

# County Services Bureau

## Homeland Security Division



On December 15, 2009, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors voted to disband the Office of Public Safety, giving jurisdiction over their responsibilities to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

On December 20, 2009, the transition team started the enormous process of halting the existing organization, managing the transition, and ultimately, creating the County Services Bureau and Parks Bureau. Both bureaus fall under the purview of the County Services Administrative Headquarters, led by Commander Edward Rogner.

County Services Administrative Headquarters supports the personnel assigned to each bureau, managing more

than 700 personnel and a 114 million budget.

Unlike any other unit on the Sheriff's Department, the bureaus report to different Divisions for operational concerns. County Services Bureau and Parks Bureau report to Homeland Security Division and Field Operations Region II respectively.

### County Services Bureau

County Services Bureau, commanded by Captain Charles Stringham, is a countywide operation responsible for law enforcement in six major County hospitals and nearly 200 County facilities including, the Hall of Administration, Registrar-Recorder, District Attorney, Department of Public Social Services,





Department of Mental Health, Department of Public Health, Probation Department, and the Public Libraries. County Services Bureau is responsible for dispatching calls in the Hall of Records Dispatch Center, which is staffed around the clock with a watch commander, providing support to both Parks Bureau and County Services Bureau.

County Services Bureau has nearly 400 personnel assigned and manages approximately 1,000 contract security guards daily at various locations. The management of the contracted security guards requires a complete staff to ensure contract compliance, preparation of documentation for billing and receiving funds, and monitoring venues that do not have an assigned Sheriff's Department supervisor. As word spreads throughout other County entities about the high level of service and professionalism County Service Bureau provides, personnel continue to provide cost analysis information to other County Departments interested in staffing their facilities utilizing Sheriff's security. County Services Bureau continues to be a source of growth for the Department.

For County Services Bureau personnel assigned to one of the six major hospital campuses, it is not a contained environment as one would assume. Each hospital campus operates similar to a small city, often 40-80

acres in size. Each day, in addition to the 1,000-3,000 hospital employees, there are thousands of visitors, patients, and vendors on the hospital grounds. The campus generally encompasses the main hospital and several outbuildings that provide clinical services, employee services or facilities associated with the Schools of Medicine (UCLA or USC). In addition, several hospitals are involved with medical research, bio-med experiments, animal research, and managing nuclear-medicine materials. Some areas of research are controversial and may one day be a target for protest or sabotage. Further, some facilities have been identified by the Department of Homeland Security as potential targets of terrorism.

County Services Bureau provides a high level of professionalism to the County, other County Departments and the residents. County Services Bureau has experienced many accomplishments and successes during their first year that indicate personnel assigned are doing an outstanding job providing customer services to the County we serve.



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