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A Message from LAAPOA President Marshall McClain

In addition to other state activities, LAAPOA has been engaged at the federal level. We have reached out to members of our congressional delegation to share with them our responsibilities as the frontline of defense against terrorist threats and criminal activity at the airports and advised them on our daily efforts to keep the airports, travelers, visitors and employees safe. In particular, we discussed the harms of airport revenue diversion as it relates to safety and security funding.

On this issue, Congressman McKeon sent letters to GAO and the House Appropriations Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Subcommittee; Congressman Gallegly sent letters to the DOT IG, GAO and the House Appropriations Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Subcommittee; and Congressman Lungren sent letters to the DOT IG, GAO and the House Appropriations Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Subcommittee.

These letters led to the recent initiation of a Federal Aviation Administration review regarding the diversion of funds at LAX. We are pleased that this investigation will review LAX security funds in order to ensure monies intended for airport safety are used on the necessary resources and equipment for our officers to perform their duties and are not diverted elsewhere.

LAAPOA Board members and our Washington, D.C., lobbyist are speaking with many congressional district offices throughout the Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego and San Bernardino Counties, which assist us and have a vested interest in airport issues.

Whether some disagree with our methods or not, diverting money from the airport is not a new practice and everyone knows it is illegal. This type of activity prevents our agency from having ALL of the resources we need to do our jobs at the highest levels.

The State of Public Safety at ONT

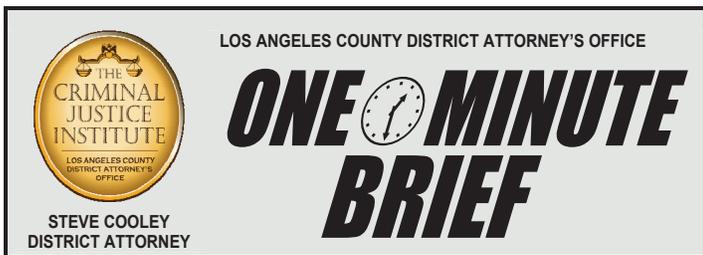
Before September 11, 2001, public safety at L.A./Ontario International Airport was at its peak. Serving roughly 6.7 million passengers yearly, 18 airport safety officers (ASOs) were tasked with ensuring the public's safety. Of the 18 officers, 12 were responsible for providing Airport Rescue Firefighting (ARFF) Operations that included HazMat response and emergency medical services. The remaining six were responsible for providing law enforcement services to the travelling public and airport employees on the 1700-plus acres of L.A./Ontario Airport, which includes three passenger terminals, totaling 570,500 square feet, 35 aircraft gates and surrounding parking lots and facilities. The resulting deployment of the six officers was one officer per terminal to provide for terminals two and four. The remaining officers were assigned patrol responsibilities.

Following the acts of 9/11, the staffing of ASOs was increased to 20-25 officers per day. These 25 officers were split, half providing ARFF responsibilities and the other half law enforcement responsibilities; the officers were able to transition from one to the other if needed. These staffing levels would remain until approximately 2003, when ASO staffing minimums were cut from the minimum of 18 officers to 15 officers a day. These numbers were augmented by the addition of 10 Airport Police Officers (APO) at L.A./Ontario International Airport. This resulted in the deployment of nine officers (ASOs and APOs) per watch performing law enforcement functions and 10 ASOs responsible

for ARFF responsibilities, all of which was necessary to accomplish newly implemented TSA mandates on security to include mandatory response times, vehicle inspections and officers manning passenger screening podiums. In addition to the ASOs and APOs, post security officers were utilized at security access points and for traffic control functions. Every day resulted in a minimum of 39 personnel combined to accomplish the mission to ensure the travelling public's safety.

Prior to 9/11, passenger traffic was estimated to be approximately 6.7 million passengers a year. From 2000 to 2007, passenger traffic increased 6.24% to approximately 7.2 million passengers a year. During 2008, passenger traffic dropped 13.5% to approximately 6.2 million passengers per year. As a result, LAWA management made aggressive cuts to implement cost-saving measures. The cuts that effected public safety included reducing the number of officers on patrol by 45%, from nine officers to four. ARFF positions were reduced 20%, from 10 personnel to eight. The APO positions were eliminated from Ontario and relocated to LAX, resulting in a minimum deployment of 12 ASOs daily to provide the required ARFF and law enforcement responsibilities to ensure the safety of the travelling public. The imposed cuts resulted in staffing levels lower than pre-9/11 staffing levels. Again, in 2011, LAWA management imposed additional cuts to public safety. These cuts

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Renumbered Weapons Laws

Most provisions of AB 109, the so-called “realignment” bill, became effective October 1, 2011. One result of this shift of responsibility for punishment and supervision of most non-violent, non-serious and non-sex felons from state to county government was to **create new categories of punishments**. We now have at least the following nine categories:

1. Infractions — fines up to \$250. (PC § 19.8)
2. “Wobblettes” — misdemeanors/infractions. Ex: PC § 415 (PC § 19.8)
3. Fine-only misdemeanors. Ex: HS § 11360(b)
4. Fine/jail misdemeanors — \$500/6 months, up to \$1000/1 year. (PC § 19)

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OLD PC §	DESCRIPTION & CLASSIFICATION	NEW PC §	
653(k)	Possess in vehicle/carry/transfer switchblade knife	M	21510
12020(a)(1)	Commerce/transfer/possess metal knuckles	SPW	21810
12020(a)(1)	Commerce/transfer/possess billy club	SPW	22210
12020(a)(1)	Commerce/transfer/possess sawed-off shotgun or rifle	SPW	33215
12020(a)(4)	Carry dirk or dagger concealed on the person	SPW	21310
12020.1	Commerce/transfer/possess composite/wooden knuckles	M	21710
12021(a)(1)	Own/possess/control firearm by felon or addict	SPF	29800(a)(1)
12021(c)(1)	Own/possess/control firearm <10 years after listed misds.	SPW	29805
12021(d)(1)	Own/possess/control firearm in violation of probation	SPW	29815
12021(e)	After listed juvenile offenses, no firearms before age 30	SPW	29820(b)
12021(g)(1)	Buy/receive a firearm, or try to, against court order	SPW	29825(a)
12021(g)(2)	Own/possess a firearm against court order	M	29825(b)
12021.1(a)	Own/possess/control firearm with violent-offense prior	SPF	29900(a)(1)
12023(a)	Armed with intent to commit a felony	SPW	25800(a)
12025(a)	Carrying a concealed firearm	M or CJW, DOC	25400(a)
12031(a)(1)	Carrying a loaded firearm	M or CJW, DOC	25850(a)
None (New)	Openly carrying an unloaded handgun in public	M	26350(a)(1)
None (New)	Openly carrying an unloaded handgun in a vehicle	M	26350(a)(2)
None (New)	Driver/owner allowing passenger to violate 26350(a)(2)	M	17512
12034(a)	Driver/owner allowing passenger to violate 25850(a)	M	26100(a)
12034(b)	Driver/owner allowing discharge from vehicle	SPW	26100(b)
12034(c)	Driver/passenger firing at non-occupant of the vehicle	SPF	26100(c)
12034(d)	Willful/malicious discharge from vehicle	SPW	26100(d)
12035(b)(1)	Criminal storage , where child causes death/GBI	CJW	25110(a)
12035(b)(2)	Criminal storage , where child causes non-GBI injury	M	25110(b)
12036(b),(c)	Criminal storage , where gun is taken (a) away or (b) to school	M	25200(a), (b)
12094(a)	Transfer/possess firearm w/ serial numbers altered or removed	M	23920
12101(a)(1)	Minor in possession of concealable firearm	M or CJW, DOC	29610
12280(b)	Possession of assault weapon	CJW	30605

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resulted in the elimination of traffic security officers, leaving the additional responsibility of traffic control and loading dock access points on the remaining 12 ASOs to absorb with no additional resources.

To date, management continues to propose additional cuts, all at the expense of the travelling public's safety. These cuts could result in a minimum deployment of 10 ASOs responsible for handling what once required 39 personnel to handle daily. The current deployment consists of two-to-four officers on patrol responsible for the security of the airport perimeter, three terminals, terminal traffic control, airfield security and loading dock access, in addition to meeting all TSA security mandates. Some mandates have been overlooked due to staffing levels to include Level Orange mandates, podiums and other TSA programs requiring law enforcement participation. ARFF responsibilities, to include providing emergency medical services, HazMat Response, Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) and all aircraft emergencies of passenger and cargo planes remain the responsibility of as few as six ASOs. All these cuts have been made at the expense of the travelling public because LAWA management is willing to gamble that nothing will happen at L.A./Ontario International Airport. Though passenger traffic may be down, the potential threat does not decrease with it. Due to the cuts in public safety, it is felt that L.A./ONT would be more vulnerable now than ever. Unfortunately, more important than public safety to LAWA management is their bottom line.

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5. County jail "wobblers" — misdemeanors/county jail felonies.
Ex: PC § 422

6. State prison "wobblers" — misdemeanors/state prison felonies.
Ex: VC § 2800.2(a)

7. County jail felonies — 16/2/3 non-non-nons, plus others.
Ex: PC § 192(b)

8. State prison felonies — serious, violent, sex, strikers, mental.

9. Capital crimes — treason and special-circumstances murder.

During the 2010 legislative session, SB 1080 and SB 1115 were enacted **to take effect on January 1, 2012**. Between them, these two bills renumber about 1000 sections of 10 codes, relating to firearms and dangerous weapons. Some of the renumbered sections are also affected by the sentencing changes from AB 109, meaning **double changes** in some cases. Listed below are **selected provisions**, showing old and new (2012) section numbers, brief descriptions and classifications: M=Misdemeanor, SPF=State Prison Felony, SPW=State Prison Wobbler, CJW=County Jail Wobbler and DOC=Depending on Circumstances (priors, injuries, gang activity, etc.). **The full text of the 2012 statutes should be consulted** for elements, exceptions, defenses and terms of punishments.

This information was current as of publication date. It is not intended as legal advice. It is recommended that readers check for subsequent developments and consult legal advisors to ensure currency after publication. Local policies and procedures regarding application should be observed. For more One-Minute Briefs, go to LAPD.com.



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