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2008 CHRISTMAS GALA-REVIEW



MARK WERSCHING

Christmas Gala Committee Member | elmago42@cox.net

This year's Christmas Gala was held in the Grand Ball Room at the Hilton Waterfront Beach Resort. We ate well, filet mignon, chicken, coconut shrimp, chicken and beef kabobs to name but a few of the items. Top all that with a wonderful chocolate covered vanilla bean ice cream ball for dessert and plenty of beverages as well.

This year's event featured a comedian that had everyone in the crowd laughing and some crying. Prizes totaling a value of greater than \$20,000 were raffled to all paying guests. The top prize was a trip for two to New York City including airfare, Broadway show tickets and spa treatments for two. Other gifts included a trip to Scottsdale, AZ, San Francisco, CA and numerous large children's gifts.

As always, the best part of the night was socializing with current and past members of the police department and sharing the holiday spirit. Did I mention the photo booth and comedian Eric Blake were great too!

I hope to see you at next year's event. If anyone has any recommendations or suggestions for next year's party, join the committee and help make next year's event one to remember. You can email me and I will share your ideas. ♥

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2009 a year of celebrations...

J. KREG MULLER

HBPOA President

I will start this article by thanking John Domingo for his service to the HBPOA Board of Directors. While John was a Director, serving as Vice-President on the Board, it was the first time I was able to work closely with him. I can tell you that John is dedicated to the betterment of HBPD and its employees. I will miss John's assistance on the Board and I know he will be missed in the training unit where he has done a great job dealing with all aspects of training. I am sure John will do a great job and continue to make positive influences to the department as a lieutenant. Congratulations also to John Haught in his promotion to sergeant and to Dave Bunetta in his promotion to captain. Jeff Huss, I would like to officially welcome you back to the Board of Directors. Jeff was selected to fill the vacancy that was created when John Domingo promoted out of our association.

I also want to take a moment and thank Dennis and Debra Hashin, Mark Wersching, Cynthia Lueck, Beth Backstrom, Mike Lyons, Jeff and Barbara Huss for doing an outstanding job in either helping plan or assisting with our Christmas party held at the Waterfront Hilton Beachfront Resort Hotel. The hotel staff did an awesome job and the party was a great success. Our attendance was up from last year and once word gets out on how much fun everyone had I am sure next year's attendance will be even greater. Again, thanks to those of you that helped make it the success that it was. Also, if you would like to assist in planning next year's party or any of our social events please let me know.

Recently, several of us attended the PORAC Conference in Monterey. There were some excellent topics that were covered. One of the most interesting was several hours on workers' compensation. I will tell you I have been to many classes on workers' compensation issues over the past several years. This

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PORAC



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Important related web sites

- PORAC:** www.porac.org
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- CA Legislation:** www.leginfo.ca.gov
- PERS:** www.calpers.ca.gov



area of employment law is changing on an almost daily basis and is more complicated than ever. The funny thing about workers' compensation is that for the most part the employees, police management and city hall all want the same outcome. Get the employee treatment and back to work as soon as possible. Unfortunately, red tape and bureaucracy often get in the way. The most important advice I can give each and everyone of you is **"PREDESIGNATION."** Everyone should locate a physician that they like and trust that will agree to be their pre-designated workers' compensation physician. You must see these doctors and they must maintain your medical records and agree to the rules, regulations and payment schedules for workers' compensation to be considered your pre-designated physician. You can obtain the latest pre-designated authorization form from Human Resources at City Hall or I will also see that the latest version is uploaded on the www.HBPOA.org website. Your physician will be required to fill out and sign the paperwork. I would recommend that you burn a copy of this form prior to returning it to HR. Many workers' compensation cases may require the assistance and guidance of an attorney. I have been referring members to both Karin Gomez with Lewis, Marenstein, Wicke & Sherwin Attorneys at Law (www.lmwslaw.com) and John Ferrone with Law Offices of Adams, Ferrone & Ferrone (www.adamsferrone.com). Both of these attorneys have excellent reputations and are not seen as adversarial by the cities work comp personnel. Contact myself or the HBPOA office for additional information.

2008 was a tough year on California law enforcement. At the time of writing this article we lost seven officers. I would strongly encourage each of you to visit the California Peace Officers' Memorial website at www.camemorial.org and read about the incidents that stole these fine officers from their friends and loved ones. As you read the stories, I think you can learn from their experiences and possibly perform your duties a little safer. Also, as you prepare your income taxes this year please consider utilizing the California Peace Officer

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Justice For All is produced as a service of the Huntington Beach Police Officers' Association & Foundation. This newsletter is designed to keep members and friends informed of current activities and events affecting the membership.

Letters to the editor are welcome, as are suggestions for articles. Submissions to this publication are always welcomed by the membership as well as outside sources and they do not necessarily represent the approved views of the HBPOA & Foundation or its directors.

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Memorial check off and make a donation to the foundation.

The National Memorial in Washington, DC is also a worthwhile place to make a financial donation. While attending the PORAC conference, we also heard a presentation from Craig Floyd of the National Law Enforcement Museum www.nleomf.com with a presentation on the progress of the museum. This museum is designed to tell the story of American law enforcements past, present and future. The museum is seeking both financial assistance as well as looking for items to be displayed within the museum. Please visit their website for additional details.

I will end this article by paying tribute to the City of Huntington Beach as the city moves forward to celebrating it's CENTENNIAL, yup 100 years young. The HBPOA will also be celebrating its 45th anniversary this year.

So until the next issue, be safe and have fun. ♥



A CAPTAIN HEADS NORTH, TO BECOME BIG 'UM CHIEF!



M. Craig Junginger
Captain of the Administrative Division

GRESHAM, OREGON – Last month former Huntington Beach police Captain M. Craig Junginger left HBPD to be the big boss at Gresham (OR) Police Department.

Junginger assumes the role as Chief of Police in Gresham, OR, beating out 28 other applicants for the position.

Gresham police force has about 100 officers in a city with a population near 100,000 residents. The city is located near the Oregon – Washington state border.

Junginger had been with HBPD for over 22 years and was captain of the Administrative Division when he left. He retired from California law enforcement with 29 years to take the new position in Oregon. He had previously worked at Bell-Cudahy PD before coming to Huntington Beach.

According to Gresham city officials Junginger's annual salary will be \$121,800. ♥



...trust me, really. I am a professional doctor... ah, treasurer and trustee. I guess, I only like to play a doctor or dress like one.

-Russ Reinhart PORAC Conference



Important News!



PORAC RMT

Retiree Medical Trust Summary Report
On the following page...

**MEDICAL EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT PLAN
OF THE
CALIFORNIA PUBLIC SAFETY RETIREMENT TRUST
SUMMARY ANNUAL REPORT**

This is a summary of the annual report for Medical Expense Reimbursement Plan (Plan) of the California Public Safety Retirement Trust (Employer ID No. 95-2673989, Plan No. 501) for the year ended December 31, 2007. The annual report has been filed with the Employee Benefits Security Administration as required under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Health insurance premium and expense reimbursement benefits for retired participants, as defined by the Plan document, are provided by contractual contributions from the members (active participants) of the Huntington Beach Police Officers Association and Huntington Beach Management Association.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The net assets of the Plan at the end of the year totaled \$517,154 compared to \$0 at the beginning of the year. During the year, the Plan experienced an increase in net assets of \$517,154. This change includes active participants' contributions and unrealized appreciation in the value of plan assets; that is, the difference between the value of plan assets at the end of the year and the value of assets at the beginning of the year or the cost of assets acquired during the year.

Additions to net assets totaled \$545,782 during the plan year, of which contributions from the active participants were \$540,283 and interest income was \$5,499. Deductions from net assets were \$28,628 for administrative expenses.

RIGHTS TO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

You have a right to receive a copy of the full annual report, or any part thereof, upon request. The items listed below are included in that report.

1. An independent auditor's report
2. Financial information and information on payments to service providers
3. Assets held for investment
4. Transactions in excess of five percent of trust assets

To obtain a copy of the full annual report, or any part thereof, write or call the office of the Board of Trustees of the California Public Safety Retirement Trust (Employer Identification No. 51-6583629), c/o DHS/PBA, P O Box 2487, Stockton, CA 95201-2487. The telephone number is 1-800-700-6762. The charge to cover copying costs will be \$2.75 for the full annual report, or 25 cents per page for any part thereof.

You also have the right to receive from the plan administrator, on request and at no charge, a statement of net assets available for benefits of the plan and accompanying notes, or a statement of changes in net assets available for benefits of the plan and accompanying notes, or both. If you request a copy of the full annual report from the plan administrator, these two statements and accompanying notes will be included as part of that report. The charge to cover copying costs given above does not include a charge for the copying of these portions of the report because these portions are furnished without charge.

You also have the legally protected right to examine the annual report at the office of the contracted plan administrator, DHS/PBA, 555 W. Benjamin Holt Drive, Suite 320, Stockton, CA 95207 and at the U.S. Department of Labor in Washington, D.C. or to obtain a copy from the U.S. Department of Labor upon payment of copying costs. Requests to the Department should be addressed to: U.S. Department of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Public Disclosure Room, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Suite N1513, Washington, D.C. 20210. ♥

CENTENNIAL BADGES



The 100 Year Anniversary Badges are now going to be worn on our uniforms throughout the year.

Chief K. Small has authorized these badges to be worn by uniformed personnel (sworn and non-sworn) between January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009.

Department employees assigned to plain clothes details shall continue to use and display the regular police department badges (lady of justice) only.

The replica Deputy Marshal Badge is for nostalgic purposes only and is not to be worn on the uniform at any time.

If you are still interested in ordering a Centennial Badge, please contact Debbie Dove via email: ddove@hbpd.org or by calling her 714-536-5924. ♥



Huntington Beach Masonic Lodge 380, F.&A.M.
Recently Honored

Officer Eric Ramsey

As their Recipient of the

“Volunteer Police Officer Award”

Congratulations Eric and our best to you, on your continued volunteerism in our community!

Disney has a birthday gift for you

ANAHEIM – Okay, here is the deal if you’ve got a birthday in 2009 (duh!) and wish to spend it celebrating at Disney, then you can get into Disneyland or Disney’s California Adventure free. Yes, I said FREE!

Starting January 1, 2009 the two theme parks will let you in free to one of them on your birthday.

If you already have a multi-day ticket or an annual pass, you can choose an “alternate birthday treat” such as a gift card, a ticket for another day or Fast Passes for the rest of a group of up to six people. The gift will be worth the value of a day pass to one park.

To avoid delays at the park, officials suggest preregistering for the free tickets at www.disneyparks.com. To get the free passes, park goers must show a valid ID for adults or notarized birth certificates for children.

TICKETS AT WORK

www.TicketsAtWork.com

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LOG ON AND CREATE A NEW ACCOUNT TODAY.



Constable Classic charity gets a BIG check!

The Huntington Beach Kiwanis Club was presented with the proceeds from a very eventful golf tournament at their regular meeting recently. The BIG check (in size and substance) was for \$40,000.00 to help them benefit local children programs.

The HBPOA & Foundation were proud to support the HB Kiwanis Club this year and hope the golfers reserve the date of August 10, 2009 for next year's annual event at SeaCliff Country Club. ♥



L-R: Don MacAllister, Past-President of HB Kiwanis; Mike Grumet, Director of HB Kiwanis; J.K. Muller, President HBPOA; D. Hashin, CFO HBPOA.



TALK ABOUT CURING AUTISM



SAVE THE DATE!

The HBPOA & Foundation have selected TACA [Talk About Curing Autism] for the charity for this year's Constable Classic Charity Golf Tournament to be held on Monday, August 10, 2009.

Sponsors and players are welcome to sign up early by calling Dennis Hashin at the POA office at 714-842-8851 or you may email- cfo@hbpoa.org.

CALIFORNIA STATE INCOME TAX "CHECK-OFF" PROGRAM

In 1999, Governor Gray Davis, in an overt expression of support for our peace officer heroes and their surviving families, signed into law Senate Bill 1230 authored by Senator John Burton. This law allows taxpayers to make voluntary contributions on their personal state income tax returns to the California Peace Officers' Memorial Foundation. The process is simple. When completing your California Resident Income Tax Return, enter a dollar amount under "California Peace Officers' Memorial Fund" in the Contributions section of your tax form. Importantly, the law specifies that all contributions must be used to maintain the "California Peace Officers' Memorial," and for activities in support of the surviving families of those gallant men and women peace officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice. The more than 100,000 professional peace officers serving you in California urge your support and participation in this most worthwhile project. We appreciate your support! ♥

JFA Note: This worthwhile donation should be an annual contribution by all of us in law enforcement. It is the least that we can do to support the families of those who died in the service of their communities. Donate on your 2008 tax return.

HBPOA MEMBERS CALLED UP... keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Tim Emanuel
U. S. M. C.

Victor Ojeda
U. S. M. C.



"Thundering Third"
3d Battalion 1st Marines
1st Marine Division



WWW.HB4MARINES.ORG

Courtyard of Honor

The 17th annual Courtyard of Honor ceremony was held on October 29. Three former GWC students received Alumni Pillar of Achievement recognition and six individuals or companies received a Pillar of Support. One of these individuals was one of our very own stand-up guys, former mayor and retired police officer, Gilbert ‘Gil’ Coerper...

Pillars of Achievement

To qualify for this distinguished nomination, students must be GWC alumni of ten years or more who have been successful in their area of study or expertise.

Gil Coerper [Public Service] graduated with an Associate in Arts degree from Golden West College in 1977 and it was merely a starting point. After serving in the Navy, he joined the California State Military Reserves where he retired a Lt. Colonel. He served 39 years on the Huntington Beach Police Force, retiring in June 2002. During that time, he served as POA President for more than a decade. Gil was elected to the Huntington Beach City Council in 2002 and again in 2006, becoming Mayor in 2007. The Boy Scouts of America awarded him an Award of Merit and, in March 2004, the Silver Beaver National Recognition Award, their highest award. Gil is busy giving “retirement” a new meaning – serving as an advisor on the Executive Board of the Huntington Beach Search and Rescue Post, a leader for the Military Boy Scouts Explorer Post based at Los Alamitos Joint Forces Training Base, an advisor on the California Police Officers Memorial Foundation, and as a congressional appointee to the Military Selection Committee for the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. In his hometown of Huntington Beach, Gil serves on the Children’s Needs Task Force, the Library Board, the Human



Gil Coerper
Public Service

Relations Task Force, the Council on Aging, and the Citizen Participation Advisory Board. Golden West College is proud to have been at the beginning of Gil Coerper’s remarkable and long-standing service to our community and our nation. ♥

“PENNIES FOR PREVENTION” FROM HEAVEN *Mandic Motors shows Community Pride!*



HUNTINGTON BEACH - Don Parrish and General Manager, John Boucher employees of Mandic Motors delivered more than 40 pounds of coins collected during the year for “Pennies for Prevention” drive during Red Ribbon Week. Mandic Motors has been a founding supporter of the event, which has been a fundraiser for local schools since 1999.

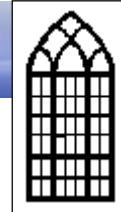
P.R.I.D.E. Foundation is a non-profit charity arm of the police department providing funds for various drug and abuse programs in the schools. ♥

📍 CalPoliceHistory.com

Taylor Hall | 1775 North Indian Hill Boulevard | Claremont, CA
9:00 am – 3:00 pm | \$5.00 Admission

Members of the California Law Enforcement Historical Society will bring their mobile Police Museum to the 2009 Porky D. Swine Show [badge and patch collectors’ trade show] on January 17th, 2009 in Claremont, California. The Museum will be prominently displayed just outside the entrance to Taylor Hall for your collecting convenience.

Police Museum: A 30 foot trailer that displays the history of California Peace Officers in 11 galleries that trace the profession from Statehood to the present. The museum was completed after a two-year fund raising drive and generous donations from individual members and community groups. ♥



“For there is no partiality with God”

(Romans 2:11)

NO PARTIALITY

ROGER WING

HBPD Police Chaplain

Thankfully, God is not a respecter of persons! As you clearly know, this may not always be the case in our human legal system. Technicalities, due process, and biases result in justice not always being as blind as our blindfolded “lady of justice” symbol may imply. But true justice will always be blind because God judges fairly based on the character and conduct of the person He is judging. That’s why no truly righteous person will ever go to hell and why no truly un-righteous person will ever go to heaven. The Bible makes it very clear that God is a just and fair judge. Life may not always be fair but God always is.

Billy Graham wrote: *“But those who choose to reject God during their lifetime on earth will be separated from Him for eternity. This is not God’s desire, but man’s own choice. God holds everyone accountable for his rejection of Christ.”*

We are responsible for the things we know, and will be judged based on the light we have received. Jesus made that clear in the Gospel of Luke, *“And that servant who knew his master’s will, and did not prepare himself or do according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes. But he who did not know, yet committed things deserving, shall be beaten with few. For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more”* (Luke 12:47-48). In other words, the more you know --- the more you owe. If you heard the Gospel, and rejected it --- you have a greater accountability before the Lord.

So...what about those who have never heard the Gospel? Well, they will be judged for rejecting God, but they’re going to be judged in a different manner based on the fact that they knew less. But someone who has heard the Gospel, who has grown up in the church, who has read the Bible and then just

decides that they don’t need it anymore...that person is going to receive a stricter judgment ultimately when they stand before the Lord. That isn’t my opinion --- it’s what the Bible says. We may imagine that there is something about us that will persuade God to make an exception --- our intelligence, our position, our popularity, our acts of kindness --- but apart from a right relationship with Jesus Christ, He will not be moved.

This should be a sobering reality to consider for all of us who have been raised by parents who took us to church, who have read the Bible, or who once had a close relationship with the Lord but have turned away to the things of the world.

The most vivid example of this fact is Lucifer himself. He was the most magnificent and exalted creature God had made. But the most exalted became the most debased. His high position made him more accountable for his evil rebellion and he therefore will receive the greatest punishment of any creature in hell. The hottest part of hell will be reserved for those who have wasted the greatest spiritual opportunity.

It isn’t enough to just hear the Word of God. Paul makes it very clear in Romans 2:13 that it is the one who hears and obeys. James puts it this way when he speaks concerning the doing of the law, *“But be doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourself”* (James 1:22). We are not made righteous by our obedience to the law. The law is never capable of saving us, but it does reveal our sin. In our own legal system, if there weren’t any laws you could never be guilty of breaking the law. But there are laws and when we don’t obey the laws our guilt and responsibility are revealed. That’s the purpose of the law.

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City of Huntington Beach

Incorporated February 17, 1909

Celebrating 100 years of Community | 1909 – 2009



CITY SCRAPBOOK

A review of our past law enforcement leaders

*Previously known as...
Rancho Los Nieto, Shell Beach, Pacific City*

FIRST ROSE PARADE FLOAT

No doubt by the time you are reading this you will have viewed the 120th annual Rose Parade “Hats Off To Entertainment” or at least seen results of the parade and whom won what for their months of efforts and hundreds of thousands of hours of volunteer time. I am sure our city took home the “Centennial Trophy” given to the city with the best centennial float in the parade. All in all I hope it was a good flagship to kick start our yearlong celebration.



HB float sketch - “Surfin’ Family”

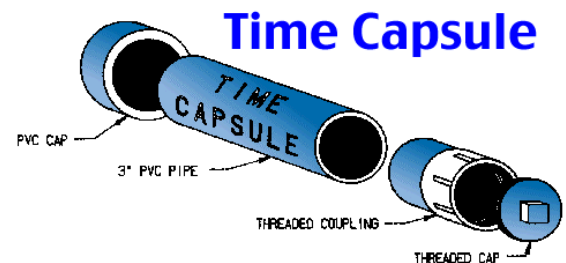
TIME CAPSULE

One-hundred years ago, on February 17, 1909 our city was incorporated. This year, besides entombing a time capsule, all American households must make sure they have digital TV signals (either by a digital TV or converter box) to a television that was invented a mere eight decades ago. Which event of the day will have more historical significance?



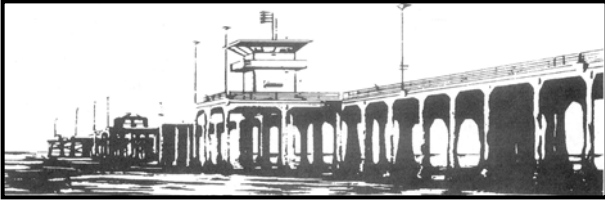
THEN & NOW

Disney has offered a birthday gift to everyone in 2009 to celebrate their birthday at the Disney amusement parks on that special day. We think the city should extend a special offer to those that share their birthday with the city as well with a proclamation or key to the city – especially if they are 100 years old! What a great gesture to the residents. Heck, the day will probably be remembered more for having to transition to digital TV more than anything else.



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in black or white colors.

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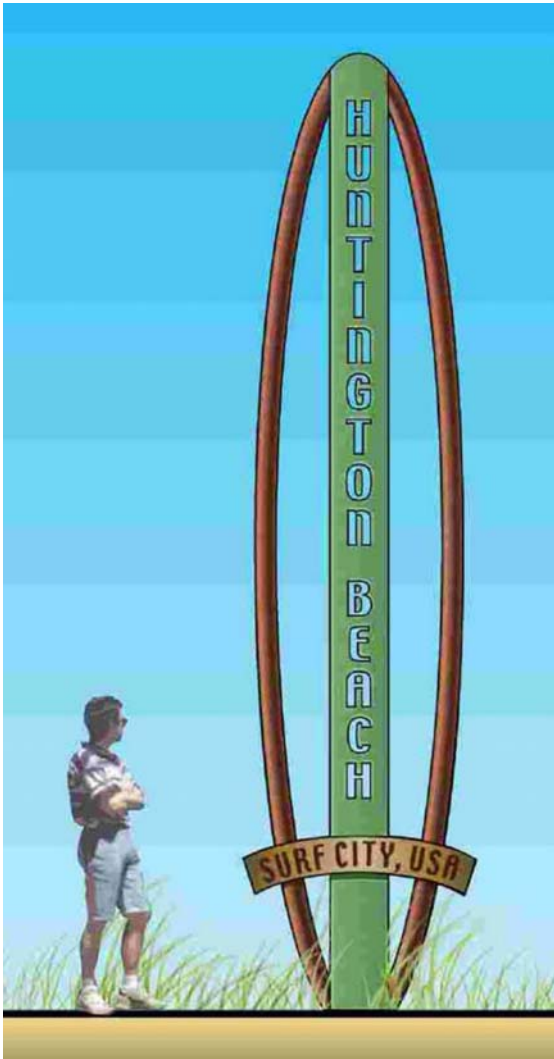


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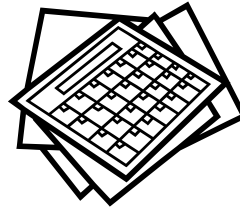
NEW GATEWAYS TO THE CITY

The City has completed the installation of new City signs at major roads entering the city to greet all visitors. These new signs have replaced the wood carved ones that had been long-standing icons.

There are about four different styles of signs for motorists to view entering the city. Have you seen them? Can you identify where they are? Try it...



Artist sketch of sign erected S/B on Goldenwest St. – GWC entrance.



'Surf City' Event Calendar

2009 Centennial Celebration Calendar of Events

January

HISTORY

- 1 - Rose Parade (Pasadena Tournament of Roses)
- 1/16 - Historical Exhibit (Art Center) through February 22
- 31 - Centennial Ball \$200/ ticket (Hyatt Hotel)

February

PUBLIC SERVICE

- 17 - HB Centennial Anniversary Date
Pier Plaza Ceremony & Time Capsule @ Pier Plaza w/Dignitaries
- 17 - City Hall Ceremony & Time Capsule for City Employees
- Open House with Police & Fire, and all departments (date to be determined)

March

EDUCATION

- 2 - Flag Ceremony by HB Flag Unit, Girl Scouts and Sea Cliff Elementary students sing songs from the musical "A History of Huntington Beach at the City Council meeting.
- 4 - Huntington Beach was incorporated in 1909 and will be celebrating its Centennial throughout 2009 with many wonderful events designed to encourage the participation of its citizens. In this class you will learn about the rich history Huntington Beach and its early pioneers. From its early days of farm lands to the thriving urban city it has become. A fieldtrip related to Huntington Beach will be included. Come help celebrate Huntington Beach's 100th Birthday!
- 7 - Girl and Boy Scouts present Centennial Super Service Saturday and Academy for the Performing Arts performs a musical in the newly renovated Huntington Beach High School Auditorium
- 10 - The California Council for Adult Education hosts a reception for the Life Long Learner Awards. Each Life Long Learner receives a Centennial Medallion
- 14 - El Viento Centennial Huntington City Beach Clean up
- 16 - City Council meeting to feature Flag Ceremony by Boy Scouts of America, all scouts participating in the Centennial Events will receive A Centennial Patch, Presentation of the top three winners from each group of the elementary art contest "What would it be like to live in Huntington Beach 100 years ago?" and presentation of the top winners from each grade of the middle school essay contest and the teachers of the winning students presented with \$50 to spend on their program.
- 21 - Golden West College Gala - Centennial theme
- 26 - The Adult education Dancers perform for the seniors at the Rogers Senior Center as a tribute to the Centennial
- 1 - 31 The Boys & Girls Club of Huntington Valley dedicate the month to celebrating the 100 year anniversary of Huntington Beach. Events include a 1900's costume contest, arts & crafts projects and cooking classes.



SAN MANUEL BAND OF MISSION INDIANS

San Manuel Band selects new director of public safety

A retired Marine Corps sergeant major-turned-security expert is the new director of public safety for the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, the tribe has announced.

Dennis Plymale, 52, will oversee the Department of Public Safety, whose 436 officers provide security services for the one-square-mile reservation that has a population of about 200 and a bingo-and-casino that serves about 2 million visitors a year.

Law enforcement on the reservation is provided by the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department under a memorandum of understanding.

Plymale was a military police officer and rose to the rank of gunnery sergeant, tribal officials said in a written statement. Later, as a Marine reservist, he was promoted to sergeant major before retiring in 1999.

He also worked as a police officer for two departments in Orange County. He was a police officer in Fullerton for two years, then served 10 years as an officer in Huntington Beach. He retired in 1998.

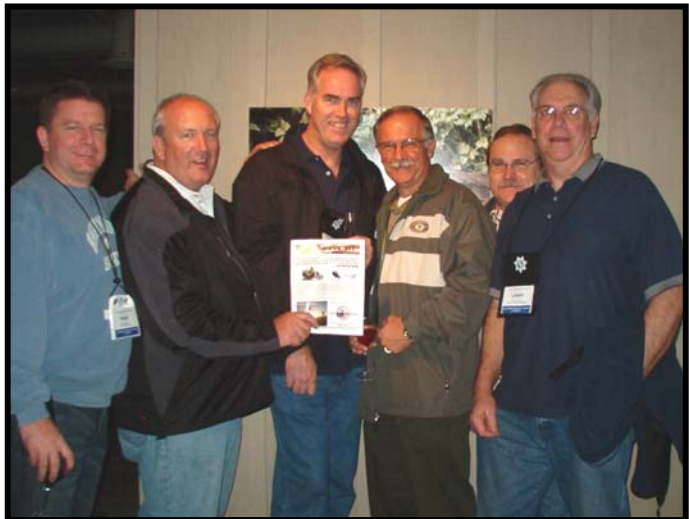
For the past 10 years, according to the statement, he has been a security official at several large organizations in Southern California. He worked for Flour Corporation and PacifiCare Health Systems before becoming head of the uniformed security department at the Performing Arts Center of Los Angeles County.

Most recently, he was Newegg.com's security director.

Plymale holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and a master's degree in business administration from National University. ♥



Has the JFA traveled with you recently? Submit your photo holding a recent issue of the JFA with another law enforcement officer or at a related law enforcement site. Printed submission will receive a cup of java on us.



MONTEREY, CA – Yes, they were attending the 56th Annual PORAC Conference. L-R: R. Reinhart, J. Huss, J.K. Muller, and retirees - D. Hashin, E.N. Evenson, L. Braz.

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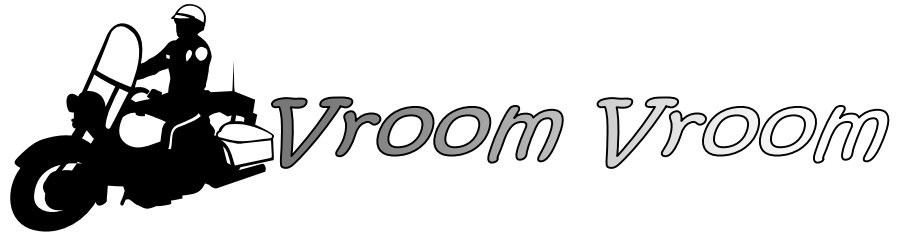
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TOP GUN

STEVE SPERNAK
OCTOA Executive Director



HUNTINGTON BEACH - The Orange County Traffic Officers Association (OCTOA) held their 38th annual National Police Motor Officers Invitational, better known as the 'Motor Rodeo,' in October, had the largest assembly of motors in the Association's history. Riders attended from all of the counties surrounding the greater Los Angeles/ Orange County areas.

Some 250 motor officers competed in the event at the Huntington State Beach facility to train and compete in the daylong invitational testing their skills and mettle against the best riders in California law enforcement.

Motor Officers, Motor Deputies and Highway Patrol Motor Officers jockeyed throughout the day for points and positions to qualify for the prestigious "Top Gun" Award, which would be awarded to the best law enforcement motor officer at the day's end. The motor officers who qualified with points accumulated from their scores in the various exercises of these performance challenges were then eligible to compete in the final event... the "Top Gun" eliminator course.

The 2008 "Top Gun" final competition was between Officer John Watkins, Pasadena PD, in a highly challenged ride-off against Deputy Jay Johnston, Orange County Sheriff's Department. Watkins won earning him the title as "Top Gun" after capturing third place as "Best Individual Rider" of the 38th Annual Orange County Traffic Officers National Invitational.

Santa Ana motors combined in points and performance to take the best team trophy, followed closely by runner-up Riverside County Sheriffs and CHP East LA Officers.

The OCTOA motor rodeo has another positive side beside training and competition. They use the day-long event to raise funds for injured or fallen Motor and Aero Bureau Officers, Deputies or CHP... both in Orange County and throughout California.

Don't miss the competition this year in October. Ride or watch it is all for a good cause. Check the OCTOA web site for the scheduled date.

www.OCTOA.org ♥

ONLINE CRIME REPORTS



Many of our members may not be aware of it, but the City and the Department have had a citizen **Online Crime Reporting** process since August of 2008. This is another part of the e-services offered by the City to the residents or non-residents to file a crime report online when no suspect information is known.

Only certain types of reports have been approved for filing online currently include: harassing phone call(s), hit and run (traffic accidents), lost property, theft, vandalism, and vehicle burglary. The definition of these incidents and examples are listed online for the victims to view and to see if their incident is appropriate to file an 'online crime report.' Additional information may even be added online, as it becomes known to the victim after their report has received a case number.

Using this online citizen police reporting system allows the victim to submit a crime report immediately online and print a copy of the police report for FREE once it is approved.

Unlike those of us who remember "mail-in reports" that reduced our reportable crimes, due to

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4th Commemorative Coin

Continuing with the series of Huntington Beach Police Officers' Association and Foundation Commemorative Coins or challenge coins are now available to the membership - active and retired. These coins are recognizing upcoming anniversary events of the Department and Association.

The fourth coin was presented at the annual POA Christmas Party to members attending, and is now available for purchase on a first-come, first-serve basis to any member until March 1, 2009. After this date, you may purchase any number of the remaining coins in this limited edition. The cost of this Commemorative Coin is only \$15.00 per coin.

The fourth coin pays tribute to the 100 years of service by the police department to the city and the 45th Anniversary of the Association. These coins are consecutively numbered (001-300) and every effort will be given to try and get a numbered coin as close to your PIN number as possible, if you wish.

Any member wishing to purchase these coins must contact Dennis Hashin, at the POA office by either calling 714-842-8851 or by email at cfo@hbpoa.org. These coins will be great keepsake mementos for years to come. Again, don't miss this opportunity to own one of these coins.

A matching series of commemorative anniversary coins will be available through the upcoming Foundation fundraising event for the public to obtain via donations. ♥



HBPOA Centennial Badge Coin

Description: 1.5" Antique Silver coin with color, swirl cut edge and epoxy coating on both sides, with consecutive numbering.

Correspondence...

COMMENTS, KUDOS, COMPLAINTS



Email Thanks

I just wanted to say that I was proud to attend the Chamber's Public Safety Awards luncheon and to see the great employees who do their best to make this city the best place to live and work. I was truly impressed by helicopter pilot Rick McNaughton who took a moment to express his and no doubt the units' appreciation and support of the Chief and his staff. I wish them all the best for their futures in the program for another forty years.

Henry Simmons
Businessman

Online Crime Reports – Continued from page 13.

complicated report forms being mailed out and relying on the victim to return the report by mail in this cyber world is more user friendly. For those of us who shop online it is very similar in that regard as required fields must be filled in before a victim can move on to another step. The reports are printed out in typed format and the supervisors no longer have to struggle with trying to read various levels of penmanship.

For those JFA readers interesting in reading more about the **Online Crime Reporting** can see the City's Community Connection newsletter published by the City's Public Information Office in the August 2008 issue. Go to: <http://www.ci.huntington-beach.ca.us/> -- then to: Residents – News & Publications – Community Connection. ♥

JFA Note: We applaud this use of technology and encourage every opportunity to spread the word on the availability of it by Communication Operators, Desk Officers and even while on hold a message service could play informing our residents of this and other e-services to the listener.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

HAPPY NEW YEAR – 2009 !

JANUARY 1
HOLIDAY



DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE AWARDS BREAKFAST

DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED
TRAINING ROOMS A & B

HAPPY BIRTHDAY HUNTINGTON BEACH !

FEBRUARY 17
THE CITY IS 100 YEARS YOUNG TODAY!
www.HB100Years.org



25TH CHALLENGE CUP RELAY RACE

MARCH 14-15
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MARCH 17
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CA PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL CEREMONY

MAY 7 - 8
SACRAMENTO

www.camemorial.org



STREET COPS AWARDS

MAY 2
HB ELKS LODGE 1959



NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

MAY 10-16
WASHINGTON, DC
www.nleomf.com



NEVER FORGET

JEFF HUSS
HBPOA Member

We say this statement often, but do we really mean it? I would bet many of our own members know little about the circumstances or even the names of those who have worked here before them and have died serving this city.

Recently, I read an article that mentioned the City of Phoenix, Arizona was posting memorial signs to honor and remember their police officers and firefighters who have died in the line-of-duty. Why are they doing this? Because they acknowledge it as a significant event in the city's history not to forget.

The death of any public service employee who dies trying to provide a safe community where we live, work and play should not be in vain.

The Phoenix Law Enforcement Association (PLEA) and the City of Phoenix have partnered to erect these historical markers at or near the locations where Phoenix officers and firefighters have made the ultimate sacrifice.

These signs are being produced and erected by the City and paid for by the PLEA and are erected according to the criteria set forth by the National Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial Fund (NLEOMF). A dedication ceremony will be held with advance notice being given to the family and friends of the public safety employees to attend the dedication ceremonies.

As we enter into a year of marking significant historical events in our city's centennial celebration this would be a meaningful way to pay tribute to our two fallen officers: Leo Roy Darst and Leslie J. Prince, and a visible reminder to the community that our city has dedicated employees who have sacrificed much. Maybe it will cause those who see these signs to pause and reflect for a moment. ♥

JFA Note: Express your support of this idea to the City Council city.council@surfcity-hb.org and/or the POA president@hbpoa.org.

hbpoa.org



QUIZ

Can You Figure These Out?

1. A murderer is condemned to death. He has to choose between three rooms. The first is full of raging fires, the second is full of assassins with loaded guns, and the third is full of lions that haven't eaten in 3 years. Which room is safest for him?

1A. _____

2. A woman shoots her husband. Then she holds him under water for over 5 minutes. Finally, she hangs him. But 5 minutes later they both go out together and enjoy a wonderful dinner together. How can this be?

2A. _____

3. What is black when you buy it, red when you use it, and gray when you throw it away?

3A. _____

4. Can you name three consecutive days without using the words Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday?

4A. _____

5. This is an unusual paragraph. I'm curious how quickly you can find out! What is so unusual about it. It looks so plain you would think nothing was wrong with it. In fact, nothing is wrong with it! It is unusual though. Study it, and think about it, but you still may not find anything odd. But if you work at it a bit, you might find out. Try to do so without any coaching!

5A. _____

The ANSWERS are on the next page.

PORAC & HBPOA

Benefit Contact Information

City of Huntington Beach

Human Resources – Employee Benefits

Tel: 714-375-8456

Verify your benefits:

www.surfcity-hb.org/employee_benefits

Tri-Ad/ Flexible Spending

www.tri-ad.com

Tel: 800-733-7879

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Tel: 888-225-7377 or 888-CAL-PERS

PORAC Retiree Medical Trust

www.PORAC.org

Cindi Forbes – Plan Administrative Agent

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Tel: 800-700-6762

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Tel: 800-827-4695

Tel: 949-348-0656

PORAC Legal Defense Fund

www.PORAC.org

Tel: 209-955-5700

Tel: 888-556-5631

HBPOA & Foundation Office

www.hbpoa.org

Tel: 714-842-8851

Questions answered here.

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www.TicketsAtWork.com

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We all must be very careful because we are capable of deceiving ourselves...believing that we're doing okay by putting on an outside veneer of obedience, goodness, and outwardly religious character traits to be seen by everyone else. But God is the One who looks at our heart, and will judge what is on the inside...the secrets of your heart. He knows not only what we do, but why we do what we do. The prophet Jeremiah wrote, ***"I, the Lord, search the heart. I test the mind, even to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings"*** (Jeremiah 17:10). Our life and our works attest to the fact of our relationship with the Lord. If we have a right relationship with God our outward life will demonstrate that relationship. As a result, when the Lord judges, He judges righteously, revealing our true motives.

So, what is the condition of your heart today? Could you be deceiving yourself? The Psalmist David cried out, ***"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me."*** May this be your desire and prayer continuously as you begin this New Year. ♥

THANK YOU CHAPLAIN'S

♪ Holiday Dinner a Huge Success!

A huge thank you is extended to the Police Chaplains' once again for their generosity in hosting their 11th Annual Holiday Dinner. It was a great holiday success with over 200 members of the police, fire and marine safety departments, along with their families in attendance.

The dinner was catered by 'Blue Moon Catering' with a very delicious meal that was the base for great night of food, fun and the Christmas spirit.

With all of the free musical CD's and the numerous gift donations from several of our community businesses, everyone surely went home with something nice. If not, they had to go home with the kids the brought!

On behalf of the members of these groups and their families we wish to express our appreciation and thank you again, and hope that even more of our co-workers will join us in attending next year's event. Maybe they'll provide a car in the list of give-away items! ♥

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ANSWERS:

1. The third. Lions that haven't eaten in three years are dead.
2. The woman was a photographer. She shot a picture of her husband, developed it and hung it up to dry.
3. Charcoal
4. Sure you can: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow!
5. The letter "e," which is the most common letter in the English language, does not appear once in the long paragraph.



PARTNER & FRIEND

The loss of a retired HBPD K-9, JOEP

ERIC HIMERT

HBPOA Member & JOEP's Handler

Many knew JOEP around the station as an overly friendly K-9 who would run the halls and regularly attend patrol briefings. Others knew him as a good street dog and a great dope dog. Sadly, like all of us who have animals, I had to recently make the dreaded decision to put him to rest. My wife and I were with JOEP and I held onto him as he took his last breath of life. I'm not ashamed to say it was one of the most painful experiences of my life...

JOEP was 13 ½ years old and was losing the fight against an aggressive tumor that was consuming him. Had it not been for his bleeding, you would have never known his end was near. Even on his final trip to the vet, he was barking and wagging his tail like he was back in the police car again. In the end, JOEP's hair turned gray, he lost most of his hearing and slept more than ever. He would, however, still get up and eagerly perform searches in the yard as entertainment for family and friends. JOEP loved to work and loved to play.

JOEP worked as an HBPD K-9 from 1999-2003. He was both a patrol and narcotic trained K-9. JOEP was deployed a total of 432 times, 192 of which were narcotic searches. His loyal and tireless dedication led to the seizure of over 19 lbs of drugs and \$747,150 in cash. JOEP's work was credited for the arrest of 69 individuals. He searched for a total of 236 hours, which translates into 708 hours saved to the police department.

Once retired, JOEP lived the good life inside our home and watched over my family while I was away. My wife always felt safer having him around and knew JOEP would take care of them without



JOEP

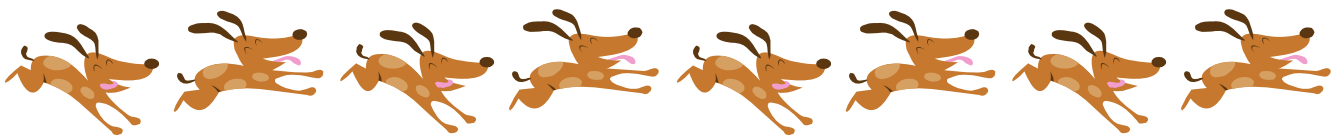
Police Service Dog
1995 – 2008

hesitation. He was always loyal, never complained, never destroyed anything he wasn't told to and always had a look on his face that would make everyone smile. He was the best dog I have ever owned, and I miss him more than words can say. K-9 handlers, current and past, can truly understand and appreciate the extreme bond we develop with our 4-legged partners. When they leave us, they leave a big void that takes a long time to heal...

Thank you to everyone who sent thoughts or words after learning of JOEP's death. He was a great K-9, Partner and Friend. Rest easy buddy... ♥

Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole.

- Roger Caras





California's Fallen...

Source: www.camemorial.org



Line-of-Duty Deaths - 2008

♥ **Police Officer Randal 'Randy' Simmons**
Los Angeles Police Department

♥ **Sergeant Paul Starzyck**
Martinez Police Department

Senior Investigator Laura J. Cleaves
Santa Barbara County DA's Office

Police Officer III Spree Desha
Los Angeles Police Department

Special Agent Aaron Garcia
Union Pacific Railroad Police Department

♥ **Police Officer Bradley Moody**
Richmond Police Department

♥ **Deputy Sheriff James Throne**
Kern County Sheriff's Department

Deputy Sheriff Randy Hamson *
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

♥ **Deputy Sheriff Jose Antonio 'Tony' Diaz**
Yolo County Sheriff's Department

♥ **Deputy Sheriff Lawrence Canfield**
Sacramento County Sheriff's Department

Deputy Probation Officer Irene Beatrice Rios
Imperial County Probation Department

♥ **Officer Joseph Sanders**
California Highway Patrol – Santa Fe Springs

♥ | CPOMF – Line-of-Duty Death

* | Incident occurred in 2004

California Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremony, May 7-8, 2009
Sacramento, CA

Federal Officers – California

Agent Luis Aguilar
Homeland Security – Border Patrol

Agent Jarod Dittman
Homeland Security – Border Patrol

Correctional Officer Jose Rivera
US DOJ – Federal Bureau of Prisons

National Police Week May 10-16, 2009
Peace Officers' Memorial Day, May 15, 2009
Washington, DC

Nationally...

Source: www.odmp.org



2008 Firefighters

Nationally: 109
CALIFORNIA - 7

2008 Line of Duty

Deaths: 129
CALIFORNIA - 12

2007 Line of Duty

Deaths: 188
CALIFORNIA - 10

2006 Line of Duty

Deaths: 153
CALIFORNIA - 16

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