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To inform Reserves, LASD personnel, retired Reserve Deputies, other agencies and contract cities of the dedication and services provided by the Reserves of this Department.

To provide an avenue for the recruitment of new Reserve Deputies.

Going Green the LASD Way

Reserve deputies experience something new while serving search warrants

By S/R Deputy **CHET SNYDER** with
By S/R Deputy **JOHN CAWDREY**

During my career as a Reserve Deputy, I have rolled out on, participated in, or have been involved in all of the basic crimes: 187's, 459's, 261's, 288's, 273.5's, etc. When I moved from patrol to DB, Special Victims Bureau, I thought I had seen it all. But, like many patrol deputies, I have not spent a lot of time dealing with drug crimes, unless it was a T-stop.

Late last year, my partner, John Cawdrey and I spent a considerable amount of time serving search warrants. My participation was primarily with the Special Victim's Bureau (SVB) teams serving warrants on cyber-crimes such as child pornography, or 290 registrants out of compliance. The search warrants usually mean John and I have the Pick and the Ram. So far, I have not had the opportunity to pick the security door. However, John – we call him “big John” – has had the dubious honor of caving in several doors, a real rush for him. Actually, I think if he does not get to crush a door at least once a week, he goes through withdrawals.

Anyway, I got sidetracked.

John Cawdrey is the Reserve Commander for Special Victims Bureau, Narco, Homicide, and Major Crimes. Since I recently retired from my civilian job, John convinced me that I should participate with him in Narco Search Warrants. Over the past several months, John has been working with LKD, TEM, and Walnut doing their search warrants, with positive results in finding guns, dope, and some bad guys. However, for John, the real benefit was getting lots of practice defeating all kinds of doors. A couple of weeks ago, John and the Temple City Station Narco Crew invited me to participate on a search warrant for a house in Rosemead. The house was a nice two-



One of 4 rooms converted into grow rooms. Notice the sophisticated and elaborate lighting and HVAC systems hanging from the ceilings.



Big John in riot gear, more of the secret crop ...

story in a quiet residential neighborhood. We arrived at Temple Station for 0645 briefing. The briefing was just like any other search warrant briefings providing the details of the search warrant, description of the suspect(s), the suspect's vehicle, weapons, and most importantly, what we do if things go wrong, deputy down, closest hospital, encountering dogs, etc.

At 0730, we arrived at the location. It was really quiet; the van was in the driveway. The first thing I noticed before we performed the Knock and Notice was the smell. The odor coming from the house could be detected all the way to the street. It reminded me of a few trips to

South Carolina and Virginia during the summer months. Heavy humidity in the air, but the heavy odor was similar to that of being in the middle of a vegetable market on a hot summer day. Once the team was in position, John and the entry team knocked and announced. No answer. The entry team knocked and announced a second and third time. No answer. All this before the entry team leader could give Big John the OK to ram. With a heavy front security door, and a doorway too narrow to use the pick, the team had to punch a hole through the screen using a "punch-pull" tool and a pull hook with a slide hammer to pull the screen away from the dead-bolt. Once this was accomplished, the

Sergeant gave the "Ram Up" signal, John crushed the door, and the entry team went inside. Once inside, the team methodically searches the rooms, and no two searches are done at the same time. Each room is cleared *before* we start another. We hold hallways, doorways, and stairways until the room or area we are searching is cleared then on to the next target. From my position, I really could not see what was happening, but I could hear the team calling out clear here, heading upstairs, going into the garage. Then I heard someone yell, we have one here in the garage, a couple of minutes later, it was code 4, one in custody.

Once the code 4 was given, I entered the residence and assisted with the



... and the author, Chet Snyder, at the scene.

search. I was amazed at what we found. The entire downstairs had heavy electrical cables and water hoses snaking through the rooms, in and out of holes in the walls. Outside in the back yard were three large 5-ton air conditioners lined up along the outside wall. Instead of being powered through an electrical panel, the power cables were punched through the outside wall leading into a small bedroom off of the kitchen. This is where Southern California Edison Revenue Protection employees found the electrical by-pass between the electrical service and the meter. The three 5-ton HVAC units as well as the timers for the hydroponics heat lamps, and water-dispensing system were all tied to timers.

This well-planned system minimizes the need for 24-hour coverage by the grower. Fewer people involved, less chance of being discovered.

The next bedroom downstairs had about 75-80 mature plants. This is where I took my photo opportunity. I was amazed at how sophisticated the HVAC and heat lamp system worked. As we worked our way upstairs, there were 3 more bedrooms with 75-80 plants in each room. The suspects had identical heat lamps and HVAC systems upstairs in each room.

What led to the discovery of this grow house? Interestingly enough it was not the smell, it was not the foot traffic going in and out of the house. The

neighbors did not have a clue that anything criminal was going on. The entire house was sound proof. So as the suspects tore holes in the walls to expose the electric service, the work going on inside would not alert the neighbors that anything suspicious was happening inside. The only suspect nabbed came and went at the same time each day. What alerted the authorities to a possible criminal act was the drop in the electric bill. SCE alerted the authorities that the bill went from an average of \$700.00 per month down to \$40.00 per month.

The suspect was actually found hiding in a big screen TV box in the garage. He had no criminal history, but was in possession of cocaine and meth.★

Rattlesnakes of Los Angeles County



There are five species of rattlers in Los Angeles County, and you never know when you may encounter one

By S/R Deputy **JAMES C. ZANIAS**

This past fall, SEB hosted a rattlesnake seminar for their folks, Search & Rescue types (which included a lot of reserve deputies), EMTs and anyone else interested in attending. As I have had a lifelong fear of these serpents, I thought it would be interesting to attend. Little did I know that they would have live representatives in the classroom to greet me!

As a friend and fellow reserve deputy and I entered the classroom, we were greeted by what sounded like hiss-

ing. I looked around to see if any of the attendees had recognized me, but then unhappily recognized what appeared to be fish aquariums without water just a few feet from me. What I thought was hissing was in fact several rattlesnakes in those fishless aquariums rattling their displeasure at me. My colleague and I quickly found seats as far away from those aquariums as possible.

As a deputy in Los Angeles County, it is possible to come across a rattlesnake and I am not talking about the two legged kind. According to the instructor,

there are five species of rattlesnakes within the boundaries of the county. These include the Southern Pacific rattlesnake, the Northern Mojave rattlesnake, the Red Diamond rattlesnake, the Speckled rattlesnake and my personal favorite, the Sidewinder. Many people obtain permits to keep these venomous snakes in their homes. Others keep them as pets without a permit. You never know when you will encounter one. Walking in my suburban neighborhood one summer evening many years ago, I encountered a rattlesnake



Attendees followed the lecturer's advice and kept a safe distance, even though the critters were behind glass.

stretched out on the sidewalk just a few feet from wife and kids. I thought it was dead. As I approached it to get a better look, I found out it was very much alive and very unhappy that I had disturbed it. It and I parted as friends and yes, they do taste like chicken.

If you are working in the Lancaster/Palmdale area, you have the opportunity to encounter the Mojave, the Sidewinder, and the Southern Pacific snakes. The rest of the county contains the Speckled, Red Diamond, or Southern Pacific snakes. Of these snakes, the Mojave rattlesnake is the most venomous and it contains both neurotoxic (like a Cobra, it paralyzes its victim) and hemotoxic venom (this type of venom basically destroys tissue and muscle and causes blood clotting problems). The rest of the rattlesnakes contain hemotoxic venom of varying strength. Rattlesnakes have several distin-

guishing features including a thick body, thin neck, and a well-defined arrow shaped head. Also their eyes are hooded and their pupils are oval but I would never get close enough to make that determination. Your safest bet is to steer clear of all snakes. They can be found around structures, in tall grass, bushes, around rocks and logs, sidewalks, and your front porch. These sneaky reptiles do not necessarily rattle before they strike. Sometimes they do not have any rattles at all because they are too young or their rattles have broken off.

Rattlesnake fangs of our local species can reach over a half inch in length and are extremely sharp. They are so sharp, that according to the instructor, they can go right through the nylon paneled boots that many of us wear. Apparently, all-leather boots are the way to go if you are going to encounter one of these fanged friends.

First aid for a rattlesnake bite is very simple. Do not do anything except get to a hospital as soon as possible! Snake bite kits are useless. Do not cut, suck or put ice on it. Do not apply a tourniquet or restriction band. Do not drink alcohol and shock treatment does not work so keep your taser holstered. Remove any watches, rings or tight clothing near the bite area. Remain calm (not sure how that works if you have been bit, but that is what you are supposed to do). Antivenin is the only treatment that works. Every hospital is supposed to carry at least some of it.

Take heart in knowing that there are only just over 800 cases of rattlesnake bites per year in the United States. Fatalities are rare. However, the loss of a limb, or permanent disfigurement are not uncommon results for snakebite victims. The good news is that only half of rattlesnake bites result in envenomation.★

A Charitable Man

Reserve Deputy Scott Schwartz goes from film bad guy to real-life good guy

By RESERVE NEWS STAFF

On December 8, 2012, Reserve Deputy Scott Schwartz received an email from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, and it related information about a young boy, age 6 named Nathan Norman, who is terminally ill with Cancer. Nathan is infatuated with Law Enforcement Personnel as well as Firefighters, and a lot of Departments had already visited with Nathan. As a matter of fact Nathan was receiving as many as 1000 pieces of mail *a day*. One day, 2500 pieces of mail arrived! Because of the virtue of S/R Deputy Schwartz being in Film and Television the Department thought that it would be nice to send along some photos and such. The prognosis of the child, as described in the email, stated that he was not likely to live until Christmas.

Scott wanted to find out what the likelihood was that mail was even being opened, or if there was another address that I could mail to with a more prompt delivery. This then became an important project for him. He was very close to his sister Beth as she passed away in 1998 from lung cancer at the young age of 37. During the time that Beth was being treated for this disease, her Doctor told Scott that one of the most important factors in battling cancer is "Keeping the patients spirit and morale at the highest possible level." He had experienced visiting sick children as a Professional Wrestler, and saw a lot of joy on children's faces. He said that he wanted to "fine tune" this procedure. He knew that these kids were a priority for him and he wanted to visit these sick children, but he wanted it to be a "little more" so Scott decided to visit children's oncology units. These units specifically handle the treatment of cancer. Beth loved children, and never got to experience the joy of having her own. At first, it was difficult, because there were some children that were very

sick. But then, in reflecting back, he really cannot remember any "sick" children. It really has been a happy experience for all, and not only are the children happy, but parents, staff, etc. Scott said that he cannot begin relate as to how many parents have followed him out into the hallway, after his visits. They looked at him and said "Thank You, this is the first time I have seen my child laugh or smile in a year." With such sincerity, Scott's goal in life has been to visit sick cancer children *everywhere*. He travels, no matter where. He will go to the site of his visit a few days early, or stay a few days later to accommodate the children.

A local Home Depot heard about Nathan's plight and all the mail, so they donated a POD (outdoor storage unit), which was put on Nathan's driveway to store all incoming mail. The house was getting full, and the mailman, as well as UPS and FedEx were instructed to place all incoming items directly in the POD.

After receiving the email, Scott called directory assistance for the Norman family. There was no listing. He then searched Google, and there were a couple of articles, but also a Facebook Page. Since a lot of Facebook pages are not "Official", he wanted to find out if the page was Legitimate. A woman named Cheryl, saying she was a family friend answered his email. She said she was handling many of the issues on behalf of the Norman family because the burden on the family was too overwhelming for them to handle alone. A number of first responders had visited Nathan, and in speaking to Cheryl, Scott explained who he was and gave her links to his website to insure her of his authenticity. He asked her to call back after she viewed his website. A few minutes later, she called. She told him that Nathan had cancer of the brain and the spinal cord, and Nathan was preparing to start a focused

chemotherapy program to attempt to assault and vanquish the cancer.

As he was talking to Cheryl, he looked on Google Maps, and saw that the city where Nathan lives was only a 6 hour drive from where he would be in Tennessee. He asked Cheryl whether it would be a possibility to visit Nathan. She said that would be great. He told her that he would send a children's DVD that he did so when he got there, Nathan would know him. Cheryl gave him her address so that it would expedite the delivery. He then went to S/R Commander Steve Moran and discussed the plans for Nathan. After that they went to the Emporium Store at Star Center, and shopped for Nathan. They got him several gifts. Scott also spoke with Goodie Green and Jim Wadley, Owner of Goodies Uniforms (Uniform Store Sanctioned by the LASD in Norwalk). He said it was a great idea, and that they would support Scott in any and every way possible. The "wheels were in motion." He asked S/R Commander Moran to advise all members of LASD that he would be visiting Nathan, and that they were welcome to furnish him with any cards or gifts they wanted Scott to deliver. They then gathered all the gifts and were prepared to travel. His first stop was in Chicago to do 3 days of charity events and to show his support for Alicia's House Food Pantry (Alicia's House is not for profit, 501c3, food pantry that was started in 2001 by Stella & Juan Hernandez in honor of their granddaughter Alicia). Scott helped give out toys and take photos with the children and their families at the Pantry's annual event for special needs children. He also helped pass out food and toys to the needy at the Pantry's annual Christmas Party. Scott was joined by former Chicago Cubs pitcher Milt Pappas, and Alicia's House Founder and former wrestler Juan Hernandez. In 2011 Scott along with Milt Pappas and other

Reserve Deputy Scott Schwartz visited Nathan Norman and his family during the holidays in 2012.

celebrities raised over \$50,000.00 for the Pantry and in 2012 they raised over \$63,000. Next stop was Tennessee.

After his stop in Tennessee, Scott's wife and his mother-in-law accompanied him on the drive to Virginia, to visit Nathan. According to S/R Deputy Schwartz the experience was awesome and Nathan is a fine young man, and his family has great religious faith. When we arrived, Nathan's mother said a prayer, "Thanking the Lord that Scott had visited." He let Nathan hold his badge. Nathan was enthralled with the badge and that was quite gratifying. He got an Official LASD motorcycle and squad car replica, action figure, and some LASD pins, etc. Nathan's mom said that LASD is the only Department that had such a variety of official gifts. Apparently, none of the other departments had an action figure, or the car and cycle. Nathan and his little sister had fun riding on Scott's shoulders. Nathan's mom said that Nathan insisted that any toys or gifts that he did not want, or that he already had should be given to other kids to make their Christmas "special."

A little bit of background on S/R Deputy Scott L. Schwartz. He is widely known as the "Ultimate Bad Guy" from his acting career which includes Ocean's 11, 12 & 13, Starsky & Hutch, Spiderman, Fun with Dick and Jane, Buffy the Vampire Slayer, The Mentalist, Castle, among numerous other feature films and TV shows. What most fans don't know is that Scott is really "The Ultimate Nice Guy" and has been visiting children's hospitals worldwide for the past 14 years after losing his sister to lung cancer in 1998. He realizes the value and impact of making a lasting impression on children with cancer and



how important it is to make each child feel special. Scott enjoys visiting pediatric hospitals and bringing what joy he can into the lives of every child he visits. They are always smiling during his visits and usually begging him to return soon. In 2012 Scott was the recipient of the CHOC Glass Slipper Guild Award (a prestigious award received by the likes of David Beckham, Gwen Stefani, etc.). Along with his charitable work, and Hollywood endeavors, S/R Deputy Schwartz is a member of the Reserve Recruitment Unit.

Scott has been in touch with Cheryl

and Nathan is doing OK. He is continuing with his treatment, and with God's benevolence, he will enjoy a long and full life. We salute S/R Deputy Schwartz for his volunteerism, charity in his heart and for all the joy he brings to sick children. The Scott L. Schwartz Children's Foundation is making a difference in the lives of each child in need by continuing to visit hospitals worldwide, helping Alicia's House Food Pantry, Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC), Toys For Tots Foundation, and various Children's Hospitals worldwide.★

An Honored Tradition

Mounted Posse participates in the nation's largest equestrian parade

By Staff Writer **JORDAN CRANE**



On Friday, August 3, 2012, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Mounted Posse participated in Santa Barbara's Old Spanish Days Parade, following an honored tradition of the Department since the late 1920's. For 85 years, Santa Barbara's Annual Old Spanish Days Fiesta has celebrated nineteenth-century "Spanish California" songs and culture. The event has grown to become one of the largest and best known regional festivals in the United

States, drawing performers and participants from across the U.S. and Mexico. And as far as equine participation goes, it features more horses and riders than even the Rose Parade. Mounted law enforcement units alone include Long Beach, SB County Sheriff's, Merced County Sheriff's, Ventura County Sheriff's, Santa Monica Police and Chino Police, in addition to our own LA County Sheriff's Posse.

In fact, our Mounted Posse has enjoyed a privileged and treasured link

to the parade from its earliest days. Participating in many different capacities, our Posse riders have always provided the Color Guard escort for the Queen of the Parade. In one of the first parades, a young woman named Hattie Feazelle stood on the sidelines and was asked if she wished to ride on an extra horse. She accepted, and started a streak of parade participation of almost 70 years, becoming a true symbol of the event. One-hundred-year-old Hattie passed away just a few months before



LASD Mounted Posse was invited to provide the Honor Guard for Hattie Feazelle's memorial float.

this year's parade, and the LASD Mounted Posse was invited to provide the Honor Guard for her memorial float. Additionally, our Posse received the inaugural Hattie Feazelle Trophy of recognition for continued dedication and service to the community.

The Mounted Posse is comprised of 7 units with about 125 riders. Mostly volunteers, with some sworn deputies, each Posse member owns his own horse and must have access to a trailer. More important, members' duties are

not merely ceremonial. After a 40-hour qualifying course and an additional parade sensory-conditioning classes to prepare for the noise and distractions of excited audiences, members respond to calls for service from all areas of the County and from multiple agencies. These calls include SAR call-outs, mall parking lot patrols during peak holiday hours, beach and county park patrols, crowd control, bike races, and major emergencies or events that tax the region's limited resources.

In addition to these duties, maintaining good public relations is a key role of the Mounted Posse. As SCV Posse Team Leader David Hauser and Reserve Chief Peter Burnstein put it, "Nobody ever asked to pet my squad car. There's a special bond between horses and people, especially children. 1,200 pounds of horse tends to have a calming effect and creates a more approachable atmosphere. We find this is particularly helpful in crowd control situations."

Captain Robert (Bob) Guilbault, who

leads the Reserve Forces Bureau, underscored the continuing value of the Mounted Posse and its work: "We are especially proud to represent the LASD in this excellent PR function ... and also very proud of the work they do all the time as eyes and ears of the Sheriff's Department. This is our origin. We're a working Posse, not just a parade group. The sheriff rode a horse in 1850 and no matter how our technology develops we'll be on a horse 100 years from now. Looking forward to more of these opportunities to show everyone the pride we have in this very dedicated group." ★



The event draws performers and participants from across the U.S. and Mexico.

2013 Parade Update: Rider Down!

On Friday, August 2, 2013 Santa Clarita and Palmdale Posse participated in the "Viva La Fiesta Days" parade held every year in Santa Barbara. The parade was blessed with some very nice weather and the combined team looked dashing and did an outstanding job presenting the Colors.

This parade is known for having the most equestrian entries in all of California. The parade route from start to finish is approximately 5 miles.

Once the parade is over it is a 3-mile ride back to the start of the parade over city streets and with traffic passing. There are so many participants, a steady number of horses/mules can be seen walking back to where the trailers are parked.

Approximately 20 minutes into this return route, the team could see that a horse carrying two riders had fallen down and both riders were on the street and not moving.

Deputy Bob Foster, a reserve with the Palmdale Posse and the team medical officer, rode forward to offer assistance. He was assisted by several civilian volunteer team members.

As he approached the scene, Deputy Foster could see a female victim lying on her back and suffering from active *Grand*

Mal seizures. The second rider, a male, was now standing and holding a horse. Deputy Foster noticed a male and a female kneeling next to the victim. Deputy Foster dismounted and could see the victim was lying motionless on her back. The male was holding the back of the victim's head with one hand, but was hyper flexing the head too far forward partially blocking the airway. This was also evidenced by the fact Deputy Foster could hear the victim snoring and gargling. He immediately took over C-spine precautions, slowly moving the head to a neutral position. This opened the victim's airway and the victim started breathing without distress.

Deputy Foster directed team member John Sanna to conduct a secondary evaluation for any other injuries or bleeding. At the same time, team members called 911 and blocked all traffic from entering the incident location.

While the team waited for paramedics to arrive, riders, horses/mules and horse-driven carts that were still returning from the parade were forced to stand and wait in traffic. Deputy Scott Short, in an effort to avoid another accident, kept the equestrians moving by re-routing them around the block and away from the incident.

The paramedics arrived within 5 minutes. Deputy Foster was asked to maintain C-spine and assisted as a C-collar was applied and then the victim was moved to a backboard. The second rider was checked by the paramedics. Although he was found not to have any serious injuries he and the female victim were transported by Ambulance to the hospital.

Deputy Foster learned that the female victim was riding double and was sitting behind the saddle. The male rider said it seemed like she had a seizure and when she fell off she had grabbed him and pulled him out of the saddle. He said he tried to get back into the saddle but the horse began to spin and eventually fell onto the street on top of him. The female victim, who was not wearing a helmet, hit the back of her head on the pavement. Deputy Foster also said the female had her hair in a huge hair bun. That probably saved her from cutting her scalp.

The team is to be commended. Under an emergency circumstance, team members acted quickly, professionally and most of all they acted together to take control of a serious situation and by their actions prevented any other accidents/incidents from occurring.

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Search and Rescue Gets a Super Upgrade

With the addition of three Super Puma helicopters, SAR takes a big step forward in capability

By Staff Writer **JORDAN CRANE**

In the business of saving lives, response time to an incident and a speedy ride to the hospital can literally mean the difference between life and death. Taking a major step toward improving those odds, the County of Los Angeles approved the acquisition of three previously owned Eurocopter AS 332L1 Super Puma helicopters by the Sheriff's Department. The first of these three specially equipped helicopters was rolled out at the Long Beach headquarters of the LASD Aero Bureau in a special event attended by Sheriff Baca, leading dignitaries, and representatives from over 20 local and federal law enforcement agencies.

The AS 332L1 Super Puma adds an entirely new dimension to LASD Aero and Search and Rescue operations. It is about 25% smaller in size to our Navy Sikorsky H-3 Sea Kings being replaced, but it can carry the same number of people, is more powerful, faster, and offers technology and avionics that the makers of the Sea King could only dream of. This power and capability



The first of three new Super Pumas was unveiled at the LASD Aero Bureau Long Beach headquarters.

increase over the outgoing H-3's will equate to nearly a 30% faster response and transport time, which will be especially valuable to Search and Rescue operations in the high-altitude mountains and vast foothill terrain around Los Angeles County.

All three AS 332L1's have been upgraded for the Aero Bureau's missions with external hoists, nose-mounted forward-looking infrared cam-

eras (another first on a Department rescue helicopter), night-vision compatible cockpits, multi-patient medical interiors, and various other airframe modifications specific to the Aero Bureau's requirements. Additionally, the Super Pumas will be equipped with an advanced avionics cockpit. These enhancements include Global Positioning System / Wide Area Augmentation

System (GPS/WAAS) navigation capability, instrument flight rules (IFR) capability, and weather RADAR. In short, LASD Super Pumas and flight crews will be capable of flight in nearly all weather conditions, enabling Search and Rescue teams to get a trauma patient on board and to a hospital emergency room when all other less capably equipped helicopters will be stuck on



Reserve Medical Program Commander Janet Henderson is pleased with the additional room afforded her fellow Paramedics in the new helicopter.



A cross section of the Reserve members and their various areas of expertise that will be working aboard the new Air-5.



Sheriff Lee Baca and 5th District Supervisor Michael Antonovich listen to opening remarks.



Equipped with the latest electronic navigation tools as well as state of the art locating, surveillance and rescue capability's, the new Air-5 is one of the most sophisticated tools within the Sheriff's Department today.

the ground.

The first two of these specially modified Super Pumas, the 2005 version and 2003 version, has been delivered to the Aero Bureau in 2012 and are flight-ready, with the remaining Puma built in 2003 were delivered shortly once final testing of all modifications are complete. Flight ground school, in-flight training and qualification, as well as full maintenance and service training will continue until all pilots and crew are fully trained.

"The Super Pumas are equipped with advanced technological enhancements that will enable the Air Rescue 5 personnel to maintain the highest operational capability and the ability to fly in nearly all weather conditions," said Sheriff Baca. This increased overall range,

safety and all-weather capability will translate to faster arrivals to hospitals for patients needing care, having an immediate impact within the "Golden Hour" for trauma patients and will undoubtedly save lives.

In addition to the Emergency Services Detail's

To read about the LASD Super Puma at work, see the following story.

use, Reserve search and rescue teams will also utilize this aircraft. Other missions expected of the Super Pumas will include SWAT insertions and extractions, homeland security support, maritime interdiction and personnel transport after natural disasters, such as earthquakes, floods, and fires. Other missions may

include over-water rescues and transports within all of Los Angeles County including the Catalina and San Clemente islands.

"We are looking forward to the enhanced mission capabilities of the Super Puma helicopter as it relates to our specific LASD law enforcement role and rescue missions. These helicopters are all-weather aircraft, which will allow us to safely deliver our patients more expeditiously to the hospital within the golden hour. The aircraft will also prove itself instrumental, both in rescues and as logistical support in major catastrophic events, such as earthquakes, fire, or a terrorist-related incident," said Aero Bureau Captain Louis Duran.

For enhanced safety, LASD Super Pumas will be

equipped with Enhanced Ground Proximity Warning System / Terrain Awareness and Warning System (EGPWS/TAWS), and a program Flight Operational Quality Assurance (FOQA) program. These enhancements lengthen the training and certification process for the pilots and other professionals designated to the aircraft, and in the words of Chief Pilot Deputy Pat McKernan and fellow Pilot Deputy Mark Burnett "make for a very steep educational curve." But the introduction of these aircraft and the required training bring the Super Pumas and the LASD Air Rescue-5 program in alignment with some of the highest industry standards for flight safety and operational capability in the world. ★

Trabuco Canyon Rescue

L.A. County Sheriff's Search and Rescue teams go to the limit to find two missing teens

By S/R Chief **MIKE LEUM**

Editor's Note: It took a lot of arm twisting to get Reserve Chief Leum to write about himself, but the first person narrative provides a perspective that could not have been achieved by someone else writing the story and we thank him.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's search and rescue teams (SAR) were requested the Monday after Easter to assist the Orange County Sheriff's Department (OCSD) with a search for two missing teens in the Trabuco Canyon area. We were requested to show up Tuesday to the command post (CP) at 0700hrs.

After arriving at the command post and being briefed at 0900hrs we sat around waiting for a mission assignment. I fully expected that the OCSD overhead management team might be a little overwhelmed due to the convergence of volunteers on this search, both SAR teams and concerned citizens, family and friends. A complicating factor was that when search teams were calling out, frequently citizens were responding which had to be verified since it could have been our missing teens.

The wait for a mission went into the afternoon, when finally at about 1330hrs we were told that a mission was coming our way. We were told that we would be airlifted via the Orange County Fire Authority's helicopter to a search area. As



The author meets with the press.

we were preparing our gear, we were then told that the Fire Authority refused to take us since we were not "certified" to fly on their helicopter. Those of us that were there have been on almost every type of helicopter used by public agencies, with hundreds of rescues among our group. So then we were given an assignment to drive to a trail head and check a trail which had already been covered by hundreds of searchers and citizens.

After completing our assignment, we reported back to the CP for debrief and checkout. I told them that LASD would be back tomorrow, and every day that these two kids remain missing. I also told them that we would be bringing our own helicopter.

The next morning we were flown to the top of a ridgeline and prepared for insertion. Being lowered on the hoist two-at-a-time required us to sit in the door with our feet hanging out, hooked up together. The crew chief hit the up button, lifting us off the floor and swinging us out the door. After verifying it was all good, he lowered us to the ridgeline. It was a short distance, as hoist operations go, being only about 50 feet. The prop wash on this new helicopter is definitely stronger than the H-3. That is because the new bird has shorter blades and more power, with the props spinning faster in order to keep the bird in the air. People have said that a helicopter is nothing more than thou-

sands of moving parts doing everything possible to fall out of the sky. The crew chief had no choice but to drop us right on top of a thicket of bushes that were 8 feet high. Oh well, any insertion you can walk away from is a good one. After getting both feet on the ground, we unhooked and spread our arms out to our sides, notifying the crew chief that we were clear of the hook and he can retrieve it for the next evolution. Once we were all on the ground, Air 5 flew off back to the LZ. We got our maps out, and determined how we would approach this mission of covering an area going downhill ultimately ending up on the access road where the kids' car was parked.

At the termination of our

assignment we were driven back to the LZ by Sergeant Eric Fox from our Emergency Operation Bureau. We must have looked pretty ragged because he made us line up for a picture to document our appearance. Once back at the LZ we were told that there was a BBQ across the airfield for our enjoyment. We could not get there fast enough. After chowing down on hot dogs and hamburgers, we were introduced to the parents of the missing girl, Kyndall. The father was stoic, while mom was a wreck. At this point I did something I have rarely done in twenty years of SAR work, I looked mom in the eyes and told her “We’re going to find her, I guarantee it”. Those are some pretty serious words, and I knew it when I said them. My biggest hope was that I could come through on that promise ...

The missing male hiker was located Wednesday evening. We showed up Thursday morning with a burning desire to get out in the field to find Kyndall. I texted my wife, sharing my concern for Kyndall since she had been out there four nights without the appropriate gear. She returned my text saying that “YOU will find her.” The ominous nature of that text would not hit me until later. As we were walking around making ourselves visible (you are more likely to get an assignment if for no other reason than to get you out of the command post), we heard a buzz around the CP that a citizen had just called 911 claiming to hear a female voice yelling for help in the search area. Once a GPS location



The Super Puma Air 5 in action.

was determined, I was asked to assemble a technical team to be inserted via Air 5 to where the caller was. We were ready to go on the spot, so we rallied at the LZ. Air 5 launched immediately and lowered Air 5 medic Jim Moss to where the reporting party was who called 911. The medic verified hearing a girl’s voice, and Air 5 came back to the LZ to pick up our field team.

There were three of us from LASD and one SAR member from another county. We were inserted onto a 70 degree slope, where finding a stable position was challenging. Once we were situated, and Air 5 flew off, we strategized about how to perform a grid search of the hillside below us. We yelled out Kyndall’s name and we heard a female response. Instantly we realized that she was NOT anywhere below us, but instead it sounded like she was on the hillside opposite to our position. We immediately abandoned our grid search and beat feet downhill, through bramble bushes and poison oak.

We hit canyon bottom, and at this point were at a run. We saw that a field team was already entering one of

the tributary canyons in the same area we were heading. Collectively we chose a canyon to the East and started running in that direction. After fighting through the bushes, we were immediately confronted with a dry waterfall, the first of many. We began free-climbing a series of waterfalls, but became concerned that we had picked the wrong canyon since we had lost voice contact with the female.

We re-established voice contact and she sounded close. I instructed our field team members to fan out so we might be able to determine her location. I ascended up a canyon wall near the top of a ridge. She sounded within yards. I asked her if she was Kyndall and she confirmed. I notified the CP that we had confirmed voice contact with Kyndall. I asked her if she could see me and she said yes. I told her to wave her hands so that I could see her. She replied that she could only raise one arm, so I told her to wave that one. On top of a rock outcropping and through some bushes I saw the palm of her hand waving.

Simultaneous with this occurring, in the canyon to

the West an Orange County SAR team member fell 60 feet off one of the dry waterfalls while climbing it, fracturing his neck in two places. Luckily he is recovering well, as the outcome could have been truly tragic.

The rest of my field team was now heading up canyon trying to reach Kyndall. I decided to stay where I was at, since I was the only one with eyes on her. As Air 5 came into view about a mile away, I talked them into our canyon, and then to Kyndall’s location. By then one of our SAR guys was mere feet away from her, then Air 5 lowered a medic. The medic and our SAR guy assessed her and determined she needed transport immediately. Due to her precarious position on the rock, there was not enough room to package her in a rescue basket and she was given a harness by our SAR guy and hoisted into Air 5 in tandem with the medic.

As a postscript, the male hiker has been charged with possession of methamphetamine after OCSO impounded the car. This has led to talk of charging the pair for the cost of the rescue, totaling \$160,000.00. The position of the SAR community is that we do not want people charged for rescue since that would possibly delay someone from initiating a search.

One of the points to be driven home is that through the partnership and working relationship of the LASD SAR ground-pounders and the full-time Air 5 crew, LASD offers combined skill sets and experience which are hard to find anywhere else in the country. If you’re gonna get hurt in the mountains, do it in LA County. ★

Officers Aid Stranded Swedish Family

Family of seven heads back to Sweden after much-needed help | By **RESERVE NEWS STAFF**

On Friday, May 17, 2013 at approximately 4:30 a.m., a Swedish family of seven were walking West Bound on Sepulveda Blvd, approaching Normandie and the 110 Freeway. A local citizen called Carson Sheriff's station and indicated that a male with the family was asking for help near the 900 block of West Sepulveda Blvd. Carson Sheriff's Deputies responded and made contact with the family and transported the family to the Carson Sheriff's Station. Caslav (Father), Alexandra (Mother), and their two ten year old twins, 14 year old daughter, 17 year old daughter, and two year old daughter were extremely upset and unable to communicate with Deputies because of a language barrier.

Reserve Assistant Sheriff Jerry Goddard met with Sgt. Britta Kjellstrand from RFB at Carson Station that morning at 11:30 hrs. HQ Media set up a multi-TV channel interview re: LASD assistance to the stranded Swedish family.

Reserve Forces Bureau Sgt. Britta Kjellstrand, who speaks Swedish, responded to Carson Station and interpreted for the family and was able to find out that the family had traveled from Sweden for a family graduation. Sgt. Kjellstrand spent over 3 hours talking to the Trandafilovic family and gave them "good old American" hamburgers and fries that afternoon.



The Sheriff's Department assessed that the family were not victims of crime, however they had depleted their whole financial savings on return trip tickets back to Stockholm, Sweden due to a family emergency. They had travel arrangements back to Sweden on Sunday, May 19, 2013 but had found themselves without a place to stay, food or money. Sgt. Kjellstrand reached out to Sheriff's Department Reserve Forces and was able to obtain funds for hotel accommodations, food and transportation to the airport for the family. Reserve Assistant Sheriff Jerry Goddard also contributed to the family through the Reserve Account, to ensure their well-being. Sgt. Kjellstrand and Reserve Sheriff Goddard transported the family to a local hotel in Carson, stayed in direct contact with them and made sure they were safe. The

Special thanks to the **Double Tree Hotel** in Carson, and their manager, for making the family comfortable and giving them meal coupons after their ordeal. A big thank you to **Captain Rivera** of Carson Station, a big thank you for the two deputies who found the family and had the sense to bring them to the station and a Detective who helped make the Hotel contact, and to **Sgt. Britta Kjellstrand** who acted as translator and worked with the family to calm their fears. Finally, to **SR Assistant Sheriff Jerry Goddard** who came up with the goods and **Nicole Nishida**, Public Information Officer Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department-Newsroom for most of this article.

Trandafilovic family was exhausted after experiencing 5 days of travel, a time change, a family emergency,

and no money.

All the deputies turned out that helped the family and a lot of hugs were shared all around. The family was then transported to LAX airport for their return to Stockholm, Sweden.

"Helping this family couldn't have been possible without the collaborative effort of the Sheriff's Carson Sheriff's Station, International Liaison, Sheriff's Headquarters Bureau, and Reserve Forces Bureau," said Sgt. Kjellstrand. "Being a Natural born Swedish citizen and now an American citizen, I can completely understand the Swedish culture and the difficulty that this family has endured especially not knowing the language. We were able to bring some security to a devastated family of seven through the kindness and generosity of others."

As S/R Assistant Sheriff Jerry Goddard said "that's why they pay us \$1 a year."★

Officer Survival and Operational Fitness

By S/R Lt. **GINES ARNAU**

Just like our Use of Force skills are considered perishable, so is our physical fitness. If you intend on working patrol then you should maintain your physical fitness, as well as your defensive tactic skills. For many of us it is difficult to find time to work out and exercise on regular basis. By the time we get home from work and spend some time with the family there is not much time left for anything else. Not to mention the aging process, which affects all of us as we are not as young as we use to be and time has taken its toll on our prior injuries, joints, etc. Some of us have to deal with prior injuries as well as current injuries. Either way, if you plan on working patrol or other assignments then not only should you be mentally prepared, but physically prepared as well.

Consider this scenario, you are on a call and you get

separated from your partner. All of a sudden your partner calls and he/she requests assistance as they are in a foot pursuit with a suspect. The pursuit ends up being a lengthy one and when the suspect is caught, they decide to resist and the fight is on! Back up may or might not be a few minutes away! Chances are the suspect is younger and often in better shape than you are. The fight lasts more than a couple of minutes after you have already been in foot pursuit for a couple minutes compounding your fatigue. How many of you reading this honestly think your chance of survival is very good? If you are not in good operational fitness, you have not only put yourself at risk but your partner as well.

What do I need to do to improve my Operational Fitness?

First make a commitment to yourself that being prepared is a worthwhile goal and something you want to do. Next, set up a schedule a few

times a week you can keep on regular basis. Begin by assessing your current physical condition and what areas you want to improve.

Typically what areas do you want to target?

- Stamina
- Cardio
- Strength
- Flexibility

This will help you decide what exercises to do and the duration. Exercises that elevate your heart rate will help with stamina and cardio conditioning. Cycling, jogging, jumping jacks, shadow boxing, and walking are all good for this purpose. Pushups, pull ups, squats, sit ups, leg lifts, etc. will help with strength building and you can do all of these without going to the gym.

Flexibility and mobility are important as well and will help minimize injuries. Stretching your calves, hamstrings, neck, shoulders, and back will help keep your flexibility. These exercises should be done once you warm up a bit as the body

will have blood circulating and make it easier for you to stretch. Mobility is very important as most men tend to focus on strength and often neglect stretching, which is good for agility.

Practicing with your baton and personal weapons is a good activity and builds muscle memory as well. The FBI workout app is available and offers physical fitness test to indicate what your condition is and what it should be. Other video programs are available such as the 10 minute workout by beach body or the insanity workouts.

In closing, knowing some of your defensive tactic skills without maintaining your physical fitness is like dieting without exercise. In others words you are only completing half the task without the other half, which might make the difference between surviving and not surviving a deadly encounter.

Remember your life and your partner's life may well depend on your Operational Fitness.★

Gear 'n' Stuff

By S/R Deputy
JAMES C. ZANIAS

As most of you are aware, the Smith & Wesson M&P 9mm full sized model is being phased in as the standard issue duty weapon. Eventually, all reserves will have the opportunity to turn in their Beretta 92Fs and receive a brand new M&P together with a Surefire weapon mounted light along with a new holster that can accommodate the pistol with the light attached.

Here are some of the fea-

tures of the M&P for those of you who aren't familiar with the weapon.

First of all, unlike the Beretta 92F, there is no external manual safety. It is a striker-fired double action only pistol with a 6.5 lb. trigger pull. This means, unlike the Beretta 92F, from the moment you draw your pistol and fire, from the first shot to the last, you'll have the exact same trigger pull weight of 6.5 lbs. I'm told

that this translates into a much more accurate first shot placement as compared to a double action/single action pistol.

Another feature that really sets this pistol apart from the Beretta and most other pistols, is that it comes with interchangeable palmswells that allows the shooter to change the grip size. No longer will you have to contend with one size fits all. If you've got big hands, they've

got a palmswell for you.

Conversely, if you've got small hands, you just swap out the palmswell and you have a pistol that fits your hand! Oh, and by the way, changing the palmswell (grip size) is a piece of cake.

Magazine capacity is also increased with the M&P with the standard magazine holding 17 rounds + 1 in the chamber as compared to the Beretta's 15+1 capacity. The magazine release can be

Vigilance Pays Off

Fish & Wildlife Warden and SR Deputy originally discovered fleeing suspect in stolen car.

By RESERVE NEWS STAFF

Wardens with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife were the first law enforcement officers to come in contact with Christopher Dornier, the ex-LAPD officer at the center of a massive man-hunt, on Tuesday February 12.

George Struble, a Reserve who is also a Department of Fish and Wildlife full-time K-9 officer, made the initial ID and pursuit of ex-LAPD officer Christopher Dornier in Big Bear.

He has been a Reserve since 1997 and for 13 years was a member of one of our search-and-rescue teams. In 2010, he transferred to Reserve Forces Bureau Headquarters Company.

At about 12:20 p.m. on the 5th, authorities received a reports of a stolen vehicle—a purple Nissan—in the 1200 block of Club View Drive in Big Bear.

Fifteen minutes later, Fish



Suspect Dornier barricaded himself in this cabin after fleeing identification by S/R Deputy Struble.

and Wildlife officers were driving down Highway 38 when they noticed the reported stolen vehicle driving between two buses in the opposite lane, said Lt. Patrick Foy, Specialist - Investigative Services with California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

The wildlife officer turned his vehicle around and put out a radio call reporting the pursuit.

“He realized he had been identified,” Foy said.

The suspect turned the vehicle down a side road and eluded wildlife officials, Foy said. Additional war-

dens responded to look for the suspect.

Moments later, a warden noticed a white truck coming down the road—being driven erratically at a high speed, Foy said.

The official took a close look at the driver and recognized the suspect, who rolled his window down and fired at the approaching wardens—striking their truck several times.

The wardens returned fire, but it was unclear if the suspect was hit, Foy said.

The man left the truck and escaped on foot.

Officials later discovered that the suspect had lost control of the purple Nissan, crashing it on the side road. He then carjacked a white truck, which he was driving when he began the shootout with San Bernardino County sheriff’s deputies.

The suspect, eventually identified as Dornier, ran into a cabin where he barricaded himself.

One sheriff’s deputy was killed and another injured in that gun fight.

“It’s a very sad day for law enforcement,” Foy said.

S/R Deputy Struble is a shining example of a Reserve who performs dedicated service regardless of what color uniform he is wearing. ★

The Reserve News would like to thank the Inland Valley Daily Bulletin and Staff Writer Lori Fowler for her reporting on the Dornier incident which assisted us in the above article.

easily changed for left handed shooters.

I know that some of you are very fond of your Beretta 92F and won’t want to give it up, just as many folks look back with fondness to the days of carrying a revolver as their primary duty weapon. But change can be good. Go through the transition course when the time comes and I think you’ll agree that the M&P is a great pistol.



Objects shown are not to scale.

PRODUCT REVIEW

What: Smith & Wesson M&P 9 mm pistol

Rating: Buy

Website: www.smith-wesson.com

All products reviewed are purchased through the normal channels of commerce. No discount or any other incentive was requested from the manufacturer.

COMMUNITY

Explorers Institute Tests Participants

At the Explorers Institute, students learn something about law enforcement and something about themselves.

By Explorer Institute Director
DAN CAMPBELL

The students filed into their college class and took their seats. Roll was taken, homework collected and the class began. This classroom scene is typical for most colleges as they start class. But this class is unique because it is only open to current LASD Explorers and held at Sheriff Headquarters. The students in this particular class represent station posts from E. L.A., Lakewood, Industry, Century, Cerritos, Marina Del Rey, and Santa Clarita.

The instructor continued the class on corrections. The instructor interrupted his class by dividing the students into groups. These groups then discussed a jail gang fight scenario. Emphasis was placed on using critical thinking skills. Different scenario solutions were explored by the various groups. Several good answers came from the groups. The class continued but was interrupted again with a role playing exercise concerning a suicidal inmate. The Explorers were forced to step outside their comfort zones and given a chance to improve their verbal skills. The classes are limited to twenty-five so that there is plenty of time for all the stu-



Field trips have included a chance to fire weapons at the range.

dents to participate in the activities.

The Explorer Institute was a vision formulated by Sheriff Baca and Matt Johnston of SBB College. These two leaders outlined a program of several criminal justice courses and one personal development course. The courses were designed with several goals in mind. First, the Explorers should learn something about spe-

cific areas of law enforcement. Second, the Explorers should learn something about themselves, such as their learning styles. And third, the Explorers should be rewarded with a little fun because they perform many important functions at the stations. The courses are designed to focus on the academic development of the Explorers because a brain with valuable critical

thinking skills is the greatest tools deputies possess. The Explorer Institute is just another piece of the developmental puzzle for the Explorers. The Institute is meant to compliment the good work advisors perform at the posts by focusing on academic skills. The Institute seeks to encourage explorers to continue their formal education which will assist the Explorers if they



start a law enforcement academy and with their careers down the road.

The other classes include patrol, crime scene investigation and personal development. Each course includes a field trip. Past field trips have included a chance to fire various weapons at the range, a tour of the Forensic Science Center, and tours of different custody facilities. Guest speakers will also show up and discuss some aspect of law enforcement. The students always look forward to the guest speaker who brings his four legged

canine partner. Each course runs for ten Saturdays with four classes offered in a twelve month period.

All the courses end with a final exam and a pot luck luncheon. This is valuable time for the explorers to create lasting relationships by sharing some laughs with explorers from other posts. There are some great dishes brought in and no one goes home hungry. Contact Sgt. Britta Kjellstrand in the Reserves Forces Bureau for further information. Explorers can also register for future courses at explorerinsitute.com.★



Clockwise from top left: Sheriff Baca speaks to the Explorers; participants earn a medallion; a guest speaker with his canine partner; classes include law enforcement instruction mixed with personal development seminars.

Special Olympics Southern California Summer Games

L.A. County Sheriff's Department helps to make the games a success for all.

By RESERVE NEWS STAFF



On June 8, 2012, more than 1,100 athletes from across Southern California competed in the Special Olympics Summer Games at California State University of Long Beach. Law enforcement agencies from across the county, including the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, helped to draw attention by participating in the ceremonies.

Additionally more than 4,000 officers joined in the "Flame of Hope" run raising over \$1 million for the Special Olympics organization. The law enforcement torch run is the largest grassroots fundraiser and public awareness medium for Special Olympics worldwide. LASD Chief Roberta

Abner, Director for the torch run for the 10 years, has overseen the fundraising by coordinating the efforts of over 200 law enforcement agencies. She has been recognized and is the recipient of the "Word of Difference Award."

"The support we receive from law enforcement is absolutely invaluable. Southern California law enforcement officers raised more than \$1 million for our athletes and programs last year. This is a phenomenal achievement and great proof of their dedication to our cause," said Bill Shumard, President and CEO of Special Olympics Southern California. "To our athletes, the law enforcement officers are heroes and role models that bring

appositive attitude and morale to our cause."

"Members of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department are honored to run alongside Special Olympics athletes, as we are all working toward a common goal of providing opportunities for children and adults with intellectual disabilities," said Sheriff Leroy D. Baca, Los Angeles County Sheriff.

"I love volunteering (for the special Olympics), it's very rewarding," explains Rudy Fierro, LASD reservist and contributing event sponsor. James Brekk, first year reservist, adds "It's very worthwhile to be able to make a positive influence for these Olympians."

The games will include bocce, golf, gymnastics, basketball, track and field,

aquatics, among others.

Special Olympics Southern California has been changing lives through the power of sport for more than 40 years. Special Olympics offer opportunities for children and adults with intellectual disabilities to participate in year-round sports training and competition. Founded by Eunice Kennedy Shriver, Special Olympics provides people with intellectual disabilities continuing opportunities to develop fitness, demonstrate courage and experience joy as they participate in the sharing of gifts and friendship with other athletes, their families and the community.★

For more information, please visit www.sosc.org.

Reserve Forces Bureau 2012 Annual Reserve Recognition dinner



Sheriff Lee Baca, left, and RFB Captain Bob Guilbault at the Reserve Recognition Dinner.

By **JAY ENG**
Photo by **GREGORY PAGE**

On October 25, 2012, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Reserve Forces Bureau hosted their Annual Reserve Recognition Dinner at the California Commerce Casino with over 700 guests in attendance.

"Each and everyone of our reserves in the department deserves to be honored," stated RFB Captain Bob Guilbault. He proudly explained further, "Approximately 175,000 hours a year are logged by reservist in assisting the Department in protecting the public, and all for one dollar a year each."

LASD Reserves begin with hundreds of hours of academy training, continue with their unit assignment upon graduation, and donate a minimum of 20 hours a



Sherwin Lalezary, center, was awarded 'Hook of the Year.'

month in support of daily operations of the Department. This includes working Patrol, Search and Rescue, Posse, Administrative Support and Investigation.

"It's an opportunity for the regular members of our Department to acknowledge, recognize and say 'thank you' for what they do for our com-

munity," said Undersheriff Paul Tanaka. He shared in parting that he himself began his law enforcement career 33 years ago as a reservist.

Gilbert Maese, reservist for 20 years and currently assigned with the OSS Gang Unit explained, "Every time I'm out there (on duty) it's exciting making things hap-

AWARDS

Special award for "Lifetime Achievement": James "Ray" Wells (posthumous), Michael Forte, Ernie Moore, and Paul Sergiojan.

Posse Member of the Year: Rick Maddalena.

Search and Rescue Save of the Year: Jason Johnson, Cynthia England, Robert Shedly, Lynda Daniel, and Fred Koegler.

Investigator Reserve of the Year: Bryan Hunt.

Patrol Reserve of the Year: Thomas Ciaccio.

Hook of the Year: Sherwin Lalezary.

Pins were also handed out for years of service.

pen." Further stating, "It's cliché, but I do it to help the community, helping to put bad guys in jail." ★

Vikings and Reserves Distribute Food

A glorious Christmas for some in Santa Clarita and all over the county.

By SR Commander
SCV/LHS/Malibu **COBE CROSBY**

For many years (beginning in 1981) LASD and the Vikings have teamed up before Christmas to sort, box, and distribute food to the needy. The Vikings are an affluent group of elderly retired businessmen, of which former Sheriff Sherman Block was a member. The Vikings coordinate with local food centers for donations of numerous dry food products and 16 lb frozen turkeys.

The Saturday before Christmas, multiple pallets of food are delivered to a hangar at the Santa Monica Airport where several Vikings gather to open all of the boxes and proceed to sort and set the individual cans, packages, small boxes, and pamphlets on rows of tables. The following day at 0 dark 30, LASD Deps, Staff, Brass, and friends gather to help load the boxes (weighing approximately 40 lbs) and distribute them to less fortunate families. The hangar has been a blessing, as the production continues regardless of weather!

This year we had approximately 150 employees and volunteers gather on Sunday, December 23rd. Following a brief meeting (outlining the process) and reacquainting with old friends over coffee, the fun begins!

Sheriff Baca, ready for a great workout, is the first to walk down the long line of food tables where an individual at each table places their food item in the box. This "walk down table lane" continues until all 1350 boxes have been filled and deliv-



Top, volunteers hard at work in Santa Monica Airport hangar. Above, Sheriff Baca, at left, lends a helping hand.

ered to a loading area.

While some are carrying and loading boxes and others are directing traffic, buffed Deps and Explorers are standing by to load a designated number of food boxes into each of the waiting vehicles. The challenge has always been getting 15 boxes in a church VW, 40 boxes in a county van (with the seats still in it), and 20

boxes in some radio cars!!

By 1100, with the vehicles loaded and the hangar cleaned up, we all head toward our perspective areas; in our case Santa Clarita Valley.

Our team this year included Reserve Deputies: Joe Schiro, Mike Terry, Steve Osman, Matt Taveras, and myself. We were also joined by several family members

and friends. As in years past, we were all anxiously awaiting our 15 minutes of Santa!

Earlier in the week, Deputy Joe Trejo (SCV) did an outstanding job gathering large amounts of toys that were distributed along with the food boxes. We bagged age appropriate toys for the children of families whose names were given to our Station by schools, Social Services, Churches and/or Deputies who took note of struggling families (while on a call in the field).

Utilizing the station Jailers van, a radio car, and my Excursion (filled to the limit with toys), we proceeded to the families addresses. Our list consisted of 8 families (some with as many as 6 children) to whom we had the privilege of delivering the food and toys.

Our first stop was a family who had been evicted from a previous apartment. No

money to pay rent and six children in two rooms. They had put their furniture on the curb to move and it had all been stolen. The look on the parents' faces as we dropped off two boxes (80 lbs) of food was only surpassed by the excitement on the kids' faces as we dropped off two 55 gallon bags of toys! (Some kids and parents received gift cards for purchases depending on their situation that we viewed at our arrival).

The deliveries continued:

families out of work, out of money, living with elderly Grandma in a mobile home, tears of joy, single mother with 6 yr old, - all now have food and toys.

Our misty eyes made it tough to find the next location. The next family: a father working three jobs, three small children, and a 35 year old wife with terminal cancer. They were not even sure if she would make it to Christmas day. Tears all around, food, many toys, and

for a short time ecstatic little faces. Along with the tears came a sigh of relief and "thank you" from the father and overwhelming appreciation from a mother with just a short few days to live.

We made a few more deliveries and heard more tragic stories. We dropped the remaining four boxes of food off at an SCV Church and then headed back to the Station. Our last family was waiting for us at the station where we ended the after-

noon by providing them with food, toys and blessings.

I find that each year I am privileged to participate is more rewarding, and sadly has more tragic stories, than the last. But for a brief period of time we are able to have a small impact on a small number of people in a small window of time.

Be thankful for health, families, time together and the honor it is to serve our Community and our Department!★

STARS Explorer Academy Colors Run

On March 30, 2013, 110 explorer recruits of STARS Explorer Academy Class 90 and their staff participated in their class Colors Run. The run began at the historic Los Angeles Port Warehouse #1 in San Pedro. The class ran to the USS Iowa battleship two miles away and back. They all wore commemorative Colors Run t-shirts on and sang cadences during the run.

Several members of the Los Angeles Port Police Department provided traffic control and an escort through Ports O' Call Village and onto Harbor Boulevard. Upon arrival at the USS Iowa, the training staff was approached by an employee of the Pacific Battleship Center who offered to allow the recruits and explorer staff onto the ship for a photo opportunity.

The explorer recruits were instructed on the proper procedures for boarding a U.S. warship, by saluting the flag at the rear of the ship,



The Explorer recruits formed in front of the gun turrets of the USS Iowa.

then they formed up to take a class photo in front of the massive eighteen inch gun turrets. The explorer recruits had a great time and represented the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department in an outstanding and respectful manner.

Upon returning to the

warehouse where the run began, the explorer recruits had the opportunity to see a television show being filmed nearby.

Several comments were made to the training academy staff about the demeanor of the recruits and explorers in attendance.

This was the first time that the STARS Explorer Academy had its Colors Run in San Pedro and they left a great impression.

Congratulations on a successful Colors Run and good luck with the second half of your academy training.★

DEPARTMENTS

Industry Reserve Wins Reserve of the Year

On April 15th, 2013, Kim Skokos was awarded reserve of the year by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for 2013. Kim, who is an asset to Industry Station, has volunteered more than 2900 hours of service to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department through Industry Station and its Explorer program. Kim is a reserve deputy who has assisted Industry Station on several details ranging from patrol to community services. She has been the photographer for Industry Station's "Every 15 minutes" drunk

driving awareness programs put on by the local schools. She is a certified SCUBA diver and uses those skills during the summer by chaperoning the Industry Stations Youth Activities League summer dive trip. Kim is currently an Explorer advisory at Industry station.

"Being a volunteer gives me the opportunity to do something I love to do, work with the kids programs and many other programs in the community," said Skokos. She further added, "Hopefully I can serve as a positive role model and make a difference in their lives."



Kim Skokos

Every year, The County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors honors the out-

standing volunteers who have played a key role in enriching the lives of residents of Los Angeles County. In 2012 alone, more than 51,000 volunteers across of all Los Angeles County generously donated over 2.7 million hours at an estimated value of \$57 million dollars. Some of these volunteers possess diverse talents and provide unique contributions to the local communities they serve. Industry Station is proud to have one of those people donating their time to the children of local communities Industry Station serves.★

The Chief's Corner

By S/R Chief
HARRY McQUEEN

In this addition of Reserve News we salute Reserve Deputy Tony Pachot. Deputy Pachot was the first African American helicopter pilot with the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department.

He joined the Sheriff's Department in 1975. He did his patrol service at the old Firestone station. He was assigned to Aero Bureau on May 10, 1987.

He logged thousands of hours in the sky, watching over patrol deputies, as well as transporting both

Sheriff Sherman Block and Sheriff Lee Baca to various events.

He became a mentor to all pilots and gained their respect through his work ethic, knowledge of aircraft, and knowledge of flying procedures.

Deputy Pachot retired from the regular department in January of 2008 and right away accepted the exit option for deputies to roll over to become a Reserve.

On February 11, 2013, Deputy Pachot passed away after a courageous battle with cancer. Let us all salute Deputy Tony Pachot for a job well done.



Reserve Deputy Tony Pachot, E.O.W. February 11, 2013



RECOGNITION

Reserve Forces Bureau, Media Company volunteers **Ryan Furuya** and **Jordan Crane** were awarded the Department's Star Scroll for their outstanding work in producing the new Reserve Forces Bureau recruitment brochure. Standing with them is Sergeant **Paul Dino**, the Media Company coordinator.

Dan Scott Retirement

By
JOHN HISSERICH

In July, an era will come to an end for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department when Sgt. Dan Scott retires from the Special Victims' Bureau (SVB). Dan spent 26 of his 33 years with the Department in the bureau whose mission is the investigation of crimes against children. Dan became the Department's acknowledged expert in the handling of these difficult cases and was

often called upon to teach others how careful and thorough investigations can lead to justice for these most vulnerable of victims. He also served as the SVB media spokesperson.

Over twenty years ago, a few Reserve Deputies were trained to assist with the huge caseload in the bureau. Of the many instructors, Dan Scott stood out as the most knowledgeable and serious about the importance of this type of work. When a couple of reserves asked to have Dan serve as our training mentor, he somewhat reluctant-

ly, and a little skeptically, agreed to accept us. During the ensuing years, he found our work to be up to his high standards and as it became apparent that we were able to spend a significant amount of time pursuing leads and searching for individuals, he gave us considerable responsibility. This allowed us the satisfaction of participation in some particularly important cases.

When Dan promoted in 2000, he spent almost a year in a custody assignment, but the Department realized that he was really needed in SVB

and brought him back by the end of the year. During the ensuing 12 years Dan has endured the personal tragedy of losing his beloved son but he soldiered on, even more aware of the importance of protecting our children. A number of fine investigators have worked in SVB over the years and most likely all of them have gone to Dan Scott at one time or another to ask how handle a case or put together a report. He is the expert. The Los Angeles Sheriff's Department will miss his expertise and we will miss him as a mentor.★

Recent Court Decisions

Summarized by S/R Deputy
HORST FÜNFSTÜCK

VEHICLE SEARCH

People v. Schmitz

California State Supreme Court
Docket: S186707
December 3, 2012
Judge: Corrigan

This case involved the constitutional limits of a vehicle search based on a passenger's parole status. Here, an officer, aware that the front seat passenger was on parole, searched the back seat of Defendant's car and recovered drugs and drug paraphernalia from a chips bag and a pair of shoes. Defendant, the driver, sought to suppress that evidence. Defendant's suppression motion was denied, and Defendant pleaded guilty to four misdemeanor counts. The court of appeal reversed, holding that the search could not be justified on the basis of the front seat passenger's parole status. The Supreme Court reversed, holding that the search was reasonable under the Fourth Amendment where (1) the Constitution permits a search of those areas of the passenger compartment where the officer reasonably expects that the parolee could have stowed personal belongings or discarded items when aware of

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police activity; and (2) additionally, the officer may search personal property located in those areas if the officer reasonably believes that the parolee owns those items or has the ability to exert control over them.

MIRANDA WARNINGS

United States v. Ferguson

Defendant appealed his conviction for possession of a firearm after having been convicted of a felony. At issue was whether the "public safety" exception to the requirement of Miranda warnings applied where police officers had reason to believe that a suspect could have left a gun in a public place, but where interrogation occurred an hour or more after the suspect's arrest. The court held, principally, that police officers had an immediate and objectively reasonable need to protect the public from a realistic threat and the "public safety" exception was applicable. Accordingly, the court affirmed the judgment.

FOURTH AMENDMENT - SEARCH AND SEIZURE

Florida v. Jardines

United States Supreme Court
Docket No. 11-564
Argument Date:
October 31, 2012
Decision March 26, 2013

The Supreme Court ruled that using a drug-sniffing police dog on a suspect's property without a warrant violates the Fourth Amendment's protection against unreasonable searches. The ruling was not surprising; the split among the justices was. The majority included conservative Justices Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas and three of the court's more liberal members (Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Sonia Sotomayor, and Elena Kagan). The four dissenting justices were: Samuel Alito Jr., Anthony Kennedy and Chief Justice John Roberts Jr., all on the

conservative side; and Stephen Breyer, a moderate liberal. Even though the drug-sniffing dog in his case got no further than the suspect's front porch, Justice Scalia, writing for the majority, said that Fourth Amendment protection extends not only to a house but to its surroundings. In a concurring opinion, Justice Kagan agreed that this dog-sniffing was an unconstitutional search, but because of the right to privacy as well as trespass. A person's home, she said, is not only his castle but "his most intimate and familiar space." In 2001, the Supreme Court held that a person has a "minimal expectation of privacy" in his home that the police had violated when they conducted a search for marijuana using a thermal imaging device from outside the home. The Kagan concurrence points the way for a future court to emphasize this important principle again: In an era of sophisticated technology, the Constitution must keep police from using it to invade privacy — whether it is lawful for them to be on private property or not.

K-9 - PROBABLE CAUSE

Florida v. Harris

United States Supreme Court
Case No. 11-817
February 19, 2013

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE: (A court should find probable cause for a search based on a narcotics detection dog's alert when the State produces proof that the dog is reliable at detecting drugs in a controlled setting and the defendant fails to contest that showing). During a traffic stop a police officer noticed an open container in Respondent's vehicle and that Respondent appeared nervous. After Respondent declined the officer's request to search the vehicle, the officer retrieved Aldo, a dog trained to detect the presence of illegal drugs, from his patrol car and walked him around Respondent's vehicle in a "free air sniff." Aldo alerted

and the officer—believing he had probable cause—searched Respondent's vehicle. The search revealed no drugs, but did reveal ingredients for making methamphetamine. Following his arrest, Respondent posted bail and was later stopped by the same officer who again used Aldo to conduct a peripheral search. Again, Aldo alerted, but this time the officer's search revealed no contraband. After the trial court denied Respondent's motion to suppress, Respondent entered a conditional plea, reserving the right to appeal. An intermediate appellate court affirmed Respondent's conviction, but the Florida Supreme Court reversed. In reaching its conclusion that the officer lacked probable cause to search, the court created a rule that required the state to present records of (1) the dog's training and certification; (2) the dog's field performance records; and (3) the handler's experience and training. The Supreme Court reversed and held that the Florida Supreme Court flouted long-established precedent that recognizes "probable cause" as a fluid concept. The Court noted that because probable cause cannot be reduced to a precise definition or quantification, the Supreme Court has consistently rejected rigid rules and bright-line tests in favor of a more flexible, all-things-considered approach. By requiring the state to comply with rigid rules at a motion to suppress hearing, the Florida Supreme Court went beyond the "practical and common-sensical" probable cause standard that the Supreme Court has traditionally applied. The Court held that "a court can presume that [a trained and certified narcotics-detection] dog's alert provides probable cause to search" and that a motion to suppress a dog's alert should proceed much like any other motion to suppress. In such a hearing the court must attempt

to answer “whether all the facts surrounding a dog alert, viewed through the lens of common sense, would make a reasonably prudent person think that a search would reveal contraband or evidence of a crime.”

SEARCH WARRANT DETENTIONS

Bailey v. United States

United States Supreme Court
Case No. 11-770
February 19, 2013

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE: (The rule in *Michigan v. Summers*, 452 U.S. 692, which permits officers executing a search warrant to “detain the occupants of the premises while a proper search is conducted,” is limited to the immediate vicinity of the premises to be searched.) Prior to executing a search warrant on Petitioner’s residence, police officers saw him leaving his home, and followed and detained him about a mile away. After finding narcotics and weapons in plain view on the premises, officers placed Petitioner under arrest. The district court held that Petitioner’s detention was justified under *Michigan v. Summers* 452 U.S. 692 (1981), as the detention of an occupant incident to the execution of a search warrant. The Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit affirmed holding that such a detention was reasonable, without addressing the district court’s alternate holding that the stop was permitted under *Terry v. Ohio*, 392 U.S. 1 (1968) and denied rehearing. The Supreme Court granted certiorari to clarify a split in the interpretation of *Summers* among the circuits. The Supreme Court held that the seizure of Petitioner in this case was not reasonable and beyond the scope of *Summers*, which should be read to include only the detention of persons in the immediate vicinity of the premises to be searched. The Court noted that although police have fairly far reaching authority

to detain persons at the scene of a valid search, the important law enforcement interests—officer safety, facilitating a search, and preventing flight—which justify such a detention, were not present or could be mitigated when a suspect was not on the immediate premises. Additionally, the Court pointed out the greater burden on individual’s personal liberty when the arrest took place publicly as opposed to in the vicinity of the home being searched. The Court saw no need to define the term “immediate vicinity,” since petitioner was detained in a location beyond any reasonable understanding of that term, nor did the Court reach the alternative argument under *Terry* which it remanded for the Court of Appeals to address.

WARRANTLESS SEARCH

United States v. King

Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
Date Filed: 03/08/13
Case #: 11-10182
Circuit Judge Graber for the Court; Circuit Judge Tallman; Dissent by Circuit Judge Berzon

Criminal Law: The Fourth Amendment permits a suspicionless search of a probationer’s residence when, as part of a probation agreement, the probationer has accepted a suspicionless-search condition. Marcel Daron King was suspected of homicide by police officers while on probation for another violation. King’s probation agreement included: “[d]efendant is subject to a warrantless search condition...with or without probable cause....” Upon searching King’s residence, officers found a shotgun, and King was convicted of being a felon in possession of a firearm. The district court denied King’s motion to suppress the shotgun and held that the officers had reasonable suspicion to conduct the search. The Ninth Circuit found that the police lacked reasonable suspicion, but that the motion to suppress was

properly denied under *United States v. Baker*. However, *Baker* has since been overruled. The panel weighed the degree to which the suspicionless search intruded on King’s reduced expectation of privacy due to his status as a probationer with the governmental interests of discovering criminal activity, preventing destruction of evidence, and probationer’s successful completion of probation. Ultimately, the panel found that the search of King’s residence was reasonable and held that a suspicionless search does not violate the Fourth Amendment when it is conducted pursuant to a suspicionless-search condition of a probation agreement. AFFIRMED.

CIVIL RIGHTS

Ford v. City of Yakima

Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
Case #: 11-35319
Date Filed: 02/08/13

42 USC § 1983: A police officer who arrests an individual due to retaliatory animus, even if there is probable cause, violates a clearly established right for the purpose of § 1983. Officer Urlacher initially detained Ford during a traffic stop for violation of a noise ordinance. As Ford retrieved his license and registration, he stated that he thought the traffic stop was racially motivated. Urlacher told Ford, Lieutenant Wentz, and the backup officer that Ford would only receive a ticket if he stopped “running the mouth,” and would be arrested if he did not stop. Ford was arrested and prosecuted for violation of the City of Yakima noise ordinance; he was acquitted. Ford sued the city, Urlacher and Wentz under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. The District Court ruled that there was no constitutional violation as a matter of law, and granted appellee’s motion for summary judgment. It did not reach the issue of qualified immunity. In the Ninth Circuit, it is settled law that an individual has a right to be “free from police action motivated

by retaliatory animus but for which there was probable cause.” The Ninth Circuit held this right was violated. Ford’s criticism of the police fell within First Amendment protection. Ford demonstrated that the officer’s conduct would chill speech, and that a desire to chill speech was the but-for cause of the officer’s unlawful conduct. Officer Urlacher is not entitled to qualified immunity, because the right was clearly established at the time of the violation, and Washington law clearly lists the limited factors that allow a police officer to book and jail an arrestee. REVERSED and REMANDED.

DETECTIVE INTEGRITY

Debra Jean Milke v.

Charles L. Ryan

Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
No. 07-99001
Filed March 14, 2013

Petitioner appealed the district court’s denial of her 28 U.S.C. 2254 habeas corpus petition. Petitioner was convicted of murdering her child and sentenced to death. At trial, petitioner protested her innocence and denied confessing to the murder while the detective who interviewed her shortly after the murder testified that she had confessed to committing the murder. There were no other witnesses or direct evidence linking petitioner to the crime. The judge and jury believed the detective but they did not know that the detective had a long history of lying under oath and other misconduct. The court concluded that the state violated the requirements of *Brady v. Maryland* and *Giglio v. United States* because it knew about this misconduct but didn’t disclose it. The court held that petitioner was entitled to habeas relief and therefore, reversed and remanded to the district court with instructions to grant a conditional writ of habeas corpus setting aside her convictions and sentences.

DUI INVESTIGATIONS

Missouri v. McNeely

United States Supreme Court
Filed: April 17, 2013
Case #: 11-1425
Justice Sotomayor announced the judgment of the Court and delivered the opinion of the Court with respect to Parts I, II-A, II-B, and IV, in which Justices Scalia, Kennedy, Ginsburg, and Kagan joined, and an opinion with respect to Parts II-C and III, in which Justices Scalia, Ginsburg, and Kagan joined. Justice Kennedy filed an opinion concurring in part. Chief Justice Roberts filed an opinion concurring in part and dissenting in part, in which Justices Breyer and Alito joined. Justice Thomas filed a dissenting opinion.

(In the context of alcohol-related driving investigations, the Fourth Amendment requires officers to obtain consent or a warrant before proceeding with a blood alcohol content test unless truly exigent circumstances exist). Respondent was pulled over for speeding by a police officer that suspected him of being intoxicated. The officer requested a breath test to measure his blood alcohol content (BAC), but respondent refused. Despite the refusal, the officer arrested respondent and took him to a hospital for blood testing, without obtaining a warrant. Respondent moved to suppress the blood test at trial arguing it violated his Fourth Amendment rights to be free from unreasonable searches of his person. The trial court agreed, finding the exigency exception was inapplicable for lack of a true emergency. The State Supreme Court affirmed, relying on the case *Schmerber v. California*, 384 U.S. 757, which created a limited exception for the admissibility of blood alcohol tests during alcohol-related arrests. This exception is only available in an emergency when an officer reasonably believes the delay in obtaining a warrant will lead to the destruction of evidence. The court found the present case was a routine

DWI investigation with no “special facts” indicating an emergency, therefore the *Schmerber* exception was inapplicable. The Court refused to enact a per se rule allowing warrantless blood testing in alcohol-related driving investigations. They further stated, when officers are able to obtain a warrant without significantly undermining the efficiency of the search, the Fourth Amendment requires them to do so. Exigency in the context of blood alcohol tests must be determined on a case-by-case basis using the totality of the circumstances.

FOURTH AMENDMENT

United States v. McClendon

Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
Date Filed: 04-19-2013
Case no. 12-30015
Circuit Judge Gould for the Court;
Circuit Judges Fisher and Paez

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE: A defendant who walks away, refuses to comply with police officers’ commands, and reaches into his waistband is not considered “seized” under the Fourth Amendment until he submits to the authority of the police. Police spotted a man matching the description of Eddie Ray McClendon walking down the street. Upon verbal confirmation that the man was McClendon, the police officers told him he was under arrest and ordered him to show his hands.

McClendon did not comply with these orders, continued to walk away, moved his hands toward his waistband, and made a flinging motion. Police then tackled McClendon to the ground and placed him in handcuffs. A loaded silver handgun was in the grass a few feet away. McClendon appealed his conviction of felon in possession of a firearm pursuant to his conditional plea agreement. McClendon contended the district court erred when it denied suppression of the handgun because it was a product of an illegal search and seizure. The issue on appeal was

whether McClendon was unconstitutionally seized by the police before he tossed the gun away. The Ninth Circuit determined that McClendon’s response saying, “Yes, that’s me” was not sufficient to show that he submitted to the officer’s authority and was therefore not seized by the officers. McClendon’s act of walking away coupled with his refusal to raise his hands showed a failure to submit to police authority. McClendon was only seized once he was tackled by the police officers because he had not submitted to the authority of the police until that point. The panel concluded that the illegal search of the backpack was not the but-for cause of the discovery of the handgun. Therefore, the handgun should not have been excluded as fruit of the illegal backpack search. Also, the panel held that McClendon was an intervening cause and removed any taint from the backpack search when he walked away from the police officers. The panel affirmed McClendon’s conviction because he was not seized before discarding the handgun. AFFIRMED.

SEARCH WARRANTS

Cameron v. Craig

Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
Date Filed: 04-16-2013
Case #: 11-55927
Circuit Judge M. Smith for the Court;
Circuit Judge McKeown and District Judge Bell

Criminal evidence, or interview the subject of the search warrant, once probable cause is established; whether excessive force was used in the execution of that warrant is generally a question of fact for the jury. Procedure: When executing a lawful search warrant and arrest, an officer is not required to obtain further Michelle Cameron and David Buether dated, but never married. After separating Cameron used Buether’s credit card to purchase home furnishings amounting to nearly \$9,000. Buether demand-

ed that Cameron repay him for the furniture after seeing it, but she refused. Buether filed a complaint with the San Diego County Sheriff’s Department that Cameron had used his credit card without authorization. San Diego County Sheriff’s Detective Michelle Craig was assigned to the case and verified that the items purchased on the card were shipped to Cameron’s address. Craig applied for a warrant to search Cameron’s apartment for the items. Deputies with weapons drawn entered Cameron’s home and executed the search. Cameron was arrested, but all charges were dismissed. Cameron filed suit alleging that Buether and County Defendants conspired to violate her Fourth Amendment rights when they unlawfully searched her home, used excessive force, and arrested her without probable cause. The district court granted the County Defendants motion for summary judgment and Cameron appealed. Cameron argued that Craig had a duty to investigate her version before obtaining a search warrant. The Ninth Circuit rejected this argument and found probable cause was established upon verification of the sale and shipment of furniture. Cameron next argued there was no probable cause to arrest her; however the panel found that the facts proved otherwise. Finally, Cameron argues that the officers used excessive force. The reasonableness of a search should be assessed by three factors: the severity of the crime, whether the suspect poses a threat to officers or others and whether the suspect is resisting or attempting to evade arrest. The panel held the disputed facts should be presented to a jury in regard to the excessive force and conspiracy claim. The panel held that the district court properly awarded summary judgment to the County Defendants on all claims except for excessive force and conspiracy. AFFIRMED IN PART, REVERSED IN PART, AND REMANDED.

In Memoriam

RESERVE ASSISTANT SHERIFF Donald O. Sanford

E.O.W. August 11, 2013

To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven. – Ecclesiastes

We are here to celebrate the life and mourn the passing of Reserve Assistant Sheriff Don Sanford.

Don Sanford was a father, grandfather, teacher, coach, businessman, and yes, our Reserve Assistant Sheriff for Los Angeles County. In fact, Mr. Sanford celebrated his 50th year as a Reserve Deputy, the longest serving Reserve for our department. He was awarded his 50 year service pin at Sheriff's Headquarters.

Don was from America's heartland, growing up in Chicago. A wrestler in high school and in college, he graduated with a B.S. degree in Physical Education from Northwestern and went on to receive a Master's degree in Secondary Education from the University of Southern California.

In 1956, Mr. Sanford decided to move to the beautiful weather of Southern California. It was here in his first few months of enjoying everything that California has to offer that his home was burglarized and he first came into contact LASD. He was so impressed with the Deputies' professionalism that he inquired about becoming a Reserve Deputy.

In 1958 he started with the department as a member of the S.E.R. (Sheriff's Emergency Reserve) otherwise known as "Tan

Reserves" based on the color of their uniforms. These "Tan Reserves" had limited law enforcement powers and after 3 to four years, Sanford was merged into the "Green Reserves" which had full law enforcement powers.

There was no "Academy" for Reserve Deputies. All training was arranged for at local high schools. As a former high school and collegiate wrestler, Sanford served as the wrestling coach at Montebello High School and served as an instructor for Reserves in "rough and tumble" fighting techniques.

Beginning his patrol duties at the Norwalk Station, Sanford worked the #604 Juvenile Detective car for 20 years, four nights a week! Assuming a 50-week year, allowing for a two-week vacation each year, that's 32,000 hours. I think it is a fair assumption to suggest that during a 50 year career Assistant Sheriff Sanford has donated perhaps 80,000 hours of his time to the people of the County of Los Angeles.



Mr. Sanford was asked by the Reserve News what his biggest thrill during his 50 years with the department. He responded that having worked for two to three years on the Reserve ID Card and finally receiving approval on a format essentially similar to that of the full-time deputies was his biggest thrill. Followed up by what he perceives to be the acceptance of Reserves by "full-timers" is at its highest level since he's been with the department.

The happiest moments of Sanford's career has been as a K-9 handler using Bullmastiffs for community outreach and public relation work. Deputy "Muffin" served nine years and passed

away four years ago and sadly, Deputy "Brougan" recently passed away. Both dogs provided thousands of hours of community service, along with their handler.

Nobody serves as a reserve deputy for Los Angeles County for the money. It's for the love of it. A love obviously demonstrated through word and deed by Reserve Assistant Sheriff Don Sanford, and we salute his life and his 50 years of service.

As we mourn the loss of one of ours, we must reach out to Don's loving wife Doris, sons John and Brian, who are both Deputy Sheriffs, and to them we say, may the peace that comes from the memories of love shared, comfort you now and in the days ahead.

And to our friend and colleague at the end of his watch:

There was silence all around the throne, where the saints often trod. As the Deputy waited quietly for the judgment of his God. Step forward now, Don. You've borne your burdens well. It is the end of your Watch, so come walk a beat on heaven's streets, you've done your time in hell.

Amen.★

In Memoriam

*"When adversity comes to the warrior,
The warrior steps into it and through it.
For adversity will always come to the warrior until the day
The Lord takes the warrior home"*

Reserve Deputy Mo Ahmed	EOW: 2011
Reserve Deputy Rick Centeanni	EOW: 2010
Reserve Deputy Frederic J. Curlin, M.D.	EOW: 2013
Reserve Deputy Len Greenstone	EOW: 2012
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