to the hospital more quickly. The swift and immediate actions of Detective Vadnais enabled the student to get the appropriate medical attention needed that may have saved his life. Detective Vadnais displayed the utmost of composure and professionalism during a very stressful situation.



Neil Vadnais
Detective

DETECTIVE KIMBERLY GROVES DETECTIVE MARK STEENHAUSEN

On June 3, 2011 Detective Kimberly Groves responded on a Child Abuse Response Team call-out involving two six year old female victims who were sexually molested by a 54 year old male suspect who was the uncle of the victims and the apartment manager of the complex where they lived. Responding officers were told that the victims were held in a vacant apartment and assaulted by the suspect, who then fled the scene. Detective Groves coordinated sexual assault exams and interviews with the District Attorney and both victims. Physical evidence was collected and run through the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department crime lab. In February 2012, lab results returned indicating that male DNA found on both victims. Detective Groves brought this evidence to the District Attorney's Office and a six million dollar arrest warrant was issued for the suspect.

Detective Groves elicited assistance from the Violent Sexual Predator Unit and provided them with suspect information. Surveillance was conducted on the suspect and he was apprehended.

Detective Groves asked Detective Mark Steenhausen, who is bilingual, to assist with interviewing the suspect who only spoke Spanish. During the interview the suspect initially denied the allegations, but after detectives presented DNA evidence and utilized outstanding interview tactics, the suspect eventually admitted to molesting the two victims. The suspect is facing a sentence of 225 years to life in prison for his crimes.

The successful conclusion to this investigation is a direct result of the teamwork of all involved detectives. The use of DNA evidence, intelligence collection and innovative interview techniques all lead to this substantial felony filing and the removal of a child predator from our streets.



Kimberly Groves
Detective



Mark Steenhausen
Detective

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD



OFFICER CHRISTIAN MOODY

On March 18, 2012, Officer Christian Moody was dispatched to a traffic collision involving a vehicle versus a 6-year-old child. When the officer arrived at the scene, he found the mother of the child cradling her son in her arms, and both were covered in blood. The woman told Officer Moody that she is an ICU nurse, and that her son was dying and needed to get to the hospital soon or he would not have a chance. The child's breathing was labored and he was unresponsive and losing a lot of blood. Paramedics had not yet arrived and the officer could not hear their sirens in the distance, so he quickly decided to transport the child and his mother to Long Beach Memorial Medical Center.



Christian Moody
Officer

Officer Moody activated his vehicle's lights and sirens and arrived at the hospital within five minutes. The child was rushed into emergency surgery. The surgeon at the hospital later told the child's mother that if the child had arrived a minute later, he would have likely died from his injuries.

Officer Christian Moody's quick analysis of the critical situation and his immediate and decisive actions went above the call of duty and saved the life of a dying child. For this he is to be commended and recognized with the Distinguished Service Award.





MERITORIOUS AWARD FOR BRAVERY

OFFICER KENNETH GREEN

On May 20, 2012, a patrol officer responded to a call of a dispute involving a subject armed with a knife. He attempted to detain the uncooperative subject, who was considerably larger than him, and soon had to radio for assistance when the subject would not comply with his orders.

As Officer Ken Green was dispatched to assist, the dispatcher attempted to raise the first officer on his radio, but there was no response. Unbeknownst to Officer Green, the officer was in a fight for his life with the violent suspect.

When Officer Green arrived on scene, he observed the subject choking the officer with one hand and reaching for the officer's gun with his other hand. As he got out of his car, Officer Green commanded the suspect to release the officer but he did not comply. He then used his flashlight to strike the suspect, which caused him to release his grip, however he continued to resist and fight, creating a very dangerous situation for the officers. Officer Green then deployed his Taser to deliver an electric shock to the suspect and temporarily immobilize him. Officers were then able to handcuff the suspect without further incident, and he was arrested on multiple charges including attempted murder and battery on a police officer.

Officer Ken Green is to be commended for his brave and decisive actions, to save the life of a fellow officer. His quick response and decision-making enabled that officer, as well as himself, to go home that night without major injury, and to take a dangerous suspect off the street.



Kenneth Green
Officer

MERITORIOUS AWARD FOR HEROISM OFFICER ARISTEO SANDOVAL

MERITORIOUS AWARD FOR BRAVERY OFFICER JEREMY CHAVEZ OFFICER ERIC FRITZ

On October 26, 2012, officers were dispatched to the area of 7th Street and Olive Avenue regarding a suicidal man. The officers found the man sitting on the roof of a tall two-story building with his feet dangling over the edge. The man also had a metal cord wrapped around his neck and fasted to another part of the roof in an obvious attempt to hang himself.

Officers Aristeo Sandoval, Jeremy Chavez, and Eric Fritz, grabbed three separate ladders and positioned themselves around the roof to keep an eye on the suicidal man. Over the next 45 minutes, Officer Sandoval continually spoke to the distraught man in Spanish, and attempted to negotiate a peaceful resolution with the man. He was eventually able to convince the man to remove the metal cord from around his neck. The subject's behavior was very erratic, and Officer Sandoval had to work very hard to keep the man calm. At one point, the suicidal man stood up and began to wander the flat rooftop.

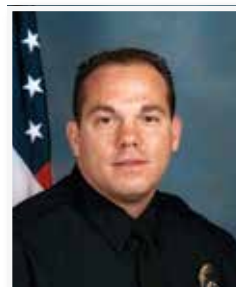
Officer Sandoval stood near the top of his ladder perched against the roof. When the opportunity presented itself, Officer Sandoval reached out quickly and grabbed the man's legs. This temporarily immobilized the man and gave Officer Chavez and Officer Fritz time to dart onto the rooftop. Officers Chavez and Fritz struggled with the combative suicidal man on the rooftop before finally taking him safely into protective custody.



Aristeo Sandoval
Officer



Jeremy Chavez
Officer



Eric Fritz
Officer

MERITORIOUS AWARD FOR HEROISM



Officer Aristeo Sandoval is to be commended for his quick and heroic actions performed at great personal risk, to save the life of a distraught man. Officers Jeremy Chavez and Eric Fritz are to be commended for their rapid and decisive response to physically engage the suicidal man and pull him away from the edge of the rooftop to ensure he did not take his own life.

OFFICER KENNY CRUZ

On May 6, 2012, Officer Kenny Cruz was flagged down on the southbound 605 Freeway near Willow Street. The good Samaritans directed officer Cruz to a pick-up truck that had driven off the freeway, crashed into a tree, and was on fire. The truck was leaking gasoline and two occupants were trapped inside the burning vehicle. Despite the risk to his safety, Officer Cruz grabbed the fire extinguisher from his patrol car and rushed to the truck to extinguish the flames.

The truck was crushed and it was impossible to remove the two occupants. Officer Cruz stayed with the trapped motorists until the Fire Department arrived with the Jaws of Life. He also requested assistance from additional officers with fire extinguishers in case the flames reignited. Orange County firefighters worked for nearly 40 minutes to extract the trapped men from the crushed vehicle. The driver was transported to a local hospital, however, the passenger died from his injuries at the scene of the crash. Officer Kenny Cruz is to be commended for his heroic efforts, at great personal risk, to ensure that the flames didn't reach the trapped motorists and that the burning vehicle didn't explode. His courageous actions and quick thinking saved the life of the injured driver.



Kenny Cruz
Officer

OFFICER JONATHAN CALVERT

CHIEF'S CITATION OFFICER JEREMY TOLEN, CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL

On July 9, 2012, off-duty Long Beach Police Officer Jonathan Calvert and his friend, off-duty CHP Officer Jeremy Tolen, were in the area of the 12000 block of Montecito Road in Seal Beach when they smelled smoke. They realized that the three-story apartment building that they were in was on fire. They immediately jumped into action by locating several apartments that were heavily affected by black smoke and intense heat, as well as the apartment where it appeared that the fire had originated. As Officer Calvert and Officer Tolen knocked on several doors and warned residents to evacuate, they located one resident that was unaware of the fire and assisted her out of the complex to a safe location.

Officers Calvert and Tolen continued to search the complex and when no one responded to their knocks, they began forcing their way inside of each of the smoke filled apartments to evacuate any residents that may be in harms way. After checking each of the affected apartments, they continued to assist residents with opening pedestrian gates, moving vehicles, and assisting the Orange County Fire Department as they arrived on scene.

Officers Jonathan Calvert and Jeremy Tolen are to be commended for their courageous actions, taken at great personal risk while off-duty, to evacuate residents and prevent any injuries or loss of life during a major structure fire.



Jonathan Calvert
Officer



MERITORIOUS AWARD FOR HEROISM

OFFICER JUSTIN KRUEGER OFFICER ROBERT RYAN

On August 8, 2012, at approximately 1:00 a.m., North Patrol Units were dispatched to an armed, take-over robbery that was in progress at a drugstore in the 4400 block of Atlantic Avenue. An employee hiding inside the store had called the Communications Center advising that all three suspects were armed and violent. As the suspects fled from the store, one suspect committed another robbery in the parking lot, pistol-whipping a woman in order to steal her purse.



Justin Krueger
Officer



Robert Ryan
Officer

Officer Justin Krueger was on-scene within two minutes and spotted a car leaving the scene at a high rate of speed. He initiated a traffic stop, but the driver failed to pull over and a pursuit was initiated. During the pursuit, one of the suspects inside the car opened fire on Officer Krueger's police unit. When Officer Krueger broadcast that he had been fired upon, Officer Robert Ryan joined the pursuit as the secondary unit. All available units citywide began responding to the incident.

Shortly after the pursuit started, the suspects' vehicle crashed into a parked car. One of the suspects fled from the car on foot, while two of the suspects remained in the car. An officer involved shooting occurred and both suspects were struck by the gunfire. Maintaining their professionalism, Officers Krueger and Ryan, assisted by Officers Jack Manu and Mario Olloque, immediately began administering CPR and first aid to the injured suspects until paramedics arrived.

Because of the initial courageous actions of Officers Krueger and Ryan, these suspects were apprehended shortly after the vicious robbery had occurred. Officers Justin Krueger and Robert Ryan are to be commended for utilizing sound police tactics, excellent communication skills, and displaying the utmost professionalism during an incredibly intense and dynamically evolving situation. Their willingness to sacrifice their own safety, and intentionally pursue three armed and dangerous felons even after being fired upon, reflects the highest standards of the Long Beach Police Department and for this, they are recognized with the Meritorious Award for Heroism.



CRITICAL INCIDENT



MERITORIOUS AWARD FOR HEROISM

OFFICER ARTHUR VEGA

OFFICER TOMAS DIAZ

MERITORIOUS AWARD FOR BRAVERY

OFFICER HENRY VONG

OFFICER MICHAEL BARTH

OFFICER MARIO AIELLO

On April 19, 2012, Officers were conducting an investigation when they heard gunshots at Pacific Avenue and Pacific Coast Highway and responded to investigate. Officer Arthur Vega observed a shooting victim and a possible suspect walking away from the location, north on Pacific Avenue. Officer Vega attempted to make contact with the suspect by giving verbal commands, and as he did so the suspect removed a firearm, turned around and fired multiple rounds at Officer Vega's patrol car. The rounds struck the front window of the car, nearly striking Officer Vega. Officer Vega broadcast his location and was immediately assisted by responding officers.



Arthur Vega
Officer



Tomas Diaz
Officer



Henry Vong
Officer



Michael Barth
Officer

Officer Thomas Diaz also heard the shots and responded to the area. Officer Diaz recognized that Officer Vega was in danger and needed assistance. Officer Diaz left his position of cover and sprinted across an open area, exposing himself to the line of fire of the suspect, in order to assist Officer Vega. Officer Vega and Officer Diaz were forced to fire their weapons at the suspect, striking him and causing him to fall behind a parked car.

Officers Henry Vong, Michael Barth and Mario Aiello had responded and were in the area when the suspect was shot. All three officers formed an emergency arrest team and approached the downed suspect, who was not visible behind the parked car. These officers knew that the suspect was still armed and posed an active threat towards all officers. They risked their personal safety by approaching the suspect, without being able to see him, and disarming him before he could hurt anyone else. Officer Aiello covered the suspect with a shotgun while Officer Barth removed the suspect's weapon and Officer Vong handcuffed the suspect. Officers Derek Ernest and Lorenzo Uribe also responded to assist with the suspect. Officer Ernest maintained communication with the suspect while Officer Uribe searched the suspect and provided first aid by applying direct pressure to his wounds.



Mario Aiello
Officer

Officers David Okerman, Jose Gonzalez and Guillermo Arias responded to the corner of Pacific and Pacific Coast Highway and located a victim who had been shot by the suspect. Officers Okerman and Arias provided CPR to the victim, with Officer Okerman administering rescue breathing and Officer Arias giving chest compressions. Officer Gonzalez immediately started contacting witnesses so he could provide the other officers with pertinent information as they focused on the suspect.

Sergeants Joseph Gludt, Robert Knight and Ronald Burgess responded to the scene and provided excellent coordination and leadership in ensuring that the crime scenes were contained and the investigations were handled appropriately. Due to their efforts the crime scene was run smoothly, and the investigation proceeded without complications.

The suspect's actions on that night proved that he was a dangerous threat to the community. The responding officers engaged the suspect and risked their lives to stop him from causing further harm. Additionally, responding officers



CRITICAL INCIDENT

recognized their duty to care for every citizen of Long Beach, and offered emergency life saving efforts to all those who were injured. Each officer's professionalism, and skill under pressure is to be commended as they showed a duty to their profession and the community, extending above and beyond the normal role of a police officer.

UNIT CITATION

Commander Paul LeBaron #5442

Sergeant Ronald Burgess #4037

Sergeant Joseph Gludt #5428

Sergeant Robert Knight #5632

Officer Mario Aiello #10161

Officer Guillermo Arias #5520

Officer Michael Barth #5963

Officer Tomas Diaz #10234

Officer Derek Ernest #6082

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Officer David Okerman #6159

Officer Arthur Vega #5944

Officer Henry Vong #10124



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1993

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1998

Brian Watt

1999

Brenda Relph

2001

Rick Delfin

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2005

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2007

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2011

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MEDAL OF VALOR RECIPIENTS



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1977

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1978

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1980

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Officer Donald Herrell

1983

Officer Randall Guesno

1991

Sergeant Michael Peters
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Officer James Hill
Officer Kevin Peterson

1992

Sergeant Joe Battle

2000

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Sergeant Ernie T. Kohagura
Sergeant Walt Turley
Detective Christopher D. Bolt

2001

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Corporal Dave Frazier
Officer Marcus D. Hodge
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Officer Patrick J. O'Dowd
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2002

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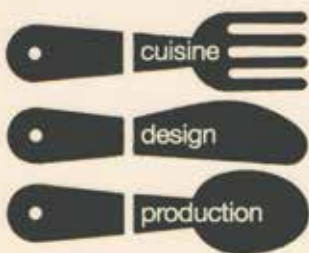


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