

Introduction

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department provides law enforcement services to 40 contract cities, 90 unincorporated communities, nine community colleges, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, and 47 Superior Courts. Additionally, the Sheriff is responsible for housing, feeding, medically treating, and securing approximately 17,000 inmates in seven custody facilities.

The Sheriff's Department maintains specialized search and rescue teams which deploy helicopters and rescue teams to emergencies or disasters anywhere within the county and beyond. At any one time, deputies patrol the coastline, city streets, mountain roads, and even the water and sky. Additionally, detectives from Homicide Bureau, Arson/Explosives Detail, Operation Safe Streets Bureau, Special Victims Bureau, and Major Crimes Bureau conduct investigations on complex and often notorious cases.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department has made proactive efforts to battle domestic terrorism by establishing the Terrorism Early Warning (TEW) Group in 1996. Since then, a "first responder" course was developed for field personnel confronted with a weapon of mass destruction incident. Both have become model programs replicated across the country and have progressed into the coordinated effort of creating the Joint Regional Intelligence Center (JRIC), designed to coordinate the tracking and dissemination of counter-terrorism information.

Our recruitment campaign is operating at an extremely high level, as we continue to recruit qualified candidates throughout the United States, with our primary focus in the Southern California region. In addition, we have experienced tremendous success with hiring our brave military personnel, who will enhance our Department by their strong fortitude. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of the sworn and professional staff of this Department, we have met and exceeded our goal to hire 1,000 deputy sheriffs this year.

