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RESERVE CORPS: EQUIVALENT TO 100 FULL-TIME OFFICERS LAPD RESERVE OFFICERS HONORED

By Reserve Officer Michael Sellars

The Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation held its annual “Twice a Citizen” banquet on August 16 at the Peterson Automotive Museum, honoring Los Angeles Police Reserve Officers and community leaders.

Reserve Officer Gary Kennedy, of Foothill Area, was named the Department’s Reserve Officer of the Year.

The Bureau Reserve Officers of the Year announced were: for West Bureau, Reserve Officer Bernard Khalili (Hollywood); for Valley Bureau, Reserve Officer Gary Thorpe (West Valley); for Central Bureau, Reserve Officer Raul Gomez (Rampart); for South Bureau, Specialist Reserve Officer Arnold Corlin (Southeast); and for Specialized Divisions and Bureaus, Reserve Officer Rudy Crusat (ROVS).

The biographies of these officers — including all the Area and Divisional honorees — speak to the experience, dedication and professionalism of the LAPD Reserve Corps — and the variety of assignments worked. (The complete list of award recipients is on page 6.)

Reserve Officer Kennedy is a nine-year veteran of the LAPD and has worked multiple assignments throughout those years at Pacific, Foothill, Rampart, North Hollywood, Central Traffic, West Traffic, South Traffic and the Recruitment Section. In 2007, he worked an average of 100-plus hours per DP, for a total of over 1,300 hours for the year. He impounded an astonishing 355 vehicles and issued 410 parking citations. Officer Kennedy is also R-7 for Recruiting and Training, and has served as the drill instructor for six reserve academy



LAPD’s black and white Hummer H2 outside the banquet hall, at the Peterson Automotive Museum.

classes, most recently Level III Class 1-08R, which graduated 11 officers.

Reserve Officer Khalili was part of the team that built the Hollywood Club Car into a very successful operation. He also worked on high-profile cases with the Art Theft Detail and a critical incident missing, in which he tracked down and reunited a group of missing children. Reserve Officer Gomez has regularly worked patrol and specialized units at Rampart. In addition, he finds time to work community events and to answer the call for duty on city-wide task forces. Specialist Reserve Officer Corlin trains rental property owners and managers throughout the city on how to control

crime and nuisance problems around their properties. Reserve Officer Crusat has become a leader in the Department’s reserve recruitment efforts, including establishing a comprehensive mentoring program for candidates. Meanwhile, for the last 16 years, Reserve Officer Thorpe has steadfastly worked patrol — the backbone of the Department — in West Valley, averaging over three shifts per month throughout his entire career.

In many cases, these officers have expanded their commitment as community leaders. For

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

By Commander Jim Cansler

There are many people in the reserve program that I want to thank for all their hard work and effort during this year, but there are some I do want to mention in particular: Michael Sellars, thank you for getting the *Reserve Rotator* up and running on a regular basis; Dennis Hathaway, thank you for your work as President of the Reserve Foundation and all the work you put into the Twice a Citizen banquet; Mel Kennedy, thank you for taking over as President of the Reserve Foundation and your advice to me concerning the reserve program in general; and finally, Jim Lombardi (R-9) and Randi Tahara (R-8), thank you for your faithful efforts to make the reserve program even better, and the assistance you provide Lieutenant Craig Herron and I.

As the fiscal year 07/08 closed, we revised the matrix for our Reserve Officer initiatives for

fiscal year 08/09 with the input of Jim Lombardi and Randi Tahara. You should be receiving the monthly matrix and if you haven't, please let Lieutenant Herron know so that he can get you on the e-mail blast.

In January 2009, I will convene a meeting with the R-9, R-8 and all the R-7s to revise the matrix to reflect new Reserve Officer initiatives.

At the time of this writing, we will have had deployed three Reserve Officer Task forces — Hollywood, Pacific and Northeast. I cannot say enough how much I appreciate the reserve officers who assisted in those operations. You helped the Department put "cops on the dot" and, as a result, reduced crime and the fear of crime in the concerned areas. We will continue working with the Office of Operations deploying the Reserve Officer Task Forces, not only because it gets great media attention, but

because it works. On behalf of Chief Bratton and Assistant Chief Paysinger, thank you again reserve officers for all your help in trying to make the City of Los Angeles the safest big city in America.

On August 11, at the Chief of Police's press availability news conference, Chief Bratton thanked Specialist Reserve Officer Ashton Smith for his work in the radio public service announcement recruitment effort for reserve officers. Chief Bratton recognized the need for reserve officers to assist the Department in reducing crime, and he is committed to enlarging the reserve ranks. Hopefully, Mr. Smith's radio recruitment advertisement will generate interest in the community for more

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Message From the President of the Reserve Foundation

By Reserve Officer Melvin B. Kennedy

Thank you to all who attended our Twice A Citizen Awards Dinner; your support of our Reserve Officers of the Year and our Twice A Citizen Honorees is greatly appreciated. The dinner was great and Specialist Reserve Shawn Parr did an outstanding job once again as master of ceremonies.

Congratulations to the Department's Reserve Officer of the Year, Gary Kennedy, and all of our Reserve Officers of the Year who work so hard to keep us safe. You make us all very proud.

Looking forward, I believe our success as a foundation will be measured not by fundraising alone, although it is a critical component, but also by how well we serve and support the members of the Reserve Corps. We have an obligation to be good stewards over the funds donated in support of our cause, and I can assure you that all of our board members are tireless in their efforts to see that our Reserve Corps is well served. To that end, we have begun the process of evaluating our overall performance with an eye towards improving responsiveness and

communication with the reserve officers we serve. This year, we will make every effort to visit as many of your monthly meetings as we can, to answer questions and get your feedback. We will be creating our own website — and by *Rotator* printing time, we will have established a foundation feedback e-mail address by which you may make your thoughts and concerns known to us.

2008 is shaping up to be a great year for the Reserve Corps. Keep up the good work — and I look forward to seeing soon.

May God bless and keep you safe. ©

By Reserve Officer David Bush

The Special Olympics of Southern California 2008 Summer Games, featuring 1,500 Special Olympics athletes, competing in seven Olympic-type sports, took place June 13–15 on the campus of Cal State University, Long Beach.

The highlight of the weekend for LAPD officers was the Opening Ceremonies on Friday evening. Held in the Pyramid on the university campus, the ceremonies are highlighted by a Parade of Athletes: the relaying of the Olympic torch by law enforcement officers and the lighting of the “Flame of Hope,” signifying the games’ official start. The LAPD had over

155 officers in attendance (an impressive 75 of which were reserve officers), including 60 members of the LAPD Band.

The Opening Ceremonies began with all the attending law enforcement agencies marching in from the upper deck of the arena down to the arena floor. It was truly an amazing sight to witness the “Sea of Blue” as LAPD officers entered the arena, being led by 1st Assistant Chief Jim McDonnell. Once everyone was in place, the teams of special athletes entered the Pyramid and were greeted by each law enforcement officer. The LAPD Band played the entire time as the athletes were escorted to

their seats and also played during the ceremony.

The Reserve Section had a booth set up in Law Enforcement Row and several reserve officers worked the booth, distributing giveaways to the athletes and their families on Saturday and Sunday. Recruitment literature was also available for those showing an interest. In addition to working the booth, our officers were involved in handing out gold, silver and bronze medals to the Special Athletes who competed throughout the weekend.

All the LAPD officers did a great job and demonstrated their belief in community-related activities. ☺

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Photo by Garth Pillsbury.

Eleven Reserve Officers received the Meritorious Unit Citation for the HWD Club Car Detail. Pictured with Lieutenant Manuel Rommeral (far left), crime fiction author James Ellroy and Captain Bea Girmala (center) and Officer Ed Pandolfo (far right). Honorees from left to right: Reserve Officers John Engles, Bernard Khalili, Trevor Ingold, Tim McDowell, Chris Hirt, Glenn Oster, Larry Herman, Jonathan Seltzer. Not pictured: Wade Danielson, Mark Payette, Adam Ripp.

example, Officer Khalili spent 11 days in a row with 40 French police officers on an official visit to Los Angeles, assisting in translation and training. He received commendations from the French General Consulate of L.A., the French Interior Minister and the Beverly Hills Chief of Police.

This year, the event also included the awarding of the Meritorious Unit Citation to 11 LAPD Reserve Officers. These officers received the honor for their work on the Hollywood Club Car, an extra-patrol/Vice detail that resulted in a 37% reduction in vice street crimes on Hollywood Boulevard between March and

September 2006.

Two Los Angeles community leaders were honored at the banquet: John M. Mass, Executive Vice President of the William Morris Agency, and Elizabeth Devine, co-executive producer of *CSI: Miami*. Devine spent 15 years with the Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department as a crime-scene investigator.

Banquet attendees included Councilmember Richard Alarcon, Assistant Chief Jim McDonnell, Commander Jim Cansler, and Mel Kennedy, the Foundation’s President, and an LAPD Reserve Officer. Chief McDonnell noted that the LAPD currently has over 700 active reserve police officers, and that the hours and duties worked are equivalent to 100 full-time peace officers.

Radio and television personality Shawn Parr once again hosted the event, which included an auction to raise funds for the Foundation and its activities. Auction items included a rare Babe Ruth baseball bat and autograph, several Polanti watches, four VIP tickets to see the Jay Leno show and a lunch with famed crime-fiction author James Ellroy (*L.A. Confidential*).

The Reserve Foundation’s Dennis Hathaway served as this year’s dinner chair for the banquet. He is Vice President of Securitas Security and is an LAPD Reserve Officer. ☺

UNIT PROFILE

T-UNIT – 1,000 TRAFFIC INVESTIGATIONS AND COUNTING

By Reserve Officer Michael Sellars



Scene of a severe injury collision: Mustang veered into opposing traffic and collided with a Suburban. This is the remains of the front of the vehicle; the rest of the car is in the background.

West Traffic Division Reserve Officer John Lee has been the primary/sole investigator on over 950 traffic collision reports. During the month of September, it is estimated he will write his 1000th T/C report for the LAPD. Lee is a great example of a reserve officer who has specialized within the Department. A while back, he proposed several changes to the Department's 4.37 (exchange of info) card, which had not been updated since the 1970s. Today, the 4.37 card that all LAPD officers carry in their uniform pocket was designed by Reserve Officer Lee. Lee has also provided exemplar packets for patrol roll-call training.

Lee's interest in the T/C field came relatively recently. He originally joined the LAPD in the early nineties as a Specialist, working IBARS. He later went through the Police Academy, in what became the first POST-certified Level III class. Lee was one of the first reserve officers to go through the Department's Basic Collision Investigation School, earning the right and honor of adding the CI flying-wheel patch to his uniform.

Lee was assigned to WTD and has been hooked ever since. WTD has one of the

most active reserve units in the Department. Currently, there are 21 sworn reserve officers and several specialists working a variety

of assignments. (LAPD's reserve motor officers are based at WTD.) Lee works almost every weekend, both Saturday and Sunday, and sometimes on Friday nights too. His designated unit is TF-34. Typically, he will handle three or four T/C investigation reports per shift. This year alone, he has logged in over 1,100 hours of duty.

As Lee explains, Los Angeles is so vast and its topography so varied that the cause, severity and statistics of traffic collisions can vary by bureau. For example, areas with wide, straight roadways — such as the Valley — can experience more fatal collisions, as drivers can build up speed. West Traffic Division, by contrast, has more frequent but less severe crashes, usually involving turning, lane breach and pedestrians.

Lee has traveled to Sacramento and elsewhere for advanced training courses on collision investigation, and he now has over 300 hours of C/I training. In October, he will attend the "Speed from Crush" training, his attendance sponsored by the Reserve Foundation.

THIRD RESERVE TASK FORCE DEPLOYED

As *The Rotator* went to press, a third Reserve Crime Suppression Task Force was being deployed — this one in the Northeast Area on August 30.

On August 2, off-duty Los Angeles Sheriff's Deputy Juan Escalante was shot and killed outside his parent's home, and his murder to date has remained unsolved. Lieutenant Craig Herron at ROVS said that Reserve Officer Ken Gunnell of 77th Area came up with the idea of deploying the reserve task force

to support Northeast Area Patrol, the Northeast community and the LASD in response to Deputy Escalante's murder.

These city-wide crime suppression task forces, manned by reserve officers, were set up by the Office of Operations to address crime and quality-of-life issues. The first task force was held on April 5 in the Hollywood Area. On June 5, a task force was deployed in Pacific Area at Venice Beach. In both cases, crime incidents were substantially reduced. ©

LAPD RESERVE RADIO SPOT HITS THE AIRWAVES

All this is in addition to his regular Monday-through-Friday civilian job, where he works for the County of Los Angeles in computer/information services. Years ago, he was part of the team that supported the infrastructure of the early internet. Today, he's known for his collision investigations. "I just can't get enough of it," Lee says.

Roll Call Refresher: T/C Reports

Traffic collision investigations can be a great way for reserve officers to distinguish themselves in the Department, whether working patrol or working the desk. Many officers, both full-timers and reserves, regard T/C investigations as somewhat mysterious and as something they'd rather not do. But T/C investigations are not that difficult.

Reserve Officer John Lee provides this helpful info: A T/C report is required any time an allegation of any injury is made, in the case of hit and run, where city liability/property is involved (CPI), and in cases involving 12500 VC (driving without a license). Make sure the cover sheet that you carry is current (2006 — older than 2003 is not usable). Check all parties for injuries and get RAs en route if needed. Next, get

all drivers' info. Get and hold on to their driver's licenses during the investigation. Next, identify and talk to witnesses: often they hold the key to the entire crash and they tend not to wait very long for police. Try to get signed verbatim statements from all parties.

If the crash involves minor injuries (less than death, broken bones or other incapacitation), it is okay, and indeed preferable, to move the cars out of the way, to prevent secondary collisions. The exception is CPI crashes. Those cars must stay at their at-rest positions when at all possible, even at expense of traffic congestion.

What's the biggest mistake officers make? It is being afraid of T/C reports, and letting the fear of them prevent the officer from doing an otherwise acceptable report. The short form was made available a few years ago (for incidents involving three parties or less and no more than two impacts).

Even when a T-Unit is on the way, you can greatly help the investigation by starting a cover sheet — it's much better than just handing the T-Unit a "fistful of FI cards."

You can cite 16028(c) VC (no proof of insurance at T/C scene) at incidents requiring just an exchange of info. However, in a reportable crash scenario, in which additional charges may arise, a cite shall not be written. Writing a citation in these circumstances may prevent detectives from filing additional charges later on (double jeopardy). Instead, request filing on the T/C report. ☺



Mercedes ran up sidewalk and up tree. Slant of tree allowed car to climb the tree trunk, gradually slowing vehicle, resulting in no injuries.

On August 11, Chief William Bratton unveiled The Los Angeles Police Department's new reserve recruitment radio spot, which is hitting the airwaves.

The spot is part of a media campaign aimed at recruiting men and women who want to protect their community as LAPD reserve police officers while continuing in their chosen careers. The spot was voiced by Ashton Smith, an LAPD Specialist Reserve Officer and a top movie trailer and television voice-over artist. He has voiced television promos for many of Hollywood's biggest blockbusters and for CBS, TNT, TBS, HBO, ESPN and others.

The reserve recruitment radio spot:

The LAPD seeks community-minded men and women who will continue in their chosen careers, while volunteering to serve and protect our community as Reserve Police Officers. LAPD Reserve Officers receive specialized training and enjoy challenging and exciting opportunities. Help make Los Angeles the safest big city in America. Wear an LAPD badge. Go to www.joinlapdreserves.com to become a member of a very special organization. Take pride in L.A. Visit www.joinlapdreserves.com.

The spot can be heard at: http://lapdblog.typepad.com/lapd_blog/files/reserve_radio_spot.mp3. ☺

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2007 AWARDS DINNER RECIPIENTS

Department Reserve Officer of the Year

Gary Kennedy

Bureau Reserve Officers of the Year

Paul Gomez - *Central Bureau*

Arnold Corlin - *South Bureau*

Rudy Crusat - *Specialized Divisions & Bureaus*

Gary Thorpe - *Valley Bureau*

Bernard Khalili - *West Bureau*

Civilian Community Leaders Honored

John M. Mass - *Exec. Vice President, William Morris Agency*

Elizabeth Devine - *Co-Executive Producer, CSI: Miami*

Meritorious Unit Citation Award

Wade Danielson

John Engles

Larry Herman

Chris Hirt

Trevor Ingold

Bernard Khalili

Tim McDowell

Glenn Oster

Mark Payette

Adam Ripp

Jonathan Seltzer

Area & Divisional Reserve Officers of the Year

Michael S. Greenwald - *Air Support Division*

Charles Valenti - *Central Area*

Dawn Perez - *Central Traffic Area*

Alan Cohen - *Commercial Crimes Division*

John Patrick "Rick" Guerin - *Det. Support Vice Division*

Gary Krystof - *Devonshire Area*

Gary Kennedy - *Foothill Area,*

Hirad Rowshan - *Harbor Area*

John Valle - *Hollenbeck Area*

Bernard Khalili - *Hollywood Area*

Craig Kusaba - *Mission Area*

Dr. Terrance O'Brien - *Narcotics Division*

Dr. Alfredo Noble - *Newton Area*

Reverend Richard McCready - *Newton Area*

Apolinar "Polo" Gutierrez - *N. Hollywood Area*

Leroy Don - *Northeast Area*

Mark Payette - *Pacific Area*

Raul Gomez - *Rampart Area*

Arnold Corlin - *Southeast Area*

Pernell Miles - *Southwest Area*

Richard Levy - *Van Nuys Area*

Jerry Venick - *West Los Angeles Area*

Gary Thorpe - *West Valley Area*

Sandy Jones - *Wilshire Area*

SPEAKERS BUREAU CADRE

By Reserve Officers Terri Lincoln and Michele Sapper

All LAPD reserve officers are invited to join us in a groundbreaking and exciting new concept for your reserve officer career. We are seeking reserve officers who would like to be assigned to various Los Angeles community groups and organizations as LAPD keynote speakers. This could be your opportunity to inspire an entire audience and share your experiences with others.

Training is included and will prepare you to succeed! Training dates and locations are still TBD. The training will be broken down into four sections. The first three sections will consist of training based on the LAPD Instructor Development Course, in combination with Toastmaster's and other presentation techniques. During the last section of

the training, each speaker will give their personal presentation (your topic) to the group, followed by graduation.

In the meantime, we are going to contact LAPD Divisions and community organizations for dates and times that they are in need of a keynote speaker.

We will post the open assignments in an e-mail to each of the participants in the Speakers Bureau Cadre. You can pick and choose your assignment on a first come, first served basis. You can work as many assignments as you would like.

If you are interested in a stimulating and motivational assignment by joining the LAPD Speakers Bureau or if you simply want more information, please contact the Speakers Bureau Cadre at speak4lapd@gmail.com.

people to volunteer to become "Twice a Citizen."

By the way, the results of our recruitment efforts in FY 07/08 have more than doubled (710) from FY 06/07 (328). Let's try to double the number for FY 08/09.

In conclusion, we had another great night at the "Twice a Citizen" banquet. Kudos to Dennis Hathaway, Taylor Van,

Paul Favaro — and so many others who put on a great event. I am very proud of our Area and Bureau Reserve Officers of the Year and Gary Kennedy, who was selected as the Department Reserve Officer of the Year. Well deserved and my congratulations to them all!

LEVEL 1 ACADEMY CLASS GRADUATES IN OCTOBER



Photo by Bernard Khalili; story contributed by John Engles

Reserve Officer Jacquelyn Frazier takes down her classmate, Reserve Officer John Engles. The Level 1 training has a heavy emphasis on tactics.

It has been several years since an agency in California has offered a Level I Reserve Police Academy. The LAPD is the first agency, in this time frame, to step up and pull together the curriculum stipulated for a California Post Certified Level I Class. Class 03/08 has 18 participants from various divisions of the LAPD, and two members from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, for a total of 20.



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LAPD Reserve Motor Officers with Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, at the Canoga Park Memorial Parade. From Left to Right: Officers Larry Rowland, Robert Glucroft, Todd Moore, Jeff Nocket, Gary Becker. Reserve motors were the primary detail for the event.

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