

## **1960**

Dr. Raymond Bernard Finch and Carol Tregoff are confined in the Hall of Justice Jail while on trial in a Hall of Justice courtroom.

The Pursuit Driver's Training Course was initiated. (Summer)

Operation Midnight" SED and 500 deputies provided security for the movement of one billion dollars from the old Hall of Records to the new Hall of Administration. (October 2)

Reserve Deputy Lee Sawyer was killed when his patrol car was struck by a drunk driver. (October 14)

Up until the early 1960's, Pasadena P.D. had contracted with both the LAPD and LASD for additional personnel to police the Rose Parade route. LAPD had responsibility for the parade route from Orange Grove and Colorado to Colorado and Fair Oaks. Then, LASD took over from there to the end at Victory Park. LAPD Chief Bill Parker was advised by the L.A. City Attorney that LAPD officers had no peace officer status in another municipal jurisdiction so the Chief opted out of the contract with Pasadena P.D. LASD took over and has worked with Pasadena P.D. ever since.

## **1961**

Deputy Manuel Ayon was killed when his patrol car left the roadway, struck a ditch and then a utility pole. (January 18)

The Sheriff's Reserves (green uniforms) and the Sheriff's Emergency Reserves (tan uniforms) were officially merged into one unit. (June 27)

Detective Timothy Harnett died from a heart attack while pursuing a suspect. (November 22)

## **1962**

The Sheriff's Department issued Smith & Wesson Model 15 revolvers to deputies. Prior to this, deputies had to purchase their own weapons.

Los Angeles Black Churches solicited blacks to move from the south to escape harassment from the KKK. 150,000 Blacks moved from the south to South Central Los Angeles. White protesters met the blacks as they exited the buses. LAPD Officers and Sheriff's Deputies were responsible for keeping the peace during these incidents.

A new law was passed where all 647F's were handled by the Sheriff's Department including 647F's in City P.D. areas. Up to this time, the Saugus Rehabilitation Center known as the "Drunk Farm" had been operated by LAPD. It was turned over to the Sheriff's Department to operate. The Sheriff's Dept was charged \$1 a year to lease the property.

## **1963**

SED's creation of Motorcycle Gang File

Catalina Island contracted with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

Men's Central Jail was completed. It was opened on October 12.

It became mandatory for all deputies to wear nametags while in uniform.

Mechanical sirens upgraded to electronic sirens.

80 Winchester Model 12 shotguns were purchased to supplement existing shotguns.

Sybil Brand Institute for Women was completed.

Terminal Island Women Jail was closed and the women inmates were transferred to Sybil Brand Institute.

Female inmates were transferred from the Hall of Justice Jail to Sybil Brand Institute.

President John F. Kennedy was assassinated while riding in an open convertible. One month later, Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess and his wife were scheduled to ride in an open vehicle as Grand Marshal of the Inglewood Christmas Parade. An anonymous caller called the City of Inglewood and said that the Sheriff would be shot in the parade today. The Sheriff appeared in the parade without incident.

## **1964**

City of Industry Station was completed.

Winchester discontinued manufacturing shotguns. The Sheriff's Department chose the Ithica Shotgun to replace them.

Deputy William White was killed when his patrol car was struck by the getaway vehicle from a disturbance call. (March 21)

Sergeant Willard Ballard suffered a fatal heart attack while investigating a burglary. (May 26)

The first regular helicopter patrols were established. The Antelope Valley rural patrol assisted with daytime coverage of desert and mountainous areas inaccessible to radio cars. Catalina Patrol initiated for daytime patrol during summertime of the resort island (discontinued in 1976).

Reserve Deputy Lloyd Constantine was killed when a drunk driver struck his patrol car. (June 24)

Deputy John Slobojan suffered a fatal heart attack during a foot pursuit of a juvenile robbery suspect. (November 7)

## **1965**

Watts Riot (started August 11)

Deputy Ronald Ludlow was shot and killed during the Watts Riots. (August 13)

The Watts Riots proved helicopter patrol to be an essential tool for law enforcement.

During the Watts Riot, additional deputies were needed but there were so many correction officers working the jails that there were very few deputies available. After the riot ended, the correction officer position was eliminated so that the jails would now be staffed by deputies who would be available to respond to major emergencies.

Wayside Range opened.

Deputies were issued a top draw swivel holster which earned the name "Widow Maker" due to the gun always falling out.

Department's first armored rescue vehicle was implemented.

## **1966**

The Sky Knight Program was initiated with the use of 3 Hughes 300 helicopters for aerial patrol and considered the beginning of modern airborne law enforcement. Conceived by the Department administrators as a result of experience gained by the Watts riots, the program began in the City of Lakewood.

Emergency Services Detail was formed.

Cloth badges were first authorized for ESD under a proposal by Deputy Doug Travis after their metal badges constantly became caught in the ropes and winch cables while they were performing "over the side" rescues.

Class "B" uniforms were approved for ESD deputies after they found it impossible to perform rescue operations in Class "A" uniforms.

Development of the Special Weapons Teams.

Black Panther Party was formed. Deputy Woody Polidore assigned to Sheriff's Intelligence worked undercover inside the Black Panther Party.

The Supreme Court ruled that the Miranda warning must be given by police in the United States to criminal suspects in police custody before they are interrogated to inform them of their constitutional rights.

## **1967**

WHD. Reserve Deputy Michael Victor Wigderson, who was attending the LASD Reserve Training Academy, was accidentally shot and killed by a supposedly “unloaded” revolver. (March 20)

Sheriff's Department height standard was changed from 5' 8" to 5' 7".

Special Enforcement Detail was changed to Special Enforcement Bureau.

Numerous anti-war protests took place on the Sunset Strip. Deputies dispersed the crowds and made multiple arrests.

First woman investigator assigned to Homicide Bureau, Sergeant Cecelia Kienast.

Deputy James Waygood was killed in a traffic accident while on patrol. (October 11)

ESD Deputies Mike Quinn, Mike Minore and Pete Raugh graduated from the 3-month long Los Angeles County Underwater Instruction Course which was the beginning of ESD's underwater activities.

Ventriloquist Sergeant Aaron Williams along with his dummy doll “Freddie” were hired by the Sheriff's Department to spread the anti-drug and anti-gang message to children in L.A. County Schools.

## **1968**

Sirhan Sirhan killed Senator Robert Kennedy (June 4). SEB deputies already at the Hotel were the first on the scene. An academy class on standby at Biscailuz center responded in a Sheriff's bus code-3 and surrounded the Ambassador Hotel for crowd control.

Former female module at the Hall of Justice Jail was converted into high security cells to house Sirhan Sirhan.

Tachographs were installed in radio cars on a trial basis. The device recorded information on a paper disc indicating the vehicle's speed and whether the emergency lights and siren were activated.

Deputies confront several hundred students who walked out of an East L.A. School to demand change in the school system.

Radical organizations such as the Brown Berets, Black Panthers, SLA and others conducted bombings throughout L.A. County. (1968 – 1974) Sheriff's Intelligence merged with Arson/Explosives to investigate radical organizations who were conducting bombings.

The ARGUS (Aerial Reconnaissance Ground Unit Support) program was started with additional Hughes 300 helicopters covering 79 square miles of area for service over the cities of Norwalk, La Mirada, Pico Rivera, Santa Fe Springs, and South El Monte. It also covered the County area of East Los Angeles.

Sheriff's Bulletin 9 announces that four female deputies (Janet Parker, Firestone Station, Patrol Division; Betty Gerace, Technical Services Division; Charlotte Brewer, West Hollywood, Patrol Division; and Elizabeth Dickinson, Training Academy, Administrative Division), were added to the uniform committee to aid in the "discussion as to improvement in the fashion and styling of the uniform and equipment worn by our Lady Deputies." It does not appear that many changes to the existing uniform resulted from this action. (July 17)

Sheriff's Bulletin 016 announces that female deputies now serve in some capacity in all seven existing department divisions at the time. (December 13)

Law Enforcement Explorer Program Began.

Deputy Robert Schnur and Deputy Gary McCullough were killed in a helicopter accident. (September 30)

## **1969**

Reserve Deputy Charles Rea drowned after falling into a stream while attempting to rescue civilians trapped in Big Tujunga Canyon during a flash flood. (January 26)

Charles Manson and his followers committed the Tate/LaBianca murders (August 9 & 10)

LASD raid on Spahn Ranch (August 16)

The Malibu helicopter patrol was initiated providing coverage to beaches and canyons, in addition to the growing residential communities utilizing a Bell -47 helicopter.

Sheriff Peter Pitchess authorized short sleeved shirts. Academy Captain Richard Foreman presented a deputy in a short sleeved uniform shirt for the Sheriff to make his decision.

Probation for new Deputy Sheriffs was changed to one year from six months. This was done because deputies who were hired as off-the-streeters with only six months probation, were off probation prior to finishing the academy.

Reserve S.E.D. Motor Deputy Lionel Dashley was killed in a motorcycle accident while pursuing a vehicle. (September 1)

The Scientific Services Bureau was formed as part of the Technical Services Division.