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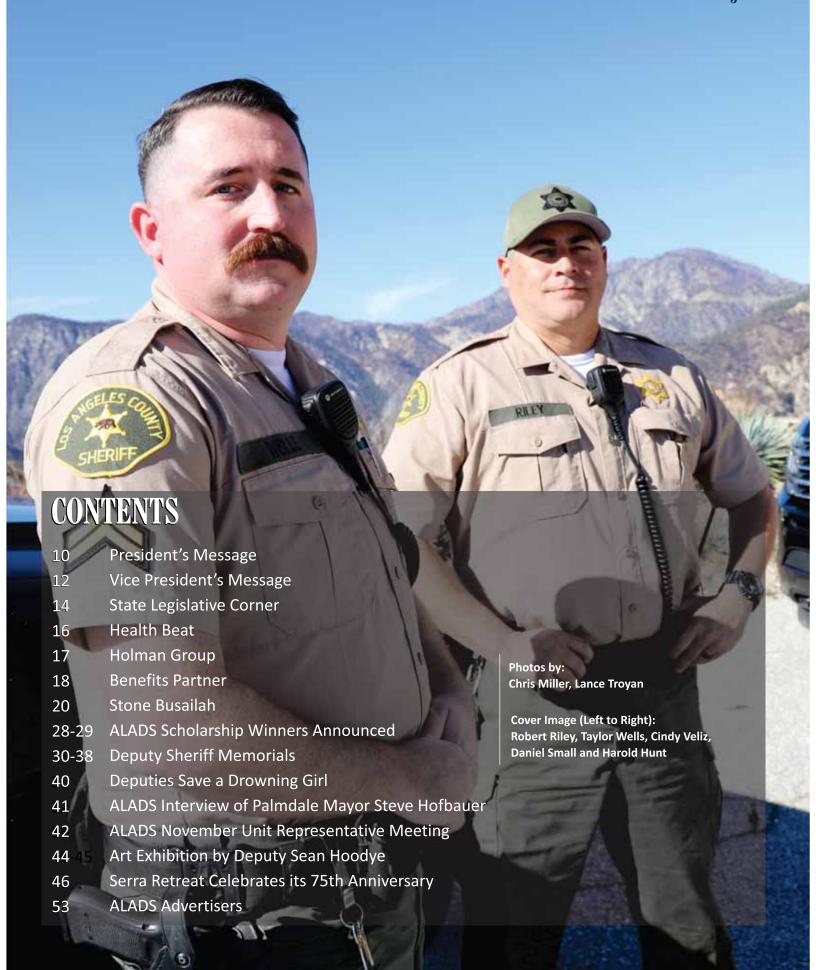
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Wednesday, January 5, 2022 12 PM

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Friday, January 7, 2022 9:30 AM

Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday

Monday, January 17, 2022 ALADS Facility Closed

ALADS Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, January 21, 2022 Starting Time: TBD

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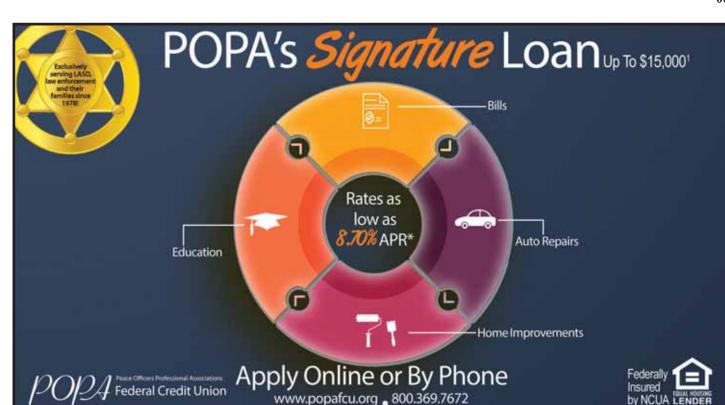


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/ by James Wheeler / ALADS President / Board of Directors

CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS SCHEDULE

ALADS to Bargain for the Hours, Wages, and Working Conditions for All Deputy Sheriffs and District Attorney Investigators

ALADS President James Wheeler jwheeler@alads.org



s we enter the New Year with many challenges ahead, ALADS is moving full speed ahead with our salary contract negotiations. We have

assembled a great team of deputies from specialized units, detective divisions, patrol, courts, custody, district attorney investigators, as well as several members of the Board of Directors.

Leading our team is Will Aitchison, who

The Contract Negotiations Team

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better wages, hours, and working

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has negotiated over a hundred police agency contracts throughout the United States. Will comes to us by way of Portland, Oregon and over the past five

years, he has been instrumental in negotiating positive changes in our Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the County. The MOU covers pay increases and other significant benefits for our membership. Please remember that we negotiate the MOU separately from our Fringe Benefit Contract, which is negotiated with the County by the Coalition of County Unions (CCU).

The ALADS Contract Negotiation Team (CNT) has also procured the services of a highly effective actuary we previously hired in our last contract negotiations. The actuary provides an overall picture of the County's fiscal health. As you may imagine, having a clear picture of the County's financial status is extremely important to the bargaining process.

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We've discussed the realities of the current environment with steep increases in prices of goods and services. Simply put, workers' pay must keep up with inflation.

In November, the CNT met with the County, the Sheriff's Department, and the Bureau of Investigation for the first time to discuss the ground rules for bargaining. Additionally, we have several meetings scheduled for next year.

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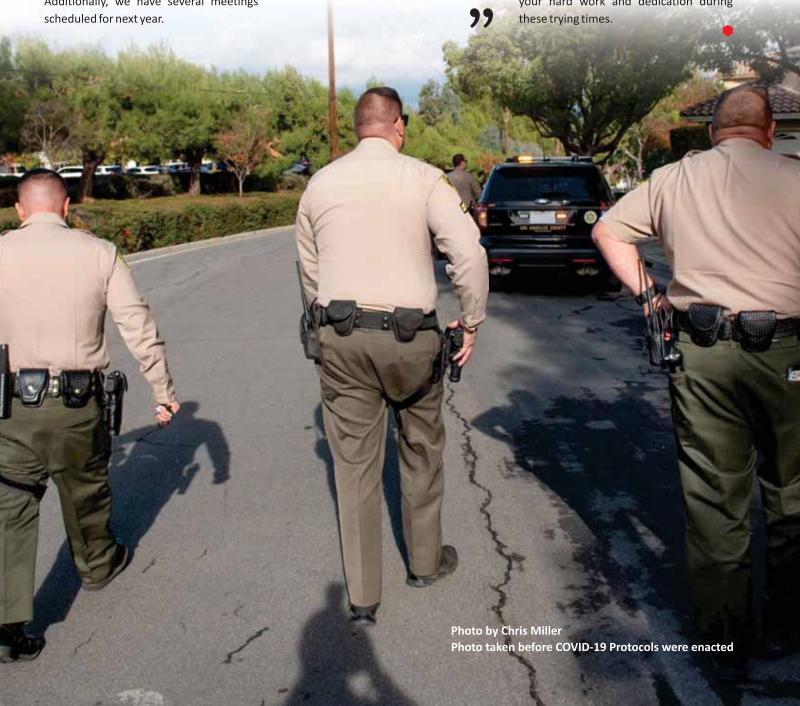
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We look forward to aggressively bargaining with the County for a fair contract for all deputy sheriffs and district attorney investigators. You have been on the front lines throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and deserve to be compensated.

Lastly, I would like to thank all of you for your hard work and dedication during these trying times







n the wake of the anti-cop protests and efforts to defund law enforcement agencies, we've seen a dramatic increase in violent crime. As always, the wave of violence has disproportionately impacted lowincome neighborhoods. The media and our

with a rash of smash-and-grab thefts. Suddenly, the politicians and reporters have taken notice and are talking about the need to address this appalling surge in crime.

to notice. Or maybe they did but talking about it didn't align with their political agendas. Any realistic solution would almost certainly involve providing additional funding and resources to law enforcement agencies, and that just wasn't going to be popular with the defund crowd.

Fast forward to recent weeks and luxury retailers like Louis Vuitton, Burberry, Nordstrom, and Bloomingdale's were hit with a rash of smash-and-grab thefts. Suddenly, the politicians and reporters have taken notice and are talking about the need to address this appalling surge in crime. People dying in the streets wasn't worth discussing, but when high- end purses started walking out the door it grabbed their attention in a big hurry.

Sadly, many of our so-called leaders don't put a whole lot of thought into public safety. Instead, we see an endless series of poorly / By Richard Pippin / ALADS Vice President / Board of Directors

Vice President's Message

considered knee-jerk reactions to the moment's hot topic. The story isn't too different with our ill-conceived vaccination mandate, which the Board of Supervisors imposed in the name of public safety. The economist Milton Friedman once said, "The government solution to a problem is usually as bad as the problem." That may well turn out to be the case with the vaccination mandate. As I write this, thousands of deputy sheriffs and other essential county employees are on the verge of being discharged at a time when we can least afford to lose them.

Providing for the public's safety is one of the most basic and essential functions of a government, and it's something that takes a lot of careful thought and consideration, more careful planning than Supervisor Hilda Solis put into things before dropping her mandate on us via Twitter. And it needs to start with the realization that peace officers are an essential part of any solution to the public safety issues

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currently plaguing our society. Unarmed "public safety ambassadors" aren't going to lower the murder rate, nor are they likely to prevent the theft of luxury fashion accessories.

In short, now isn't the time to consider pursuit of any path that could lead to the loss of a large number of deputy sheriffs here in LA County. Now is the time to remember that, through thick and thin, through the pandemic and a concurrent spike in violent crime, those deputy sheriffs have been out there placing themselves at risk to serve the community. They've never stopped doing their jobs. It's time for our elected officials to start doing theirs.

As we approach the end of another difficult year, I'd like to take a moment to express my gratitude to all of you for the work you do and the sacrifices you make for the people of this county and for each other. I know you are overworked and underappreciated, but I hope you are all able to find a little time to enjoy the season with your loved ones. My best to you and yours during the holiday season, and here's hoping 2022 is a better year for all of us.



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State Legislative Corner

/ ALADS Legislative Counsel and Advocate

By Matt Siverling Legislative Advocate, ALADS



he 2021 Session gaveled down in historically early fashion prior to 10 pm on Friday, September 10. Capitol veterans cannot remember the last time the Legislature adjourned prior to midnight on the last night of Session in decades.

When the dust settled, the Legislature had approved 836 bills for consideration by the Governor, who opted to sign 770 of them into

law. He only vetoed 66 bills that made it to his Desk.

There was some interesting action toward the end of the night with some of the more aggressive criminal justice and police reforms that had previously been moving through the process with healthy Democratic support. When the time came to cast votes on some of the more visible measures, some of the priority bills for the reformers were either killed or parked for the year.

For example . . . the following were tabled in 2021:

■ Senate Bill 262 (Hertzberg)

Which would have created a process to tailor cash bail to "what the person can afford" was placed on the inactive file.

■ Assembly Bill 937 (Carrillo)

Would have eliminated the ability of local agencies to cooperate with ICE for the purposes of notifying them about the release of those who had committed violent felonies was placed on the inactive file.

Senate Bill 357 (Wiener)

Would have eliminated the crime of "loitering for the purposes of solicitation of prostitution" and instead would require actual solicitation. This measure was grounded in a belief that the current law is being misapplied and used to overly police black, brown and trans suspects, who were disproportionally charged with this crime.

■ Senate Bill 731 (Durazo)

Which would have created a process to "sunset" criminal records; even for violent felonies.

Assembly Bill 759 (McCarty)

Which would have required County Sheriff elections to be moved to the Presidential cycle.

Senate Bill 519 (Wiener)

Legalization of hallucinogenic drugs.

Senate Bill 57 (Wiener)

Legalized injection clinics for intravenous drugs.

Senate Bill 710 (Bradford)

Prohibition on contributions from public safety unions to DA's.

All of these measures were held during the first year of the two-year Session, so they will have a limited window of opportunity to move early next year. We will continue to advocate on them if, and when, they are moved.

However, there were a few bills that made it through the gauntlet that were signed into law and will be effective next year:

Assembly Bill 333 (Kamlager)

Which would create a higher burden of proof to attach a gang enhancement to a criminal sentence.

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■ Senate Bill 98 (McGuire)

Which would allow members of the press to have increased access during curfews and behind skirmish lines .

And of course,

■ Senate Bill 2 (Bradford)

Which will establish a process to "license" peace officers and provide a framework to "decertify" those who have committed serious misconduct. The proponents aimed to create a system that would prevent officers from being fired from an agency for misconduct and simply being rehired elsewhere in the State. Early versions of this

measure were aggressive, hostile and stacked the deck against the officer. We were successful in steering the final version of this measure toward a more fair and reasonable process.

We anticipate that the fight on all of these issues will continue into next year, and we will be busy at the table to ensure that the best interests of the profession are heard, understood and considered. In addition to the unresolved bills from last year, the Legislature will undoubtedly return with a fresh batch of new reforms that we will need to address, as well as the continued efforts to reopen previously resolved debates. Stay tuned, and stay safe!



Health Beat

/ by Jennifer Lincicum / ALADS Insurance Consultant

ALADS BENEFIT ENHANCEMENTS AND

Reminders Starting January 1, 2022

ALADS Insurance Consultant Jennifer Lincicum



LADS is proud to continue providing **even more benefit enhancements** to members and their families enrolled in the ALADS Anthem Blue Cross Medical Plans. As a reminder,

beginning January 1st, 2022, the ALADS Anthem Blue Cross CaliforniaCare HMO Medical Plans will remove the \$10 Copay for nearly all covered in-network office visits. There will be No Copay associated with most covered innetwork HMO office visits which include, but are not limited to, primary care physicians, specialists, LiveHealth Online doctors, and outpatient behavioral health professionals.

Dental Benefit Enhancements for 2022

Starting January 1, 2022, the ALADS Anthem

Blue Cross Dental Plans will include even more benefit enhancements for enrolled members and dependents. As a reminder, your ALADS Anthem Blue Cross Medial Plan automatically includes a Premier or Basic Dental Plan, based on your enrollment.

For members and dependents enrolled in an ALADS Anthem Blue Cross Premier Medical Plan, your dental annual maximum will increase to \$2,000 per individual. The Premier Plan will also utilize the enhanced **Dental Complete Grid+ Network** through Anthem Blue Cross. For those enrolled in an ALADS Anthem Blue Cross Basic Medical Plan, your dental annual maximum will increase to \$500 per individual.

Reminders for 2022

With these exciting benefit and network enhancements for January 1st, 2022, Anthem Blue Cross will be mailing enrolled members and dependents new ID cards during the month of December. Be sure your providers have your new Anthem Blue Cross ID card on file and remind them of the enhancements starting January 1st, 2022.

For those enrolled in an ALADS Anthem Blue Cross Premier Dental Plan, you should also verify that your current dentist is in the **Dental Complete Grid+** network by calling Anthem Blue Cross at (844) 729-1565. You can also contact the ALADS Benefit Service

Center at (800) 842-6635 or visit www.mybenefitchoices.com/alads for help with understanding your dental benefits and finding a provider.

As a reminder, starting January 1st, 2022 the Mobile Health Consumer App will be terminated by Anthem Blue Cross. Be sure to keep an eye out for more information on the ALADS Insurance Trust's Enhanced Website as we move into the New Year!

With the New Year fast approaching, for any members who participate in the County's Health Care Spending Account (HCSA), don't forget to submit an HCSA claim to the County for your qualified out-of-pocket costs.

Through your Anthem Blue Cross CaliforniaCare HMO plan and Anthem Blue Cross PPO plan, you and your family have access to the finest doctors and one of the most extensive networks in the state. With CaliforniaCare, you can build a relationship with your own network doctor with almost all benefits including doctor visits, hospitalization, well baby care, surgery, eye and hearing exams, for little or no out-of-pocket cost. With the Anthem Blue Cross PPO plan, you have the freedom to choose medical services from within Anthem Blue Cross' expansive PPO provider network, or from a non-PPO provider.

/ by Dr. Ron Holman / President of The Holman Group: Managed Behavioral Health Care Services

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n 2019, I wrote a Dispatcher article explaining all of the resources available to ALADS Insurance Trust plan participants. Since that time, even more information has become available. And, with the news that the Mobile Heath Consumer App will no longer be available as of January 2022, the ALADS Insurance Trust has decided to expand and enhance the existing resource website www.mybenefitchoices.com/alads to assist members better. These enhancements will provide all ALADS Insurance Trust Anthem Blue Cross Plan participants with a true one-stop online resource to access all the plan information you will need.

There is a multitude of current resources available today, including plan documents, benefit summaries, carrier programs, provider search tools, FAQs, County HR, and vendor website links. Additionally, beginning January 1, 2022, all enrolled plan participants (and enrolled dependents 18 years or older) will be able to securely register online at this site to gain access to the website enhancements. These enhancements include detailed personal plan information such as:

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*Digital ID Card: Replaces Mobile Health Consumer

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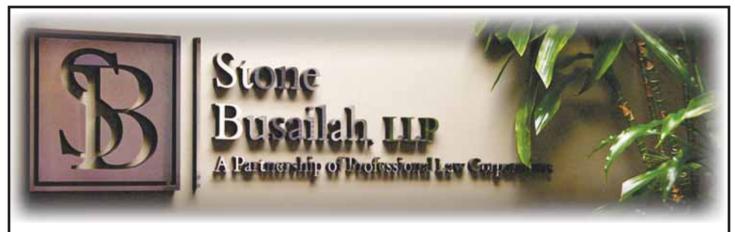
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Van Buren v. United States

Supreme Court of the United States No. 19-763, Decided June 3, 2021 Officer Found Not Guilty of Violating Federal Anti-Hacking Act

Author: Jesse James, Esq. Stone Busailah, LLP

n the 21st century, data privacy and its use are of heightened concern, corresponding with the rapid expansion and development of data-using technologies. In the case of Van Buren v. United States, relevant legislation was brought to question in regards to its applicability to modern times.

Former Georgia police sergeant Nathan Van Buren used his patrol-car computer to retrieve information tied to a specific license plate from a law enforcement database, in exchange for money. Van Buren's actions were discovered during a FBI sting operation. Van Buren's database access violated department policies which prohibited the gathering of

database information for non-lawenforcement purposes; he was terminated. Ultimately, he was federally prosecuted for felony violation of the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act of 1986 (CFAA). The CFAA subjects criminal liability to any individual who "intentionally accesses a computer without authorization or exceeds authorized access." The jury convicted Van Buren and the District Court sentenced him to 18 months in prison.

The language, "exceeds authorized access," became the focal point in this case. Per the legal definition, the phrase refers to the "access of a computer with authorization to use such access to obtain or alter information in the computer that the

accessor is not entitled so to obtain or alter". So the issue was whether Van Buren exceeded his authority to access the database when he conducted his search for an improper purpose.

Van Buren appealed the conviction to the Supreme Court, arguing that the clause in the CFAA applies only to those who do not have sufficient access, not to those who misuse existing access.

This dispute specifically falls under the phrasing, "not entitled so to obtain". The Government argued Van Buren violated the CFAA because he exceeded his authorization in violating the department computer policy. The Court disagreed, citing



criminal implications in commonplace computer activities. For example, were a company to have an acceptable use policy prohibiting the use of business machines for nonwork purposes, the Government's reading of the statute would deem activities like the checking of social media, personal email, and more as a violation of the CFAA because the employee is not "entitled so" to obtain.

Ultimately, the Court sided with Van Buren and found he did not violate CFAA. The Court found the "without authorization" clause protects computers from external threat actors, while the "exceeds authorized access" clause protects information from internal threat actors, or

"hackers" within the organization who obtain information from areas where their access does not extend. Because Van Buren had complete authorization to access the database, he did not violate the CFAA, though he had improper intent. In simplest terms, intent does not negate existing authorization, with authorization dictating data "entitlement".

California Connection

The Computer Fraud and Abuse Act of 1986 (CFAA) is equivalent to the California Comprehensive Computer Data Access and Fraud Act, Penal Code §502 (c). Had Van Buren the "former" police sergeant been charged in California, it is likely Van Buren would have been charged with attempting to violate Penal Code §13302, which

makes it a misdemeanor for an employee of a "local criminal justice agency" to "knowingly furnish record or information obtained from a record to a person who is not authorized by law to receive the record or information."

With police employees now having multiple layers of oversight, it is important to understand that actions which may have been previously overlooked, (such as viewing celebrity information), may now form the basis of "criminal," and not merely "administrative," liability.

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Jesse James is an associate attorney practicing in criminal and administrative law for 17 years.









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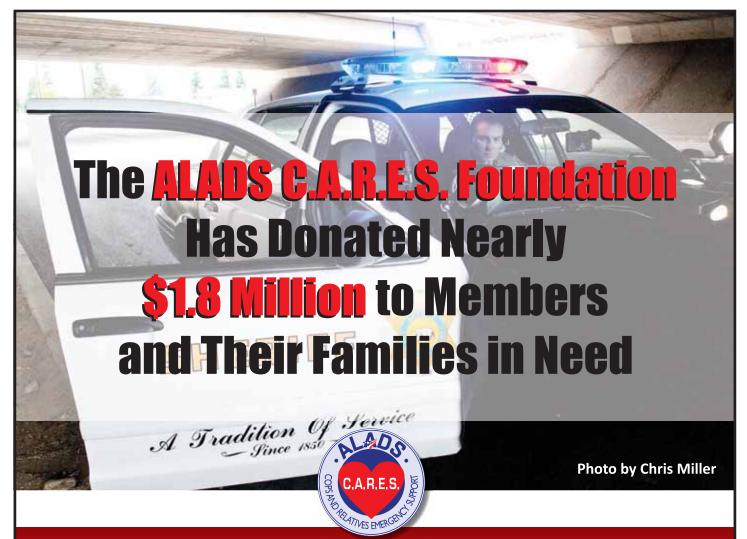












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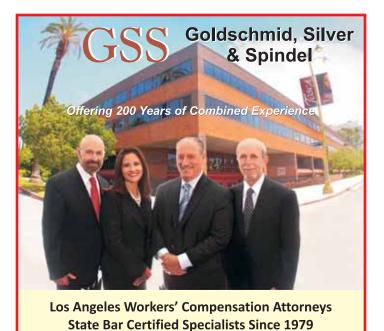
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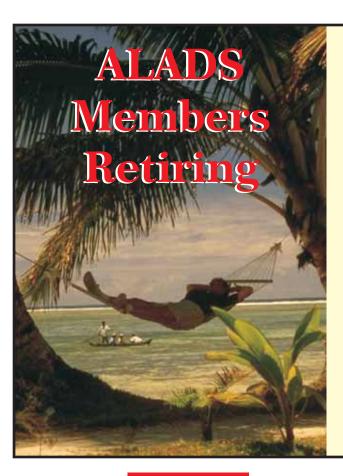


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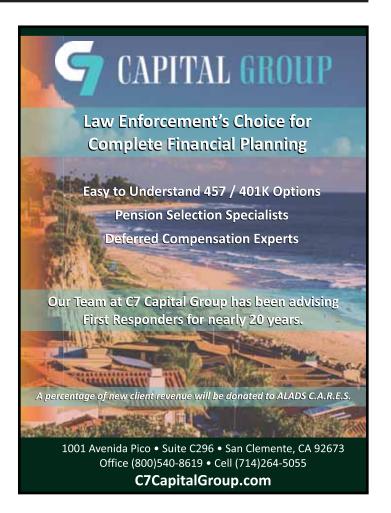
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Thank you to all of the candidates who submitted ALADS Scholarship entries. This year, candidates had to submit a 750-word essay on the topic of, "The wearing of body cameras by peace officers affects the privacy rights of the officer, the employer and the community members being recorded. What rights should each entity have, and how could they conflict with each other? Please include specific examples of circumstances under which the involved parties might have the right not to be recorded,

as well as the potential impact of facial recognition technology." Essays were judged by three English teachers, and the eight top essays were selected as the winners. Each of the eight winners received \$2,500 to help them with the always-increasing cost of their education. Congratulations to the 2021 ALADS Foundation for the Future Scholarship recipients. Keep up the good work!



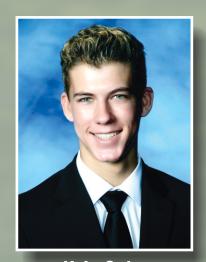
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Deputy Andrew Myers Remembrance



ndrew was born April 1, 1970, in Newport Beach, CA, to Junior and Joanne Myers. Andrew was the oldest of four siblings Matt, Sommer, and Westin.

From an early age, Andrew was athletic, playing Chino Pop Warner football and baseball for several leagues, including Chino National Little League, Pony, and for the American Legion team. Andrew continued playing football and baseball for Don Antonio Lugo High School until he graduated in 1988 and played baseball for Chaffey College for two years.

While in high school, Andrew inherited a 1956 Ford truck from his grandfather. He loved to drive it to school even though he only lived three blocks away. The truck was his pride and joy, and he kept it his entire life. At the time of his passing, he was planning to rebuild it.

Growing up, Andrew's neighbor and his neighbor's roommates were deputy sheriffs. Andrew learned about being a deputy sheriff by listening to their stories. Seeing Andrew's interest, his neighbor arranged ride-alongs with Aero and in patrol for him, Andrew was immediately hooked and felt that he had found his calling.

While attending high school, Andrew met and dated Manya Newcomer who he married in 1993. Andrew joined the Sheriff's Department in 1998 and graduated in Academy Class Number 315. After graduating from the Academy, he was assigned to Inmate Reception Center (IRC) where he worked for six years. Andrew and Manya's first child, Madyson "Mady" Maree, was born shortly after in 1999. Their son Andrew John Lee "AJ" was born three years later in 2002.

In 2004, Deputy Myers began his patrol training at Norwalk Sheriff's Station, where he eventually joined the NET and VCET teams. Andrew's love for the job and patient nature led him to become a Field Training Officer in 2009 where he was able to train and mentor numerous young deputies who continued to seek his guidance through the years. Andrew and Manya welcomed their third child, Jaydon Alexander, in 2011. Although their marriage came to an end, Andrew and Manya remained focused on raising their children.

Andrew was a family man and rarely made time for himself, especially as a single dad. One day, Andrew decided to attend his friend Billy Lockridge's barbecue, which was out of the ordinary for him. Within his small circle of friends was a woman named Jennifer Anderson, a Public Safety Officer for La Mirada, which is patrolled by Norwalk Station. Andrew and Jennifer were acquaintances but were both caught off guard by the connection they made at the barbecue. Soon after, they began dating. They both bought Disney passes and would meet at Disneyland on Andrew's RDO while the kids were in school. Because Andrew was so protective of his family, their

relationship progressed slowly. However, Andrew felt comfortable with Jennifer and he was able to discuss his work with ease. He felt fortunate that he could be with someone who understood the type of work he was in and everything that comes along with being a patrol deputy. At the station, Andrew's hard work didn't go unnoticed. In 2012, Andrew was named South Whittier Deputy Sheriff of

Andrew had a quiet demeanor. He wasn't very talkative unless he was in the company of those whom he trusted. He was patient and easy-going, which are qualities that made him both a good father and mentor to his trainees

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Deputy Andrew Myers Remembrance

and peers. He loved to teach. As a training officer, he made it a point to understand how someone learned and he would teach his trainees accordingly to find the most successful route to getting them off training.

Jennifer didn't meet the children until 2013, but she instantly connected with them just as she did with Andrew the year prior. In 2018, Andrew and Jennifer married in a private ceremony. Andrew would share the good, the bad, and the ugly of being a Los Angeles County deputy sheriff with Jen and the kids (age-appropriate stories, of course). He never shared too much outside their home as he was always a proud yet humble man.

From the beginning of Andrew and Jen's marriage, Andrew made it clear that there would never be a distinction between his children with Manya and any future children with Jennifer. It was also important to Andrew that Manya and Jennifer got along.

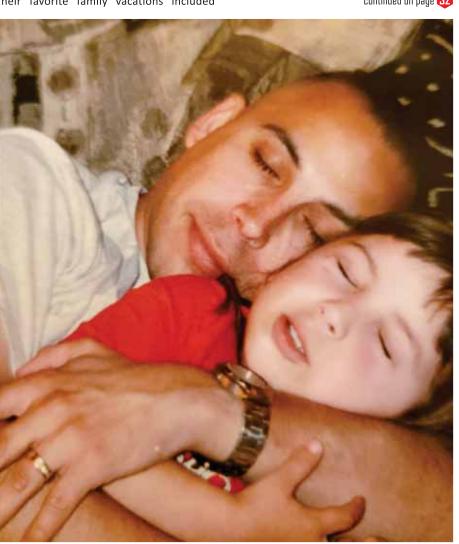
Andrew and Jennifer made their first pregnancy announcement from Disneyland and welcomed their first child together, Lea Esperanza in 2018. A short 21 months later in 2020, they welcomed their second child together, Elijah James. Andrew was a dedicated and loving husband who enjoyed buying Jen flowers. He didn't need a special occasion like a birthday or an anniversary. He also wrote notes to her and the kids when he was on a long stretch or worked a lot of overtime. At work, Andrew always talked about Jen and the kids. He couldn't wait to brag or share stories about them to his desk crew. His family was his everything to him.

As Andrew was devoted to his family, he was also devoted to his career. He enjoyed mentoring deputies, and he took pride in his ability to help people in the communities he served. He was well-liked and respected by his partners and was always willing to lend a hand to anyone who needed it. He received certificates of accommodation from Los Angeles County and the U.S. Senate honoring his service. He also earned the Legendary Lawman pin for working more than ten years in patrol.

Andrew loved to take his family on vacations. Their favorite family vacations included Hawaii, Washington D.C., Disney World, and a Disney cruise from Ft. Lauderdale to the Bahamas. He was proud to not only be able to provide these vacations for his wife and kids but to take his parents, his brother, and Jen's mom along with them for a big family vacation.

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Deputy Andrew Myers Remembrance



From April 2020 through August 2021, AJ and Jaydon had to attend online classes while schools and many businesses were closed. AJ and Jaydon lived with Andrew and Jen full-time. Their mom had to work and since Jen was a stay-at-home mom with a 1-year-old and a newborn, it seemed to be a great solution. Andrew and Jen enjoyed having four

of their five children all under one roof. Andrew couldn't be happier. He also loved to share his love of baseball with the kids as they were learning to play. Mady played softball from age five through college and Andrew never missed a game when he could help it. Jaydon is in his 5th year of playing and Andrew enjoyed practicing with Jaydon on his days off.

In his free time, Andrew had started making furniture. It was a hobby that recently became a passion. He made a barn door, two hall trees, a wine rack, a coffee table and two end tables, and a wheelchair ramp for Jen's grandmother after he learned she had fallen on her steps. He didn't have a chance to finish this last project which was to add a handrail for additional safety.

Deputy Andrew Myers passed away on October 20, 2021, due to complications from COVID-19. He was a terrific deputy and a great family man. He was looking forward to his retirement and hoped to purchase 40 acres of land and build a house and small farm in Tennessee or Texas. He dreamed of riding horses and enjoying a simpler life with Jen and the kids. Losing Andrew has created a void in their lives and in their hearts that will never be filled.



The Myers family extends its heartfelt appreciation for all of the love and support they have received from friends, colleagues, Norwalk Station, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and LAS⁴D Spouses Supporting Spouses.





Deputy Tim Rasch Remembrance

n 1964, Timothy ("Tim") Stephen
Rasch was born to Bill and Dorene
Rasch in Detroit, Michigan. Growing
up, he spent years living abroad in the
jungles of Sierra Leon, Africa, and
Mexico.

After marrying his wife Tammy and having three daughters, he quickly found himself outnumbered. He was the hero of his ladies; his only breaking point was trying to teach his daughters algebra. He loved telling a good dad joke, skydiving (over 200 times), spending time with his girls (and sons-in-law), and spending his vacations at Grandpa Larry and Uncle Ernie's Ranch in Idaho.

His pride and joy was his granddaughter Shiloh, and their daily breakfast coffee FaceTime date.

Tim graduated from the Sheriff's Academy in Class #309 COC on June 2, 1999. He served and protected the SCV community as a Deputy Sheriff for the last 20 years. His last assignment was Santa Clarita Court. In between it all, he could be found at his forge, handcrafting award-winning knives, metal birds, and creations out of horseshoes.

Tim's long and numerous battles with multiple forms of cancer revealed his deep courage and steadfast faith in the Lord over the year. He was the anchor and encourager of his family. Deputy Tim Rasch passed away on September



Tim is dearly beloved and will be missed always by his wife Tammy; daughters Kelsey, Ashley, and Hope; his sons-in-law Michael and Logan; and his daughter Shiloh. He will also be missed by the many members of his LASD family for whom he touched the lives of for the past 20 years.







Deputy Anthony "TonyTone" Bautista Remembrance

etective Anthony "TonyTone"
Bautista, a 14-year veteran of
the Los Angeles Sheriff's
Department, passed away on
Wednesday, August 18, 2021,
after a courageous battle against COVID-19.

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Anthony grew up in Whittier and attended St. Paul High School in Santa Fe Springs. In 1994, Anthony was lucky enough to play a role in the football film "Little Giants". He was an excellent athlete who played soccer for four years and became the Soccer Team Captain his Junior and Senior years of high school.

Anthony and his family's life changed forever when gang members shot into Anthony's older cousin's car as they returned home from a Dodger game striking his brother in the head. Fortunately, his little brother survived the shooting. However, the shooting changed

the direction of Anthony's life forever as he decided he wanted to become a deputy sheriff so that he could put criminals like the ones who shot his brother behind bars and to protect all community members.

Anthony also wanted to join the Marines and follow in his father's footsteps; however, due to the severity of his little brother's brain/head injuries, Anthony felt a greater obligation to stay near his little brother and parents to pursue law enforcement.

Anthony joined the Sheriff's Department in 2007. During his 14-year career on the Department, he worked at Inmate Reception Center, on-loan to the Homicide Gang Task Force in the Wire Room, Patrol Training at Compton Station, where he eventually became a training officer, and later became the Watch Deputy. He also worked as a Compton Station Detective and at COPS CAPE (Counterfeit and Piracy Enforcement) as a detective. At the time of his passing, Deputy Bautista was working at Compton Sheriff's Station and the Community Partnership Bureau.

Anthony was extremely proud of being a deputy and always strived to do better for the community he served. He was looking forward to promoting so that he could be a mentor to younger deputies. He had a great sense of humor and was always laughing, smiling, and joking around. Every shift before going 10-8 he would say to his trainee, "Ready doggie? Let's hit it!"

Deputy Bautista received commendations while working at Compton Station. One of which was for his involvement in assisting a victim of an assault with a deadly weapon which helped lead to the suspect's arrest. He received a second commendation for his involvement after responding to a request for assistance by the CHP to help to break up

street racing. Deputies Bautista and Herrera were dispersing the crowd of approximately 500 cars when they pulled over a vehicle to cite the driver for a violation. The deputies found a scale, narcotics and narcotics change money in the car.

Anthony had three children Anthony, Valerie, and Michael. Around the house, Anthony was a great father and an amazing brother who always kept his promises to his little brother throughout every challenge and struggle. He was generous with his time to his neighbors or anyone who needed a handyman or needed any help. He also loved cooking and grilling. Anthony was to be engaged to Veronica Diaz

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Deputy Anthony "TonyTone" Bautista Remembrance



during the week of his passing. She described Anthony as "one of those people who just livened the mood in any room he walked into, he had a heart of gold." He was extremely passionate about his kids and loved to take them camping, fishing, to sports games and amusement parks. He also coached all three kids in the respective sports they played. He was a huge fan of the Dodgers and the Raiders.

On their social media, the Sheriff's Department said of Deputy Bautista, "Deputy Anthony 'TonyTone' Bautista was a remarkable partner, father to three kids, a family man, a loyal friend and man of faith. He always managed to bring spirit to the station with a smile and encouraging attitude. Deputy Bautista took pride in the cases he investigated. He became a deputy to protect all community members. He will be greatly missed, and will always be remembered as someone who would give the shirt off his back to others."

Deputy Bautista passed away at Eisenhower Health in Rancho Mirage. The following day, law enforcement agencies led a procession along Interstate 10 from the hospital to the funeral home for Deputy Bautista. Deputy Anthony Bautista is survived by his parents, three children and two brothers.









In Remembrance of Deputy Alonzo Payne



lonzo Payne was born in Texas and loved playing football. He moved to California and attended Compton College on a football scholarship. He always felt like law enforcement was his destiny, he worked as a jailer for LAPD, but he wanted more. He wanted to work for the best law enforcement agency in Los Angeles so in December of 1994 he joined the Sheriff's Department. He graduated with Academy Class #286 that same year. Over his 27-year career on the Sheriff's Department, Deputy Payne worked at MCJ, trained at Carson Station and then was assigned to TSB.

Over the past 15 years Deputy Payne worked foot beat on the Blue Line trains. He loved working the line and patrolling the streets. However, he was always cognizant of the dangers of the job and he knew that if an incident occurred while riding on the train, backup could be 20 seconds or 20 minutes away. His dedication to public safety was

recognized when he received the distinguished Service Award while at TSB.

Deputy Payne was always upbeat and positive. While he had a great sense of humor and loved to crack jokes and play pranks on coworkers, he knew when it was time to get serious. He was always there to encourage others to do better and to apply themselves. He was the kind of coworker that never allowed his fellow deputies to quit and always helped push them towards the finish line no matter what the situation. He was the perfect partner, able to blend serious police work and humor.

Law Enforcement Technician Sha'Nell Jameson says, "Deputy Payne was a sweet spirit and easy to talk to. No matter how much time passed in between our encounters or conversation it was like we always picked up where we left off. We met over 15 years ago and he always encouraged me to follow my dreams and live life the way I seen fit."

One of the highlights of Deputy Payne's career, was helping a young girl who had been



attacked by her mother's boyfriend. Deputy Payne and his partner Deputy Kurt Mack had built a friendship with the girl as they would see her every day on her way home from school at the Metro Station. One day they could tell something was wrong as the girl did not come and talk to them as she usually did. While Deputy Mack was writing a citation, Deputy Payne went over to talk to the girl.

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In Remembrance of Deputy Alonzo Payne



Deputy Mack approached the two after completing writing a citation when the girl suddenly broke down into tears and tightly hugged Deputy Payne. It was only then that she started to tell him what had been happening to her.

The deputies contacted the girl's aunt who arrived at the station to comfort her niece. Her aunt called deputies Payne and Mack a few days later and told them that she had custody of the girl and she thanked them from the bottom of her heart for being there. She mentioned that the girl was living in that situation for months and didn't tell anyone. She had the opportunity to tell a teacher, another school staff member, even a parent of



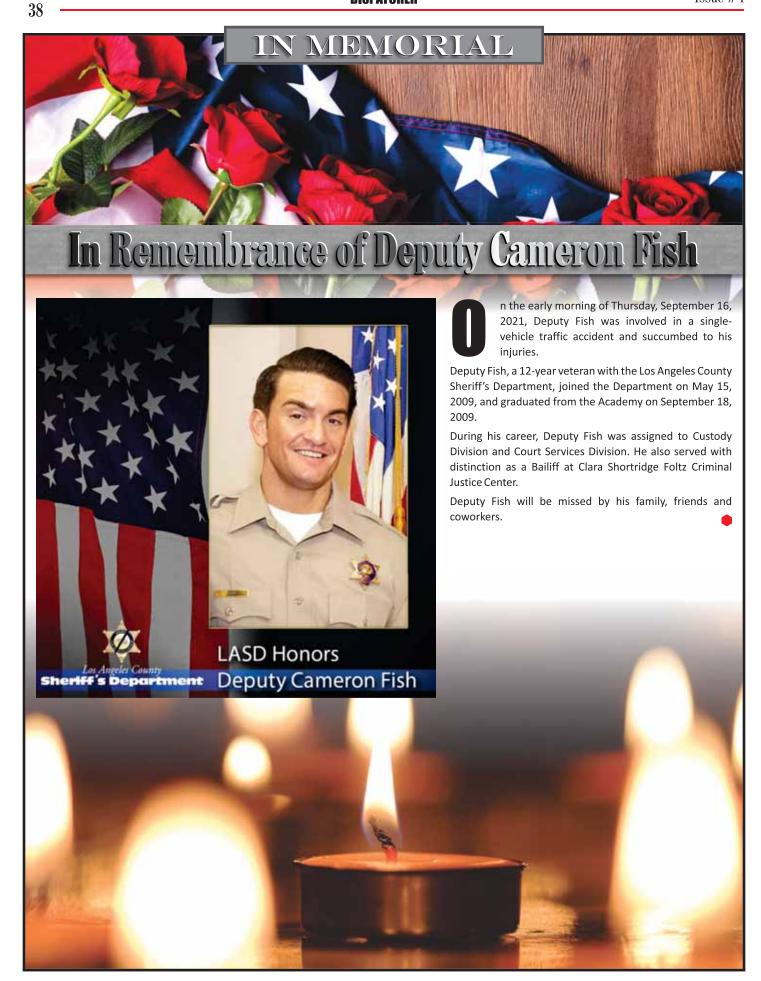
a friend but she remained silent. However, she did tell Deputy Alonzo Payne. His devotion to kids made him totally approachable and made her feel safe and comfortable around him. Of the incident, Deputy Mack says, "This is what I will remember Alonzo for over all the weapons and drugs that we have recovered together. He saved a life that was just beginning to grow."

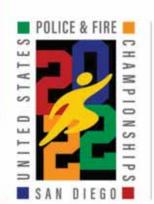


vacationed and shared family holidays together. Alonzo was looking forward to spending his retirement surrounded by close friends and loved ones. He was a true friend, caring and dependable. If Alonzo said he was on his way, you could consider him already there, he was a man of his word.

Alonzo was looking forward to returning to Texas after he retired. He was in the process of purchasing land and building his dream home there. Deputy Alonzo Payne will be greatly missed by his partners Kurt Mack and Reynaldo Mclaughlin, his family and coworkers.









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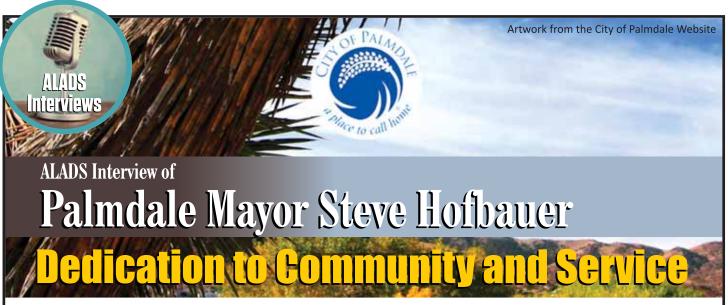
Deputies Jose Ramirez and Sean Hylands were the first deputies to arrive. They ran to the backyard area and saw the mom holding the lifeless Maddie in her arms. Deputy Ramirez scooped up the little girl and rushed

to the patrol car. Deputies Ramirez and Hylands were planning on taking her to the hospital; however, after assessing the little girl's medical needs, they decided to get the little girl breathing again. Deputies Ramirez and Hylands used a technique where they put the baby upside down to assist with getting the water out of the lungs. Deputy Ramirez gave back thrusts, and Deputy Hylands maintained Maddie's jaw to help with expelling the water. After a couple of back thrusts, little Maddie spat up a lot of water and was able to get a couple of breaths in. They continued to get air into her lungs and to

A few moments later, the Fire Department arrived and treated the little girl before transporting her to the hospital. The deputies used their patrol cars with lights and sirens to block traffic at the intersections to expedite the little girl's arrival at the hospital, where she went straight into ICU.

According to Deputy Ramirez, the initial doctor gave the deputies and family grave news. Since Maddie had water in her lungs and not breathing for at least five minutes, she would most likely have long-term problems affecting her lungs and possibly her brain. Each day, Deputy Ramirez texted Maddie's family to get a status update about how the little girl was doing. On Friday, August 27, 2021, Maddie's uncle texted Deputy Ramirez that she was released from the hospital. When Deputy Ramirez called the uncle, he could hear Maddie singing and laughing in the background.

On September 1, 2021, the personnel involved in the incident put on a reunion to reunite everyone and celebrate Maddie's recovery. Deputy Ramirez still keeps in contact with the family, stating that they are such wonderful people, and he is so happy with the result.



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Mayor Steve Hofbauer is familiar with working in the trenches with deputy sheriffs and police officers and responding to perilous situations.

For over 39 years, Mayor Steve Hofbauer served in the EMS and Fire Service for the Los Angeles Fire Department. He was in one of the first classes of EMTs in the state. Hofbauer later became an LAFD firefighter/paramedic, serving in a variety of challenging field rescue assignments, including as a Paramedic Preceptor (training officer) and as a flight medic. Mayor Hofbauer responded to the catastrophic 1994 Northridge Meadows building collapse and served multiple tours of duty as a Medical Team Leader with the LA County Disaster Medical Team. He has served on the elite FEMA National Medical Response Team, an asset of the US Public Health Service. where he was trained for terrorist and weapons of mass destruction incidents, industrial, nuclear, biological, or chemical accidents, and pandemics.

Mayor Hofbauer is a rare recipient of the LA County Fire Department Valor Award for Heroism. In his highly decorated career in the Fire Service and as a volunteer, he has earned many commendations, including the highly prestigious Los Angeles County Community Protector of the Year, twice named Paramedic of the Year, and is a recipient of the Fire Marshal's Award for Meritorious Service.

Mayor Hofbauer's commitment to public service did not end with his retirement in 2012 from the Los Angeles Fire Department. Mayor Hofbauer has also served the residents of the

city of Palmdale for over 29 years. In 1992, he was appointed to the city's Planning Commission and, later in 2003, was elected to the City Council. In 2018, Mr. Hofbauer was elected the city's Mayor and was overwhelmingly re-elected as Mayor on November 3, 2020.

Mayor Steve Hofbauer believes, "Public safety has become much more complex and challenging. There is a higher demand for a broader scope of services by the public and simultaneously an increased level of scrutiny by the public. Neither is bad, but it must be balanced."

"I am also concerned about the constant barrage of state legislation and related mandates impacting community safety and enforcement of safety measures. As an example, efforts to eliminate qualified immunity is misguided and will result in officers second-guessing potential actions and choosing to not engage in proactive policing, but that isn't considered by those advancing these efforts."

"This (Measure J) was pushed as a defund the police type of measure. Yet I hear our residents routinely demanding more, not less, deputies on the street. Do we need additional resources out there — yes! But not at the expense of public service and deputy safety."

"Our team in Palmdale is amazing. Most of the deputies live in or near the city and are integrated into the daily fabric of the community, at church, youth sports, scouts, veterans' groups, etc. They know the risks and opportunities to serve here. They have assisted with the food distributions and welfare checks, and even as the city canceled all our holiday events, they still organized toy



distributions in hard-hit neighborhoods."

"Our deputies get involved in the community because this is their town. That is also why we have such a robust Sheriff Boosters network, raising millions of dollars over the years for personal gear (tasers, vests, etc.), increasing morale (station patio and BBQ), and some needs dismissed by the administration (Search and Rescue and Traffic Investigation trucks)."

When asked to reflect on his past 18 years of service on the Palmdale City Council on what are his proudest accomplishments and fondest memories thus far, Mayor Hofbauer said, "It's hard to pick out one thing. So much is integrated with other issues. The construction of the Palmdale Station allowed their becoming independent of the Antelope Valley; now the Lancaster Station was a huge milestone." It is assuring to know that Steve Hofbauer is on the Palmdale City Council.

ALADS UNIT REPRESENTATIVES

ALADS NOVEMBER

Unit Representative Meeting

LADS welcomed back the unit representatives to the first unit representative meeting in over a year at the ALADS facility. We were overjoyed to be able to have the meeting in person!

Unit Representative meetings are regularly scheduled for the first Wednesday of the month. At these meetings, we provide information about ALADS' actions/stance on current issues facing members. Members can request their unit representatives to bring questions/comments for ALADS' leadership. As COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, we look forward to having the meetings open to all Voting ALADS members. Look for an email blast notifying you of upcoming Unit Representative meetings sent to your personal email. If you do not receive ALADS' email blasts, please call the ALADS facility at (323) 213-4005 and update your information. Or go to our website www.alads.org.







LA County Supervisor Kathryn Barger was on hand to discuss the COVID-19 Mandate and take questions from deputies and district attorney investigators.







Photos: Unit Reps Sworn-in

Congratulations to Kyle Crowley (Background Unit), Mark Vancer (Background Unit), Daniel Ford (NCCF) and Freddie Cardenas (TST), who were sworn in as ALADS' newest unit representatives. If you do not have a unit representative at your assignment, please call ALADS (323) 213-4005 and inquire how to become one. All of the different assignments across the county should have at least one unit representative.

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Art Exhibition by

Deputy Spotlight

Deputy Sean Hoodye

eputy Sean Hoodye is currently assigned as a Defensive Tactics Instructor with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Training Bureau. In addition to his role as a deputy sheriff, Sean is a prolific artist. Most recently, an exhibition of Sean's work was held this past September entitled "VIVID: Life as Color" at the Walt Girdner Photo Studio & Gallery in Pasadena, CA.

Sean's goal is to create works of art that stimulate conversations and dialogue between those people who have differing beliefs in the hopes they ultimately find commonality. As Sean says, "When people with different points of view have real conversations, they realize they are not so different." He hopes his art will inspire people to rethink longheld beliefs and make room for alternative perspectives.

Deputy Hoodye was born in Long Beach, CA and grew up in West Covina, CA. He went to Nogales High School and then attended Mt. San Antonio College. From an early age, Sean's creativity began to flourish. Sean says his family including his Mom and Dad, along with his grandmother, "Miss Angie Scroggins" with whom he was especially close, helped nurture his love of the arts while fostering his capacity of observation and reflection.

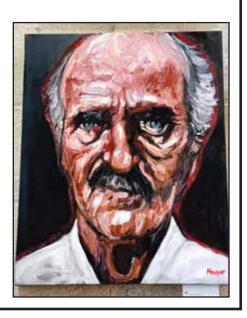
As a young man, Sean decided to become a deputy sheriff after witnessing an armed robbery in his neighborhood where the LASD Special Enforcement Bureau (SEB) was called to assist. He decided then that he would one day be a member of SEB. Sean became a deputy sheriff in 1991 and was assigned to Lennox Station, both as a Field Training Officer and as a Station Detective. He then realized his goal of being part of SEB where he spent about five years, after which he transferred to his current assignment at Training Bureau. Sean believes being an instructor at the Academy is one of the most rewarding jobs because as an instructor, he gives deputies the mental and physical tools to keep themselves and their partners safe in the field.

Please check out more of Sean's work at his website at www.www.artbyhoodye.com









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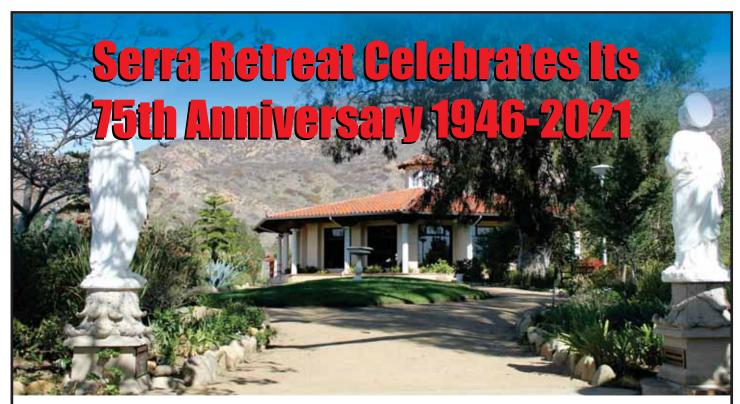
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he weekend of October 1-3, 2021, marked the 75th anniversary of the Sheriff's Department Law Enforcement Retreat at the Serra Retreat house in Malibu.

Deceased Undersheriff Jimmy Downey and Commander Tom Vetter took great pride in Serra Retreat. For over 60 years, Tom Vetter mentored and continued his work with the law enforcement retreat. On January 16, 2021, sadly, Tom passed away from COVID-19. Tom was so excited about the 75th Anniversary Celebration and made sure his committee continued with his planning and work. The committee had a very special weekend honoring Tom Vetter for a life well lived, both personally and professionally, as well as celebrating Serra Retreat and our special law enforcement group. Tom's son, Joe Vetter, a Sergeant with Mammoth Lakes, also attended this special retreat. Everyone was thrilled to have Joe attend, and we all agreed, "Joe is definitely his father's son!"



It began back in 1946 as a weekend retreat from the stress of a career in law enforcement and the many problems that occur during our daily lives. It has now developed into a non-denominational group of men and women from various ethnic and religious backgrounds. It's a time to reflect on one's personal life. Captain Merle Hess was the first female to participate and was a regular until her death. In September 1971, during the start of the Department's Retreat

weekend, Sheriff's personnel evacuated to the beach while a wildfire raged through the canyons and surrounding hills. Many of the buildings at the retreat constructed in the late 1920s were destroyed during the fire.

The Retreat House is a 38-acre Franciscan facility located on a hilltop in Malibu. The entire facility is surrounded by immaculately maintained gardens, multi-colored flower beds, pathways, and trails throughout the property. The entire area has breathtaking views overlooking the hills and the beautiful Pacific Ocean. Unless you see it yourself, you will never realize how stunning the location is. The Retreat House offers six home-cooked meals and voluntary presentations. The cafeteria is on-site and open 24 hours.

All those who attended this 75th celebration



received a beautiful memorial mug.

Julie and Michael Monteverde had taken a great picture of Tom last year at the retreat wearing a cowboy hat. They had the picture placed on canvas and put on an easel. We had





the cowboy picture by the reception area for everyone to see and enjoy.

Committee member Leo Bauer designed a 75th year Serra Retreat sterling silver memorial belt buckle. It is beautiful and can be purchased by anyone interested by contacting Leo.

Committee member Andy Thompson, our historian, put together an excellent photo album of Department personnel who attended the Retreat House going back in time to 1946.

Committee members Tony and Sheila Martins purchased and donated an orange tree that was planted in memory of Tom. Tony crafted a beautiful marble and granite plaque that recognized Tom Vetter's life and was placed at the base of the tree. In addition, the

committee worked tirelessly on the Memory plaque trying to make sure we gave credit to Tom and the Retreat House. Michelle Emeneger finalized the rough drafts. Tony Martins facilitated the beautiful memory plaque hung in the reception area recognizing Tom Vetter and the Sheriff's Department Commitment to the retreat over the past 75 years. Jay Sevoian and Michelle Emeneger

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facilitated having a boulder prepared and placed at the base of the cross in memory of Tom. For the Saturday night celebration, Tony Martins purchased and donated 60 pounds of tri-tip and lots of beans and barbecued the meat to perfection. Everyone said that it was the best tri-tip they ever had! The retreat cooks provided all the other great food for the Saturday celebration. They did a fabulous job providing all the other six meals during the weekend.

Everyone is grateful to the Retreat Committee for their ongoing efforts. The Retreat Committee has

been active for many years and always contributes their time, effort, and financial assistance to make the retreat a success; however, this 75th Law Enforcement Retreat required much more work and financial contributions. All the members dedicated their time and efforts by meeting regularly either by Zoom meetings, text, and phone calls.



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Whatever your beliefs, you will find Serra Retreat a wonderful place to reflect on who you are as a human being and why you were put on this earth. It's an inspirational place to re-evaluate your moral beliefs and set your future goals. All religious denominations are invited to attend. The retreat is open to all members, both sworn and professional staff, active and retired, from all Los Angeles County law enforcement agencies. Spouses, relatives, and friends are also welcome to attend.

Next year's Serra Law Enforcement Retreat dates are September 30,

October 1, and October 2, 2022.

Thank you so much,
Patty & Chuck Norris

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The big question for 2021 is, what will happen after record breaking mortgage rates? Predicting the impact on home values and mortgage rates can only be done by looking at the past. History does repeat itself and mortgage rates along with property values are cyclical. History will always be the best reference for what is to come.

Rates and property values have close ties, and most often take opposite direction from each other. When interest rates are low, property values rise as home buyers spend more due to affordable financing. As mortgage rates rise home buyers on the fence shy away and demand slows. Demand is always the determining factor for value. Another factor in 2021, and the road ahead for home values is foreclosures. It is estimated that there are 225,000 to 500,000 homeowners in danger of losing their home to foreclosure. Court proceedings were limited due to the pandemic which delayed the number of foreclosure proceedings/completion. Without a stimulus package for homeowners in delinquency, many of the foreclosures currently in hang time will be finalized. Foreclosure inventory will rise, and this will add to the negative impact on home values.

Our advice to any homeowner that has not already refinanced to lower rates is to do so ASAP! The end of low rates is near, and home values will decrease. If you have considered lowering your monthly payment, lowering your loan term (30 year to a 25/20/15), renovations, debt consolidation, or investing, the time to act on it is now. Your ability to act on any of these mentioned benefits of refinancing is greatly limited by your home value. A lower home value will leave you with less opportunity. It really is the time to plan and act in preparation for higher rates and lower home value.

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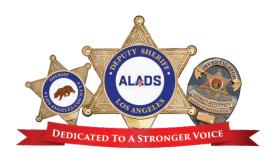


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