



Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

About Us

Marina del Rey Station, located in west Los Angeles county, provides police services for the unincorporated County area and operates six patrol boats in the harbor waters. Marina del Rey station is responsible for patrol in three unincorporated county areas.

The Marina area, referred to as our "west-end", consists of the land immediately surrounding the harbor itself as well as a small island of territory about 1 mile inland which we fondly refer to as the "Lost RD". We are also responsible for the harbor and have a shared responsibility for the Santa Monica Bay.

Lastly, we patrol our "east-end", which is the communities of Ladera Heights, Windsor Hills, and View Park.



The station consists primarily of these "details", or teams:



Boat Operations



Dive Team / Sheriff's Department Reserve Dive Team



Bike Team

Boat Operations



Marina del Rey is the world's largest man-made small craft harbor and is home port to approximately 6500 boats. About fifteen percent of those boats are "liveaboards", which are folks who live year round on their boats. The Harbor Patrol detail is responsible for law enforcement on the water and on the docks. Part of the detail's job is education and crime prevention.

The docks are checked regularly for safety

and local ordinance violations. Typical observations or calls for service range from enforcement stops for boating law or safety violations to open water rescue and medical emergencies. In the past couple of years the boat detail has responded as first responders to incidents such as airplane crashes, numerous boat fires and explosions, cars in the water and capsized vessels.

The unit works closely with the US Coast Guard, LA County Lifeguard Baywatch units, and the LA County Fire Department which has multiple fire fighting vessels attached to Station 110. At night, as we are a 24 hour operation, we are the first responder rescue unit for the entire Santa Monica Bay; from Point Dume near the Ventura County line to Palos Verdes Point.

Additionally, the LA International Airport cannot operate without an on-duty rescue vessel available due to its proximity to the water. Our vessels fulfill that requirement and carry life rafts that can be easily transported and deployed at a crash site. Multi-agency air crash scenario training is conducted frequently as well.

Deputies receive over 800 hours of training as well as intensive training put on by the State Department of Boating and Waterways in order to become a boat operator. All are E.M.T. certified (emergency medical technicians) and are Rescue/Recovery Dive Team members. Harbor Patrol deputies are proud of their special skills and training and of the service they provide not only to the residents of LA County, but to the boating community that visit Marina del Rey harbor.

For more information about harbor-related topics, please call (310) 482-6033; 24 hours for general questions.



The Dive Team

Marina del Rey Station has a Dive/Rescue Team which has been in existence since 1965. Since the L.A. County Harbor Patrol was merged with the Sheriff's Department in 1984, the dive team's experience has increased. Today, the dive team is comprised of over 15 certified divers, most of whom are qualified as Emergency Medical Technicians and patrol boat operators. Together they have a combined total of over 200 years of diving experience.

At any time, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, there are dive team members on duty and capable of responding to any dive emergency. Additionally, all members can respond as needed on a call out basis.

Under the auspices of Emergency Services Detail, the mission of the Marina del Rey Sheriff's Dive Team corresponds with the current jurisdiction of the Marina del Rey Station.

It's primary area of responsibility is the harbor of Marina del Rey with a secondary coverage responsibility of the Santa Monica Bay. It is also possible for the team members to respond county wide depending on the needs of the Department.



The Sheriff's Department Reserve Dive Team

Designated "Marine Company 218," this unit assists the Sheriff's Department Emergency Services Detail (ESD) in its aquatic missions and consists of both scuba divers and boat operators, civilian and sworn.

Most divers are instructors, some of whom have more advanced certifications and others prior military experience. All have extensive dive resumes. We support ESD, respond to LASD dive operations not resolved by first responders, and assist marine operations wherever needed.





The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department covers an extensive coastline, including Catalina Island along with numerous lakes, dams, rivers, aqueducts, and reservoirs. The unit has seen operations under ice, at extreme depth, in zero visibility, raging currents, bio-hazardous conditions, and overhead environments.

At the unit's disposal is a 28' twin-outboard boat and dive truck that contains spare gear, rope, lift bags, first aid, weights, anchors, and just about everything needed to conduct a search and recovery operation.

Reserve divers have logged thousands of dives and have been involved with a variety of underwater operations, including missing persons searches, missing scuba divers, body recoveries, homicide-related weapons searches, stolen vehicle recoveries, and crashed aircraft.

The team does not do recreational diving, where the calmest conditions and clearest water best serve the day. Many operations are in poor visibility and deep waters. Due to these circumstances the team trains regularly, observes safety protocols, and seeks divers who feel both challenged and comfortable in situations normally avoided.



But isn't that what law enforcement is all about?

If you have a work schedule flexible enough to allow infrequent activities at any time, AND are an experienced, fit diver with a complete set of gear and an zeal for something different, OR an experienced boat operator with expertise in launching, trailering, and driving a boat and are familiar with dive operations, please email Dive Team Captain David Gjertson,

gjertson@ucla.edu.

Meetings are held the second Monday of each month and train the following weekend.

The Bike Team

During the busy summer months from Memorial day to Labor day, Marina del Rey station staffs a full time bicycle team. The Summer Enforcement Team, SET, usually consists of six deputies and a sergeant.

The team is supplemented by two additional Harbor Patrol deputies who police the additional summer boating traffic with two one man 20 foot patrol boats. Team members work a 4/10 schedule on a day/pm overlap with coverage of the busy weekend days being a scheduling priority.

