

Introduction

The men and women, both sworn and professional staff, who proudly serve on the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department are among the most highly trained and motivated professionals in the United States. Their dedication to being the best is rarely matched by any law enforcement agency in the world. We are the largest Sheriff's Department anywhere, comprising more than 17,000 personnel, both sworn and professional staff. The organization is responsible for more than 10 million county residents, providing direct law enforcement services to approximately 2.7 million of those residents who live in the 90 unincorporated communities and 40 contract cities of the County of Los Angeles. Additionally, the department provides law enforcement services to nine community colleges, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, and 48 Superior Courts. The Department also has the responsibility of housing, feeding, medically treating, and securing approximately 19,000 inmates in eight custody facilities.

Deputies answering calls for service must navigate through nearly a hundred cultures and languages on a day-to-day basis. Deputies patrol through coastal beaches, city streets, mountain roads and even in the water and sky. At the same time, detectives from Narcotics Bureau, Homicide Bureau, Special Victims Bureau, Major Crimes Bureau, Arson/Explosives Detail, and Operation Safe Streets Bureau may be initiating or completing another investigation.

Obviously, the task of maintaining order and safety for the citizens of Los Angeles County is a monumental one. Sheriff Baca deeply believes that education should be a lifelong process, and that a highly educated workforce is necessary to carry out the responsibilities entrusted to us by the public. Consistent with this belief, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department University (LASUD) was created. Although originally developed to provide various learning programs for all members of the Department, other public-service organizations and members of the law enforcement community have and are utilizing the services of LASUD. We have developed a catalog that provides additional information regarding the consortium of colleges and

universities partnered with LASDU. This partnership assists LASDU in providing accessible and affordable educational opportunities to all members of the public service community.

Of course, investing in the personnel of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department is paramount. Nearly as important is an investment in the infrastructure of the Department. To that end, a major accomplishment and victory for the citizens of Los Angeles County was the opening of the Hertzberg-Davis Forensic Science Center. Through a partnership of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and the Los Angeles Police Department, this facility houses criminal laboratories of both Departments, as well as classrooms for the California State University, Los Angeles, School of Criminal Justice and Criminalistics, and the California Forensic Science Institute. It will also provide criminal laboratory services to numerous law enforcement agencies within Los Angeles, such as the District Attorney's Office, 46 police agencies, and the City Attorney's Office.

Additional developments with the Department included the Special Enforcement Bureau's move into two newly renovated buildings at the Biscailuz Regional Training Center totaling 28,000 square feet of space.

Technological advancements included the Advanced Surveillance and Protection Plan (ASAP) pilot project deployed at Compton Station to assist with gang and crime-fighting efforts. ASAP features a variety of technology such as digital video surveillance, acoustic gunshot detection, Automatic License Plate Recognition (ALPR), and other advanced wireless components integrated into a command center functioning with station dispatch.

These are only a few of the accomplishments of our great Department. In a continuing and an aggressive recruitment campaign, we are quickly on our way to a major milestone of 10,000 sworn positions. Certainly, this Department is not simply about numbers. We believe we are the best law enforcement agency in the world because we have the best people delivering the best programs.