

Sheriff's Department's 35th Annual Memorial Torch Relay Run- Friday, May 18, 2012 at 9 a.m.

The Memorial Torch Relay run was established in 1976 to honor the memory of those brave, dedicated individuals in Los Angeles County who have sacrificed their lives in the performance of their duties.

This three-day relay run consists of 59 legs, each approximately 4 to 10 miles in length, totaling 339 miles overall. The relay run will commence at the Sherman Block Sheriff's Headquarters Building and travel to each mainland sheriff's station.

On Wednesday, May 23, 2012, [the](#) Memorial Flame at the Los Angeles County Peace Officers' Memorial Wall will be ignited in tribute to the fallen officers.

Note: This is a special way to honor law enforcement and it is open to the public. This year's Memorial Torch Relay Run will honor the following officers:

- Deputy Constable Ed Brown, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, died on September 14, 1924, when he was shot in the abdomen during a gun battle in Newhall. He and his partner responded to a disturbance call at a residence. He died a few minutes later from those wounds.
- Officer Anthony A. Giniewicz, Signal Hill Police Department, was critically injured by gunfire on February 19, 1985. Officer Giniewicz and his partner Officer Owens, while off-duty, were dining at a restaurant. Officer Owens left, was accosted and robbed by three men in the parking lot and ran inside to tell Officer Giniewicz. The two exited the restaurant and were shot at by the suspects as they drove out of the parking lot. Officer Giniewicz was struck by the suspects' gunfire and paralyzed from the chest down. He remained in poor health for many years until he ultimately succumbed on December 7, 2011, due to complications from his wounds.
- Officer Ryan E. Stringer, Alhambra Police Department, was responding to a robbery in progress call on July 10, 2011, when his patrol vehicle collided with another patrol vehicle responding to the same call. Both officers were admitted to the hospital with serious injuries. Officer Stringer later succumbed to those injuries.
- Officer Andrew S. Garton, Hawthorne Police Department, was involved in a fatal motorcycle collision on May 26, 2011. Officer Garton was assisting in a funeral procession for a fallen officer from a neighboring agency. While working traffic control and security, his motorcycle collided with a motor officer from another police agency. Officer Garton was critically injured and died from his injuries.