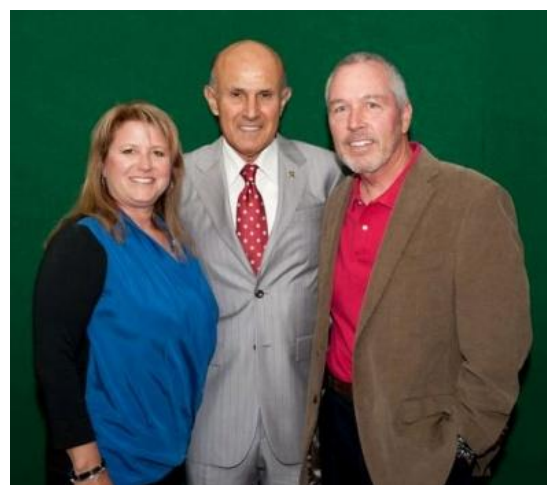## How do we do it?

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department San Dimas Station provides law enforcement services to the City of San Dimas, as well as the unincorporated areas of Azusa, Claremont, Covina, Glendora, La Verne and Pomona, as well as the mountain areas of Los Angeles County near Mt. Baldy Village, Glendora, Azusa, Highway 39, Crystal Lake, and the Angeles National Forest. We serve 105,000 residents in an area encompassing 276 square miles.

How do we do it? Not alone! We are extremely fortunate to have over 100 volunteers who assist and support us and the community in our public safety mission. Twenty Reserve Deputies, 34 Volunteers on Patrol, 11 Sheriff's Explorers, 28 Mountain Rescue mountaineers, 20 Posse members, clerical staff, and dozens of other volunteers commit thousands of hours annually to assist our operations and make our communities safe. The volunteers individually dedicate their own time throughout the year, many times performing the same functions as full-time (paid!) personnel. These volunteers tirelessly and selflessly give their time, day in and day out, all year long to help the residents of the San Dimas Station area.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department was pleased to honor these dedicated volunteers, particularly several who have dedicated a significant part of their lives serving the residents of the San Dimas Station area. While every one of our volunteers makes an impact with their time and effort, each year several are recognized for their cumulative effort and consistent dedication.

San Dimas Station personnel and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department officials began their recognition of local volunteers this year by participating in the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's annual Pinning Ceremony at the headquarters of the Association of Los Angeles County Deputy Sheriffs (ALADS) in Monterey Park. The nationwide theme this year, "Volunteers, Spark of Light," was very evident at the event as Sheriff Lee Baca recognized

Sheriff's Department volunteers from throughout Los Angeles County. Of the more than 3,200 volunteers that serve the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, over 100 of them base their volunteer efforts right here in San Dimas.

San Dimas resident **Lisa Fosselman** was honored at the 2013 ceremony for her long time efforts as a Sheriff's Posse member and Volunteer. Lisa is the wife of retired Sheriff's Lieutenant (and current Reserve Deputy) **Pete Fosselman**. She has volunteered over 1,000 hours to the San Dimas

Lisa Fosselman, Sheriff Lee Baca, and Pete Fosselman

Station Posse, performing duties including, but not limited to, neighborhood patrols, Holiday crime prevention patrols, National Night Out, the San Dimas Sheriff's Booster Car Show, and a myriad of city events including the annual San Dimas Western Day celebration and Rodeo. Lisa Fosselman received a pin signifying and recognizing her 1000 hours of service.

Station volunteer **Brent Lovelace** joined the volunteer program in 2001, and has performed in excess of 5,000 hours of service to the community with the Sheriff's Department.   Brent is one of our lead Volunteers on Patrol, and assists in training new volunteers. Brent has donated 5,810 hours as of April 2013. His activities included uniformed Volunteer on Patrol services, DUI checkpoints, Holiday crime prevention patrols, National Night Out, the San Dimas Sheriff's Booster Car Show, and many city events including the annual San Dimas Western Day celebration and Rodeo. He received a pin signifying and recognizing his 5,000 hours.

Brent Lovelace and Sheriff Lee Baca

Volunteer **Chris Miller** was a nominee for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's department-wide Volunteer of the Year award.   Chris, a retired deputy sheriff, now works as civilian volunteer assigned to San Dimas Station. Chris joined the San Dimas Station volunteer program in 2008, and has donated over 2035 hours since his retirement. As a professional photographer, Chris has photographed… well, just about every event in San Dimas and Los Angeles County! As a former employee of the Sheriff's Media Resources unit, Chris is the "go-to" photographer for Sheriff's Department-related events.

Captain Don Slawson, Volunteer Chris Miller, Chief James Lopez

Events memorialized by Miller included Volunteer and Deputy Sheriff academy graduations, breaking events that occur Department wide, items for the Sheriff's Department web sites, photos of deputies in action on duty, the Memorial Run, and a variety other projects and events. Among Miller's current projects is a history of the sheriff's department through photographs.

Locally, San Dimas Sheriff's Station volunteers devoted nearly 9,300 hours in 2012 and saved the county and city approximately $333,000.

The San Dimas Sheriff's Station intends to continue recognition and thanks for all the committed volunteers for their individual achievements and commitment to our community.

"We are very fortunate to have these devoted people who are willing to volunteer their own time to help others in our community," said Captain Don Slawson of the San Dimas Sheriff's Station. "It is amazing how much time these volunteers devote to us throughout the year. They perform many functions at our station and in the community. This week we expressed our personal thanks to them, but they really deserve our thanks all year long," concluded Captain Slawson.

For information on volunteer opportunities with the San Dimas Sheriff's Station or about upcoming events, contact Chris Mackenzie at (909) 450-2763. On the web, visit www.LASDReserve.org, the San Dimas Mountain Rescue Team at www.sdmrt.com , Facebook https://www.facebook.com/SanDimasSheriffsStation, or http://www.sandimascarshow.com/.
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