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President's Letter

was a watershed year for LAAPOA, in which we continued to make strides at the local, state and national levels. Among our many accomplishments, the beginning of 2014 saw the conferring of 830.1 PC status upon our officers. This action finally granted the authorities and respect that the officers of LAAPOA have earned and deserve, and it would not have happened without the leadership and support shown by many of our public officials, including Mayor Eric Garcetti and Assembly Member Steven Bradford.

LAAPOA has effected operational changes with new equipment, such as the addition of new police vehicles and motorcycles to the LAXPD fleet. This past year also saw the removal of LAPD's motor officers on overtime, replaced by a fully staffed LAXPD motor unit.

LAAPOA continued to meet with leaders at all levels to ensure that our members have a voice at the table to impact issues affecting the performance of our jobs and our existence. In this regard, our congressional outreach efforts have helped focus attention on the diversion of policing funds at LAX. This led to the U.S. Department of Transportation Office of Inspector General conducting an audit of airport revenue diversion, which found diversion of airport policing funds and other citations at LAX in the amount of \$49 million, as well as numerous irregularities relating to an additional \$7.9 million in undocumented policing monies, with the most egregious diversionary tactics focused on contracted LAPD officers assigned to LAX being paid by LAWA for off-airport work.

In addition, language was secured in the fiscal year 2015 House Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Committee Report on airport revenue diversion (language was also included in the fiscal years 2013 and 2014), which noted that it is important that the Federal Aviation Administration



enhance its oversight of airport revenues, particularly at airports with a history of revenue diversion violations, like LAX.

Due to our federal legislative efforts, LAAPOA was invited to appear and testify before the U.S. House Homeland Security Subcommittee on Transportation Security during a hearing concerning lessons learned from the November 1, 2013, shooting. This incident will forever replay in the minds of the officers who were on duty that day, and we will continue to work every day to prevent anything like that from occurring again on our properties.

Through our work with the American Alliance of Airport Police Officers, we coordinated with the airport police at the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and Dallas-Fort Worth to bring attention to Ebola concerns and other airport police equipment needs.

LAAPOA looks forward to continuing our many successes into 2015 and working to keep our airport communities safe.

Sincerely, Marshall E. McClain, President



LAAPAAL CHARITABLE

FOUNDATION

The mission of the Los Angeles Airport Police Athletics & Activities League (LAAPAAL) is to encourage and sponsor members of the Los Angeles Airport Peace Officers Association and the surrounding communities to participate in athletics and charity events that better the membership and the community at large.

Activities and events sponsored by LAAPAAL include the Tommy Scott 5K Memorial Run, the Cruise for a Kid's Cure, the Police Unity Tour, Mistletoe Memories, the State of the Union Dinner, and the LAXPD soccer, basketball and shooting teams.

LAAPAAL is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, tax ID 90-0604757. To make a donation or for more information, visit www.laapaal.com. In addition, proceeds from the LAAPOA online store benefit LAAPAAL-sponsored events — shop the wide variety of LAAPOA and LAXPD branded merchandise at www.poastore.com /laairportpolice.aspx.

2014 CHARITABLE DONATIONS

LAAPAAL

Wilmington Coordination Council

Holy Cross Mortuary (toward Officer Vasquez funeral expenses)

LAAPOA

African-American Voter Registration, Education and Participation (AAVREP)

American Diabetes Association

Filipino American Law Enforcement Officers, L.A. (FALEO LA)

About LAAPOA



THE MISSION

To maintain a leadership role in organizing, empowering and representing the interests of all current and retired members:

- → To facilitate a member-driven organization that promotes
 → public awareness that encourages and upholds a professional image to the aviation community and public at large
- To preserve an environment in which members interact and work toward achieving common goals and objectives and to define and enhance standards for professionalism
- To advocate for ensuring that the latest training and equipment are identified, provided and implemented for all law enforcement and public safety professionals
- To represent and protect the rights and benefits of all our members

THE STORY

The Los Angeles Airport Police Department is the fourth-largest law enforcement agency in Los Angeles County, with more than 1,200 law enforcement, security and staff personnel.

The Airport Police Department is a division of Los Angeles World Airports, the City department that owns and operates four airports in Southern California: Los Angeles International, LA/Ontario International, LA/Palmdale Regional and Van Nuys (general aviation).

Although the Los Angeles Airport Police Department has served the aviation security needs of the Los Angeles World Airports since 1946, the birth of the Los Angeles Airport Peace Officers Association (LAAPOA) can be traced to a single event in the history of the Department: the 1984 Summer Games. In conjunction with the opening of the Tom Bradley International Terminal and Terminal 1 for the Olympics, staffing increased to handle the influx of travelers flying to Los Angeles.

Today, at the request of the membership, LAAPOA has grown into an outspoken, proactive organization that works to enhance professional and personal benefits for its members. In recent years, the association has built a successful track record of protecting its members' contracts against fluctuations in the local economy.

As part of the Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC), a statewide federation of law enforcement associations, LAAPOA members have access to the PORAC Legal Defense Fund, the largest and most successful fund of its type in the nation. PORAC membership also offers several insurance and benefit options to LAAPOA members.

Throughout the year, LAAPOA hosts a number of free activities for members and their families, including a holiday party and picnic. The association's Los Angeles Airport Police Athletics & Activities League sponsors members and the surrounding communities to participate in athletics and charity events that better the membership and the community at large.

As aviation security requirements change to secure the dynamic environment at LAX — the number-one terrorist target on the West Coast — and Ontario International, Palmdale Regional and Van Nuys Regional airports, LAAPOA will continue to evolve to protect the sworn personnel of the Los Angeles Airport Police Department.



Member Services

INSURANCE

All active LAAPOA members receive a paid City Employees Club of Los Angeles membership. The club connects City employees through a network of information and discounted products such as theme park and movie tickets. Members also have access to group-rated insurance products.

PORAC INSURANCE AND BENEFITS TRUST

LAAPOA members are granted free membership in the Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC), which offers a number of insurance options and benefits.

RETIREE MEDICAL TRUST

PORAC's Retiree Medical Trust (RMT) is a health care pre-funding vehicle that is funded by defined contributions set in the labor agreement and provides a stream of monthly payments for life, for those who meet the eligibility rules.

SHORT- AND LONG-TERM LIFE AND AD&D NEEDS

Available to members through our PORAC membership, the firm of Myers, Stevenson & Toohey has countless years of serving its clients.

LONG-TERM-CARE PLAN

All active members receive the optional initial benefit amount of \$1,000 per month in coverage from the Los Angeles City Employees Club.

BANKING

LAAPOA is partnered with several banks to offer the best service to its members, including Citibank and the Los Angeles Police Federal Credit Union. These full-service banks have been in business for years and have sound track records. Among the benefits offered are checking and savings, real estate loans, Internet banking, debt consolidation, direct deposit, low-interest credit cards and auto loans.

ACCOUNTING

Since 1941, Miller, Kaplan, Arase & Co., LLP, has been committed to providing clients with the highest level of personal service and attention. So it only makes good sense to ensure that LAAPOA maintains an accurate account of its funds.



INVESTING

LAAPOA has partnered with UBS Financial Services, drawing on its 150-year heritage to serve private, institutional and corporate clients worldwide by combining wealth management, investment banking and asset management businesses to deliver superior financial advice and solutions. LAAPOA members have access to the UBS wealth management team to assist with any investment needs.

COMMUNICATION

All members receive complimentary copies of the print *BOLO* newsletter, providing timely updates on issues such as changes in penal code status and association news. In addition, members receive, at no cost, the Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC) monthly publication, *PORAC Law Enforcement News*, which contains information on statewide legislative issues, reports from the Legal Defense Fund, member association news and career-related articles. Members also receive the award-winning, quarterly *FOP Journal*, which includes law-enforcement-related feature articles and updates on national FOP activity, lobbying efforts and federal legislation.

LAAPOA's extensive website (www.laapoa.com) is full of useful information for the public, in addition to an exclusive members-only section containing sensitive, ongoing union information. Other communications with LAAPOA members include:

- → Free calendar and benefits booklet
- → "Eye on Aviation" daily e-newsletter
- → Biweekly BOLO electronic newsletters
- → LAAPOA Twitter account
- → LAAPOA Facebook page
- → LAAPOA Pinterest page

LAAPOA ONLINE STORE

Members can purchase LAAPOA and LAXPD memorabilia at the online store or in person at LAX Airport. Hudson News Group has also noticed the high demand and pride of owning a piece of merchandise with the LAXPD or LAAPOA logo on it.

These items include hats, challenge coins, T-shirts, glasses, polo shirts, coffee mugs, sweatshirts, backpacks, lapel pins and more, all available online at www.poastore.com. Proceeds from the LAAPOA store go toward contributions to the Los Angeles Airport Police Athletics & Activities League.

2014 Year in Review

MARCH 14

Los Angeles Airport Police Crime Task Force Detectives Michael Woodard and Greg Bonstrom are recognized for distinguished service at the 13th Annual U.S. Attorney's Office Awards Ceremony for their participation in the arrest of former TSA officers involved in a federal drug-trafficking corruption ring.



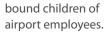
APRIL 8

An audit released by the federal Office of Inspector General finds that Los Angeles World Airports improperly used more than \$8 million of LAX revenues and funding between 2006 and 2012 without adequate documentation or support, most of it for LAPD policing services.



APRIL 30

The third annual Tommy Scott 5K Memorial Run is held in honor of fallen LAX Police Officer Tommy Scott, who was killed in the line of duty in 2005. The event benefits a scholarship fund for college-





MAY 4-5

The California Police Officers' Memorial Ceremony is held in Sacramento, remembering those who gave their lives in the line of duty.



MAY 9-12

The Police Unity Tour begins in Portsmouth, Virginia, and ends at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C.



MAY 29

LAAPOA President Marshall McClain testifies before the House Security Subcommittee on Transportation Security about ongoing revenue diversion, decreased levels of LAXPD personnel, outdated equipment and interagency communications challenges.

SEPTEMBER 15

Governor Jerry Brown presents the Public Safety Medal of Valor Award to six LAXPD officers who confronted a gunman at LAX on November 1, 2013.

OCTOBER 16

Amid the Ebola outbreak, the American Alliance of Airport Police Officers proposes to Congress 1) a ban on commercial air travel to the U.S. from Ebola-affected countries, 2) a requirement for American medical personnel and Ebola patients traveling from the affected countries to be flown on military aircraft and 3) national protocols for agencies responsible for addressing the threat at airports.

NOVEMBER 1

A special ceremony at LAX marks the anniversary of the November 2013 shooting that took the life of TSA Agent Gerardo Hernandez.

NOVEMBER 10-13

Members vote for the 2015-2016 LAAPOA Board of Directors, re-electing all incumbent officers.



Legal Representation

PROTECTING MEMBERS' RIGHTS

It is paramount that LAAPOA members' rights are protected. To ensure this, the association has teamed up with the best law firms the state has to offer. Members can rest easy knowing that their reps have been trained by the best and that experienced labor attorneys are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. LAAPOA is available to assist with filing a grievance, Internal Affairs interviews, administrative appeals hearings and much more.

Members should call a LAAPOA rep when named as a suspect in an investigation, interviewed as a witness or questioned by a supervisor. It is never in a member's best interest to submit to an interview without representation, even if the member believes there is nothing to worry about because he or she has done absolutely nothing wrong. Based on the records of numerous members interviewed as witnesses who, as a result of their interviews, became subjects themselves, all prudent LAAPOA members should have a reasonable belief that they might be accused of misconduct, and as such may be subjected to discipline.

LAW FIRMS

LAAPOA has established relationships with the following law firms for member representation:

- → Law Office of Saku E. Ethir
- → Faunce, Singer, Oatman & Woodson (retirement law)
- → Gaspard, Castillo, Harper, APC
- Gordon, Edelstein, Krepack, Grant, Felton & Goldstein (workers' compensation)
- → Law Offices of James T. Raetz (family law)
- Sirody & Seghetti, APC
- → Straussner Sherman (workers' compensation)

The above are available in addition to the list of Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) panel attorneys. Members can call one of these attorneys and ask for advice or referrals free of charge.

FOP LEGAL DEFENSE FUND

Members of LAAPOA receive membership in the Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC), in addition to the FOP. The FOP's Legal Defense Fund provides members with access to a host of attorneys and law firms specializing in everything from workers' compensation to the Peace Officers' Bill of Rights and contract negotiations. Features of the LDF plan include:

- → No cap on benefits
- → Administrative discipline coverage
- Criminal coverage
- → Civil coverage
- → Civil case monitoring
- → Court costs
- → Investigators
- → Polygraph examiners
- Court reporters
- → Expert witnesses



Negotiations

BARGAINING UNIT

LAAPOA is the exclusive bargaining unit for the sworn police officers and firefighters of the Los Angeles Airport Police Department and is the only union recognized by the City of Los Angeles to negotiate their wages, benefits, hours and working conditions. Only LAAPOA members have the right to ratify a potential contract. The following are just a few examples of previous and recent successes:

- One of the few City unions to avoid any salary or benefit cuts, layoffs or furloughs
- → Implementation of marksmanship bonus
- Creation of compensated time off bank
- Redevelopment of 3/12 and 4/10 compressed schedules for patrol and 48/96 schedule for fire
- City withdrawal of \$75,000 release time balance owed and lower future reimbursement rates
- Creation of one full-time release position at the reduced rate
- Creation and implementation of two additional pay grades, actively working on more
- → Ability to "trade time" for airport safety officers
- → Expansion of on-call pay to more members
- Implementation of bilingual and sign-language pay
- → First right of refusal for overtime details
- Development of a training calendar for upcoming opportunities
- → Talks with City regarding public safety tier
- Approval of Class "C" uniforms for vehicle checkpoints and during inclement weather
- → Implementation of airfield and firefighter I and II bonuses

More information about LAAPOA's contract negotiations can be found at www.laapoa.com.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Standing committees are composed of the Board of Directors and LAAPOA members. Committees include:

- Activities/Fundraising
- Discipline/Grievance
- → Legislative/PAC
- Members/Benefits
- → Negotiations/Bylaws
- → PAL
- Public Information
- Scholarship
- Training/Equipment
- → Retiree Liaison

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FRINGE BENEFITS

Due to LAAPOA's PORAC membership and experienced negotiators who contract directly with the City for fringe benefits, there is more to offer members and their families, such as added medical, dental, vision and, of course, vacation and sick-leave benefits.



Legislative and Political Activity

LEGISLATION

For over 25 years, LAAPOA has had a record of legislative involvement. Having a current LAAPOA Board member also seated as a member of the Board of Directors for PORAC, one of the largest statewide organizations at over 65,000 members, definitely helps. PORAC is a strong component of our legislative success.

LAAPOA and PORAC's priority bills that were signed into law in 2014 included:

AB 634 by Assembly Member Jimmy Gomez (D-Los Angeles), public records: exception to disclosure: public officials: This bill authorizes the recognized collective bargaining representative of an elected or appointed official who is a peace officer, a district attorney, or a deputy district attorney to make a demand that certain information not be disclosed under a Public Records Act request. This is a commonsense measure that will ensure that our public safety members are afforded the right to keep their personal information private. PORAC actively supported AB 634, which was signed by Governor Brown on September 29.

AB 1035 by Speaker John Perez (D-Los Angeles), workers' compensation: firefighters and peace officers: Under current workers' compensation law, with some exceptions, proceedings to collect death benefits must be commenced no later than 240 weeks from the date of injury. Thus, the families of peace officers and firefighters with workrelated injuries such as cancer or MRSA have at times been left without death benefits simply because advances in medical science outpaced the legal limits on the filing date for the collection of benefits. AB 1035 increases the 240-week statute of limitation to 420 weeks for dependents of stricken peace officers and firefighters to apply for survivor benefits. The bill is limited to cases of job-related cancer, blood-borne pathogen diseases like MRSA, or tuberculosis, and is limited to only peace officers or firefighters who are still active on the job when diagnosed. This bill is narrow in scope and simply provides modest benefits to the loved ones left behind by those who paid the ultimate price to keep our communities safe. PORAC co-sponsored AB 1035, which was signed by Governor Brown on May 13.

AB 1561 by Assembly Member Freddie Rodriguez (D-Pomona), taxpayer contributions: California firefighters and peace officer memorial funds: This bill extends the income tax check-off for the California Peace Officer's Memorial Fund until 2021. PORAC co-sponsored this legislation with the California Association of Highway Patrolmen, CDF Firefighters and California Professional Firefighters. AB 1561 was signed by Governor Brown on July 16.

AB 2052 by Assembly Member Lorena Gonzalez (D-San Diego), workers' compensation: Labor Code Section 3212 et. seq. provides all of the injuries that, when manifested during the course of a peace officer's career, are presumed to "arise out of and in the course of the employment." These presumptions are rebuttable by the officer's



employer, but if there is a lack of evidence to the contrary, the appeals board is bound to find in accordance with it. Presumptions include cancer, lower-back impairment, hernia, heart trouble, tuberculosis, pneumonia, MRSA, meningitis and biochemical exposures.

However, this section was drafted before some specialized peace officer categories were created, such as school police. This means that officers protecting our students are not afforded the same presumptive injury rights as other officers, simply because their specific law enforcement classification was not included in the original drafting. As a result, every few years bills are introduced to amend in additional peace officer classifications.

PORAC sponsored AB 2052, which would have clarified the workers' compensation presumption sections by enabling specialized peace officers, such as school peace officers, the rebuttable workers' compensation rights for injuries such as cancer, pneumonia, tuberculosis, MRSA, back injuries, etc. AB 2052 was vetoed by Governor Brown on September 29, who wrote that the bill sought to expand coverage to dozens of additional categories of officers without real evidence that these officers confront the hazards that gave rise to the presumptions codified in existing law.

AB 2378 by Senator Henry Perea (D-Fresno), workers' compensation: temporary disability payments: This bill would have restored the Legislature's intent in ensuring that California's public safety officers who suffer from job-caused injuries may continue to receive both their 4850 leave of absence for up to one year while they are disabled, as well as up to 104 weeks of temporary disability for their continued injuries. PORAC co-sponsored AB 2378 with the California Professional Firefighters. The bill received bipartisan support throughout the legislative process, receiving only 10 "no" votes between the committees and floors of both houses. However, the bill was vetoed by Governor Brown on September 29, who wrote that the "special considerations supporting salary continuation for public safety employees do not correspondingly support the expectation that these employees will need substantially more time than other injured workers to recover from their injuries."

SB 388 by Senator Ted Lieu (D-Torrance), public safety officers: investigations and interrogations: This bill would have amended the Public Safety Officers Procedural Bill of Rights to state that the rules that exist currently when an officer is being interrogated by his or her commanding officer apply when any interrogation of a public safety officer is conducted, whether or not an investigation of that public safety officer or firefighter is being conducted. SB 388 aimed to clarify procedural due process for peace officers and firefighters during investigations, including that witness peace officers or firefighters cannot be denied the right of representation, which is consistent with the Peace Officers' Bill of Rights and the Firefighters' Bill of Rights. PORAC actively supported SB 388, but although this bill enjoyed bipartisan support in both houses, Governor Brown vetoed the legislation on September 29, explaining, "The need for this bill is unclear. Under current law, as soon as an employer learns during an interview that the witness is subject to punitive action, questioning must stop until a representative is provided if requested by the employee. If this doesn't happen, any information obtained can be excluded at trial."

SB 955 by Senator Holly Mitchell (D-Los Angeles), interception of electronic communications: This bill clarifies California's wiretap statute to authorize a court to issue a wiretap order to human trafficking organizations and extends the sunset of California's wiretap statute to 2020. Human trafficking is a serious offense and is tied with arms dealing as the second-largest criminal industry in the world. Enabling wiretaps of trafficking suspects will provide invaluable information for the apprehension and prosecution of some of the most dangerous offenders walking our streets today. PORAC actively supported SB 955, which was signed by Governor Brown on September 28.

SB 1154 by Senator Loni Hancock (D-Berkeley), peace officers: San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit Police Department: This bill gives Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) District peace officers the authority to arrest domestic violence offenders, issue emergency restraining orders (EROs) for domestic violence and stalking, and confiscate firearms at a domestic violence scene when issuing an ERO. Giving BART officers this authority will assist other local law enforcement in these important domestic violence situations. PORAC actively supported SB 1154, which was signed by Governor Brown on September 25.



SB 1193 by Senator Noreen Evans (D-Santa Rosa), controlled substances: destruction of seized substances: Currently, California law states that an agency must store 10 pounds plus five representative samples of marijuana. This storage requirement has become a burden on agencies and evidence storage locations, as evidence lockers were not built to house such large quantities of marijuana. Furthermore, the marijuana itself can contain dangerous pesticides and often begins to decompose or mold, causing health risks to officers coming in contact with it. SB 1193 would have changed the requirement to two pounds plus five samples of the seized cannabis. PORAC was the sponsor of SB 1193, which made it to the floor of the Assembly but was dropped by the author after receiving opposition from the cannabis industry. PORAC has already been contacted by legislators interested in reintroducing this legislation in 2015.

OPPOSED LEGISLATION

SB 1207 by Senator Lois Wolk (D-Davis), California Voluntary **Contribution Program:** This bill would have revised the process to allow charitable organizations and state and local agencies to receive taxpayers' voluntary contributions. The bill would have established the California Voluntary Contribution Program to promote charitable giving and collect donations through personal income tax returns on behalf of qualified applicants. Currently, with 20 participating organizations in the check-off program, and over 40,000 nonprofit organizations that could potentially be pooled should SB 1207 have been adopted, the goal of stimulating revenue to worthy charitable causes through the check-off program would be substantially diminished given the new pool of charities, thereby preventing any one organization from truly seeing a significant benefit. Additionally, due to the economic downturn of recent years and resulting fewer dollars donated by taxpayers, such an additional financial impact could prove devastating to our state's charities, including the California Peace Officers Memorial Fund, which in 2013 received \$128,581 from the check-off, a substantial portion of the fund's yearly income. PORAC was seriously concerned about the unintended consequences that could result from the passage of SB 1207 and therefore took an active oppose position. Fortunately, the bill was held on the Assembly Appropriations Suspense File.

POLITICAL ACTION

With voluntary contributions to the LAAPOA PAC coupled with great political advice from some of the best in the business, LAAPOA's PAC has been used wisely and is a direct part of the success or demise of many campaigns. While protecting its members' wages and benefits, LAAPOA is committed to endorsing candidates for political office and legislation that will improve the membership both professionally and personally. As the association continues to raise its political profile, an endorsement from the political action committee is increasingly regarded as valuable backing for local, county and state election campaigns. Every candidate is carefully vetted to determine his or her level of support for public safety in general and airport peace officers specifically.

Public Relations





LAAPOA RAMPS UP MEDIA EFFORTS IN 2014

Much of the Los Angeles airport-related media coverage in 2014 focused on the steps taken in the aftermath of the November 1, 2013, shooting at LAX, in which TSA Agent Gerardo Hernandez was tragically killed, and two TSA agents and an airline passenger were shot, but survived.

Immediately after the shooting, LAAPOA went on record lauding the bravery of the LAXPD officers who shot and captured the

gunman, and quickly pledged to do everything in its power to help prevent such an attack from happening again. Subsequently, LAAPOA's activity in 2014 involved calling for LAWA's investment in its own police force, as well as watchdogging LAWA and airport police management to ensure that once the cameras were off, they implemented the recommendations outlined in the post-shooting report released in a highly attended press conference on March 18. Many of those recommendations were directly in line with requests LAAPOA had been making to airport and city leaders for years.

Helping to keep its concerns front and center, LAAPOA launched the biweekly BOLO e-newsletter in January 2014, featuring law-enforcement-related news and, notably, a main story written by the association focused on ongoing airport policing issues and the unique services provided by LAAPOA members. Deployed to more than 1,000 members, supporters, airport management and journalists, as well as distributed via social media and Nixle alerts, the e-newsletters have provided a regular forum for LAAPOA's hot topics. The resulting media coverage established LAAPOA as a reliable subject-matter expert on airport security.

LAAPOA was also active on Facebook, Twitter and Pinterest, not only informing its members about breaking law enforcement news, but also engaging the public regarding airport police and public safety issues, and promoting its charitable events and community involvement.

The following are some of the topics that LAAPOA brought to the forefront through its extensive outreach in 2014:

January 15: The first BOLO e-newsletter coincides with the new year, providing the opportunity to highlight the expanded responsibilities of airport police under their reclassified California Penal Code 830.1 status.

January 29: LAAPOA begins the first of many calls for LAWA management to prioritize airport security as part of its expansion and improvement planning, including upgraded equipment and increased staffing.

February 26: With an increase in reported crimes at LAX amid higher passenger levels and airport growth, LAAPOA points to the declining number of LAXPD officers and the need to reverse that trend.

March 12: LAAPOA welcomes the media's focus on the emergency communications failures of November 1, since it has been pointing out systems deficiencies since 2010. The association again requests 9-1-1 system upgrades and designation as a public safety access point.

March 26: LAAPOA outlines why specially trained LAXPD officers are the right force for patrolling LAX, rather than wasting taxpayer fees and jeopardizing neighborhood safety by utilizing LAPD officers working on an overtime basis.

April 16: After a federal audit blasts LAWA for payment of \$8 million to LAPD for undocumented services from 2006 to 2012, plus discrepancies of \$49 million between its annual financial reports to the FAA and its internal reports, LAAPOA advocates for a stop to LAPD revenue diversion and the reallocation of those funds to LAXPD.

May 14: Pulling back the curtain on LAX's multibillion-dollar cosmetic upgrades, LAAPOA describes the outdated security equipment and crumbling facilities of the airport police and publishes photos of the Department's aging patrol fleet. A follow-up article on June 11 zeroes in on the personnel safety, rapid response and morale problems associated with the dilapidated vehicles.

June 25: LAAPOA dismantles LAWA Executive Director Gina Marie Lindsey's news release denying facts presented by LAAPOA in testimony before the House Security Subcommittee on Transportation Security on May 29.

July 16: Citing the City Charter and voter preference for a dedicated airport police department, LAAPOA presents the history of attempted airport police takeovers and again lays out the case for LAWA investment in its proprietary force.

July 30: The new senior lead officer program, long supported by LAAPOA, proves to be a quick success at LAX, with well-received training and outreach efforts showing positive results.

August 27: Pointing to growing numbers of grievances, contract disputes, wrongful terminations, retaliation lawsuits, civil rights violations and complaints of misconduct by supervisors, LAAPOA calls for the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) to investigate operations and accelerate the adoption of best practices by the Department, as authorized by the April 1, 2014, Memorandum of Agreement between the Los Angeles Police Commission and

Los Angeles Board of Airport Commissioners (BOAC). On October 29, LAAPOA provides additional justification for the OIG's involvement and directly challenges the BOAC to request an audit.

September 10: After months of silence on the status of security improvements recommended after the November 1, 2013, shooting, LAAPOA publicly questions LAWA's progress and transparency, and requests expediting the plan.

November 12: After the somber anniversary of the shooting at LAX, and preceding the holidays and the close of a predicted record-setting year for passenger volume at LAX, LAAPOA again calls for increased staffing and resources to be dedicated to the airport police. Referencing LAWA's goals presented to the L.A. City Council in 2006 for backfilling vacancies, increasing the ranks and ending reliance on LAPD overtime, LAAPOA points out the steadily decreasing staffing numbers from 2010 on.

Gone But Not Forgotten

LAAPOA grieves the passing of the following officers and extends deepest sympathies to their families.

Anthony Jenkins
LOS ANGELES AIRPORT POLICE OFFICER
End of Watch: April 14, 2014

Jesse Pharr
LOS ANGELES AIRPORT POLICE OFFICER
End of Watch: October 16, 2014











Peace Officers' Memorial

Each May, LAAPOA joins law enforcement organizations and families from throughout the state for the California Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremony, honoring the heroes who gave their lives in serving the public.

2014 was an especially deadly year for California law enforcement officers, with vehicle-related accidents and ambushes claiming multiple lives. LAAPOA extends heartfelt condolences to the families of the following peace officers who were killed in the line of duty in California in 2014 (as of mid-December):



Sergeant Tom Smith, Jr.

BART POLICE DEPARTMENT **EOW:** January 21, 2014

Officer Juan Gonzalez

CHP – FRESNO AREA OFFICE EOW: February 17, 2014

Officer Brian Law

CHP – FRESNO AREA OFFICE EOW: February 17, 2014

Officer Nicholas C. Lee

LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT

EOW: March 7, 2014

Deputy Ricky Del Fiorentino

MENDOCINO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT EOW: March 19, 2014

Officer Christopher Cortijo

LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT

EOW: April 9, 2014

Officer Roberto Sanchez

LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT **EOW: May 3, 2014**

Officer Scott M. Hewell

STOCKTON POLICE DEPARTMENT **EOW: June 11, 2014**

Officer Jordan Corder

COVINA POLICE DEPARTMENT EOW: September 30, 2014

Deputy Danny Oliver

SACRAMENTO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT EOW: October 24, 2014

Detective Michael D. Davis, Jr.

PLACER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE EOW: October 24, 2014

Deputy Eugene Kostiuchenko

VENTURA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE EOW: October 28, 2014

Officer Shaun Diamond

POMONA POLICE DEPARTMENT EOW: October 29, 2014



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