



Complex Yet Effective:
The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
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The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) is one of the nation's largest and most diverse law enforcement agencies. Patrol, jails, courts, and special assignments, the LASD does it all, and in a big way.

- * Leroy D. Baca, Sheriff
- * The LASD is the largest sheriff's department in the world
- * Third largest law enforcement agency in the U.S. (*after NYPD & Chicago PD*)
- * About 18,000 budgeted employees, including nearly 10,000 full time sworn
- * Largest and most diverse contract policing services provider in the nation: 40 contract cities, the nine campuses of the L.A. Community College District, L.A. Co. Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro & Metrolink), and Los Angeles Superior Courts

Patrol

- * LASD's patrol personnel alone (not including jail & court personnel) comprise the nation's seventh largest patrol policing force
- * Second largest transit police force in the U.S. (buses & trains of Metro & Metrolink)
- * The LASD is the largest community college policing agency in the nation: The LASD is the sole policing and security services agency for the nine campuses of the Los Angeles Community College District, which serves more than 200,000 students, and is the nation's Largest community college district.
- * Sole patrol policing agency for about 3 million of the county's over 10 million residents. This includes 40 of the 88 cities & all of the unincorporated county areas, totaling over 3,200 of the county's 4,083 square miles
- * Patrol areas range from densely populated urban communities in West Hollywood, Compton and East and South Los Angeles, to Marina del Rey, Catalina Island, and the beach city of Malibu, to the mountains of the Angeles National Forests, desert communities of the Antelope Valley, and scores of suburban cities and communities

Jails

- * Staffs & operates the largest county jail system in the world, with nearly 20,000 inmates daily
- * Over 165,000 inmates with an Average Length of Stay (ALOS) of 39 days, are processed annually through the L.A. County jail system
- * Men's Central Jail is the largest jail in the free world
- * Twin Towers Correctional Facility is the largest de facto mental health facility in the U.S. with over 2,500 incarcerated mentally ill inmates in a facility of over 4,000 inmates

Courts

- * Provides court security, bailiffs, lock-up, judicial process service and enforcement, and transportation for the largest county court system in the nation (over 50 courthouses)
- * Transportation deputies drive over 2.5 million miles per year to transport inmates (equal to five round trips to the moon).

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LASD Recruit Training Academies

- * In 2007, the LASD academies graduated a record number of recruits, including 1,065 sheriff's deputies and 163 police officers. This filled 9,453 of its 9,903 deputy sheriff positions. Including Professional Staff, the LASD had 17,975 total budgeted personnel. In 2005 and 2006 combined, the LASD academies graduated 1,057 deputies.

Equipment and Resources

- * 23 patrol stations, 31 Bureaus, 650-800 mobile digital computers logged on at any one time, a fleet of over 5,000 vehicles including over 2,000 marked radio cars, 27 boats, & 20 aircraft (17 helicopters & 3 fixed wing)
- * LASD vehicles travel over 56 million miles per year, which is greater than 2,261 times around the earth, or 236 trips to the moon.
- * Is only one of two police agencies in the nation (*also Michigan State Police*) who conduct annual testing of police vehicles (since 1974) for police agencies & manufacturers feedback
- * The LASD is the lead agency in charge of the Los Angeles Regional Tactical Communications System (LARTCS). LARTCS is one of the largest public safety interoperability communications systems in the nation, and members are drawn from over 100 local, state, and federal agencies and three counties. The U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security and U.S. Dept. of Justice have deemed LARTCS as a model for the nation.
- * LASD website (www.lasd.org) receives ½ million hits a day or 165,000,000 hits per year

Special Assignments

- * Mutual aid coordinator for the region. Coordinating the response of federal, state, and local public safety resources during earthquakes, civil unrest, catastrophes, and other major events. Fifteen federally declared disasters between 1992-2007.
- * Counter Terrorism Unit (LASD) which works in conjunction with the (seven county) region's Joint Regional Intelligence Center (JRIC)
- * Every specialized unit a U.S. law enforcement agency can utilize, including over 65 distinct units of assignment: Aero, Arson/Explosives, Auto Theft, Community Colleges, Community Partnership Programs, Community Policing (COPS), Community Transition Unit (CTU), Crime Lab (Scientific Services) & Crime Scene Investigations (CSI), Crime Prevention, Deputy Leadership Institute (DLI), Emergency Operations, Emergency Services Detail (Search & Rescue), Emergency Vehicle Operations Center (EVOC), Harbor Patrol, Homeland Security, Homicide, Internal Affairs, International Liaison, LASD University System, Major Crimes, Media Relations (Sheriff's Headquarters), Medical Services, Motorcycles, Mounted Enforcement, Narcotics, Offender Programs, Safe Streets (gangs), Regional Community Policing Institute-CA (RCPI-CA), Reserve Forces, Special Enforcement Bureau (SWAT, Emergency Services, K-9), Special Victims, Success Through Awareness & Resistance (STAR), Technical Services and high-tech innovations, Terrorism Early Warning Group, Training, Training film production, Transit Services, Vital Intervention & Directional Alternatives (VIDA), Weapons Training, Youth Activity Leagues, and scores more.

Los Angeles County and the State of California - Population Powerhouses

- * L.A. County's population of over 10.3 million is the largest county population in the nation, and more than that of 42 states. One of 29 people in the U.S., and more than one of four people living in California, live in L.A. County.
- * One of eight people living in the U.S. (pop. 301 M) live in California (pop. 38 M). Only 33 of the world's countries have more people than the State of California.