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40TH ANNIVERSARY OF RESERVE DINNER: RESERVE OFFICERS OF THE YEAR, COMMUNITY LEADERS HONORED AT TWICE A CITIZEN

By Reserve Officer Michael Sellars

Los Angeles reserve police officers and specialists were once again honored at the annual Twice a Citizen Awards Dinner on Saturday, April 5, at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel, in what was the 40th anniversary of the original reserve dinner. Three community leaders were also recognized with Twice a Citizen awards.

The Department Reserve Officer of the Year was Rudy Crusat, of Training Division. He has served as the primary mentor to reserve officer candidates for several years — from recruitment through the testing phases of the hiring process. Officer Crusat has distinguished himself by working over 300 hours. He also received the honor for Specialized Divisions.

The evening was packed with honorees. The West Bureau Officer of the Year was Brian Pearcy (West Traffic Division), the South Bureau Officer of the Year was Sharon Abbott (Harbor

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Former French President Nicolas Sarkozy greets a TMZ tour bus as he jogs through Beverly Hills, accompanied by LAPD Reserve Officer Bernard Khalili (center). Story on page 6.

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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Message From the Co-Presidents of the Reserve Foundation

By Karla Ahmanson and Reserve Officer Michael Sellars

Mel Kennedy served as president of our Foundation for a combined total of 25 years, and he has been a Los Angeles reserve police officer for 32 years. Mel has given us a level of dedication that may never be fully realized or appreciated. We thank him for his years of leadership, and we look forward to filling his shoes, taking the Foundation — and the LAPD Reserve Corps — to the next level.

This year has been a difficult one for the LAPD family. Our thoughts are with the families of Officers Nicholas Choung Lee, Christopher Cortijo, Roberto Sanchez, George Nagata and Ernest Allen. We also remember our friend Andrea Friedman. Andrea served as a Los Angeles reserve police officer for 23 years, and as secretary of our Board for 15 years. She had just retired to spend time with her new granddaughter. The grief we feel in the loss of our friend is outshined and overcome by the love we feel for having known her, and for her having been a part of our lives. It is an understatement to say she was Twice a Citizen.

Our annual banquet was held on April 5, and we congratulate all of our honorees, including Reserve Officer of the Year Rudy Crusat. We thank everyone who attended and are grateful

for those who continue to support our cause, the Reserve Corps. We congratulate our Twice a Citizen honorees, Beau Boeckmann, Steve Fazio (a former LAPD reserve officer) and, of course, Mel Kennedy.

The Foundation — like any foundation — is only as strong as the cause it represents. To that end, we have already implemented a level of advocacy in our mission. We are actively reaching out not only to those within the Department, but also, and especially, to the community at large. Our meetings thus far have been very productive, and we thank those who have also reached out to us.

The new website, www.laprf.org, is now online. Our Facebook page, which began in November 2011, has over 3,000 followers, and it has become one of the leading FB pages in Southern California law enforcement. The *Rotator* newsletter is now online, archived on Scribd. Our new YouTube channel has two videos as we write this: “Duty, Courage, Honor” and “About the Program.” If you are on LinkedIn, you can now join the LAPD Reserve Corps group. We are regularly sending out broadcast emails to members of the Corps. If you are not receiving them, make sure we have your correct email address by sending us a note at msellars@laprf.org.

It is our goal to concentrate on funding the concerns and opportunities that really matter to our reserve officers, such as additional training that provides the tactical/perishable skills essential for officer safety. By increasing our fundraising avenues, we can ramp up these plans. If you are an Amazon customer, you can help us by signing up for Amazon Smile and selecting **Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation** as your charity of choice. From then on, whenever you buy from Amazon Smile, Amazon will donate .5 percent to LAPRF. You get the same low price; there is no difference to you. The direct link is <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/95-3900093>. Please tell your friends and family.

As we implement these and other initiatives, we will keep you updated. If you have any questions, concerns or ideas, let us know at kahmanson@laprf.org and msellars@laprf.org.

Thank you for dedication and service. We are honored to be in this position to support you, and we thank the Board for their confidence in us. We look forward to working with Chief of Police Charlie Beck and the LAPD command staff to not only overcome the challenges we face, but also help the LAPD Reserve Corps continue to protect and serve, as the national example of reserve and volunteer law enforcement. Be safe. ☺

SURVEY RESULTS AND ANALYSIS POSTED ON LAN

The results of the ROVU survey of the Reserve Corps were posted on the Department's LAN in March, and the analysis of the results has also been posted.

The purpose of the survey was, as the analysis stated, “to gain a clearer understanding of concerns from the reserve officers’ perspective. The information gathered will be used to make improvements and recommend changes to the Reserve Program.”

The 43-question survey was sent via personal email to 418 active reserve officers, Levels I, II and III. The survey covered multiple aspects of the Reserve Corps, including duties, training, qualification requirements, service

hours and stipends. The survey was released just prior to Thanksgiving in 2013 and closed the first week of January 2014. Responses were received from 213 reserve officers, for a response rate of 53 percent (26 percent of all active reserve officers participated).

The analysis stated: “Responses were requested in the form of comments on many questions. This methodology provided a great amount of information, but made statistical comparisons difficult since so many comments lent to a high variation of disparate content.”

However, some highlights consistently surfaced, including: “Reserves have a hunger for more training opportunities and especially

shooting proficiency,” and “Communication was a hot topic on many questions. Many officers felt uninformed about the various aspects of the Reserve Program.”

Since only 26 percent of the officers responded, the analysis noted, “This leaves 74 percent of the officers without any feedback. Using this survey in isolation would not provide a widespread representation of the Reserve Corps members.”

The LAN, with the full results and analysis of the survey, can also be accessed by officers through the Aventura Workplace.

The last such survey was conducted 10 years ago, in 2003, and was published in May 2004. ☺

DEPARTMENT RESERVE COORDINATOR'S MESSAGE

By Deputy Chief Mark R. Perez

My thanks to the many reserve officers who continue to put in so many hours and keep up with their training. The Reserve Officer and Volunteer Unit (ROVU) is working diligently to help all our reserve officers stay current and well prepared. Among other things, the ROVU has ensured that there is a "Reserves" link on the LAPD Intranet site so that all reserve officers have access to a wide range of helpful updates and information. Please check that link often for new information.

Much interest surrounds the Department's policy on LAPD reserve officers carrying off-duty concealed firearms in other states and the status of the policy of "retired"

reserve officers carrying concealed firearms in California.

Regarding the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act (LEOSA) and carrying off-duty concealed firearms in other states: As this is being written, the Department and its advisors are still evaluating LEOSA and the issues involved. I ask that you stand by until we have an update on this matter.

Regarding the "retired" reserve officer concealed carry policy (in California) that is undergoing its final reviews: It has taken many more months than I had hoped to produce it, but as we researched it and sent it through the review cycles we found many technical details

that needed precise articulation, some of which were the subject of productive but time-consuming debate and revision. That Special Order will be out as soon as possible, and in addition to regular paper distribution it will be posted on the LAN in the "Reserves" link.

Thanks again for all your work and sacrifice. The LAPD is a team and a family, and all of us are proud to be serving with each of you. ☺

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CRIME SUPPRESSION TASK FORCES



Reserve Crime Suppression Task Forces: at roll call in Mission Area on November 15, 2013, and in North Hollywood Area on April 11, 2014. Thanks to all the officers who participated. ☺

R9'S MESSAGE: INSURANCE COVERAGE; DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

By Reserve Officer James C. Lombardi

As you know, police officers work in a dangerous environment and should be provided all the protections that are available. Adequate insurance coverage for injuries, death and legal representation is of paramount importance for our reserve officers.

Workers' compensation benefits are provided to reserve police officers if they are injured or if death occurs while performing their police duties. All the medical and recovery procedures are processed by a workers' comp administrator, including weekly disability payments of approximately \$1,200. If death occurs, the reserve officer's estate and/or family receive full state and federal benefits.

In addition, Labor Law Section 4709 affords deceased officers' dependents (spouse and children) a scholarship at any qualifying institution. This scholarship shall be in an amount equal to the amount provided to a student who has been awarded a Cal Grant Scholarship (colleges and universities), and is funded annually by the Budget Act to the Student Aid Commission.

These benefits are greatly enhanced if one is a member of the California Reserve Peace Officers Association (CRPOA), with the following:

- Additional death benefits of \$30,000
- Disability benefit payable at \$400 per week for 26 weeks, in addition to the \$1,200 per week mentioned above
- Injury benefit of \$30,000
- In-hospital benefit
- Psychological therapy
- Rehabilitation expense
- Use of seat belt enhancement
- Injuries while traveling to and from your police workplace or training (these benefits also apply to your spouse and dependents if they are with you)

I strongly recommend that you discuss all of the above with your spouse and/or family. Please feel free to call me for more specific details and information at (661) 944-6887.

Some reserve officers have requested clarification on disciplinary proceedings. I will address

these concerns from my past experiences as a reserve officer defense representative.

Initially, a reserve who becomes involved in any scenario that could lead to discipline is afforded the same investigative procedures and protections as a full-time officer. During an administrative investigation, reserve officers are afforded a defense representative of their choice. At the conclusion of the investigation, the accused reserve officer shall be presented with a copy of a completed complaint and allowed to respond to the commanding officer verbally or in writing. For complaints other than sustained, the reserve officer shall have 30 days to respond. In cases of sustained complaints, a reserve officer shall have three to five days to respond, at which time the complaint investigation shall be sent to the Chief of Police for final endorsement with the reserve officer's response attached. Please remember that Department investigators do not look down on you because you request a defense representative.

Be especially cautious when working, and always go out of your way to back your fellow officers. 🌐

CPT CREDIT FOR TELECOURSE TRAINING

LAPD officers, including Level I and Level II reserve officers, are required to take 24 hours of Continuing Professional Training (CPT) every two years in order to maintain their active status. The current cycle ends December 31, 2014. One way to satisfy this requirement is to take the online courses offered by the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training, available on its Learning Portal at <https://lp.post.ca.gov>.

Once you sign up (you will need your POST ID#), you will be able to choose from a variety of different online courses, which you can take at your convenience. Be sure that the courses you choose offer CPT credit — the hours credited are listed — if that is your goal. Some courses do not have CPT credit. Some courses, such as First Aid/CPR, require a skills demonstration to receive the course credit. You can also monitor the hours you have accrued, which includes the

POST-certified in-service training the LAPD has reported.

Some of the courses currently offered include Communication: Keeping Your Edge, Domestic Violence Volumes I & II, Environmental Crimes, Gangs: PC 186.22 for Patrol, Identity Theft for Patrol, and Law Enforcement Response to Terrorism (LERT). The courses offer various levels of interactivity. The Domestic Violence volumes, for example, include videos, photos and other tools in which you virtually respond to radio calls, assess the situation and conduct preliminary investigations. The program provides feedback and grading along the way, improving your knowledge of the subject.

If you have questions, you can call POST directly at (877) 275-5872. They can also retrieve your POST ID, or you can get it online at www.post.ca.gov/obtain-your-post-id.aspx. 🌐



LAPRF IS ON FACEBOOK

The Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation is on Facebook, as part of our continuing efforts to reach out to our community and educate the citizens of Los Angeles about the LAPD Reserve Corps and how they can help support those who serve. Our Facebook page provides a channel for us to communicate regularly, in a format that encourages feedback and interaction. Join us at www.facebook.com/losangelespolicereservefoundation. 🌐

RESERVE CORPS AT THE OSCARS



When Jennifer Lawrence fell on the Academy Awards red carpet, that was LAPD Reserve Officer Todd Moore who came to her rescue. ◉

MOUNTED UNIT



Reserve Officer J.T. Alpaugh, Metropolitan Division, "E" Platoon Mounted Unit, kept the peace during the Kings-Rangers Game 5 on June 13 at the Staples Center. ◉

THE ROTATOR IS LOOKING FOR CONTRIBUTORS

The Rotator is looking for writers and others to contribute articles and content.

The Rotator is the newsletter for LAPD reserve police officers and is a forum for questions, concerns and comments. It is written to update readers on news, events and operations; discuss policies and procedures; advise of training and opportunities; introduce them to their fellow reserve officers; and document the service and history of the LAPD Reserve Corps.

Content has included interviews and panel discussions, area and officer profiles, task force news, how-to articles and training summaries, long-lost stories from history, our Reserve Officers of the Year, photos and captions, and more. We have regular columns on firearms and tactics, community relations and other topics. What else can you think of?

Those interested in contributing content are encouraged to review the *Rotator* archive at www.scribd.com/LAPRF/documents and reach out to the editor at michaelsellars@sbcglobal.net.

We are currently looking for content for our Winter 2014 issue, which will be due in August/September.

RESERVE DIGNITARY PROTECTION UNIT DEPLOYED FOR FORMER FRENCH PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO LOS ANGELES

A detail staffed entirely by LAPD reserve officers protected former President of France Nicolas Sarkozy during his visit to Los Angeles. The officers of the Reserve Dignitary Protection Unit deployed April 25 through 29.

Upon the request of the French authorities, via the French Consulate in Los Angeles, the Counter-Terrorism Special Operations Bureau authorized the deployment of the Reserve Unit to assist and facilitate the protective detail of former President Sarkozy.

The detail was performed by the following reserve officers: Wade Danielson, Khashayar Dowlatshah, Shawn Hamilton, Trevor Ingold, Bernard Khalili, Mark Payette and Joseph Saba.

Officer Khalili stated, "We would like to acknowledge the leadership of Chief Downing for once again trusting our unit to represent the Department with dignitaries. We would also like to thank Detective Lozano for his support and availability throughout the operation."

Officer Khalili has worked as liaison to the French government on behalf of the LAPD, organizing and leading numerous multi-agency law enforcement exchange programs and official government visits

between France and the United States. Last year, he was awarded the Ordre national du Mérite (National Order of Merit), France's second-highest national decoration, in recognition of his work. 🌐



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MORE FROM VETERAN RESERVE OFFICERS: JOHN COLELLO

By Reserve Officer Michael Sellars

The cover story in our Winter 2013 issue, “Veteran Reserve Officers Share Their Experiences, Knowledge and Opinions,” was a long one. It resulted in our first 16-page newsletter. We wrote: “The hardest part of this article was editing the content down to fit the space. Each of these officers undoubtedly deserves a separate interview or profile.”

One of these officers is John Colello (CDLI, 24 years, Rampart Area SPU), whose answers were not included in the original article. Officer Colello was named the Department Reserve Officer of the Year at the annual banquet in 2013. He is the deputy district attorney for L.A. County, currently assigned to the Crimes Against Peace Officers Section (CAPOS), and he has been a criminal prosecutor for over 15 years.

He says, “Each position has given me insight into the other. I went to law school *solely* to become a prosecutor — and being a reserve officer reinforced and solidified that goal.”

ROTATOR: Why did you become an LAPD reserve police officer?

COLELLO: I became a reserve for the challenge and the excitement, and to put bad guys in jail; I did not want to do it full-time, as I also wanted an advanced degree, and there was no way I could put up with the day-to-day BS that full-time officers must deal with.

ROTATOR: Does everyone know you are in the P.D.?

COLELLO: My family and work colleagues all know that I am a reserve police officer. A select few neighbors also know. All my friends also know. My family and friends do *not* share that info with just anyone. I am very private about what I do (as a DDA and as a reserve), mostly for privacy and safety issues, as I prosecute mostly gang members and those who violently attack, attempt to murder, or murder law enforcement officers in L.A. County.

ROTATOR: Are there any specific memories, experiences or assignments that stand out? A particular incident that made an impression on you? That changed you? Or just made you laugh?

COLELLO: A few incidents stand out for me: In 1993, responding to a shooting-in-progress

call right out of roll call and finding a young man (about 15 years old) shot in the head and then flying to Children’s Hospital in an LAFD helicopter with the victim; working in Foothill CRASH for three years (1995-1997) and arresting a *lot* of gang members with hard-charging and dedicated street cops, where I learned most of my tactics, with full-time officers like Dain Hurst, Mark Blizard, Richard Tompkins, David Ortiz, Jim Jarvis and (now retired) Officer Mike Koeller.

Since July 2010, I’ve been working in Rampart SPU (Special Problems Unit) with a great group of officers, including my partner, Reserve Officer Frank Tavelman. They are all some of the funniest, coolest and hardest-working cops I’ve ever worked with.

ROTATOR: What advice would you give to new reserve officers? For example, do you have advice to reduce the learning curve of not working full-time?

COLELLO: *Work.* You can’t learn and get better without actually doing police work! If you feel a little behind the curve, go out with a SLO, as they are usually more than willing to help with tactics, procedures and reports to get you back up to speed.

ROTATOR: If you have a specialty (or something you became particularly good at), what information or advice can you give to fellow officers about it?

COLELLO: Know the law and apply it: Read L.A. County DA One Minute Briefs (available on LAPD LAN), Alameda County DA Point of View (Google it — it’s online), and subscribe to law updates from retired San Diego County DA Robert Phillips (also online; Google it).

ROTATOR: What in-service training would you like to see for reserve officers?

COLELLO: Shooting and tactics training, either by the Academy Firearms and Tactics Unit or by Metro.

ROTATOR: What’s in your “war bag” that you’d recommend others carry too?

COLELLO: Your war bag needs extra ammo, food (fruit snacks, bars, etc.), first-aid supplies, and LAPD stickers to hand out to kids — you’ll be amazed how much that improves PR and goodwill.

Editor’s note: The original article is online at www.scribd.com/doc/191958604/LAPD-Reserve-Rotator-Newsletter-Winter-2013.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS



Reserve Officers John Choplin, Mitchell Englander, Robert Glucroft, Cheryl Gifis and Ronnie Hadar at the “Tip a Cop” Fundraiser at the Claim Jumper in Northridge on April 3.

THE DRE PROGRAM: A VALUABLE ASSET IN LAW ENFORCEMENT

By Reserve Officer Charlie Nicgorski, DRE Instructor

The Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) program has been around since the 1980s. It was started by the LAPD and is now utilized throughout the entire globe. The basic concept of the DRE program is to provide police officers with proper training so that they can make cursory examinations in the field and elsewhere to determine the type of drug(s) a person has used and their level of impairment. The key word here is “impairment,” because, as we know, many drugs (e.g., nicotine and caffeine) do not cause impairment that rises to the level of criminality. Such drugs, then, are not generally the concern of the DRE.

At times, many of us working the field come across individuals who may be behaving in a bizarre or unusual manner. We may not always know the cause of the behavior (i.e., mental illness, alcohol or drug intoxication, etc.). Certain drugs cannot legally be in a person’s system if they are a pedestrian, driving a motor vehicle, or on parole or probation. If you suspect that the person you are dealing with is under the influence of drugs(s) but cannot determine the origin of their behavior, it would be a good time to request a DRE.

When the DRE program first started, it was used to supplement the DUI officers in the field. Many times an officer would make a stop and think the driver was DUI, only to have them blow into a breathalyzer and then find out the alcohol content was very low, yet the subject’s behavior was obviously impaired.

With the advent of the DRE program, a DRE would perform an evaluation, identifying the symptoms of certain drug use and providing probable cause to make an arrest. DREs prefer to back up their opinions with urine or blood tests, but some convictions have, in fact, been obtained by DRE opinion alone! In the past, an officer, upon seeing a low result on the breathalyzer, would have had no choice but to let the subject go.

A tactic of common drug users on the street was to do their drugs, usually things such as heroin, and then drink maybe a half-can of beer so they would smell of alcohol. When the intervening officer came by and saw the subject,

they would note that the subject was indeed under the influence. But of course the subject would blow “a very low blow.” They would say that they just had a little beer and were very tired, and that’s why they were behaving the way they did. Today, a DRE would evaluate them, determine that the person was under the influence of an opiate/heroin and be able to make an arrest based on that evaluation.

Over the last almost 30 years, the DRE program has indeed made a dent in the activities on the streets. It is almost unheard of today to find habitual drug users and hypes who have not run across a DRE evaluation. Most of the druggies know that if they are involved in a situation in which a DRE is called, they will undoubtedly be booked. Even most drivers on the street know that if they are stopped by an officer and asked to look at the tip of the officer’s pen and follow it with their eyes, they are probably in some type of hot water. That is thanks to the DRE program. One of the most important elements of a cursory DRE evaluation is what we call checking for horizontal gaze nystagmus (HGN). This test is done by an officer holding a stimulus, such as the tip of the pen, in front of the suspect’s eyes and having them follow that stimulus as it moves from side to side. The officer then is able to determine at what point the eyes start to make an involuntary shaking or movement, and with that information can determine the approximate blood alcohol level. If the officer then uses a breathalyzer or pass device and sees that the blood alcohol level is not consistent with the HGN, they can proceed further with the evaluation to see what type of drug(s) may be on board. It should be noted that not all drugs cause HGN. Many officers over the years who are not DREs have been trained in performing the HGN evaluation. If you are not trained in HGN, you should not document performing the HGN test, nor should you ever testify to that effect in court. This has been done by some officers in the past and has caused problems for the validity of the HGN test.

It is important to realize that the human body is a marvelous tool, and it works very

hard to maintain its chemical balance. When a person decides to self-prescribe various drugs or medications, they take the risk of causing alterations in the body that can become dangerous or fatal. Unfortunately for police officers, many times we are in situations where we must face people who are under the influence. This may cause their behavior to become unruly or unpredictable, with dangerous results for both the officers and the suspects. It therefore becomes vital for police officers to be able to recognize when they are dealing with somebody who may not be in their normal state of mind, whether from mental conditions, drugs ingested or just straight alcohol. There is an added risk when such individuals are in control of a motor vehicle, so be very alert as to when you decide to release somebody whom you suspect to be under the influence, even though it may not show up as just straight alcohol. If in doubt, a good rule of thumb is to ask oneself, “Would I want this individual driving next to me or my family on the roadways?” If the answer is no, then you should request the presence of the DRE.

Another important issue is that drugs in the modern world continue to change, and DREs are usually updated at least once a year on the newest trends in the drug world. So-called designer drugs continue to change in an effort to throw off the law enforcement world. Many drugs, such as bath salts, GSB, various forms of stimulants, ecstasy and so on, are just variations of old drugs with minor alterations that have been repackaged to make them look less dangerous.

Many of the current laws today are changing and relaxing when it comes to the use of marijuana. We must remember that marijuana use is still illegal when driving or operating a motor vehicle. It is no different than driving under the influence of alcohol, although it may be a little bit more difficult for the normal street officer to determine the level of intoxication to book. Again, this would be a good time to request a DRE if you thought that you were dealing with somebody under the influence of cannabis and impaired. Because we currently do not have a

way to test or quantify the amount of cannabis use, we still have to rely on a DRE to make the determination that the person is impaired and therefore should not be operating a motor vehicle. Also of note: The cannabis that we are seeing on the streets today is much more potent and has a higher THC level than the marijuana that people might be accustomed to from the 1970s and 1980s. We are now seeing a larger percentage of users today with extremely potent marijuana and behaving in very abstract and bizarre ways. There were recently some very high-profile cases where bath salts were blamed for the bizarre behavior and extreme violence of several suspects. Upon closer examination, it was determined that the only drug that they had in their body was THC or cannabis.

Due to the fact that so many of our dealings as police officers involve people who are using drugs, we should be more interested in

the world of drugs and drug users and how it can affect us personally on the street. Yet at times many officers tend to shy away from learning more about drugs because of the perceived complexities involved. Because the DRE program is very time-consuming, many officers don't have the ability to make or take the time to complete the entire DRE course. Another suggestion would be to take the shorter Impaired Driver Apprehension Program (IDAP) course. Also, any chance you get to read articles on drugs or drug use would also be recommended to widen your perspective on the drug culture. I personally subscribe to the PoliceOne newsletter, and I have to say that when you read reports from around the entire United States, a week does not seem to go by without there being two or three stories of officers involved in deadly encounters with people under the influence. I cannot stress enough the importance

of being aware of the little nuances of the suspect's behavior. Even if you can only articulate that the suspect is acting bizarrely or exhibiting unusual traits, that is enough to request the presence of the DRE to look at the matter further. But above all, one should be very careful in dealing with such an individual, because sometimes the behavior or actions can violently change in seconds. Be tactically prepared in such encounters and start thinking about your next move, in case the situation turns violent.

In conclusion, drugs are here to stay in our society. Whether or not people decide to loosen the laws concerning drug use doesn't really change the basic concerns of the police officer. The important thing to us is the degree of impairment, especially when operating motor vehicles and especially maintaining officer safety when dealing with these folks. Be safe out there! 🌐

Qualification Schedule

Cycle #	Qualification Cycle	Officers with Less Than 20 Years of Service	Officers with 20-29 Years of Service
1	January	Shotgun Level III Exempt	Shotgun Level III Exempt
2	February/March	Qualify Duty Ammo	Qualify Duty Ammo
3	April/May	Qualify Practice Ammo	None
4	June/July	Qualify FOS	None
	August	None	None
5	September/October	Qualify Practice Ammo	Qualify Practice Ammo
6	November/December	Qualify Practice Ammo	None

Officers with 30 years or more of service are required to qualify one time per calendar year at their convenience, during cycle 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6. Officers must qualify prior to the last week of handgun qualification cycles, unless exempted by their commanding officer. The last week of these cycles will be reserved for remediation and officers with the approved exemptions.

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Area), the Central Bureau Officer of the Year was Timothy Bragg (Northeast Area) and the Valley Bureau Officer of the Year was Gary Hall (Devonshire Area). For more detail about each of the Department and Bureau Reserve Officers of the year, see pages 12 and 13.

Andrea Friedman was remembered. Andrea, who retired last November after 23 years of service as a LAPD reserve officer and 15 years as secretary of the Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation (LAPRF), passed away on March 6. Her fellow officers at the LAX Substation were presented with the first-ever Friedman Award for going above and beyond in supporting the Reserve Corps — in escorting Andrea and her husband, Albert, a specialist with the Department, from her hospital to the airport, to a new life that was cut far too short.

LAPRF Co-Presidents Karla Ahmanson and Michael Sellars welcomed the officers and guests, having been elected by the Foundation Board last December.

President Ahmanson said: "A lot has changed since then — 40 years ago when this dinner was established — except for one thing: the unwavering commitment of those in this room to the Los Angeles Police Department."

President Sellars said: "If anyone underestimates the dedication and the commitment of our Los Angeles reserve police officers, tell them what you see and hear tonight — show them the cover of tonight's program."

The cover of the banquet program recognized "Andy" Anderson, who has a combined 65 years of service as both a reserve and a full-time officer. Officer Anderson was at the banquet, receiving a standing ovation and signing a few autographs.

The Foundation co-presidents also recognized

Reserve Policeman George Booker Mogle. Last September, his daughter, 87-year-old Luella Tralle, came to Los Angeles to receive his LAPD Purple Heart.

The news was received that LAPD Officer Christopher Cortijo had been critically injured in a traffic collision and Chief Charlie Beck was on his way to the hospital. But before he left, he said: "My time with the Reserve Corps taught me something very profound. And it wasn't about policing, it was about people. It was about sacrifice. It was about people who would be willing to do such a dangerous and difficult job for no money and little recognition."

Assistant Chief Sandy Jo MacArthur took the Chief of Police's place in recognizing the reserve officers of the year and community honorees. Deputy Chief Mark Perez was also there to honor



LAPD Assistant Chief Sandy Jo MacArthur with LAPD Reserve Police Officer of the Year Rudy Crusat

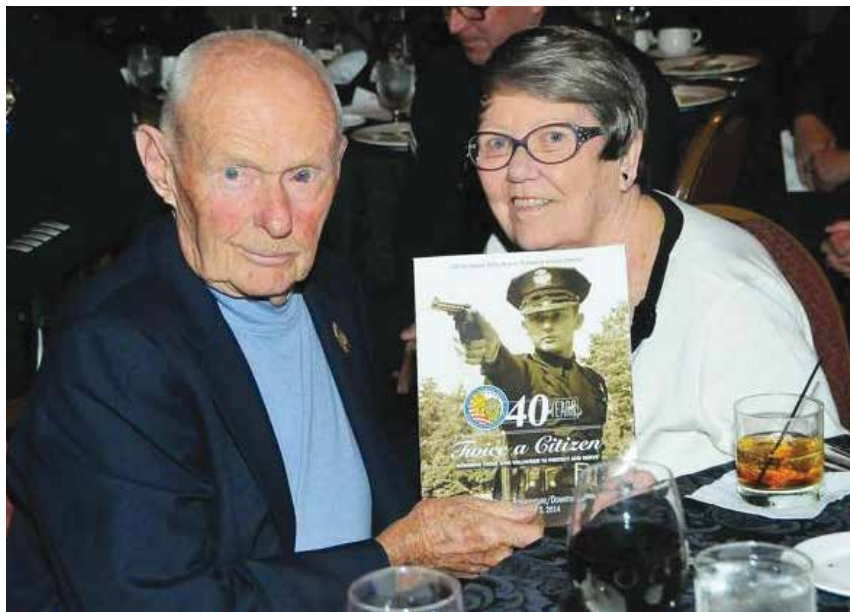
the officers, as Department reserve coordinator.

Nineteen reserve officers received their 25-, 30-, 35- and 40-year service pins at the banquet.

The three Twice a Citizen community leader honorees were Beau Boeckmann, vice president of Galpin Motors, Inc., who has been deeply involved in many community and philanthropic efforts; Steve Fazio, president and CEO of Fazio Enterprises, who served for many years as a Los Angeles reserve police officer and was later appointed to the Los Angeles Fire Department Board of Commissioners; and Melvin Kennedy, former president of the LAPRF and 32-year veteran reserve officer.

The mistress of ceremonies was Christine Devine of Fox News. John Moschitta Jr. — perhaps best known as the fast-talking man in the FedEx commercials — was the live auctioneer.

The annual banquet is funded by the LAPRF. 🍷



William "Andy" Anderson with his wife. Officer Anderson has 65 years of combined service with the LAPD, 31 years as a full-time officer and 35 years as a reserve.

40TH ANNUAL TWICE A CITIZEN BANQUET HONOREES

RESERVE CORPS

Department Reserve Officer of the Year

Rudy Crusat

Bureau Reserve Officers of the Year

Brian Pearcy – *West Bureau*
Sharon Abbott – *South Bureau*
Timothy Bragg – *Central Bureau*
Gary Hall – *Valley Area*
Rudy Crusat – *Specialized Divisions*

Community Leaders Honored

Beau Boeckmann – *Vice President, Galpin Motors, Inc.*
Steve R. Fazio – *President and CEO, Fazio Enterprises*
Melvin Kennedy – *Past President, LAPRF*

Area and Divisional Reserve Officers of the Year

Timothy McDowell – *Hollywood Area*
Peter Gorelick – *Wilshire Area*
Mark Dundore – *West Los Angeles Area*
Ryan Matsui – *Pacific Area*
Brian Pearcy – *West Traffic Division*
Diana Lebron – *Southwest Area*
Douglas Webb – *77th Street Area*
Sharon Abbott – *Harbor Area*
Mario Gutierrez – *Central Area*
Ellen Kanda – *Central Traffic*
Frank Tavelman – *Rampart Area*
Jerry Vergara – *Hollenbeck Area*

Timothy Bragg – *Northeast Area*
Jacqueline Franklin – *Newton Area*
Zaki Rabadi – *Van Nuys Area*
Uri Zvi – *West Valley Area*
Patricia Kane – *North Hollywood Area*
Gary Hall – *Devonshire Area*
Martin Morehouse – *Mission Area*
Gerald Holtz – *Valley Traffic Division*
Rudy Crusat – *Training Division*
Stephen Greenwald – *Air Support Division*
Greig Smith – *Robbery-Homicide Division*

Officers Receiving Service Pins

25 Years of Service

Leif Bennett – *Olympic*
Timothy Bragg – *Northeast*
Rudy Crusat – *Training*
Mark Dundore – *West L.A.*
Hugh Miller – *West L.A.*
Ismael Moreno – *North Hollywood*
Brian Pearcy – *West Traffic*
Michael Wade – *Harbor*
Uri Zvi – *West Valley*

30 Years of Service

Patricia Kane – *North Hollywood*
Teresa Lincoln – *Air Support*
Timothy McDowell – *Hollywood*
Candice Weber – *West Valley*
Steven Whittlelaw – *West Valley*

35 Years of Service

Gary Becker – *West Traffic*

40 Years of Service

Ronald Batesole – *West Traffic*
Joe Galindo – *Northeast*
Dan Henderson – *Foothill*
Douglas Webb – *77th Street*

LAPD RESERVE OFFICERS OF THE YEAR FOR 2013

DEPARTMENT AND SPECIALIZED BUREAUS RESERVE OFFICER OF THE YEAR: RUDY CRUSAT



Reserve Officer Rudy Crusat of Training Division has been a member of the Los Angeles Police Department since 1987 and currently serves as the Department's primary mentor for reserve officer candidates during the recruitment and testing stages of the hiring process.

During 2013, Rudy distinguished himself by working well over 300 hours and conducting the reserve officer orientation on 12 different occasions over the course of the year. On the third Thursday of every month, Rudy conducts the reserve officer candidate orientation. Over the course of his presentation, he fields questions relative to the Reserve Corps and full-time officers. Each orientation goes past the allotted time and Rudy remains to answer every last question. Rudy is assisted by other reserve officers with backgrounds in patrol and specialized divisions to lend their expertise to the candidates.

Rudy's hard work and diligence have paid off, as the City approved candidates for the Module III Reserve Officer Academy. Over 600 candidates attended the orientation throughout the year, with Rudy and his team tracking each of them through the hiring process. After countless hours of mentoring and aggressive recruiting efforts, several of those candidates will enter the Academy. Rudy does all this while maintaining a full-time career in the insurance industry.

Rudy is the consummate professional and exemplifies the Department's core value of service to our communities. He is in constant contact with the public and the officers assigned to the Reserve Officer and Volunteer Unit (ROVU). He provides regular updates regarding the status of reserve officer candidates. He also makes himself available to work special details throughout the city.

SOUTH BUREAU RESERVE OFFICER OF THE YEAR: SHARON ABBOTT

Harbor Area selected Sharon Abbott as its Area Reserve Officer of the Year.

Because of her father, Sharon developed an interest in LAPD at a young age. Sharon's father was a U.S. Marine WWII veteran and went into counterintelligence after the war. He helped LAPD set up its counterintelligence program in the '60s and '70s.

Sharon knew that one day she would become an LAPD officer. She joined the LAPD Explorer Program in December 1970 and was enrolled in the third Explorer class that allowed females. She quickly distinguished herself as an exceptional Explorer and became the first female to achieve the rank of captain. After high school, Sharon went on to further her education at the University of Honolulu. Upon graduation, she returned to the Explorer Program as one of four advisors. Sharon worked as an advisor from 1978 to 1990, giving thousands of hours to the program. She was also responsible for developing the first Explorer field trip to Washington, D.C. Sharon received the Silver Beaver Award from the Boy Scouts of America for distinguished service.

In May 1990, Sharon's dream came true when she donned the LAPD badge and uniform. As a reserve officer, Sharon worked at Southeast Division, Training Division, Fugitive Warrant Section, Operations-South Bureau Youth Programs unit and Harbor Division, all while maintaining a 40-hour workweek in her civilian life.

While in the Reserve program, Sharon became a liaison and mentor to female reserve officer recruits, providing guidance and leadership. When asked why she contributes so many hours to Harbor's Youth Programs, Officer Abbott replied, "The first and biggest benefit I get from volunteering is the satisfaction of incorporating service into my life and making a difference in my community and country. Secondly, I know that mentoring kids helps because they see that there is someone there who cares about them."



WEST BUREAU RESERVE OFFICER OF THE YEAR: BRIAN PEARCY



West Traffic Division named Officer Brian Pearcy as its Reserve Officer of the Year, recognizing his 27 years of hard work and dedication to the Department.

Brian received his bachelor's degree in 1984 and joined the Department in March 1987, working patrol at 77th Division and then at Operations-South Bureau (OSB) for the "Operation Hammer" Task Force. Brian received his law degree from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, in 1991. Upon passing the bar that year, he started working full time as a lawyer and became a reserve officer for the Department. As a reserve officer, Brian continued his assignment at OSB, working OSB CRASH from 1991 to 2006, gang enforcement, Robbery Apprehension Detail (RAD), the warrant service team, the LAPD/FBI joint task force and the surveillance (rolling) detail with CRASH detectives. He also worked the gang intelligence detail for the OSB Special Problems Unit.

In 2006, Brian transferred to WTD as a reserve motor officer. Although he continues his law practice on a full-time basis, he still dedicates his reserve time consistently, logging almost 400 hours in 50 days. He has worked such details as the Academy Awards, Sunshine Kids, Nisei Week parade, DUI checkpoints and saturations, traffic enforcement, crime task forces, the Martin Luther King Day parade, escorts and various others.

CENTRAL BUREAU RESERVE OFFICER OF THE YEAR: TIM BRAGG

Reserve Officer Tim Bragg has over 30 years of service. He was appointed to the Los Angeles Police Department on October 14, 1984. He transferred to Northeast Division in November 1991. Tim never hesitates to volunteer for an assignment. In 2013 he worked approximately 200 hours in a uniformed A-car capacity and has answered numerous radio calls for service in the communities in which he both lives and works. Through his time and effort, Tim has helped to reduce fear and incidents of crime in the community by working special details to bring increased police presence and maintain high visibility in areas often plagued by crime.



VALLEY BUREAU RESERVE OFFICER OF THE YEAR: GARY HALL



Gary Hall joined the Los Angeles Police Department on June 9, 1975. Assigned to Devonshire Area patrol most of that time, he has also worked on loan to many other divisions, including 77th Street, Southwest, Southeast, Hollywood, Pacific, North Hollywood and Detective Bureau working the old "K-car" detail. During his 39 years of service, he has worked the 1984 Olympics, the 1992 Los Angeles riots, the 1994 Northridge earthquake and the Hillside Strangler case, to name just a few. Gary has made over 150 arrests of numerous murderers, rapists, armed robbers and burglars. Among his other awards, Gary and his full-time partner, Mark White, were nominated by the California Robbery Investigators Association after an officer-involved shooting and arrest of a longtime robbery suspect wanted in over 50 armed robberies. Gary was also awarded the Peace Officers Association of Los Angeles County award in 2008. Gary has received a Meritorious Unit Citation, a 1987 Papal Visit Ribbon and a Reserve Service Ribbon, and is in process for his 20-year patrol ribbon.

Gary and his wife, Cyndi, founded a jail outreach program in which they volunteer with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department inside the Pitchess Detention Center to help rehabilitate inmates.

ON WRITING TRAFFIC CITATIONS

By Reserve Officer Jonathan Seltzer

I can only write about my experience and what works for me. Different officers have different styles, and we all find what works for us. I have been writing moving violation tickets out in the field for about 19 years. I have rarely been required to go to court and when I have, the violator just wanted to see if I would show up.

I have been challenged to present my case only twice. I write about 10 movers a month. I received one complaint about 18 years ago from a woman at LAX who was used to making a right turn where it was posted “No right turn.” A full investigation was conducted and the complaint was ruled unfounded (she said I yelled at her).

I am always very nice to people when I approach, and I think I take them off guard when the first thing I say is “Is everything all right?”

Although I describe myself as being very nice, make no mistake: I am not looking to appease. If they are angry, I turn into a “just the facts” kind of officer. I ask them for their driver’s license, registration and proof of insurance.

I will often stop cars for having expired registration and will not be surprised to see that they do not have proof of insurance.

I will make stops on vehicles with no license plates that appear new, only to find other violations. I learned on the job that it is generally the little things that may lead you to bigger things. After I have written someone a ticket, I “sell” them on it as the glass being half full. For example, I only cited them for X and I could have also written Y, but I am only warning them on that — or I explain that it would really have been a bad day for them if they had hit someone going through that red light.

Believe it or not, as my partners can attest, most people say “Thank you.”

If the driver is a professional (for example, a taxicab) I let them know up front that if they want to take me to court I will be there. That is because they are most likely to do so since they have more at stake. However, once I have advised them that I will be there, they don’t bother taking me to court.

I used to get plenty of kickbacks, but I learned along the way that if you start at the top of the form and work your way down, line by line, you will have a much higher chance of not forgetting anything.

Here are some of the most common questions I get from fellow reserve officers:

What are the violations to look for — what should I concentrate on?

I think every cop has the particular things that he or she may find irksome. I personally look for people driving up the center divider or driving on the wrong side of the street to get up to the left-turn lane. I look out for drivers doing U-turns, and those who turn left after the light turns red when they hadn’t yet entered the intersection.

My ticket book is several years old. Should I get a new one?

Ticket books that are more than approximately two years old will be rejected. The numbers/letters of the citation tickets have changed.

What copies go where (which one goes with the DFAR)? What should I write on my copy in case I need to go to court?

The green tickets (known as greenies) get handed in at the end of watch with your DFAR, the white copy is given to the violator and the yellow stays in your book, so you might want to write any notes on the back of the yellow copy. You will need to generate an FAR number

ACADEMY CLASS 4-14R



Reserve Level III Academy Class 4-14R graduated on April 27, 2014, at Deaton Hall, PAB, and are pictured here with ROVU staff. Back row, left to right: Joseph Jones, Brian Fritton, Ligia Bobadilla, Michael Falkow, Allen Hsiang and Ghanshyam Patel; front row, left to right: Chris Panozzo, Keith Provin, Lieutenant Tom Murrell, Roberto Salazar, Ivan Wolkind, Joshua Capilouto (primary drill instructor), Johnny Gil (secondary drill instructor), Eric Delgado, Bryan Davis, Raymond Endow, Sergeant John Martinez and Lance Nielsen. ©

through the LAN that goes with each traffic stop, whether you write a ticket or just warn.

Do you always cite, or do you let some off with a warning? If you let some off with a warning, are you concerned they may file a complaint?

About 98 percent of the time when I make the decision to hit the light bar, I am thinking that I am going to write a citation. The fact is that for one reason or another I probably let 30 percent go without a ticket. I am never worried about a complaint, mostly because I say and do the right thing, but I also believe if that is a fear of mine then I should not be doing police work. I believe that half of what I do in uniform is PR for the Department. In my experience, people who are not cited are always very grateful.

Under what circumstance do I need to impound the vehicle?

If the registration is over six months, it can (not shall) be impounded. A lone unlicensed/suspended driver will qualify for an impound. While there have been Special Orders on this subject regarding 30-day holds, it is not widely understood. The bottom line is: Ask Supervision about any 30-day hold. ☺

CHILDREN'S CARNIVAL



CENT and HWD reserve police officers helped out at the carnival for the Abused Child Section of LAPD on December 14. Left to right: Reserve Officers Geraldo Bautista, Steve Hong, Ali Bashar and David Vasquez. Not pictured: Kashy Dowlatshahi, RAMP. ☺



REMEMBERING ANDREA FRIEDMAN

Andrea Friedman passed away on March 6. She served as a Los Angeles police reserve officer for 23 years (Pacific Area/LAX Substation) and was secretary of the Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation for 15 years. Her husband, Albert, has served as a specialist for the past five years. Andrea had just retired to spend time with her new granddaughter in Virginia.

A service was held on March 9 in Fairfax, Virginia. To see the video and leave your thoughts and comments for the family, go to www.fairfaxmemorialfuneralhome.com, click "Enter funeral home," select "Obituaries/Guest-books," type "Friedman" in the search box and then select Andrea's entry.

At press time, a memorial at Mount Sinai Memorial Park in Los Angeles was scheduled for Sunday, July 13. ☺



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