



WALNUT / DIAMOND BAR STATION

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News Release

Leroy D. Baca, Sheriff

On Friday, May 16, 2014, Walnut/Diamond Bar Station personnel and friends participated in the Sheriff Department's 37th Annual Memorial Torch Run. This three day, 339 mile relay is dedicated to honoring the memory of the brave and dedicated peace officers in Los Angeles County who sacrificed their lives in the performance of their duties.

The event begins at the Sherman Block Sheriff's Headquarters building in Monterey Park and traverses a route throughout Los Angeles County, passing each of the 24 mainland Sheriff Stations concluding at the Altadena Sheriff Station. The route is divided into 58 sections ranging from 4 to 12 miles in length. The Memorial Torch is carried throughout the relay and will ultimately be presented at the Los Angeles County Peace Officer's Memorial Ceremony on Wednesday, May 21, 2014, where it will be used to ignite the Memorial Flame.

On Friday, May 16, 2014 at 3:30 PM, Walnut/Diamond Bar Station personnel, friends and family began the first of two legs at the intersection of Fairplex Drive in the City of Pomona where they received the Memorial torch from San Dimas Station relay runners. The 4.5 mile leg concluded at the Walnut/Diamond Bar Station where additional runners carried the Memorial Torch along the 2nd 4 mile leg to Valley Blvd and Nogales St, passing the torch to runners from the Industry Sheriff Station.

This year's Memorial Torch Relay Run will honor these fallen heroes:

Officer Nicholas C. Lee, Los Angeles Police Department, EOW 03/07/2014

Officer Christopher Cortijo, Los Angeles Police Department EOW 04/09/2014

Sergeant Leonard R. Luna, Jr., Hawthorne Police Department, EOW 07/08/2013.

In addition, historical research has determined that Deputy Adolfo Celis, Constable Anton Harnischfeger, Deputy Constable Anthony B. Coutts, Constable John S. Pilcher, Deputy James L. McDermott and Sergeant Raymond C. Willis of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, died in the line of duty between 1883 and 1957. These names will be added to the Memorial Wall.

Sergeant Byron Ward

Walnut/Diamond Bar Station

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