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## BANQUET CELEBRATES 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF RESERVE CORPS AS PART OF LAPD

By Reserve Officer Michael Sellars

**A**t the renowned Skirball Cultural Center, nestled at the base of the Santa Monica Mountains, the annual Reserve Officer of the Year and Twice a Citizen banquet was held on April 22.

*"The buildings are topped by stainless steel vaulted roofs that reflect the dynamic southern California sky. A rich and diverse Mediterranean landscape, including an olive grove, surrounds the more public areas of the campus..."*

This was a historic banquet: 70 years ago — in 1947 — the LAPD Reserve Corps was officially established by the City Council as part of the Los Angeles Police Department. It was an evening of not only honoring the Reserve Officers of the Year and members of the Corps, but also celebrating the history and legacy of the Corps.

Following the presentation of colors by the LAPD Honor Guard, a video opened the banquet, highlighting the origins of the Corps

during World War II and featuring several current reserve officers in their regular jobs and in their "second career" in the LAPD.

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# PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

## Message From the Co-Presidents of the Reserve Foundation

By Reserve Officer Michael Sellars and Karla Ahmanson

On April 22, we held our Reserve Officer of the Year and Twice a Citizen banquet at the Skirball Cultural Center, celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Los Angeles Police Reserve Corps. In 1947, the Los Angeles City Council established the Corps as part of the Los Angeles Police Department. Two of those Council members, Kenneth Hahn and Ernest E. Debs, continue to be hallowed Los Angeles leaders. The banquet honored those who have served and those who serve today, culminating with the Department Reserve Officer of the Year. This year, the Department honor went to two officers. Congratulations, Officers Matt Krieger (77th Street Area) and Stephen Lee (North Hollywood Area).

In addition to recognizing our Reserve Officers of the Year, this banquet raised funds so that the Foundation can continue its efforts to recruit more reserve officers and provide required and extra training, equipment, scholarships and the *Rotator* newsletter.

To that end, this year we recognized three outstanding community leaders as Twice a Citizen. Dr. Phil McGraw, through the *Dr. Phil* show, acknowledges the hard work and dedication of the nation's

peace officers. His "Behind the Badge" segment features officers who have gone above and beyond in their communities. Los Angeles City Council Member Mitchell Englander is a staunch supporter of the LAPD and chairman of the Public Safety Committee, and has also served as a reserve officer since 2005. Santa Clarita City Council Member Bob Kellar was the mayor of Santa Clarita in 2004, 2008, 2013 and 2016. He joined LAPD after serving in the U.S. Army from 1965 to 1967, and retired after many years of service as the supervisor of reserve officer training. Many of our veteran reserve officers attended in order to honor their former sergeant.

We thank Chief of Police Charlie Beck for once again serving as honorary chairman of the banquet. His leadership and that of the command staff, including Assistant Chief Jorge Villegas as director of the Office of Administrative Services, continues to provide invaluable support to the reserve program. In fact, this year we had more command staff in attendance than ever before. We recently welcomed Lieutenant Curtis McIntyre as the new OIC of the Reserve Unit and look forward to his contributions. And, of course, thanks to Scherr

Lillico and her team at The Proper Image Events for coordinating the banquet.

Congratulations to our LAPRF 2017 Emeritus College Scholarship winners: Reserve Officer Darla Cozzarelli and Ms. Nathalia Martinez, daughter of Reserve Officer Joe Martinez. This Foundation initiative is a new way in which we can support our reserve officers.

Our recruitment initiative continues to move forward, as the campaign with Dr. Shaquille O'Neal and featured reserve officers has been expanded to billboards and bus benches (see page 14).

Every day we are reminded of the challenges, and often the sacrifices, faced by those who protect and serve throughout our nation. Sometimes it hits close to home. On January 30, the LAPD family lost Reserve Police Officer Michael Wade (Harbor Area), a 29-year veteran reserve officer, who died from injuries sustained in an off-duty incident (see page 11). Our thoughts are with his family, fellow officers and friends who mourn the loss of Officer Wade.

On behalf of the Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation Board of Directors, thank you for your service and support. Be safe. 🍀

## DEPARTMENT EMAIL NOW ON MICROSOFT OUTLOOK

The LAPD has moved officers' email to the Microsoft Office 365 online email system (Outlook). This means that you can now access your Department emails from outside computers at any time, without having to use the VPN (Aventail) software.

The short overview is that you can open up your web browser, go to <https://login.microsoftonline.com>, then use <serial#>@lapd.online as your login ID and enter your LAN password. Again, your username/email address is your serial number followed by @lapd.online.

Documents are available on the Department's Infoweb with details about navigating the system, including a quick start guide and "tips and tricks."

### Aventail WorkPlace for Infoweb and LMS

The Aventail WorkPlace remains the online portal for LAPD officers to connect to the Department network from home and access the Infoweb (the Department's intranet homepage) and LMS (Learning Management System), in which officers can take online courses and receive policies — including memos and orders — that need be reviewed.

Some officers have struggled with logging on. Here are the details: The Aventail WorkPlace is at <https://inblue.lacity.org>. Your username is your serial number. If you don't have a password (same as the LAN) or you do not remember it, you need to have your coordinator ask ITD to issue you a temporary password. Once you get

your temporary password, you can log in. You should create a new password as soon as possible — *which must be done on a Department computer\** — as the temporary password will expire (we were told after three logons). This protocol is the same if your password has expired. If you are having trouble, you can call the ITD help desk at (213) 473-9900.

There is also a separate password to access LMS, which is the last four digits of your Social Security number. If you need help with LMS, the help desk is at (213) 486-0240.

\*When you log in on a Department computer, you access the Department's Infoweb and LMS by launching the browser. It has been reported that the only browser that works for this is Google Chrome. (Icons are at the bottom of the screen.) ©

# OIC MESSAGE

By Lieutenant Curtis McIntyre, Reserve and Youth Education Section, Training Division

Hello, all. I am Lieutenant Curtis McIntyre, the newly assigned Officer in Charge of the Reserve and Youth Education Section at Training Division. The first four months have gone by quickly since Captain Davenport promoted and Lieutenant Rosenthal temporarily carried the torch for the section.

The Reserve Officer and Volunteer Unit (ROVU) has been busy, beginning with the December ceremony for 11 new Level III reserve officers, Class 10-16R. A big welcome and congratulations to Officers Araya, Sherman, Loung, Strauss, Scames, Oketch, Popack, Robinson, Alikhan, Ardon and Cozzarelli.

A Module II Academy began in March, Class 3-17R, with seven reserve officers and our first lateral reserve. We have increased our efforts,

recruiting from all demographics in an effort to expand our Reserve Corps. We are looking forward to a Module III class in July, with several candidates in the background process. We have all worked tirelessly to improve the hiring process for potential candidates with the Personnel Department. In addition to cementing relationships and improving processes, we have also incorporated mentoring for the candidates. This is particularly beneficial, not only for the cumbersome hiring process but also for our young adults joining from the Police Orientation Preparation Program (POPP). This is the other side of the section I am responsible for, Youth Education, which has over 100 young adults annually interested in a law enforcement career. They are strongly encouraged to become reserve officers as they are completing their college education. The goal is to increase law enforcement numbers, whether it be full-time or for the Reserve Corps, a win-win situation.

The unit has also been active in recruiting through the traditional channels, such as LAPD Centurions football games, "Coffee With a Cop" events, South L.A. community events, and local colleges and universities. If you have not seen them, there are bench bus advertisements going

up for the reserves, thanks to the Reserve Foundation and Officer Johnny Gil.

There are three areas I have focused on since arriving at ROVU: compliance, communication and culture. There are Department policies and POST mandates that all of us are accountable for, so compliance is a matter of ensuring that those things are addressed. It is imperative that the minimum monthly requirements are maintained, including the Continuing Professional Training (CPT) annually. Second is the need to constantly communicate. This applies to the unit, the Reserve Corps and all the entities with which we engage, such as the Personnel Department of the City of Los Angeles. The better communication creates better systems and synergy. Third is emphasizing a culture of compassion and service — reminding people to treat one another with respect, internally and with community members. In addition, this includes reminding individuals of the importance of reserves and understanding the value of reserve officers as you work at your various commands.

Please be reminded that the phone number has changed at ROVU, (424) 393-4540. Thanks for your efforts and speak with you soon!

*Editor's note: An ROVU schedule, with upcoming events and training, is on page 11.*

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## RESERVE OFFICER AT BAKER TO VEGAS AND NATIONAL POLICE WEEK



Reserve Officer Toni McBride ran the final leg of the Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay on March 26, securing first place for Foothill Station in its category. On May 13, she attended the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Candlelight Vigil in Washington, D.C.





## BANQUET CELEBRATES 70TH ANNIVERSARY - CONTINUED FROM PG 1



"Andy" Anderson with the Vintage L.A. Coppers. Andy has over 60 years of service with the LAPD, combined full-time and reserve.



Twice a Citizen honoree Sergeant Bob Kellar (standing, far right) and members of the Reserve Corps helping with the Care and Share Program at the L.A. Mission

South Los Angeles since 2000. He volunteered his time to create and run the 77th Street Charitable Foundation, which now serves three additional divisions. He was also the OSB honoree.

- Reserve Officer Stephen Lee of North Hollywood Area has continued to work multiple Patrol shifts in NHWD. On February 20, 2015, he and his partner, Officer Eric Aven-dano, handled an incident that resulted in the two officers receiving the Department's new Preservation of Life Award at the Above and Beyond ceremony on September 8, 2016. He was also the OVB honoree.

The other bureau honorees were:

- Rogelio Cuevas (Newton), Central Bureau
- Jonathan Seltzer (Hollywood), West Bureau
- Michael Greenwald (Air Support), Specialized Divisions

The full list of all the area honorees is on page 10.

Service pins were presented by Chief of Police Charlie Beck to approximately 30 reserve officers, starting with 20 years of service and ending with Officers James Miller (ASD) and David Jacoby (GND) receiving their 40-year pins, and Officer William Weber (WVAL) receiving his 50-year pin. See the full list of service pins awarded on page 10.

Other important parts of the banquet are fundraising and recognizing community leaders as Twice a Citizen. It was an especially strong year for this. There were three community honorees, all of whom have had a profound influence in

demonstrating leadership and support of local law enforcement: Dr. Phil McGraw, the Honorable Mitchell Englander and the Honorable Bob Kellar.

With Dr. Phil McGraw, the event received more media attention than in previous years. Film crews from KCBS, KCAL, *Entertainment Tonight* and *Access Hollywood* reported on the festivities and the reserve program, resulting in a very lively red carpet. The news even traveled "across the pond" to the United Kingdom. The *Daily Mail* wrote, "[Dr.] Phil, accompanied by wife Robin, was singled [out] in part because of his show's 'Behind the Badge' initiative, which shines a light on extraordinary police officers and departments throughout the country who go above and beyond to make their communities better and safer."

The *Mail* said the "Saturday gala" also honored "Mitchell Englander, a Los Angeles City Council-member, staunch supporter of the LAPD [and] sworn member of the LAPD Reserve Corps, and ... Bob Kellar, who was a 25-year veteran with the LAPD and retired as the Supervisor in Charge of the Reserve Officer Training at the Police Academy."

In his opening remarks, Chief of Police (and the banquet's honorary chairperson) Charlie Beck noted that it was 42 years ago that he went through the reserve Academy. "I think I get too much credit for that," he said. "I was 21 years old, trying to figure out what I was going to do in life, and this looked like a way to test-drive policing. I wasn't married, I didn't have kids, my job was not that demanding

at the time. And so, I don't really feel like I have earned the recognition of being a reserve like the people I know in this room.

"Being a cop is really tough in any year, but over the last couple of years it's been excruciatingly difficult. And when I talk, and when I meet, and when I see, and when I hear about what all of you do in combination with extremely difficult jobs of your own — many of you are absolute rock stars in your profession, and then as a side gig you do policing, which is maybe the hardest thing in the world to do — I am just in awe. I do not have the words to tell you how much I respect what you do and what you give to this city. It is truly amazing. And every one of you should be so proud of the impact that you make.

"The Reserve Corps is an infusion of the community into our [police] culture. And the converse is also true ... you are the ambassadors to the community ... You bring the story of law enforcement — how difficult it is, how challenging it is, how dangerous it is." The Chief thanked the families of reserve officers, saying: "What the families have to give so that you can give is amazing."

In closing, the Chief said, "We want to grow the Reserve Corps ... I want this to be a signature piece of policing in Los Angeles ... to be that segue between community and police in a way that nobody else can do. So if you know somebody or think you know somebody or think you can convince somebody to be a Los Angeles police reserve officer, please do so. Tell them,



G.W. Bailey, Karla Ahmanson, Anthony Denison, Patricia Heaton and Dr. Phil McGraw



Karla Ahmanson, Mitchell Englander, Dr. Phil McGraw, Chief of Police Charlie Beck, Bob Kellar and Michael Sellars



Reserve Officers of the Year Stephen Lee and Matthew Krieger with Chief Beck



The front lobby of Police Headquarters Facility (PHF) during April, Reserve Appreciation Month

you never know, you might end up being chief of police." He then quipped, "If that doesn't dissuade them, I don't know what will."

LAPRF President Karla Ahmanson said: "Where else on any given day could you stop a robbery, prevent a murder, take a gun off the street, save a life, steer a kid straight or help out a neighbor?"

LAPRF President Michael Sellars spoke of Reserve Officer Michael Wade, who died on January 30 from injuries sustained in an off-duty incident: "If you want to know about the heart and soul of the LAPD Reserve Corps ... Michael Wade is a good example of that heart and soul." Officer Wade's two daughters, Jennifer and Christie, attended the banquet, sitting with Harbor Area. (See page 11 for an article about Officer Wade.)

During the evening, one of the initiatives of the LAPRF, the 2017 Emeritus College Scholarship

Program, positively affected lives as two students received scholarships: Reserve Officer Darla Cozzarelli and Ms. Nathalia Martinez, daughter of Reserve Officer Joe Martinez. The scholarship checks were presented by LAPRF Presidents Ahmanson and Sellars.

In his remarks after receiving his Twice a Citizen award, Dr. Phil said there are three groups that he feels strongly about in this country — the military, teachers and law enforcement. "And let me tell you, not one of these groups does it for the money ... I've spent a lot of my life figuring out why people do what they do and why people don't do what they don't do ... It's about the moral compass; it's about caring about somebody other than themselves."

Council Member Mitchell Englander received his Twice a Citizen honor after a long history of

supporting the LAPD and serving as a reserve police officer. As the banquet journal stated, he "helped build the new Greig Smith LAPD Devonshire Youth Center, home of the Police Activity League Supporters (PALS) program, which provides crucial after-school programs, sports, education and mentoring to offer at-risk youth an alternative to crime, gangs and drugs. He helped implement business tax reform, and conceived of a plan that led to the hiring of 254 new LAPD officers without raising taxes. As a sworn reserve LAPD officer, Mitch has gone through the same rigorous hiring and training requirements as regular police officers, and the Police Academy. He regularly patrols our community in uniform."

Santa Clarita Council Member Bob Kellar (who has served as that city's mayor four times) received the Twice a Citizen honor for his lifetime of service — particularly with the LAPD reserve program. The banquet journal said: "In 1982, Sergeant Kellar became the officer in charge of LAPD's Reserve Training Unit. For 10 years under his leadership, 60-plus new reserve officers would graduate each year, a junior and senior class. The unit's trailer up at the Elysian Park Academy — known as the 'head shed' — was the center, the heart and soul of the reserve program. Sergeant Kellar demanded of the reserve recruit officers the highest of standards and integrity. He was

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## BANQUET CELEBRATES 70TH ANNIVERSARY - CONTINUED FROM PG 5



*Behind the scenes: Retired Reserve Police Officer Bill Ahmanson, president of the Ahmanson Foundation and husband of LAPRF Co-President Karla Ahmanson, making centerpieces for the banquet a week before the event*



proud of the Reserve Corps, and the program became his passion for the rest of his LAPD career. During this period, he worked with Father Mike McCullough to create and build a nondenominational chapel at the Los Angeles Police Academy, which opened in September 1987. For 11 years, he also spearheaded the Care and Share Program with the L.A. Mission, providing clothing, toys, blankets, holiday music and more. The program started with 300 homeless attending, and grew to over 3,300 the final year of his oversight.”

Patricia Heaton once again served as co-host, this time joined by Marianne Muellerleile. Kelley Nelson ran the live auction, raising funds for the Foundation and its mission of supporting the Reserve Corps.

Guests at the banquet included representatives from the Auxiliary Police Foundation in New York, who traveled nearly 2,500 miles from the East Coast to attend the gala.

On Sunday, April 30, at an afternoon ballgame, the Los Angeles Dodgers — for the second year in a row — recognized LAPD’s reserve officers.

The LAPRF would like to thank all of the banquet donors and supporters, including the Ahmanson Foundation, Westfield, Dr. and Mrs. Phillip C. McGraw, United Talent Agency, CBS, Honorable Mitchell Englander, Ambassador Frank and Kathy Baxter, Elaine and Neil Simon, Tom and Judy Flesh, 20th Century Film, Warner Brothers, Ira Krinsky, Command Officers

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Thanks to our auction donors, including Aer Lingus, Chief of Police Charlie Beck, LAPD Air Support, Bernard Khalili, Mike Rosson, Center Theater Group, and Petersen Automotive Museum. And a special thanks to Lieutenant Curtis McIntyre, Sergeant James Gaffney, Officer Johnny Gil and the Reserve Section team, including Reserve Officers Brad Campbell and Rudy Crusat; the L.A. Vintage Coppers, including Sergeant Walter T. Hanna; Skirball Cultural Center — Uri Herschel, Founder/



*Officer Krieger (second from right) with the ROVU team at the April 30 Dodgers game honoring LAPD reserve officers*

CEO and Chris Porteous, Event Coordinator; Dave Gomez for the opening video; Randy Bellows Productions, Intelliprompt, Tony Finetti and Mark Mardoyan; Dr. Phil’s team, including Carla Pennington, John Perry, Melissa Key, Justin Arluck and Neil Schubert; and Rob Hollman of Rosinante Group Advisors, LLC.

Thanks to Scherr Lillico and The Proper Image Events team for managing the evening, and to Patricia Heaton, Marianne Muellerleile and Kelley Nelson.

*Editor’s note: The LAPRF will be providing links to the Corps, via email and other means, for access to photo galleries than can be downloaded. If you have any questions, you can email [msellers@laprf.org](mailto:msellers@laprf.org).*





# LAPD RESERVE OFFICERS OF THE YEAR FOR 2016

## SPECIALIZED DIVISION OFFICER OF THE YEAR: STEPHEN "MIKE" GREENWALD



Reserve Police Officer Stephen "Mike" Greenwald, Air Support Division, is the 2016 Reserve Officer of the Year for Operations–Specialized Bureau.

Mike's involvement with the Air Support Division has been truly impactful during the division's special events. He was invaluable during ASD's marquee event, the Public Safety Aviation Coordination. The six-hour emergency exercise involves the coordination of over 250 helicopter arrivals and departures and the hosting of over 600 visitors, including local VIPs and command staff. Officer Greenwald took it upon himself to make sure everyone was fed. Mike used his contacts from his day job as an accounts manager at Alta Dena Dairy to procure food from 12 different companies that all delivered on time. Mike's effort was directly complimented by the officer in charge of food/catering section as to how seamlessly the coordination had occurred in comparison to prior years.

In 2016, ASD celebrated its 60th year of flying over Los Angeles. Once again, Mike rose to the challenge of coordinating various events, including barbecues, Dodgers baseball games, officer reunions, golf outings and more. His involvement with the planning group was invaluable. Mike attended every planning meeting, twice a week for the six months leading up to the event.

Officer Greenwald, who's been a member of the LAPD Reserve Corps since 1990, also offers his services outside of special events, including weekly appearances as a guest speaker at recruitment sessions for civilians interested in joining LAPD in a reserve officer capacity.

Reserve Officer Greenwald's attention to duty during the calendar year was exemplary and represented the commitment to service typified by LAPD reserve officers.

## WEST BUREAU RESERVE OFFICER OF THE YEAR: JONATHAN SELTZER

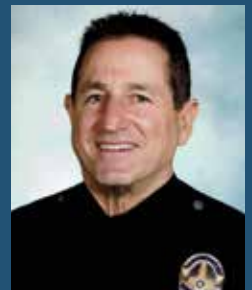
Reserve Officer Jonathan Seltzer, Hollywood Area, is the 2016 Reserve Officer of the Year for Operations–West Bureau.

Reserve Officer Seltzer, an avid marathon runner, has worked special details in Southwest, Hollywood, Traffic and numerous other divisions in the city. His work ethic, performance and dedication have been recognized by the Los Angeles City Council and Los Angeles County Supervisors. While his day job is real estate, Jonathan's true calling is police work.

Reserve Officer Seltzer has 22 years of service with the Department and has volunteered more than 500 hours of service in the past year. He has initiated countless traffic stops and could possibly be the Department's second-highest reserve officer in writing traffic citations.

Officer Seltzer's police partners can testify that he has a unique ability to be a prolific hugger with all kinds of citizens, from victims to witnesses to even arrestees, and has almost always left people feeling better about having had police contact. He is also a big lover of dogs and has often calmed anxious dogs encountering uniformed police officers. In addition, Jonathan volunteers at Cedars-Sinai Hospital, where he lends a hand or ear to patients who are in bad shape.

Reserve Officer Seltzer's consistency, work performance and joyful personality resonate throughout Hollywood Station. He is a tremendous asset to Hollywood Area, and provides an invaluable service for the Department and the community.





## ***SOUTH BUREAU RESERVE OFFICER OF THE YEAR: MATTHEW KRIEGER***



Reserve Police Officer Matt Krieger, 77th Street Area, is the 2016 Reserve Officer of the Year for Operations–South Bureau.

Officer Krieger came to the 77th Division in the spring of 2000. Since that time, he has consistently exhibited a passion to serve and protect the community of South Los Angeles. Several years ago, Officer Krieger volunteered his time to create and run the 77th Street Charitable Foundation. The charity provides police officers and reserve corps with equipment, training and skills they need for a successful career in law enforcement. Recently, Matt has been able to bring his fledgling nonprofit to unbelievable heights. The efforts of the 77th Street Charitable Foundation now serve three additional divisions beyond 77th Street. These four divisions receive over \$150,000 annually through the efforts of Officer Krieger's foundation. The charity has irrefutably improved the working conditions of thousands of police officers throughout the city.

Some of Officer Krieger's most admirable traits are his humility and generosity. Only a few select people know about the time, effort and financial contributions he has invested. Matt is a trusted friend and a true leader.

Officer Krieger has spent the last 18 years serving the residents of South Los Angeles. He has a sincere desire to improve the life of each and every person he comes into contact with. Matt truly has made it his life mission to protect and serve those who protect and serve.

## ***CENTRAL BUREAU RESERVE OFFICER OF THE YEAR: ROGELIO CUEVAS***

Reserve Officer Rogelio Cuevas, Newton Area, is the 2016 Reserve Officer of the Year for Operations–Central Bureau.

Officer Cuevas has been involved in Newton Area's Police Cadet Program since April 2011. Tasked with assisting law enforcement officers with youth crime prevention in the inner city, Rogelio volunteers countless hours every month to promote trust and understanding between young people and police officers. He accomplishes this by bringing youth under the supervision and constructive influence of dedicated law enforcement professionals. Officer Cuevas actively participates and assists the Newton Cadet Program with competitions, Dodgers outings and various community events.

Officer Cuevas is an avid runner who has participated in many marathons over the years and continues to do so. He also spearheads the Newton Cadet Running Program. Rogelio shares the dedication, training and discipline he has mastered through the years with his cadets. His commitment to the running program has resulted in many of the cadets becoming marathon runners while learning the importance of hard work, ethics and teamwork.

It should be noted that Officer Cuevas has helped to instill leadership and life skills in the lives of hundreds of cadets whom he has had the opportunity to mentor. This is evident through his countless dedicated hours and willingness to assist at any time, even with short notice. He continuously displays superb leadership, expertise and unselfishness within the Newton Cadet Program.



## ***VALLEY BUREAU RESERVE OFFICER OF THE YEAR: STEPHEN LEE***



Reserve Police Officer Stephen Lee, North Hollywood Division, is the 2016 Reserve Officer of the Year for Operations–Valley Bureau.

Stephen Lee is one of the most proficient reserve officers serving the LAPD today. When he's not busy working as a full-time commercial pilot, Officer Lee patrols the L.A. streets, volunteering more than double the required minimum for a reserve officer. Officer Lee has worked several assignments and special details while successfully completing a 40-hour Motor school and 40-hour Bicycle Patrol school.

As a field reservist, Officer Lee has made contact with numerous victims, witnesses, arrestees and other members of the public. During all interactions, he has demonstrated common sense and true professionalism. On one patrol, Stephen and his partner encountered a man wielding an axe. He quickly realized the man was suffering from mental illness. Officer Lee and his partner were able to obtain cover, request additional resources, communicate with the suspect and ultimately subdue him without the use of deadly force.

Officer Lee is a conscientious person who consistently demonstrates a positive attitude with his partners and with the community. He has worked several special assignments as well, including the Los Angeles Marathon, Bandit Taxi Cab Task Force and Operation Boo!

Officer Lee takes great pride in representing the LAPD. His impact on the community and dedication to the Department have not gone unnoticed. The Department extends its gratitude for his loyalty and exemplary conduct. ©

# TWICE A CITIZEN HONOREES

## Department Reserve Officers of the Year

Matthew Krieger

Stephen Lee

### Bureau Reserve Officers of the Year

Rogelio Cuevas – *Central Bureau*

Matthew Krieger – *South Bureau*

Stephen Lee – *Valley Bureau*

Jonathan Seltzer – *West Bureau*

Stephen "Mike" Greenwald – *Specialized Division*

### Twice a Citizen Award

Dr. Phil McGraw – *Humanitarian, author, television executive producer, creator & host*

Hon. Mitchell Englander – *Los Angeles City Council, District 12; LAPD reserve officer*

Hon. Bob Kellar – *Santa Clarita City Council; retired LAPD*

## Area and Divisional Reserve Officers of the Year

RPO-I Miguel Loza – *Central Area*

RPO-III Ellen Kanda – *Central Traffic Division*

RPO-I Thomas Harvey – *Rampart Area*

RPO-I John Valle – *Hollenbeck Area*

Specialist Volunteer Everett Littlefield – *Northeast Area*

RPO-III Rogelio Cuevas – *Newton Area*

RPO-I Pernel Miles – *Southwest Area*

RPO-I Matthew Krieger – *77th Street Area*

RPO-II Michael Wade – *Harbor Area*

RPO-III Rory Holdstock – *Van Nuys Area*

RPO-I John Hess – *West Valley Area*

RPO-I Stephen Lee – *North Hollywood Area*

RPO-II Gary Kennedy – *Foothill Area*

RPO-I Wendi Berndt – *Devonshire Area*

RPO-I Craig Pfefferman – *Mission Area*

Specialist Volunteer Judy Valazza – *Topanga Area*

RPO-I William Zimmerman – *Valley Traffic Division*

RPO-I Jonathan Seltzer – *Hollywood Area*

RPO-III Sandra Jones – *Wilshire Area*

RPO-I Seymour Roberts – *West Los Angeles Area*

RPO-III William Anderson – *Pacific Area*

RPO-II Omar Ricci – *Olympic Area*

RPO-I Jeffrey Nocket – *West Traffic Division*

Specialist Volunteer Gregory Martayan – *OAS*

RPO-II Rebecca Doten – *CRD*

RPO-III Stephen "Mike" Greenwald – *Air Support Division*

## Officers Receiving Service Pins

### 20 Years

Roger Andrews

Ronnie Hadar

Larry Herman

Craig Pfefferman

Kevin Pulsipher

Jonathan Seltzer

### 25 Years

Stephen "Mike"  
Greenwald

Gary Loo

Daniel Paraja

Michael Scoggins

Steve Unanian

### 30 Years

Baxter Duke

Alton Jones

Teresa Lincoln

Eric Rose

### 35 Years

Cindy Benes

Wendi Berndt

Paul Favero

Patricia Guessferd

Melvin Kennedy

Stephen Whitelaw

### 40 Years

David Jacoby

James Miller

### 50 Years

William Weber



# REMEMBERING MICHAEL WADE

By Reserve Officer Sharon Abbott

Michael Wade joined the Los Angeles Police Department family as part of Reserve Class 10/88R in October 1988. He was assigned serial number R1740. Along with his Academy classmates, Mike endured and thrived throughout his training.

Mike chose Rampart Division for his first work assignment. There, he worked with a good friend, Dave Genders. They made a reputation for themselves as the hardworking, "We'll get the job done" kind of fellows. Community events and task forces became a way of life. The two briefly worked Central before returning to Harbor, where Officer Wade flourished.

Harbor was close to home and gave Mike the opportunity to help those in his hometown. He went back to the Academy in 2007 to become a Level II officer. He and classmates Hiram Rowshan and Mike Downs became the "go-to" team. Mike took ATV training so that he could help out in more ways at events. Whenever there was a task force, the "three amigos" were called, and they were always ready to serve. Car rallies, parades, community gatherings, Helping Badge Christmas projects, curfew task forces and patrol duties were their passions. There were also call-ups to work special enforcement task forces in Rampart. Mike knew the area well, and this team was always relied upon to provide support.

One project that he was especially proud to assist with came up in 2015. A call-out was made to all reserves to help escort runners for the Special Olympics Torch Run across the country. The duty would last for at least a week. Officer Wade was one of the first to respond. He was assigned to provide escort from Maine to the middle of our great nation. A brand-new patrol vehicle was shipped to Maine, where Mike joined many other agencies for escort duties. He was very proud to wear his LAPD uniform for the duration of the assignment. He said that people were so excited to meet a real LAPD officer that they all wanted to take pictures with him. Mike was an excellent representative for all of us.

In 28 years with the Department, Mike logged over 20,000 patrol hours without one complaint lodged against him. He had numerous commendations from citizens and supervisors. The phrases "work ethic of high caliber" and "amicable yet strong communication skills" were listed.



*Officer Wade's daughters, Jennifer and Christie, received their father's Harbor Area Reserve Officer of the Year Award from Chief Beck at the Twice a Citizen banquet.*

And yet, as great as his accomplishments as a reserve officer were tactically, he also did what each of us holds as the ultimate goal of the Corps: serve the community in which we live and still put our family at the top of the list of those we serve and care for.

Mike made sure to have time available for his family and friends. It was not just making sure to be there for the big events, but also adding special little moments to each day. His daughter Jen told us of the times he would leave some money under her windshield wiper with a note that told her to grab her morning coffee "on me — Love, Dad."

Mike was taken away from us much too soon, but even in this he gave us the extra time we all



*Chief Beck presenting Officer Michael Wade with the LAPD Purple Heart at the hospital*

needed to say our goodbyes. On January 12, 2017, in an off-duty incident, he was struck by a car driven by a burglary suspect who was attempting to flee the scene. Mike eventually succumbed to his injuries from the assault on January 30. Shortly before that, Chief of Police Charlie Beck visited him at the hospital and awarded him the Department's Purple Heart. Officer Wade became the first reserve officer to receive the award while still alive.

We are proud to posthumously nominate Officer Michael Wade as Harbor Area's Reserve Officer of the Year. 🌟

## NOTES FROM ROVU

### Upcoming Events

Special Olympics Torch Run: June 5  
Special Olympics: June 10–11  
World Police & Fire Games: August 7–16  
Sunshine Kids: September TBD  
Toy Drive: TBD

### Training

Handcuff & Searching: June 17, August 19, October 21, December 16  
EVOC/Slow Speed: TBD  
Academy Dates: Module II March 19 – June 24, Module III June 25 – October 28, Module I July 9 – November 23

*Please note that our phone number has been updated! It is now (424) 393-4540. ☎*

# MAJOR CRIMES' PHILLIP P. KEENE ON RESERVE OFFICER ROLE

A few days after the Twice a Citizen banquet, the Television Academy profiled Phillip P. Keene in an article entitled "Heart and Soul: Phillip P. Keene Gives His All." Keene had just attended the banquet along with the cast and crew of TV's *Major Crimes*. The actor plays Buzz Watson on the series, after originally playing the character on *The Closer*.

As Melissa Byers writes: "The most recent season of *Major Crimes* saw his character given a huge story arc, leading him to solving the cold case of his father's and his uncle's murders."

A big part of that arc is the character becoming a reserve officer.

"It's been fantastic playing Buzz in the capacity that he's been in," says Keene, "but I really like the growth that has happened and I love the added responsibility and getting a little peek into the world of being a reserve officer and maybe getting to be a reserve detective, as well, because I know he's been training for that and studying"

*Major Crimes* featuring a reserve officer in its cast of characters was first announced at the Twice a Citizen banquet two years ago.

The article continues: "The reserve officer program is one that Keene has learned a great deal about in his time on the two shows. As he explains it, 'A reserve police officer is an officer who is a police officer in everything but pay ... They have to go through the same sorts of training for weapons and all of the laws. Everything that a regular police officer has to go through, the reserves have to go through as well.'"

Keene continues, "The Chief of Police right now, Charlie Beck, started off as a reserve officer. So, you can see where there's potential for advancement and anything you want to pursue within that..."



Phillip P. Keene (left) and other members of the *Major Crimes* cast joined Chief Beck at the 2017 Twice a Citizen banquet.

"So, when we have foreign dignitaries come into town, they help with traffic or just having more boots on the ground, if you will. Any sort of riot, or whenever they need more bodies on the ground, they will pull in the reserves."

"Some of them have been selected because of their language abilities. I've met a few of the reserve officers who speak Arabic as well as English, so that comes in handy. A couple of them are on the anti-terrorism squad. Some of them are on the mounted patrol."

"Some learn [Air Support]. We have the largest non-military air support in the United States, the LAPD does. So, as I get to work on this show more and more and I get to talk to our producers and the officers who come and visit, I get to learn a lot more about the whole process. And I think that's really, really cool."

The article adds, "The shows pride themselves on authenticity and rely on their advisors to help them to make the police scenes as real as possible."

The LAPRF is grateful to the *Major Crimes* cast and crew for their continued support of the LAPD Reserve Corps.

*Editor's note: The full article can be read at [www.emmys.com/news/online-originals/heart-and-soul](http://www.emmys.com/news/online-originals/heart-and-soul).*

## 2017 EMERITUS COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

The Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation is proud to announce the winners of its 2017 Emeritus College Scholarship: Reserve Officer Darla Cozzarelli and Ms. Nathalia Martinez.

Our LAPD reserve police officers and their families have given so much to our city. They continue to give their time and their tremendous commitment and dedication to protect and serve their community. It is with this in mind that the Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation created its scholarship program for our reserve officers and their children.

The application process and requirements are explained at [www.laprf.org/announcing-our-new-laprf-college-scholarship](http://www.laprf.org/announcing-our-new-laprf-college-scholarship). Eligible applicants are current sworn LAPD reserve officers and their children and grandchildren. ©



Ms. Nathalia Martinez and Reserve Officer Darla Cozzarelli were recognized at the Twice a Citizen banquet.



# FLASHBACK: COMPANY PROFILES EMPLOYEE'S "OTHER JOB" WITH THE LAPD

*Editor's note: As part of the 70th anniversary of the Reserve Corps becoming a part of the LAPD, the Rotator looks at the history of the program.*

In 1977, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California — the "Met" or MWD — profiled one of its employees in its company magazine. The article was entitled "Part-Time

Policeman" and described Gary Hazel's "second career" as a Los Angeles reserve police officer. He had graduated from the first reserve line class in 1967. Two or three times a month, Gary would "almost become a different person," the article declared.

"It's a challenge I enjoy," Gary told the magazine. "Turning on the police radio and receiving 10 to 15 demanding calls. Each one having a different need, each requiring a different response.

"Whenever the need arises, the Department recruits reserve officers — they're doing that right now, as a matter of fact ... Reserve officers work most parts of law enforcement, but I find the other areas are not as exciting as working uniformed patrol [in a] radio car."

During his career with the LAPD Reserve Corps, Gary worked Patrol in 77th, Hollywood and Hollenbeck. He retired in the early 2000s. His serial number was R0007. 🚔



## CLASS 10-16R BADGE CEREMONY



*Class 10-16R Level III completed on December 16. Congratulations!*

# SOUTHWEST AREA AND LAPRF TOY GIVEAWAY

By LAPRF Co-President Karla Ahmanson

On December 21, 2016, I had the pleasure of helping Santa hand out gifts in the southwest area of Los Angeles. LAPD's Southwest Division, partnering with the Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation, arranged for Santa in his sleigh to distribute toys to the kids in the neighborhoods surrounding the station. Santa was worried that the reindeer might find Los Angeles traffic difficult, so LAPD was kind enough to let him use a black-and-white Suburban to pull the sleigh. In addition, the lights and sirens of the black-and-white helped to alert the kids that something was happening, as this was to be a surprise visit.

The kids enjoyed getting the gifts, but it was those of us who volunteered that day who really got the best gifts of all. Volunteering offers vital help to people in need, worthwhile causes and the community, but the benefits can be even greater



for the volunteer. Giving in even simple ways can help others while improving your health and happiness. Helping others helps you to connect to the greater community; it allows you to experience something larger than yourself. It was certainly true for all of us on December 21 that by giving, we received. 🌟



## RESERVE RECRUITMENT BILLBOARDS

As part of its recruitment initiative, the Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation has secured billboard space to advertise in the Los Angeles area. A special thank-you to Paul Scrivano at Summit Media for donating the billboard space.

The LAPRF is also working with the City of Los Angeles to utilize space at bus shelters to aid in reserve recruitment and raise public awareness of the LAPD's reserve program. 🌟





# GRATEFUL: IT'S AN HONOR AND PRIVILEGE

By Reserve Officer Jim McLaughlin

I remember the day I talked with Reserve Officer Bobby Sherman, discussing becoming an LAPD reserve officer. I thought there would be no way that I would qualify; after all, I did grow up in the '60s. He advised me to put in the application, be totally honest and up front with all the information, and see what happened. I couldn't have imagined what a great decision it would turn out to be, looking back 20 years later.

Being a reserve officer for LAPD has been more than just an honor — it is a privilege to give back to our city. The reality is that we get much more from the reserve program than just a second career. We are highly trained, given enormous powers and entrusted with our decisions during the hours we donate.

I want to thank the Los Angeles Police Reserve Foundation. In the beginning, this group of concerned citizens and fellow reserves made small steps to honor members of the Corps. I remember when the reserve staff handled the yearly awards banquet and some evenings concluded with the passing of the hat to help pay for the event. We have come a long way since those early days.

Today's Reserve Foundation, led by Karla Ahmanson and Michael Sellars, is a professional organization with Board members from across the community. These people truly care about the Reserve Corps, not only to honor reserves but to expand the ranks through recruitment, yearly training, community relations and historical documentation.

I urge all of my fellow reserves to take part in the activities that support the Reserve Corps, including the LAPRF and other police organizations like the Police Unity Tour or the LAPD Memorial Foundation. Look for the next generation of

LAPD reserves, whether they are your brothers or sisters, co-workers or neighbors down the block. Make the Reserve Corps grow and get better.

I get questions all the time during my travels, asking what our role is; people seem amazed to hear that our role is to enforce the law in whatever assignment we are doing. They usually reply, "You go on patrol?" Yes. "You make traffic stops?" Yes. "You arrest people?" Yes.

Finally, I want to thank the first training unit I had in the late 1990s: Lieutenant Desmond, Sergeant Titiriga, Officers Schweitzer, Hazelwood, Romas and Fields, and all those who set the tone for the program. Personally, I'll always be a "Titiriga Reserve." He said to our class upon graduation: "If you ever have a problem, call me right away no matter what."

At heart, I know I'll always be an LAPD reserve officer.

*Editor's note: Officer McLaughlin has worked WTD for many years, and is currently a director emeritus of the LAPRF. After retiring from NBC, he and his wife moved to Dallas, where he helped reserve officers in the Dallas Police Department establish their own foundation.*



Jim McLaughlin with fellow West Traffic Division Reserve Officer D. Damon Willens in front of the Eagle & Badge Foundation's End of Watch Memorial Wall in February at the Los Angeles Run to Remember, which honors fallen first responders.

## RESERVE MOTORS AT ACADEMY AWARDS



At the Academy Awards on Sunday, February 25, LAPD Reserve Motors — aka "The Ducks" — once again rocked the red carpet. Thank you to all the officers, full-time and reserve, for helping to keep the event organized and safe!

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