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ROTATOR INTERVIEW: CHIEF CHARLIE BECK

By Reserve Officer Michael Sellars

The Rotator sat down with Chief Charlie Beck in his office at the new Police Administration Building.

ROTATOR: Chief, you started your law enforcement career as an LAPD reserve officer back in the mid-1970s?

CHIEF BECK: Yes, I think my class started in early 1975.

ROTATOR: What made you decide to go into the Reserve Corps?

CHIEF BECK: At the time, I was considering being a police officer but there was a hiring freeze, so I thought, what better way to decide if the job suited me? So I went through the Reserve Academy and graduated in the summer of '75 and went to work at Rampart and really enjoyed it. I worked a lot, and decided I wanted to be a regular, full-time police officer.

ROTATOR: The Academy was up at Elysian Park?

CHIEF BECK: Yes.

ROTATOR: How long was it?

CHIEF BECK: I think it was a five-month Academy at the time, if my memory serves me correctly.

ROTATOR: Then you were assigned to Rampart for a couple of years ...

CHIEF BECK: I went to Rampart for a couple of years as a reserve and I worked about a year and a half, then I went full time and went right back to Rampart.

ROTATOR: You had to repeat the entire Academy?

CHIEF BECK: I had to repeat the entire Academy, and it was the exact same curriculum.



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The Los Angeles Police Administration Building (PAB) on West First Street, with the reflection of City Hall. The Office of the Chief of Police is on the 10th floor.

ROTATOR: As you know, POST has changed that now. Although individual agencies can apply additional requirements, it's amended now so that a Level 1 officer — with a basic POST certificate — does not have to repeat the entire process all over again.

CHIEF BECK: Yes, that's nice, because actually I did — I had to repeat the whole process. It was the exact same thing; the tests were the same. And as a consequence I graduated number one academically in my class,

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DEPARTMENT RESERVE COORDINATOR'S MESSAGE

By Police Administrator II Gloria Grube

Since the publication of the fall edition, the Reserve Corps continues to expand its boundaries and reach new heights in the world of reserve policing. It is truly amazing to see the level of dedication shown by the men and women of the Reserve Corps. It is in this time of economic uncertainty that your services will continue to be greatly needed and appreciated.

On behalf of the Los Angeles Police Department, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank all of you for your contributions during the past year. Your contributions have helped

the Department exceed its goals in making Los Angeles a safer place. With your dedication and hard work, LAPD is moving forward in providing a higher level of service to the residents of Los Angeles. As a member of the Reserve Corps in 2009, you were an integral part of the enforcement and prevention efforts that led to a 15-percent crime reduction. Your participation in important events included the Sunshine Kids, Tip a Cop and the Special Olympics. These selfless acts demonstrated your honor, pride and commitment to the Reserve Corps. Your participation in geographic-area task forces has been particularly important

and much appreciated by full-time officers and command staff alike.

On April 24, 2010, the LAPD Reserve Corps will hold its annual "Twice a Citizen" banquet at the Petersen Automotive Museum. Chief of Police Charlie Beck will be presenting awards to reserve officers that distinguished themselves above the rest during the year. This will be a memorable event honoring our reserves, and I hope to see you there. Additionally, I would like to thank the LAPD Reserve Foundation, under

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Message from the President of the Reserve Foundation

By Reserve Officer Melvin B. Kennedy

Dear fellow reserve officers, Do you hear that call for help getting louder and more urgent? 2009 is in the past and 2010 is well underway. The economy is coming back slowly and business is picking up, but the revenue shortfalls will linger and cutbacks in city services will be a reality. So I believe we must redouble our efforts in every facet of our service to the Los Angeles Police Department and our fine city.

Chief Charlie Beck is more than up for the challenges ahead. Reallocation of critical resources will be a priority in maintaining the high quality of police services this Department has and will continue to provide. However, it will not be a painless task, and will require cooperation and understanding from all Department personnel, including reserve officers.

Here is the deal: full-time officers will be making sacrifices, and we must also. This is an opportunity for reserves to shine, so let's step up and do the best job we can. Here are five points to consider:

- 1) Show up for your shifts prepared and ready for any assignment. Work more shifts if you can. Make sure you are an asset to your partners and not a liability.
- 2) Train, train, train. Be current on tactics, orders and officer safety. Take advantage of the finest training in the world.
- 3) Respect Department policy and procedure; we are not free agents. If you have comments, questions, suggestions or problems, use your chain of command. Nothing will undermine your usefulness and reputation like pulling an end run on your supervisors and fellow officers.

4) Don't spread rumors; stop them. Rumors waste time and resources, so if you have a question, ask the appropriate authority. I am always available to answer questions regarding the Reserve Foundation, and Lieutenant Herron can always be reached through ROVS to answer questions regarding the Reserve Corps.

5) Teamwork. If another reserve is weak in an area, help them improve.

As for the Reserve Foundation, we will work even harder to garner the resources to fund the purchase of equipment and training that may not be available to us otherwise. You can help by donating, and by soliciting your friends and business associates to donate to the Foundation.

I thank you all for your fine service and look forward to seeing you at this year's "Twice a Citizen" Awards Banquet.

Be safe! ©

R9 MESSAGE

By Reserve Officer Jim Lombardi



The Reserve Management Program is used by the Department as an advisory committee in implementing policies and procedures for the Reserve Corps. This management team includes an R9 and an R8 with Department-wide responsibilities. Each bureau and special section has an assigned R7, and each division has an R5 that is assigned to the reserve coordinator.

Currently, this management team is working on improvements for the reserve program that will allow us to grow. Hopefully, these enhancements will also encourage our reserves to work more shifts. Time spent on the job keeps the reserve officers' proficiency and safety at a high level.

It is my intention to assign team initiatives to individual R7s who will report back to the management team in a timely manner for our recommendations to Department management. In the next issue, I will advise you of the assignments that are given to the individual R7s.

Please remember that the reserve management structure is in your chain of command for policy changes. Also, be sensitive to the Department's chain of command. Reserves are the same as full-time officers and have a Department chain of command that they must adhere to.

Clarification is needed because of reserve officer misunderstanding regarding injuries on duty (IOD). If a reserve officer is injured on duty, a report needs to be made to the field supervisor. Established procedures will then be followed. Financial and medical expenses are provided to the officer. In addition, workers' compensation benefits are provided. At this time, the workers' comp benefit is over \$800 per week.

If the injury is not correctable, state law provides for a one-time settlement. Also, if death results from the IOD incident, the same federal and state benefits apply to reserves and full-time officers.

The benefits mentioned above can be enhanced if the reserve has additional insurance provided by the California Reserve Peace Officers Association (crpoa.org). Coverage is \$86 per year and provides the following:

- \$30,000 death benefit,
- \$30,000 disability benefit,
- \$400 per week for up to 26 weeks,
- legal defense and/or advice for administrative matters that may lead to disciplinary actions.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding IOD or course-and-scope events. Phone number: (661) 944-3810.

Be assured that the Department regards its reserve officers as an important contingent in its duty to protect and serve the citizens of Los Angeles. ☺



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which wasn't exactly a great mental feat because I had already taken the classes.

ROTATOR: When you were at Rampart, was there anything that stuck out that made an impression on you?

CHIEF BECK: You know, I think it was just that it was really satisfying work, and it's something where — I always say — you get a front-row seat on life. You get to interact with people and make a difference in what they're doing, and I just really enjoyed it. I had a couple of full-time officers that I worked with the most, and they were great to work with, and good people.

ROTATOR: How has having been a reserve officer affected you as a full-time police officer and now as chief of police?

CHIEF BECK: I think being a reserve officer gives you a different perspective. We all learn from the different jobs we've had, and you get a different perspective on policing. You have a different connection to the organization,

and you get to see it with a different set of eyes from what a full-time officer does. You're not there every day, and you have other things influencing your lives. So I just think it allows for a different perspective, and I think that's valuable.

ROTATOR: What misconceptions do you think there are about reserve officers, either inside the Department or perhaps outside?

CHIEF BECK: A lot of it has been made much more transparent in that there is no designation on the badges anymore, so a lot of the public, when they see an LAPD officer, they're very unlikely to know whether it's a reserve or a regular ...

ROTATOR: Much of community doesn't even know there is such a thing as a reserve officer.

CHIEF BECK: Yes, and I think that's made

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Chief Beck: "Anybody that has the wherewithal, desire and public commitment to be a reserve officer is somebody that is very, very special. I appreciate their families sharing them, not only with the Los Angeles Police Department but also with the city of Los Angeles."

a big difference. And I think the other thing is the impact the community gets from the various other agencies' reserve programs, which are completely different. I think there's a lot of value in our reserve program. Because our officers are so well vetted and they are so well trained, and there is no question about their motivation to be involved. They can be very proud about being a part of the Reserve Corps. So I think some of those other things shape public perception. I think the internal perception is very good. I think that people appreciate anybody who wants to do this job, especially someone who wants to do it in addition to the rest of their life.

ROTATOR: We still run into officers, and occasionally some command staff, who are unfamiliar with the Corps and the duties performed.

CHIEF: Yeah, and of course that's a sales piece and hopefully this [newsletter interview] will help a little bit. Obviously the entire

Department knows that I've been a reserve, which may add some additional credibility to the program.

ROTATOR: You made some organizational changes. Police Administrator II Gloria Grube is now in charge of Personnel Group and is the new Department reserve coordinator. Where do you see the Reserve Corps fitting into the Department, and do you expect any changes that might affect the Corps?

CHIEF BECK: I certainly don't see any changes in functions of the Reserve Corps any time in the near future. The management changes shouldn't be perceived by anybody as any kind of reflection on the program, the value or the worth of the program or what I think of it. Those were just management changes to fit other pieces of the organization. The Reserve program has tremendous value to the organization, as it is. That doesn't mean that I'm not open to some discussion about changes, but I like the program as it sits. I would like to expand the program; obviously, more reserves would be a great thing. So I think if I were to spend energy on the program, it would be to expand it.

ROTATOR: Have you given much thought to the recruitment of reserve officers, especially line/field officers?

CHIEF BECK: This is a big job with a lot of pieces to it. But I think that familiarity with the program is a big issue. As people become more familiar with the program and how exciting and rewarding it is, it will get more people involved in it. So I think highlighting those aspects, talking about it and putting it front and center — I think that's really important. So we'll be looking for opportunities to do that.

ROTATOR: The Reserve Corps used to be more centralized, located up at the Academy, where you had recruitment, management and training together. Some have felt that it provided a certain amount of focus on the Reserve Corps, and that the decentralization has lessened the focus on the Corps. Any thoughts on whether that is something to look at?

CHIEF BECK: It's something to look at.

Anything that would water down the program or make it less of a focus is not a positive thing, so we can certainly look at it.

ROTATOR: One question that continues to come up over the years: Many reserve officers consider this their second career and, except for other existing responsibilities, might have gone full time. There has been discussion about implementing financial incentives, specifically to work extra shifts, and also to retain officers from going to other agencies that compensate. Do you think that will ever happen?

CHIEF BECK: It could. I'm not opposed to that on a philosophical level. On a budget level, I don't see it happening in the near future. But it's something we could look at; that would also help with the recruitment issue.

ROTATOR: Another thing that some agencies do, which has been discussed over the years, is ranks for reserve officers. There are some arguments for and some arguments against. Any thoughts on that?

CHIEF BECK: Well, as you know, a lot of officers come into the program after they retire as a regular. That may be something I look at, and I know that other organizations have various ranking structures within their reserves. But it does create some confusion. Because part of our culture is that there is no differentiation between regulars and reserves in the uniform, for example. So that creates a potential for all kinds of strange scenarios that may or may not be an effective use of resources. If it were something I looked at, I would have to look at it very, very carefully. I know it's been brought up and I would certainly look at all these ideas, but on first blush I see a lot of issues with it. It doesn't mean we couldn't do it, but there would be some potential problems it would create.

ROTATOR: One of the more popular orders you made was modifying the Class C uniform to include the long-sleeve shirt. It feels weird without the tie.

CHIEF BECK: (Laughs) I still can't do it.

ROTATOR: What made you decide to change it?

CHIEF BECK: Well, I know, from over a

number of years, that a lot of officers don't wear the tie on morning watch, or they keep it cupped to the side. And in my travels around the city, I would see people not wearing the tie all the time. They wouldn't immediately put it on when they saw me, but it became like the hats. In the old days you had to wear the hat all the time, and the only time you'd put the hat on was when there was a sergeant around. The organization's rules cannot deny the culture and the reality, and you should have an alignment, where possible, between behavior and the rules, rather than teaching people that some rules are worth obeying and some aren't. So if we're going to make rules, let's make them all worth obeying, and this wasn't. For example, the issue of covering up tattoos: If people have visible tattoos, they have the option of wearing the long-sleeve shirt. I know that wearing the tie, especially if you're working in it every day, can be burdensome. So, just trying to make it a little bit better for the street cop. Now, nobody may ever see me without a tie on, but I didn't do it for me; I did it for the young officers who wear more gear than I do, having to be in and out of the car all the time. I still see a lot of people wearing the tie, so it's popular with some; those who are traditionalists — probably like me — will wear the tie. And that's fine.

ROTATOR: We are thinking about doing a story on the Commodore (patrol) vehicle that is being tested.

CHIEF BECK: Yes, we have one on loan from Australia in the fleet, so we will use that as a test mule that will hopefully enable us to get either General Motors, Ford or anybody who would be interested in building something similar on a bigger platform.

ROTATOR: One final question, Sir. Any messages to the Reserve Corps, to reserve officers and/or their families?

CHIEF BECK: Well, first of all, I couldn't begin a message to reserves without saying thank you. Their sacrifice and commitment to this organization cannot be overstated. They are the true believers in what we do, and it is exemplified by the fact that they do it out of the goodness of their hearts and not for any other reason. So thanks is the main thing. I also have to say that anybody that has the wherewithal, desire and public commitment to be a reserve officer is somebody that is very, very special. I appreciate their families sharing them, not only with the Los Angeles Police Department but also with the city of Los Angeles. This is a program that is so effective on a number of levels. First, it goes back to the very roots of policing, when everybody was expected to be

the constable. And that's an important message, that police officers are not just a bunch who are paid to do the job, to protect the community; they are also members of the community, who do the job because it's the right thing to do. So they are very special people; they deserve to be treated with the utmost respect and deference by everybody because they are a cut above. 🌐

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the leadership of Mel Kennedy, and the support of his dedicated Board of Directors for making this event possible.

Reserve communication reached new heights this year with the implementation of a new website. Officer Michael Apodaca from ROVS constructed lapdreserves.org. This website is entirely funded by the Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation. The website includes a reserve forum where members can exchange information, view a calendar listing of all Reserve Corps-related events, firearms qualification schedules, Department notices

and a gallery for photos and other website links. The website to date has 415 sworn members and continues to expand daily.

On the training front, ROVS for the first time was able to provide the ability for reserve officers to access E-Learning from their home computers. This allows reserves to stay updated on Department policies, procedures and training. ROVS combined with Training Division and conducted three Tactical Firearms Training Days at the Davis Range, which resulted in over 100 reserve officers receiving perishable-skills training. Seventy reserve

officers also participated in the Department's Multi-Assault Counter Terrorism Actions Capabilities basic course (MACTAC). This state-of-the-art training prepares officers to deal with active shooters and hostage situations.

Recruitment efforts have resulted in a marked increase in reserve candidates entering the testing process. In 2009, a focused recruitment strategy allowed the Department to conduct both a Level III and a Level II Reserve Academy, yielding 20 new reserve officers ready to provide necessary support to the Department. 🌐

LAPD RESERVE OFFICERS IN FRANCE

You may have seen the photo, pictured here, of Los Angeles police officers in front of the Eiffel Tower, in Paris. Four of them were reserve officers, and this is the story.

In September of 2008, Reserve Officer Bernard Khalili organized the official Department-approved participation of eight LAPD officers (four reserves, four full-timers) in an exchange program with the French National Police. One of their elite motor units, the French CRS1, was having an international meet that included the participation of the London Metropolitan Police, the Spanish Guardia Civil and the German Polizei.

With the French CRS1 chief (who had visited Los Angeles the year prior on an official trip with 40 French motor officers), Officer Khalili organized a 10-day professional trip that would include LAPD motor officers riding,

in uniform, in France on official functions from Paris to Versailles to the D-Day beaches and the American Cemetery in Normandy.

It was, as all the officers we spoke to described, a “once-in-a-lifetime” experience that forged new friendships and professional camaraderie worldwide.

The Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation helped to fund the airfare of two of the reserve officers. ☺



Participating personnel included (from the top, left to right) Reserve Officer Eric Ortiz, Reserve Officer Larry Rowland, Sergeant David Ferry, Officer Engelbert “Q” Quenchenberger, Reserve Officer Bernard Khalili, (bottom, left to right) Reserve Officer Matthew Krieger, Officer Jeremy Yamamoto and Officer Roger Stewart.

TRAINING DAY: MACTAC BASIC COURSE

On February 20th and March 20th, LAPD reserve officers participated in Multi-Assault Counter Terrorism Action Capabilities (MACTAC) training at the Ed Davis training facility in Granada Hills.

The Department-wide training was developed after the terrorist incident in Mumbai, India, that lasted several days in November 2008. Over 150 victims were killed and over 300 were wounded in the Mumbai attack. There were 10 separate pre-planned shootings and bombings throughout the city. The casualties included many local law enforcement officers. Incidents like Mumbai and others such as the 2004 Beslan school siege in Russia and the 2006 Amish school shooting in Pennsylvania require rapid action by responding officers in order to stop the active deadly behavior. Veteran officers may remember similar training that was conducted approximately 10 years ago,

after the Columbine school shooting incident.

History has taught us that the first 30 to 60 minutes of such incidents are critical. Terrorists that participate in these types of attacks are determined to cause as many casualties as quickly as possible. First responders cannot afford to wait for SWAT and other specialized resources. Based on military small-unit team tactics, the MACTAC doctrine trains officers to identify a terrorist attack, hostage siege or active shooter and assemble and act. The MACTAC Officer Basic Course trains officers to rapidly assemble contact teams and move as contact teams or squads in order to confront the suspect(s) and stop their deadly behavior. A situation may turn from static, such as a barricaded suspect, to active at any time.

During the training, officers practiced rapid, flexible, cutting-edge deployment tactics using

the simulation village at the Davis facility. Officers learned the four A's: to quickly Access, Announce, Assemble and Act. Continuous communication (verbal and hand signals) between contact-team members was stressed throughout the exercises. Students practiced acting as team leader, leading contact teams through various terrains. The course was conducted by the MACTAC training cadre, consisting of personnel from both Training Division and Metropolitan Division's Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT).

Over 4,000 LAPD officers have been trained in MACTAC thus far. Law enforcement officers from outside agencies, including Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Orange County Sheriff's Department and Las Vegas Police Department, have also been trained. ☺

DIVISION/AREA PROFILE

CENTRAL: THE HEART OF THE CITY



By Reserve Officer Michael Sellars

Central — Area #1 — covers Downtown Los Angeles and such diverse areas as Bunker Hill (the Historic Core), Chinatown, the Fashion and Jewelry Districts, Little Tokyo and the new L.A. Live complex. The area covers approximately four-and-a-half square miles and is now home to well over 40,000 people (and the population during the day is much higher). The community provides a surprising variety of opportunities for reserve officers at all levels.

Reserve Officer Jim Lombardi has worked Central for over 40 years. “As a kid, I had a job parking cars downtown; I’ve worked there my whole life. You get all the challenges, from all parts of society. It’s the city’s heartbeat.”

Reserve Officer Steve Alegre describes Central the same way. “I specifically wanted to work Central because it is the heart of the city.” Officer Alegre has 30 years of experience in full-time law enforcement, in Los Angeles and Santa Ana. “There is so much variety at Central, from the new financial district developments to the historic sections near Spring and Broadway to the shopping areas in the Figueroa corridor.”

Says one officer: “I used to think it was just the downtown division, filled with skyscrapers that were mostly vacant on weekends, with Skid Row being the primary law enforcement concern. But it is so much more than that, especially now.”

Over the last several years, Angelenos have made downtown their home, moving into residential developments, in condominiums and lofts. Today you can see families on the street and people walking their dogs. There is a variety of calls for service, typical of areas with business, residential and tourist sections. Central events include the Grammys, the Emmys, the Los Angeles Lakers and the American Music Awards. Central is



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where many of the city’s protests and other U/Os occur, and it is of course the hub of city government.

Reserve Officer Ali Bashar joined Central after reading about the popular Downtown L.A. Art Walk (held the second Thursday of every month from 12 noon to 9 p.m.). He noticed that the energetic event regularly attracted several thousand attendees, featuring street food, music and art. He helped establish a Reserve detail for the event (now regularly-worked by 15 or more officers), helping to provide police presence and crowd control. The result has been an influx of reserve officers, especially Level IIIs, that has revitalized the Central program. (Officer Bashar has been named the area’s Reserve Officer of the Year by the Central City Police Boosters and is the area R6.)

Captain Todd Chamberlain, commanding officer of Central Area (and a former reserve officer with the city of Ventura Police Department), emphasizes that “the efforts of reserve officers have been very much appreciated, especially because we know they have responsibilities outside of the job and with their families. He credits Officer Bashar for his enthusiasm and his ability to reach out to the



Reserve officers at the Central Division open house. The event was followed by the Art Walk Detail, which was supervised by Senior Lead Officer Deon Joseph (center right).

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COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND LAPD RESERVE OFFICERS

By Reserve Officer David Bush, Community Relations Division, Office of the Chief of Police

2009 was another great year of support from our reserve officers with several community-related activities.

As in past years, the Special Olympics of Southern California was strongly supported by LAPD reserve officers. In April, the Tip-A-Cop event at the Claim Jumper restaurant in Northridge was a huge success. It was followed by the Law Enforcement Torch Run and the summer games opening ceremonies in Long Beach.

LAPD reserves continued their support of the Sunshine Kids with two events in 2009. The Sheraton Universal Code 3 run to Raleigh Studios was once again the highlight of a week filled with activity for a group of very special kids whom are all seriously ill with cancer. In addition to this event, we also assisted a group of 26 determined Sunshine Kids who chose to run a relay in the L.A. Marathon. Exhausting but fun!

The year came to a close with the LAPD children's event at the Shrine Auditorium. Once again, the reserve officers assisted in the event by greeting the children and their families.

Unfortunately, the visit that Santa and his escort of reserve officers from the Foothill Division make each year to the Oncology ward at Children's Hospital Los Angeles was canceled due to the swine flu issue.

2010 will have many of the same events that

will need your support to make them a success.

The Special Olympics of Southern California events begin on April 8th with the Tip-A-Cop fundraiser at the Claim Jumper restaurant in Northridge. The opening ceremony for the summer games will be held on Saturday, June 12th, and we hope that many of you will be there to support the athletes and their families. Your assistance handing out medals will also be needed.

The event at Children's Hospital Los Angeles may be held in July with "Christmas in July" as the theme, and the Sunshine Kids will be back at the Sheraton Universal for the Code 3 run on Thursday, September 9th!

The 2010 Law Enforcement Torch Run International Conference will be held at the Convention Center in Long Beach, Tuesday, October 19th, through Friday, October 22nd. We will be reaching out to our reserve officers for support of this great event. Our Department is working closely with the county of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department and other Southern California law enforcement agencies in supporting this event. Details on this event will be out soon.

Thank you all for your continued support and belief in these community-related activities. Because of your commitment we have seen many of these events grow with support from other areas in the Department. Thank you to



A helping hand: LAPD officer and special athlete at the opening ceremony of the Special Olympics.

the Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation for their continued support of these events and to ROVS for their support and leadership. 🌐

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Corps, helping to really build up the Central Reserve team. "Central is a very different place today, and we will be looking to our reserves to help us serve the growing community." Captain Chamberlain mentions L.A. Live, the new huge entertainment complex that is expected to be a major draw to the area. The complex includes the Nokia Theater and Plaza, flagship multiplex, apartments, bars, restaurants and a Ritz-Carlton/JW Marriott.

Commander Blake Chow also credits Officer Bashar with revitalizing the Central program — five to 10 officers have already transferred in permanently. Commander Chow, a former reserve officer in San Jose, says it's important to provide interesting and challenging opportunities for reserve officers, and that Central is a great example.

There is a lot of history that comes with being Area #1: Jack Webb grew up in the early

20th-century Bunker Hill area. His memories from there would have a profound effect on him, as he would go on to produce the television shows *Dragnet* and *Adam-12*. The anecdotal story goes that the young Webb first heard "1A12" on these streets.

Reserve officers interested in working Central should contact Reserve Officer Bashar at (714) 875-4723 or abashar@sbcglobal.net. 🌐

RESERVE OFFICERS OF THE PATROL RIFLE CADRE

By Reserve Officer Charles Nicgorski, Firearms and Tactics Section

The motto of the Patrol Rifle Cadre is “Addo Ordo Ut Chaos,” or “Bringing Order to Chaos.” Although the deployment criteria have changed to allow use of the rifle in many more situations, much emphasis is placed on “Immediate Action/ Rapid Deployment” and containment issues. The training goes hand in hand with our MACTAC training. As our world grows ever more dangerous and uncertain, it behooves law enforcement to prepare for worst-case scenarios.

As you have probably heard by now, the term “UPR” or “Urban Police Rifle” has been deleted and is now known as the “Patrol Rifle.” We also are not to shorten the title to “PR,” so as not to confuse it with a “Person Reporting.” What you may not be aware of is that we currently have four LAPD reserve officers certified as patrol rifle operators.

What does it take to be certified as a member of the Patrol Rifle Cadre? After being

accepted to the training, the officer must go through a four-day training regimen. Rule #1: Don’t be late. After the first day, which involves deployment criteria, care and cleaning of the rifle and tactical considerations and manipulations, you are ready for day two, which starts with a written test. You must score 100 percent on the test. Later that day, you will be given a manipulation test. Days three and four are dedicated to marksmanship and shooting qualifications. The final test includes a 200-meter run and drop to prone position to hit your last targets. The author will admit that it’s a little intense for some of us old guys, but well worth the feeling of satisfaction when completed.

Once you are part of the cadre, you are expected to maintain your proficiency with the weapon. Qualification is a quarterly event. Every other recertification is a day-long training event held outdoors, with a short indoor qualification being held in between. Failure to

remain certified will result in removal from the cadre. This may sound rigorous, but it helps to maintain the integrity of the program.

The reserve officers certified at this time include Joseph Fazekas, HWD; Kristina Broadhurst, HARB; George Alwan, Emergency Services Division; and Charles Nicgorski, Firearms and Tactics Section. All of these officers would be willing to answer any questions concerning the program and to offer encouragement.

Currently, the involved officers are given a Department-issued M-16 that has been modified to fire semi-auto only. As with all officers, the rifle must be stored at a Department facility and can only be practiced with on a Department range. Full-time officers may get a letter to make one private purchase of an AR-15 to be used on duty. At this time, reserve officers cannot make a private purchase for duty use as per existing LAPD policy. 🚫

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)-486-4730**.



RESERVES INCLUDED IN DEPARTMENT STRENGTH REPORTS

At the December 8th meeting of the Los Angeles Police Commission, Commissioner Alan Skobin asked that all future reports to the Commission reflect reserve officers as part of the LAPD's overall personnel strength. Previously, the Department announced only the numbers of full-time officers and civilians. Currently, there are over 700 reserve officers, including specialists. The hours and duties worked are equivalent to 100 full-time peace officers.

Commissioner Alan Skobin is a Los Angeles Sheriff's Department reserve deputy. ©

REMOTE ACCESS FOR E-LEARNING

Due to the efforts of Los Angeles Police Protective League President Paul M. Weber, all Level I, II and III reserve officers will now have remote access to the LAPD LAN system. Reserve officers now have the ability to remotely log into the LAPD LAN (through an Internet connection) and access the Department's Intranet server for e-mail, E-Learning, Chief's Messages and other important information.

Paul Weber worked with LAPD Chief Information Officer Tim Riley and other Department personnel to coordinate the access. Mr. Riley, Police Administrator Gloria Grube and Captain Joe Mariani were extremely helpful in seeing that reserve officers can now satisfy their E-Learning requirements by remote connection, as well as access important communication with the Department. Officers are reminded to keep current on their E-Learning in order to maintain compliance with POST and the Department. You can get further information and instructions on the LAPD-use-only forum at www.lapdreserves.org. ©

END OF WATCH



Officer Ed Pandolfo with his niece, Maria.

Police Officer III Ed Pandolfo

On October 26th, LAPD Police Officer III Ed Pandolfo passed away at his home in Long Beach, California. Ed was the former reserve coordinator at

Hollywood Area and was named Reserve Coordinator of the Year in 2006. Commander James Cansler said that, when his team took over the responsibilities of ROVS downtown, they turned to Ed for assistance and advice. "He was enthusiastic and he helped us immeasurably. Ed's insight and detailed knowledge about the Reserve Corps provided ROVS with a road map to the needed changes that are in existence today." Captain Beatrice Girmala, commanding officer of Hollywood Area, said: "Ed's commitment to Hollywood Area was well known to the dedicated Reserve Corps, Hollywood Patrol and the supervisory team. He will be remembered for his service and the relationships he built." As one reserve officer said: "He cared about the troops. It wasn't just an assignment for him. He was an old, salty Navy guy (retired commander of the United States Navy Reserve) — ex-underwater demolitions. He reminded us that we took an oath to do what we do, and he pushed us to excel and to train and to be safe always. And he would, of course, add a dose of his typical-Ed humor that we miss very much."

In the fall 2008 issue of *The Rotator*, Officer Pandolfo wrote an article entitled "How Reserves Make in Impact." We reprint the last paragraph here:

"Whether you want to call this your job, your hobby or just your joy, there is the reward and the satisfaction that all of you make for yourselves when you contribute to making our society a better place to live in — *it is what*

takes you further than many others. I personally believe that many of you could do more than you think when it comes to talking about LAPD reserves. We should all be tooting our horns when talking about the Reserve Corps; just maybe we can get the interest of friends, and friends of friends. It is part of our mission to bring in new blood. What better way to do that than to implore others to seek us out and to start a rewarding second career? So let's all elevate our mission a little higher and tell everyone how great the LAPD Reserve Corps truly is."

Specialist Reserve Officer Max Kerstein

Specialist Reserve Officer Max Kerstein passed away on November 17th, in West Los Angeles, California. Max joined the LAPD Reserve Corps in 1983 and worked Pacific Division. He developed a specialty in utilizing law enforcement databases to search for outstanding warrants on suspects. He became so proficient at his craft that he turned it into an art form. No wanted felons or dangerous street terrorists slipped past Max's electronic net. Max was able to find warrants on suspects that had been missed by patrol officers and detectives. Max was responsible for the active capture of over 20,000 felons that were taken off the streets. Max developed a training program to share his knowledge and technique with other Department members. The city of Los Angeles is a much safer place because of this incredible officer. Max served the Department in many other capacities for over 26 years, and had recently transferred to the new Olympic Station. He was a founding member of, and major contributor to, the LAPD Reserve Speakers Bureau. In 2006, he was recognized by the state when he was named the California Reserve Peace Officer Association's Reserve Officer of the Year.

We will all miss Max and his exuberance for life and tireless work ethic that he displayed on a daily basis. Max served the citizens, the Department and the Reserve Corps with honor and dignity. ©



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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LARGE-CAPACITY MAGAZINE LAW CLARIFIED FOR RESERVE OFFICERS

By Reserve Officer Jim Lombardi, Department R9

In January 2000, the California Penal Code section on weapons (12020 PC) was expanded to include "large-capacity magazines" (defined as a magazine able to accept more than 10 rounds). The California Department of Justice Bureau of Firearms states: "It is illegal to buy, manufacture, import, keep for sale, expose for sale, give or lend any large-capacity magazine in California except by law enforcement agencies, California peace officers or licensed dealers."

Because of the hard work by several LAPD reserve officers and the California Reserve Peace Officers Association, the Bureau of Firearms has clarified the law regarding the exemption for sworn peace officers to buy large-capacity

magazines and how the law applies to reserve peace officers.

In December, the Bureau of Firearms sent out a notice clarifying that a person who is properly identified as a reserve peace officer is a "sworn peace officer." If the reserve peace officer is also "authorized to carry a firearm in the course and scope of his or her duties," the reserve peace officer can lawfully purchase a large-capacity ammunition magazine in California.

Some reserve officers are authorized to carry firearms while on duty based upon their status, defined by California law, and therefore have the inherent ability (if properly identified) to purchase large-capacity ammunition magazines. However, not all reserve peace officers have the

inherent ability to carry firearms in the course and scope of their duties. Level III reserve officers are not necessarily authorized by their employing agencies to carry firearms while on duty because they are "authorized only to carry out limited support duties not requiring general law enforcement powers in their routine performance." Accordingly, these reserve peace officers may or may not qualify for the exemption.

If there are questions or concerns about this issue, you may contact DOJ Administrator Karen Milami of the Bureau of Firearms at (916) 263-4878 or Attorney General Alison Merrilees at (916) 274-6136. ©



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Limited-Edition Commemorative Coin Now Available



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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 have been minted. The cost of the coin is \$15.00 including tax. The coins will be available for purchase at the "Twice a Citizen" banquet on April 24.

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