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## THE STRENGTH AND PROFESSIONALISM OF THE LAPD RESERVE CORPS

By Reserve Officer Michael Sellars



Photo by H. W. Chiu

LAPD officers keeping the peace during the Lakers celebration. Reserve officers were an integral part of the deployment for both the Lakers event and the Michael Jackson memorial. See the story on page 3.

If you watch late-night cable, you might catch an old episode of *Cops* with a segment from Los Angeles filmed in 1994 that went like this:

Reserve Officers Kevin Burke and Randy Mehringer are working patrol in Rampart Division on Friday, June 17th (the same day, coincidentally, that O.J. Simpson was evading police in a Ford Bronco). Officers Burke and Mehringer observe a suspicious vehicle driving erratically near MacArthur Park. They conduct a traffic stop that escalates into an investigative stop, resulting in a successful unreported-stolen-vehicle arrest.

Kevin Burke is now the Chief of Police for the city of Lakeport, California. He worked as an LAPD Reserve Officer for 11 years while he was a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney in Orange County. In 1996, he went full-time with LAPD and made Sergeant three-and-a-half years later. He grew up in Lakeport, a small wine-country town of 5,500 located on the west shore of Clear Lake. When the position of Chief of Police became available, he applied and was appointed.

Chief Burke says his heart will always be with the LAPD Reserve Corps. "Those were the most productive, most educational—busiest, wildest—

years of my law enforcement career. The Reserve Corps is a big family."

The LAPD Reserve Corps can be a launch pad for many seeking lifetime careers in law enforcement. "I was looking at my Academy class photo the other day," says one officer, "I'd say over half my classmates went on to full-time careers, in LAPD or elsewhere." On the flip side, many full-time LAPD officers, who retire or otherwise

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# COMMANDER'S CORNER

By Commander Jim Cansler

Since the publication of the spring edition, the Reserve Corps continues to surge forward as a model law enforcement reserve program. The ultimate success of an organization relies upon the dedication of its members and a willingness to sacrifice for the common goal. The members of the LAPD Reserve Corps demonstrate this on a daily basis throughout the year.

On June 6, 2009, the LAPD Reserve Corps held its annual "Twice a Citizen" banquet at the Petersen Automotive Museum. The event was a tremendous success, with over 600 people in attendance. Chief of Police William J. Bratton presented awards to reserve officers who had distinguished themselves during the year. The

top award was shared by Pacific Area's Reserve Officers Martin Greenblatt and Patricia Smiley, who were named Co-Reserve Officers of the Year. Both of these reserves worked hard as case-carrying detectives, frequently logging in as many as 40 hours a week while assigned to the burglary table. As a result of their outstanding efforts, burglary crimes were reduced by 14 percent in Pacific Area. Many other reserves were also honored during the banquet for their service to their community at the division and bureau levels.

The civilian honorees and community leaders this year included late-night talk-show host and comedian Jimmy Kimmel, who hosts *Jimmy Kimmel Live* for the ABC Television Network,

and veteran stage and screen actor G.W. Bailey, who is the executive director of Sunshine Kids. Both of these individuals have made positive contributions in their communities to enrich the lives of children and families.

Reserve training reached new heights this August when Los Angeles District Attorney Steve Cooley introduced featured speaker and Special Counsel Devallis Rutledge during an eight-hour search and seizure law seminar. The training was sponsored by the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Criminal Justice Institute and covered a variety of reserve-specific topics, including

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Message From the President of the Reserve Foundation*

By Reserve Officer Melvin B. Kennedy

It was great to see so many of you at our "Twice a Citizen" banquet. Congratulations to our Reserve Officer of the Year award winners, Patricia Smiley and Martin Greenblatt. Keep up the good work.

Congratulations and many thanks to our "Twice a Citizen" award recipients, G.W. Bailey and Jimmy Kimmel. Gentlemen, allowing us to honor your community service at our event guaranteed that our efforts to honor our reserve officers would be a success. Your gracious participation and generosity is very much appreciated and will long be remembered.

Thank you to all of our generous Board members, donors and supporters. With your help we are able to continue supporting our reserves and volunteers.

And finally, a special thanks goes to those who made the event come together:

- William J. Bratton, Chief of Police
- Jim Cansler, Commander of Police and Director
- Paul Favero, Treasurer
- Ashley Frandzel, Director and Event Chair
- Andrea Friedman, Secretary
- Craig Herron, Lieutenant of Police
- Ricky Gelb, Vice President
- Paul Scrivano, Director
- Robert Tourtelot, Director
- Taylor Van, Director and Event Coordinator
- ROVS and the Explorers
- Petersen Automotive Museum

We are underway in the planning of next year's event, and we look forward to seeing you all there.

The search has begun for a new chief. We will be truly fortunate to find a person who possesses the vision and leadership qualities that we have enjoyed under Chief William J. Bratton.

On behalf of the Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation, to Chief Bratton, thank you for bringing our Reserve Corps into the 21st century, and we wish you well in your new endeavor.

Please be safe and prosperous in this coming year.

Best regards,  
Melvin B. Kennedy, President  
Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation ©



# RESERVE OFFICERS PLAY VITAL ROLE IN HIGH-PROFILE EVENTS

By Lieutenant Jerry Rodriguez, Office of Operations

The Los Angeles Police Department has seen a dramatic increase in the planning and policing of special events within the city. Everything from preplanned events to unplanned, spontaneous political demonstrations has seen a marked increase in the past year.

Demonstrations at local embassies and government buildings, the Los Angeles Lakers' parade, and the Michael Jackson memorial have placed a tremendous burden on the Department's resources. These events, which at times have grown to more than 500,000 spectators, require endless hours of planning and large numbers of sworn personnel to ensure the safety of all who attend.

In order to meet the ever-increasing demand for sworn resources, the Office of Operations has been seeking the assistance of reserve officers, and reserve officers have answered the call to work these high-profile events in a uniform capacity.

Assistant Chief Earl Paysinger has ensured that reserve officers are given assignments that are meaningful and vital to the operation. As an example, the reserve officers that worked the Los Angeles Lakers' celebration were assigned to work directly for the chief's adjutant and given key missions within the Los Angeles Coliseum. The reserve officers in attendance were posted near the stage where the players eventually

stood to address the 95,000 eager fans that were in attendance that day. The reserve officers did a marvelous job and freed up personnel to fill other assignments. The reserve officers' efforts drew the praise of Assistant Chiefs McDonnell and Paysinger, who both took time to personally thank the dozens of officers for their outstanding efforts.

Most recently, the Los Angeles Police Department was tasked with planning and policing the Michael Jackson memorial held at the L.A. LIVE entertainment center in

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decide to leave the job, become reserve officers. At West Traffic Division, there are at least three reserve officers that have gone full-time and three full-timers who are now reserve officers.

In his book, *Citizens Defending America* (University of Pittsburgh Press, 2005), Martin Alan Greenberg describes how reserve law enforcement units, especially in the western states, have evolved over the years, and how they differ substantially from the "auxiliary police" concept one finds primarily on the East Coast. Reserve units are "under statutory provisions" and are held to a level of training and professionalism similar, if not identical, to that of full-time positions.

It is this professionalism that joins full-time officers and reserve officers. Deputy Chief Terry Hara was a reserve officer with the Long Beach Police Department before coming onto LAPD full-time. Chief Hara says he has been particularly impressed over the years with how the LAPD Reserve Corps has become an integral and respected part of today's Department.

When *The Rotator* researched this article, we came across multiple stories:

If you ever met Reserve Officer William "Andy" Anderson, you would know it, for his uniform sleeve is covered with service stripes

from top to bottom. He became a LAPD reserve police officer in 1948 after serving in World War II as an Army-Air Force photographer.



*William "Andy" Anderson, who has spent a total of 55 years in the LAPD—31 years full-time and 24 years reserve, and he is still on the job today.*

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# RESERVE OFFICERS ARE ELIGIBLE TO JOIN LAPFCU

By Reserve Officer Eric Rose



Los Angeles Police Federal Credit Union (LAPFCU) invites LAPD reserve officers and their immediate families to become credit union members. Membership entitles you to many free benefits such as online and mobile banking, nationwide shared branch and ATM networks, credit and investment counseling, financial workshops, youth education programs, travel agency discounts, notary service and much more. A five-dollar member savings account deposit is all you need to join.

Because LAPFCU is a non-profit organization, rather than paying out dividends to stockholders, it gives back to members in the form of superior loan rates. LAPFCU has a wide range of programs for all your needs, including mortgages, home equity lines of credit, new and used vehicle loans, personal loans, personal lines of credit, student loans and more.

LAPFCU was founded in 1936, and all member accounts are insured by the National Credit Union Administration—up to \$250,000 per qualifying account—and backed by the full faith and credit of the federal government.

For more information about LAPFCU's full range of services or to join today, call 877-MY-LAPFCU (877-695-2732) or go to [www.lapfcu.org](http://www.lapfcu.org). ©

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Photo by Glenn Grossman

Left, LAPD Air Support Command Pilot and current Reserve Officer Teresa Lincoln with partner, Reserve Officer Lance Ordin.

He was attending Santa Monica College on the G.I. Bill, and working as a police beat news photographer, when he heard about the reserve program: "The officers at the time said, 'Andy, you spend so much time with us here, you should become a reserve officer.'" In 1950, he was recalled to military service and his Reserve Academy training got him noticed for a position with the Air Force's Office of Special Investigations (OSI), in which he subsequently spent four years in European operations, stationed in Germany.

Back home in 1955, he went full-time with the LAPD, working for 31 years, much of it in the Bomb Squad. He retired in 1986 and became a reserve officer again, a position which he still holds. If you've been adding up the numbers, you can see that Andy Anderson has been with the Department for a total of 55 years—31 years as a full-time officer and 24 years as a reserve officer. Andy's son, Scott Anderson, is a Master Gunnery Sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps and has had three deployments in Iraq. He joined the LAPD as a line reserve officer in 1993.

Jay Roberts Jr. was acting in movies in the early 1990s, and starred in six films. In 1993, he went through the line Reserve

Academy, taking on the job of producing the recruit class video. He worked a patrol assignment in Hollywood for a period and finished a film in 2004 with actor James Brolin, before deciding to become a full-time officer. Today, Lieutenant Roberts is working on loan at the Topanga Gang Impact Team (GIT). He has also served as the Topanga Area Mid-PM Watch Commander and as Office of Operations Aide to Commander Kirk Albanese, who has since been promoted to Deputy Chief. You may recognize Lieutenant Roberts, as he was featured in photos and mini-movies as part of a 2004 Department recruitment campaign, and you can still see him on the [joinlapd.com](http://joinlapd.com) website.

Twenty-five years ago, Teresa Lincoln was in an administrative/secretarial job when she developed a single-minded goal: to fly helicopters for the LAPD. She entered the Academy, put in five years on the street and then applied for a position with Air Support. She was selected for pilot training and achieved her goal and became a Command Pilot. When she retired from a full-time

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# SPECIAL OLYMPICS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SUMMER GAMES

By Reserve Officer David Bush



LAPD Reserve Motors leading the "March of Athletes" at the annual Special Olympics of Southern California.

On June 13th and 14th, the Special Olympics of Southern California (SOSC) 2009 Summer Games, featuring 1,100 Special Olympics athletes, once again took place on the campus of California State University, Long Beach. The opening ceremonies were held on Saturday morning and, instead of being in the Pyramid, were held outdoors on the track field. This change allowed LAPD reserve motor officers to have the privilege of leading the "March of Athletes" onto the field with their lights and sirens blaring. As in past years, the athletes marched through a gauntlet line of nearly 100 officers, volunteers and military personnel, all greeting them with high-fives. The LAPD was respectfully represented with over 50 officers in attendance.

Every year, the highlight of the opening ceremonies is the lighting of the torch.

This year, the last leg of the Torch Run was delivered in a dramatic fashion as a Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department helicopter lowered a deputy sheriff from the airship onto the field carrying the torch! The torch runner was then escorted by the LAPD motor officers to the podium.

Prior to the opening ceremonies, breakfast was served to all law enforcement officers and military personnel represented. Thank you to the LAPD Reserve Foundation for financing the breakfast.

As in past years, LAPD was represented on Law Enforcement Row with a booth. Reserve officers were kept busy distributing giveaways to the athletes and their families, as well as handing out gold, silver and bronze medals to the athletes at the different events.

Thank you all for attending and showing your support! 🙏



## LAPPL WELCOMES RESERVE OFFICERS

By Corina Lee  
LAPPL Vice President



LAPD reserve officers can become associate members of the Los Angeles Police Protective League (LAPPL). For \$100 per year, associate members will receive monthly copies of *The Thin Blue Line* magazine and e-newsletter, attendance at any delegates' meeting for informational purposes, and participation in the annual picnic.

In addition, any reserve officer involved in a personnel complaint may contact any director for advice and assistance in obtaining the services of a qualified employee representative. As part of the associate membership, reserves will receive representation for any on-duty course-and-scope categorical use of force, and the Board of Directors has authorized up to one hour of legal consultation with the League's general counsel for any reserve officer regarding any on-duty course-and-scope issue. Finally, reserve officers will receive Debix identity-theft protection.

Reserve Officers who want to become associate league members should contact the LAPPL at (213) 251-4554. (The LAPPL is not a bargaining unit for reserve officers.) ©

# “TWICE A CITIZEN” BANQUET:

## LAPD RESERVE OFFICERS, COMMUNITY LEADERS HONORED

By Reserve Officer Michael Sellars

The “Twice a Citizen” banquet was held on June 6th, at the Peterson Automotive Museum, to honor Los Angeles police reserve officers and community leaders. Chief of Police William Bratton presented the awards to the Reserve Officers of the Year.

This year, Reserve Officer Martin Greenblatt and Specialist Reserve Officer Patricia Smiley, both of Pacific Area, were named the Department’s Co-Reserve Officers of the Year. Both of these officers have worked as many as 40 hours a week as case-carrying detectives assigned to Burglary. They have helped to reduce burglaries in Pacific Area by 14 percent. Officer Greenblatt has also taken on the responsibility of investigating hundreds of referrals of suspected elder abuse.

Late-night talk-show host and comedian Jimmy Kimmel was on hand and was honored for his service to the Los Angeles community. Kimmel is one of the founders of the Precious Cheese Feast of San Gennaro, Los Angeles, an event to aid children and families in need. Kimmel brought along his uncle Frank Potenza, a retired NYPD police officer. The two entertained the crowd with Potenza’s humorous anecdotes from his career in law enforcement.

Also honored for his service to the community was G.W. Bailey, veteran TV, film and stage actor. Bailey served as a Sunshine Kids volunteer for 15 years, becoming the executive director in January 2001. He has overseen the expansion of the organization’s national events, working with the Sunshine Kids Foundation to provide trips and activities for hundreds of young cancer patients every year.

The annual Twice-a-Citizen banquet is funded by the Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation. ©



Chief Bratton with the Department’s 2008 Co-Reserve Officers of the Year, Specialist Reserve Officer Patricia Smiley and Reserve Officer Martin Greenblatt, both from Pacific Area.



Chief Bratton honors G.W. Bailey and Jimmy Kimmel for their service to the community.



# LAPD RESERVE OFFICERS OF THE YEAR

2008 AWARDS RECIPIENTS

RESERVE CORPS

## Department Co-Reserve Officers of the Year

Martin Greenblatt

Patricia Smiley

### Bureau Reserve Officers of the Year

Alfonso Ramos - *Central Bureau*

Father Jesus Vela - *South Bureau*

J.T. Alpaugh - *Specialized Divisions & Bureaus*

John Frankman - *Valley Bureau*

Martin Greenblatt - *West Bureau Co-honoree*

Patricia Smiley - *West Bureau Co-honoree*

### Civilian Community Leaders Honored

Jimmy Kimmel - *Host/Executive Producer, Jimmy Kimmel Live!*

G.W. Bailey - *Veteran TV, film and stage actor*

## Area & Divisional Reserve Officers of the Year

Lance Ordin - *Air Support Division*

Wilson Roth - *Central Area*

Mario Escobar - *Central Traffic Area*

David Bush - *Community Relations Section*

Renee Greif - *Counter Terrorism & Criminal Intelligence Bureau*

John Patrick "Rick" Guerin - *Detective Support & Vice Division*

Nancy Rector - *Devonshire Area*

Paul K. Shin - *Emergency Services Division*

John Frankman - *Foothill Area*

Kristina Broadhurst - *Harbor Area*

Alfonso Ramos - *Hollenbeck Area*

Vaudine Lieberman - *Hollywood Area*

Hirosmi Janice Sayano - *Mission Area*

J.T. Alpaugh - *Metropolitan Division*

Dr. Alfredo Noble - *Newton Area Co-honoree*

Richard McCready - *Newton Area Co-honoree*

Denny Asfar - *North Hollywood Area*

Catherine Euler - *Northeast Area*

Max Kerstein - *Olympic Area*

Martin Greenblatt - *Pacific Area Co-honoree*

Patricia Smiley - *Pacific Area Co-honoree*

Michael Sellars - *Personnel Group*

Fernando Macias - *Rampart Area*

Peter Berman - *Robbery-Homicide Division*

Father Jesus Vela - *Southeast Area*

Pernell Miles - *Southwest Area*

Robert Glenn McConnell - *Topanga Area*

Kenneth P. Esteves - *Training Division*

Robert E. Kalstrom - *Van Nuys Area*

Ken Alridge - *West Los Angeles Area*

Todd Moore - *West Traffic Area*

Jon Zvi - *West Valley Area*

Alton Jones - *Wilshire Area*

# SEARCH AND SEIZURE TRAINING DAY

On August 22 at Parker Center, ROVS hosted a search-and-seizure law seminar for reserve peace officers. The seminar was conducted by Devallis Rutledge, Special Counsel to the Los Angeles District Attorney and a nationally recognized expert on the Fourth Amendment and investigative constitutional law. L.A. District Attorney Steve Cooley was on hand to introduce Rutledge.

Topics in the eight-hour, POST-certified course included encounters and detentions, car stops and searches, ped stops, warrantless searches and vehicle impound issues.

Mr. Rutledge started by refreshing officers on the difference between reasonable suspicion (for detentions) and probable cause (for arrests). For example, there is no such concept in the law as “PC for the stop.” A vehicle (or ped or bicycle) stop is a detention and “requires reasonable suspicion of unlawful activity...Reasonable suspicion is substantially less than probable cause, which is the greater level of suspicion needed for the greater restraint of an arrest.”

“We are in the precision business,” said

Rutledge. “We must not mix and match legal concepts like oil and water or concrete and butter.”

The primary focus of the seminar was how to “bulletproof” your investigation against evidence suppression and civil liability. Mr. Rutledge provided seminar attendees with step-by-step examples. One recommendation is to include case names in your reports. Rutledge wrote the standard text, *Investigative Constitutional Law* (LawTech Publishing, available at [lawtechpublishing.com](http://lawtechpublishing.com), (800) 498-0911), which references over 400 cases. For example, if you stop a vehicle as a result of a plate check “hit,” reference *People v. Dominguez*. Other examples: broadcasts/bulletins (*U.S. v. Hensley*), anonymous DUI reports (*People v. Wells*) and identified citizen reports (*Adams v. Williams*). “Even violations that occur after red lights and siren are activated but before the suspect yields can be used to justify the stop, [and] should be included in reports (*U.S. v. Santamaria-Hernandez*)”

Additionally, even if you have the legal justification to conduct a search, it is always still a good idea to ask for consent and/or to document

if a search is justified as per probation or parole (*Samson v. California* [2006], 547 US 843, 857).

The law is always changing, and it’s important to keep up with the changes. For example, the 2009 *Arizona v. Gant* decision has just limited the scope of vehicle searches incident to arrest. There are many online sources to help you stay current. “Law Watch” update summaries are regularly posted and updated on the site of the Peace Officers Association of Los Angeles County, [poalac.org](http://poalac.org). “One Minute Briefs” are available by e-mail from the Los Angeles County District Attorney’s office, [drutledge@da.lacounty.gov](mailto:drutledge@da.lacounty.gov). Another good online source is [findlaw.com](http://findlaw.com).

The seminar was offered through the Los Angeles County District Attorney’s Criminal Justice Institute. Reserve Officer Ken Gunnell helped coordinate the training day with Lieutenant Craig Herron, ROVS OIC. Approximately 150 officers attended from several agencies, including LAPD and LASD.

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encounters and detentions, bulletproof car stops and searches, warrantless searches and more. The event was attended by approximately 150 reserve officers and a tasty lunch was provided by the LAPD Reserve Foundation. The Department and ROVS will continue to make every effort to bring its reserves quality training to enhance their knowledge and improve safety.

Recruitment efforts have resulted in a marked increase in reserve candidates entering the testing process. In 2006, a total of 189 candidates started processing to become LAPD

reserve officers. As of July 2009, a total of 2,604 reserve candidates have entered the process. Full-time recruiters and ROVS personnel have combined reserve recruiting efforts to produce an outstanding 441-percent increase in candidates.

ROVS will be moving from the Personnel Building on Temple Street to the second floor of the new Police Administration Building in November of this year. We are looking forward to the new and exciting opportunities that will come from this move.



# LAPD APPROVES BENELLI M4 SHOTGUN

The Department recently expanded the private purchase shotgun program to include the Benelli M4 model semi-automatic shotgun for on-duty use. The semi-automatic action allows officers to fire the shotgun without having to change their shooting positions to cycle the shotgun action. The Benelli M1 model semi-automatic shotgun is currently being fielded by Metropolitan Division and Narcotics Division. The Benelli M4 was selected by the Firearms and Tactics Section, Training Division, after an extensive product evaluation of several semi-automatic shotguns.

Officers who wish to participate in this program must privately purchase the Benelli M4 shotgun (no Department letter is required) and successfully pass the Benelli M4 transition school, which is presented by the Firearms and Tactics Section. The Benelli M4 transition school is three-day course which includes the following:

1. The first two training days cover deployment policy, use of deadly force review, basic weapon system operation, care and cleaning, shotgun manipulation and

buckshot drills. Students must successfully pass a written test; a basic shotgun manipulation test, which is conducted with the Benelli M4; and a buckshot qualification course. Passing this section of the course certifies the officer to deploy the Benelli M4 weapon system as an approved duty shotgun. Shotgun buckshot only qualify semi-annually.

2. The third training day covers use of the M4 with shotgun slug ammunition. Students must pass a slug ammunition qualification course to be certified to deploy the shotgun with slug ammunition as a member of the Shotgun Slug Ammunition (SSA) cadre. SSA cadre members must attend periodic training and recertification events in order to remain in the cadre and deploy slug ammunition.

A list of authorized optional equipment which may be attached to the shotgun is maintained on the Department LAN.

Officers who are interested in attending Benelli M4 training shall contact their Divisional training coordinator after purchase and delivery of the shotgun. ☺

## HIGH-PROFILE EVENTS - CONTINUED FROM PG 3

downtown Los Angeles. Once again, the call for assistance was sent out to our Reserve Officer Corps, and once again LAPD reserve officers answered the call of duty. The reserve officers worked under the direct supervision of the Office of Operations and were posted to the innermost perimeter surrounding the Nokia and STAPLES Center. Once again, they did a fabulous job and represented the Department and the Reserve Corps with

pride and professionalism.

These two recent accounts are only a small example of the countless hours of dedicated service provided by our Reserve Officer Corps. It is our great desire to continue our efforts to establish an environment where our reserve officers play a vital role in providing police service to the communities of Los Angeles. (Editor's note: Also see "Reserves Respond to Fire Duty" on page 9.) ☺

# RESERVES RESPOND TO FIRE DUTY

As *The Rotator* went to press, Southern California was hit by multiple fires, including the Station fire, the largest brush fire in the history of Los Angeles County, which burned over 147,000 acres and killed two Los Angeles County firefighters.

Immediately, and for the duration of the emergency, messages were sent to all Reserve Coordinators and Area R5s, with information on personnel needs and deployment instructions. While a final count was not available at press time, Operation Valley Bureau's R7 Reserve Officer Howard Ekerling's preliminary report to Deputy Chief Michel Moore estimated that well over 20 LAPD reserve officers from OVB and across the city deployed, with several working additional shifts. Officer Ekerling stated, "This response is consistent with previous unplanned occurrences. In the Sesnon fire last year, at least 24 officers answered the call. For the Sayre fire, a month later, 51 reserve officers worked hundreds of hours over the course of the emergency."

Chief Moore specifically requested the response of the California Emergency Mobile Patrol (CEMP), which deployed a total of 27 units in the field and worked 12-14 hour days over several days. The team was primarily involved in the evacuation of residences around Sunland and Little Tujunga. CEMP is a search-and-rescue team with both specialist and non-specialist members, based at LAPD's Devonshire Division, on-call 24/7.

Officials determined that the Station fire was the result of arson and a homicide investigation was opened in the death of the two firefighters, Los Angeles County Fire Captain Tedmund "Ted" Hall and Firefighter Specialist Arnaldo "Arnie" Quinones. ☺

position with the Department, she became a reserve officer. While still active with Air Support, Officer Lincoln has also headed up the Reserve Speakers Bureau.

For many officers, the Reserve Corps allows them to balance their love for the job with other careers and interests. Tim Bourquin was a financial advisor for a bank when he joined the LAPD full-time in 1994. In 2000, he saw how the Internet was changing the way that people invest, and he saw a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to take the business plunge. "I was a P3 at Southwest and a couple deployment periods away from making Detective, and I had a two-month-old baby—it was a tough decision." In the end, though, he chose to take the plunge. "I love the job, and I can still be a part of it (in the Reserve Corps) while building my own business as an entrepreneur."

Sergeant Gary Chilingarian, currently assigned to North Hollywood Area, went

through the Academy three times—as a technical reserve, retreading as a line reserve and then again as a full-time officer, in the lateral program. Now the Department is implementing new procedures, based on recent state legislation, providing for the fast-tracking of qualified reserve officers to full-time officer positions. On July 1st, California's POST was amended as follows: If you are a Level I Reserve Officer (with the basic course under your belt) you can lateral to a full-time position with the same agency without repeating basic entry/testing requirements. The state will require that the officer complete a minimum 400-hour FTO program. Individual agencies may add additional requirements.

On July 28th, Commander James Cansler, Captain Joseph Mariana and Lieutenant Craig Herron met with 23 LAPD reserve officers who have expressed an interest in becoming full-time officers. Captain Mariani,

the Commanding Officer of Recruitment and Employment Division, provided the details on the Department's planned reserve-to-full-time opportunities. It will be similar to the Department's restoration process. Some updated testing, such as medical and physical, will be required. Qualified officers will need to complete an abbreviated training program and will be subject to an 18-month probationary period.

Lieutenant Herron said, "Many of the officers present were interested in becoming full-time officers due to the economy. Others expressed that they decided to make a career out of their favorite past time."

Los Angeles Councilmember Dennis Zine was a full-time LAPD officer, rising to the rank of Sergeant and elected three times to the LAPPL Board of Directors. He became a reserve officer in 2001. Los Angeles District Attorney Steve Cooley served as an LAPD reserve officer from 1972-1978. ©

## Join The Team: Become A Los Angeles Reserve Police Officer

Start the process of becoming a **Los Angeles Police Department Reserve Officer** by attending an orientation at the City of Los Angeles Personnel Department.

For more information, contact a Reserve Corps recruiter: Officer Darrell Cooper or Officer John Marshall at **(213) 473-3444**.



# SAVE THE DATE

Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation

The "Twice a Citizen" dinner recognizes the Reserve Officers of the Los Angeles Police Department and celebrates the 2010 Award Winners.

**Saturday, April 24, 2010**  
**6:00 p.m.**

## Please join us in supporting your Reserve Police Officers.

The **Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation** provides training and equipment support, purchases supplies and stands ready to meet the welfare needs of our Reserves.

### Some of the activities supported by the Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation are:

- \* The Reserve Motor Unit, Mounted Unit and Bicycle Units
- \* Annual Reserve Peace Officer Conference Registration Costs
- \* Financial support for the Twice A Citizen and Reserve Officer of the Year Banquet
- \* Bereavement Recognition and Assistance
- \* Special Olympics Summer Games and Sunshine Kids

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## Limited-Edition Commemorative Coin



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The Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation has officially commissioned a limited-edition commemorative coin honoring Los Angeles Police Reserve Officers and the Los Angeles Police Reserve Corps. Three hundred coins will be minted. If you would like to reserve your copy, please email your information—name, mailing address and phone number—to [reservecoin@yahoo.com](mailto:reservecoin@yahoo.com), and we will put you on the list. We will notify you when they become available.

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