

1930

Deputy City Marshal Perman Calderwood was stabbed to death while attempting an off duty arrest of a robbery suspect.

Badges were now stamped with ranks such as Sergeant and Lieutenant.

1931

Deputy James Les Mcdermott was crushed between an ice truck and his unmarked sheriff's car.

1932

Chief Deputy Frank DeWar was killed in a plane crash during a kidnapping investigation. (January 29)

On 21 October 1932, uniforms are first worn on a trial basis at Temple Station. Prior to this time, all Departmental personnel wore civilian clothes.

The Olympic Games were held at the Los Angeles Coliseum which was county property at that time, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department provided security for all the events held there.

Deputy Rudolph Vejar is killed while working undercover in a speakeasy. (November 12)

Sheriff Traeger is elected to Congress in November and resigned as sheriff.

Eugene W. Biscailuz (1932 – 1958) is sworn in as Sheriff on December 1.

1933

A devastating earthquake occurred in Long Beach on March 10 at 5:45 PM. This was the first time aircraft was used in a disaster situation. Volunteer pilot C.N. "Jimmy" James along with a Deputy Sheriff Observer gave timely damage assessment when all other means of communication were down.

The Long Beach Earthquake caused heavy damage to the Redstone Courthouse located in downtown Los Angeles, next to the Hall of Justice. The damage to the building was so extensive that it was eventually torn down in 1936.

Wearing uniforms for all patrol personnel is adopted and mandated on 1 May 1933. Uniforms were forest green, but tan shirts were authorized to be worn in the summer. Deputies also had to purchase their own cross-draw holster.

Later in the year (June 25, 1933), The Board of Supervisors authorized the formation of the "Sheriff's Aero Squadron". One Deputy was assigned full time to supervise the 25 civilian volunteers who flew their own aircraft. These volunteers were sworn in as Deputy Sheriffs (without compensation) and wore distinctive uniforms and insignias. They responded to a number of disasters, including flood catastrophes, and forest fires and were cited for distinguished service in this connection.

Silver Mounted Posse Patrol is formed. This was the department's first reserve unit.

Patrol cars are equipped with radios that only received calls on a trial basis at Belvedere Gardens (East LA) Station.

Deputy John Hedge was killed in a case of mistaken identity. (September 12)

Even though gangsters bribed many politicians in order to keep prohibition so they wouldn't have to pay taxes on liquor, prohibition was repealed. Afterwards, crime went down and less officers were killed. The amount of corruption also went down.

1934

Oil Tycoon William Gettle is kidnapped and held for ransom. Largest manhunt in LA, at that time.

Montrose Flood. Several people are killed when massive mudslides cause great damage in the valley below. Deputies were involved in search and rescues as well as body recovery.

Malibu outpost opens.

1935

Two-way radios are first tested in patrol cars.

Sheriff's Revolver Club – 1935-1976

Sheriff's Revolver Club Range was built in Coyote Canyon just below the current Sheriff's Headquarters Building near the 710 Fwy. The range was privately owned by the Revolver Club and was funded by members who paid \$1 a year to belong.

East L.A. Deputy Thomas B. Lynsky instituted a curriculum of study for station personnel. The program was so successful, he was transferred to the Bureau of Personnel where he set up the program throughout the department. (March 11)

The Aero Detail consisted of two airplanes and a full time squad of four men who conducted most of the airborne law enforcement and aircraft accident investigations in the County. The Aero Squadron grew over the years to around 50 members with a variety of their own aircraft (small airplanes to twin engine medium planes and a Blimp).

1936

First Sheriff's Department Manual of Regulations (later known as the Manual of Policy and Procedures) is published.

The current rank structure is established. Prior to this time the rank of sergeant did not exist. Vada Sullivan, who had been chief matron in the jail since 1926, becomes the first female sergeant.

The Department's Institute of Technical Training was formed in December. This was to be the first school for deputies. Training began in 1938.

Hollywood Station, under acting captain Robert Cook, started the Junior Deputy Program, a precursor to the Sheriff's Explorers. At one time the HWD contingent had more than 100 participants, and the program, with the Sheriff's blessing, spread to other stations. The program was huge and the first of its kind.

Sheriff Biscailuz helps form and chairs the County Major Disaster Council. This organization's mission was to prepare a coordinated county response in the event of fire, flood, earthquake or major epidemic.

The position of deputy constable is eliminated and all constables are absorbed into the Sheriff's Department.

Public executions were discontinued.

1937

Albert Dyer murders three young girls in Inglewood. Sheriff's department protects Dyer from being lynched.

Lancaster and Montrose stations open.

Marked patrol cars are implemented.

All patrol cars are equipped with two-way radios.

The first "Star News" is published. (August)

LASD attends Golden Gate Bridge opening in San Francisco and wins 2nd place in mounted unit competition. (May 27)

1938

The Sheriff's first "Institute of Technical Training" began. Years later this became the training academy. (January)

Deputy Marshal Crittenden and Deputy Marshal Leon W. Romer were shot and killed while attempting to serve an eviction warrant (photos of shootout)

Wayside (Drunk Farm) is purchased for \$140,000

1939

Wayside Honor Rancho was completed.