



Lieutenant John Wolak ran in the Senshu Marathon in Osaka, Japan

On February 17, 2013, Lieutenant John Wolak of the Lomita Sheriff's Station had the privilege of participating in the Senshu Marathon in Osaka, Japan. This opportunity was made possible due to the strong bond the city of Lomita has with its sister city, Takaishi, Japan. Each year the city of Lomita chooses two representatives who can finish a marathon in less than 4 ½ hours. The representatives are ambassadors for the sister city foundation. The city of Takaishi provided air fare, accommodations, sightseeing, and interpreters. Lomita resident Rosie Borchert was the other representative, who participated in the event. Ms. Borchert was a former city employee and was an exchange student to Takaishi several years ago. Both participants finished the marathon well under the 4 ½ hours time limit. Along with the marathon, John and Rosie met with Takaishi city officials, sister city representatives, and many residents of Takaishi. One highlight of the trip was a visit to an elementary and junior high school. At the junior high school, John and Rosie had the chance to assist teaching an English lesson to the Japanese children. The children also performed a rendition of songs from the movie "Sister Act." Both Lieutenant Wolak and Ms. Borchert's experience in Osaka will be cherished and the memory will last a lifetime.

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