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News Release

Leroy D. Baca, Sheriff

On Tuesday, August 6, 2013, Los Angeles County Sheriff's East Patrol Division Chief James Lopez traveled to the Altus Global Conference in Nairobi, Kenya where personnel from Industry Sheriff's Station received an award for being one of the top scoring stations (out of 20 participating stations) in the United States for 2012; LASD's own South Los Angeles was ranked #1 and Cerritos Station was ranked #2 during this event.

During Police Station Visitors Week 2012, 5,842 people visited more than 1000 police stations and departments in 17 countries around the globe. This was the sixth annual occurrence of this unique global event.

The award conference is hosted and inclusively sponsored by the Altus Global Alliance, an alliance of six academic centers and non-governmental organizations on five continents around the globe, which works in partnership with government institutions to strengthen the delivery of public safety and justice.

During his visit, Chief Lopez will have an opportunity to introduce five principles to enhance Public Trust Policing identified by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department at the conference. The principles include:

1. Develop Methods of Public Participation;
2. Model the Department's Core Values to the Public and the Police;
3. Train and Support all Department Employees to be Leaders;
4. Support College or University Achievement for all Law Enforcement Employees;
5. Transparency, Key to the Community's Faith.

"I look forward to sharing ideas and learning from my colleagues throughout the world about effective ways to move Public Trust Policing to a higher level. Sheriff Baca believes that if we improve the public's trust of the law enforcement profession, we will improve public safety," said Chief Lopez. In addition, Chief Lopez will be making a presentation about South Los Angeles Station and their commitment to the community. Chief Lopez will be touring several Kenya National Police facilities to learn more about their law enforcement practices.

Police Stations Visitors Week (Police Week) is a unique global event organized by Altus to assess the quality of services delivered in the participating police departments, to identify some of the best

practices in use by police, to strengthen the accountability of police to the local citizens whom they serve and to promote human rights standards.

The visitors use a special kit developed by Altus to guide their visit, following protocols that are the same around the world. These kits provided guidelines for how to conduct visits, and questions that were used to evaluate each station, based on their observations. These findings were calculated into scores via Altus' global website, and overall station scores were determined using five basic categories: community orientation, physical conditions, equal treatment of the public, transparency and accountability, and detention conditions. Immediately after each visit, the visitors answered 20 questions about what they observed. The scores are based on visitors' individual perceptions about the police stations. Expectations for police service vary across countries and within localities. As a result, the scores measure the extent to which visitors perceive the police in particular stations to be meeting or even exceeding local expectations in globally comparable areas of service.

The following was taken from the Police Station Visitors Week National Report United States 2012:

- Industry Sheriff's Station, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

"The Industry Sheriff's Station was established in 1964. We cover approximately 45.9 square miles with a population of almost 200,000. Our three contract cities are City of Industry, La Puente, and La Habra Heights. We also service the unincorporated communities of Bassett, West Valinda, Valinda, East Valinda, and Hacienda Heights.

In order to provide a safer community and assist our business partners in their fight with criminals, the station has created two task forces. The Plastics Industrial Theft Task Force was created due to the number of industrial plastics that were being stolen from our community businesses. The Commercial Burglary Task Force was created to assist our business partners in the City of Industry with their large commercial thefts. The task forces have made numerous arrests and recovered millions of dollars-worth of stolen merchandise.

The station is old but very proud of its "Tradition of Service." We take ownership of the work that we do for all of our communities. We respect the rights of all, including the prisoners that are placed in our custody. We have the largest Youth Activities League in the County, serving over 2000 youth in areas such as baseball, basketball, football, martial arts, diving, explorers, and our high school law enforcement academy. We are very proud of the work that our personnel are doing and the way they interact and treat our citizens that we protect." Victor O. Sotelo, Operations Lieutenant, Industry Station.

For more information about Industry Sheriff's Station please visit www.Industry.lasd.org

- South Los Angeles Sheriff's Station, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department:

"Since 1850, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department has had a rich and distinct history serving the people of Los Angeles County, and South Los Angeles Station represents an affirmation of that commitment." Sheriff Leroy D. Baca, LASD

"As the commanding officer of the South Los Angeles Sheriff's Station, I am fully committed to the ideals and principals of betterment of the community through community oriented policing." Captain Eli Vera, Station Commander, South Los Angeles Station

"Sir Robert Peel, the father of modern day policing, once said "the police are the public and the public are the police." This philosophy provides the foundation upon which South Los Angeles Station operates." Commander Matt Dendo, LASD, former commanding officer South Los Angeles Station

"We are truly honored to be selected as the winning Sheriff's Station, as it reflects the unwavering dedication and commitment by the men and women of South Los Angeles Station to provide professional and responsive law enforcement services to our community." Lieutenant Jeff Adams, Detective Bureau, South Los Angeles Station

For more information about South Los Angeles Sheriff's Station please visit www.SouthLA.lasd.org

- Cerritos Sheriff's Station, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

"Cerritos Station was designed to provide true community policing, which is also why it is called the Cerritos Community Safety Center. We pride ourselves on having very little crime, and our residents consistently express their feelings of safety and service.

All of the staff at Cerritos Station work closely with community members, and while we serve 49,000 residents, our station strives to maintain a small town feel whereby all residents feel comfortable contacting and working with us at all times.

We describe our vision of public safety as Education Based Policing (EBP) because we closely communicate with the public and educate them on current crime trends and how they are instrumental in successful crime prevention. Our residents actively engage in our public safety vision and join us in our crime fighting efforts. We attribute all of our successes to the team effort of our entire community. We are very proud of the work we do, and this recognition is an accolade that all of our personnel and residents will hold in high esteem." Captain Keith E. Swensson, Station Commander, Cerritos Station

For more information about Cerritos Sheriff's Station please visit www.Cerritos.lasd.org

The full report of the "Police Station Visitors Week" can be found on the Altus website at www.altus.org

If you want to hear more, here is a YouTube Video Link of Sheriff Baca commenting on the award and public trust policing

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q7ZPKDxijgl&feature=youtu.be>

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