

Mira Loma Detention Center

The Mira Loma Detention Center is entering into its fourth year, under contract with the Immigration and Naturalization Service, of housing Federal detainees awaiting deportation hearings.

Captain Errol Van Horne, who commanded the Facility since its opening in February 1997, relinquished command to Captain Jerry Barnes on March 9, 1999.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service has expanded its operation to increase the number of on-site courtrooms at the Facility. The Federal Executive Office of Immigration Review (EOIR), which is responsible for conducting detainee deportation hearings, increased from two to three Federal judges. The

expansion includes a twelve thousand square foot building that will encompass three courtrooms, asylum/hearing offices, and a holding area for detainees. Construction of the building began in late September 1999 and has an expected completion date of early 2000.

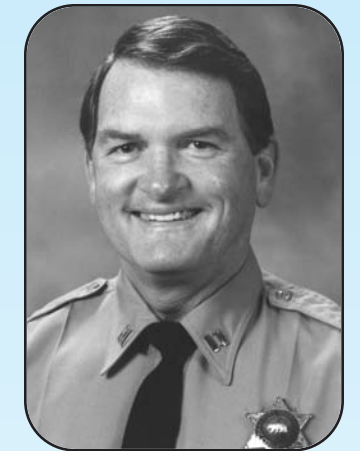
Future plans include Sheriff's Department personnel assuming security of the courts which is currently provided by the Immigration and Naturalization Service. With that added responsibility, and an increase



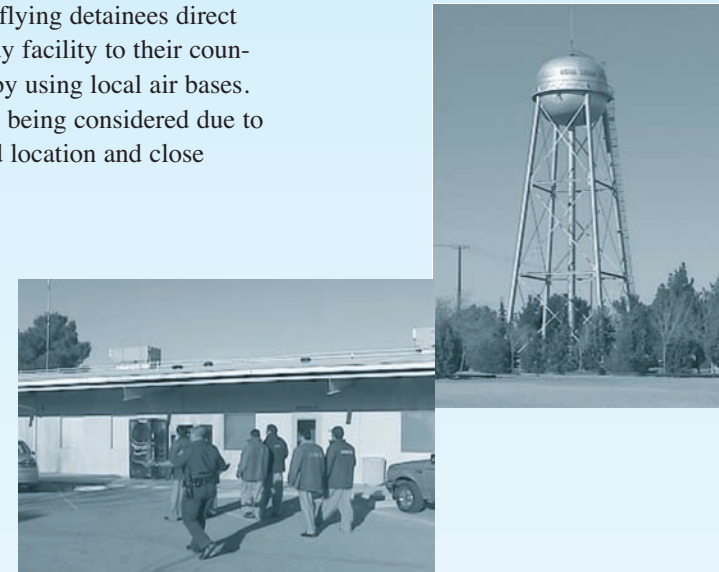
in the detainee population expected in the near future, Mira Loma Detention Center anticipates increasing their staffing levels by adding fifty-three sworn and civilian personnel.

Mira Loma Detention Center is currently being considered as a staging area for the Justice-Prisoner Alien Transport System (JPATS). The system involves flying detainees direct from a custody facility to their country of origin by using local air bases. Mira Loma is being considered due to its centralized location and close

proximity to several air bases. In February 1999, the system was tested when approximately one hundred Mira Loma Detention Center detainees were flown from Air Base Plant 42 in Palmdale to their native Central American countries.



CAPTAIN
Gerald D. Barnes
Mira Loma Detention Center



Newly constructed EOIR courts building (Above).

