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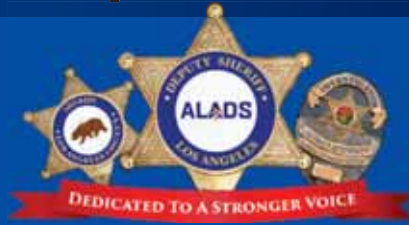
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/ by Ronald Hernandez / ALADS President / Board of Directors

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2 020 will go down in history as one of the most challenging in recent memory. No doubt, this has been a tough year with COVID-19, civil unrest, a perceived turn against law enforcement, and the contentious November election.

At times it may seem that everything and everyone is against you, but I can assure you that nothing could be further from the truth. Always keep in

mind, millions of citizens across our county support and appreciate everything you do, and they will outwardly defend you.

Over the past few months, we saw many headlines about defunding the police. But when it comes down to it, our citizens know better. Our supporters don't want to live without law enforcement. They want to feel safe in their neighborhoods, see boots on the ground when needed, and establish familiarity and friendly relationships with those who patrol their streets. You are more than essential. You are a pillar of the community, without which it could not succeed.

ALADS recently commissioned a community survey, and the responses we received are positive. We asked random members of the public if they feel safe in their neighborhoods. Eighty-two percent of those surveyed said they do. More than two-thirds of those surveyed say that officers are courteous

and professional. These approval rates far exceed the negative perception we have recently received in the media.

We have great examples of your selfless acts of service and protection. Look at the stories we featured on pages 30 through 33 of this issue. Deputies help put

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ALADS Community Survey Results

82% Residents Feel Safe in their Neighborhoods

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President's Message



**YOU ARE SOME OF THE UNSUNG HEROES
FIGHTING THROUGH A GLOBAL CRISIS TO GET
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out fires, assist the elderly and the homeless, comfort babies, and save lives. A few months ago, Parks Bureau members rescued a boy who fell off a pontoon boat and suffered three large bone-deep gash wounds from a propeller. Our deputies treated him and made sure to get him safely to a hospital via a helicopter.

You have demonstrated this all under a new threat to your safety and well-being – the COVID-19 virus. Because of the nature of your jobs, not only does this virus threaten you individually, but it threatens your family and friends as well. Yet, you choose to continue to look out for the safety of others with dedication, professionalism, and resolve.

You are some of the unsung heroes

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on the same team and
whatever 2021 throws at
us, we will continue to
fight for you.**

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fighting through a global crisis to get the job done right with no complaints. You fight through the stress and health risk because you know your importance to our county.

I'm proud to know that our communities can count on you to protect them. And, you can count on us to protect YOU! Whether it be by fighting for your shift-changes, pay increases, and – as it relates to the pandemic – outfitting you with personal protection equipment.

We stand behind you 100 percent. We are all on the same team and whatever 2021 throws at us, we will continue to fight for you.



Vice President's Message

/ by James Wheeler / ALADS Vice President / Board of Directors

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With the passage of Measure J, a new District Attorney, and a new LA County Supervisor, these are trying times. I would like to re-educate the membership and non-members about ALADS and the importance of teamwork.

I will be the first to admit, ALADS has had its ups and downs during my 31 years in the department. It has not

always lived up to my expectations. Although I didn't always see eye to eye with previous ALADS administrations, I stayed with ALADS because this is a team. It's OUR team. Those of you that played organized sports or were

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in the military understand this concept. You don't quit the team. You make it better. That is precisely what your Board of Directors have been doing for the last 4-5 years. ALADS has gone through tremendous changes in that time, making our union the best it has ever been.

ALADS is the union for all deputies and district attorney investigators. We are the only collective bargaining unit for all deputies and district attorney investigators. ALADS negotiates your salary contract (MOU) and the fringe MOU, which is for vacation, holiday, sick time, and contributions to your medical plans. ALADS also negotiates the pricing for ALADS Anthem Blue Cross medical insurance. ALADS has been instrumental in educating lawmakers in the county and state to help craft laws that help law enforcement and provide due process to our members. ALADS was involved in negotiating the Peace Officer Bill

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Vice President's Message

of Rights (POBOR) in 1977. ALADS also negotiated your Peace Officer Relief Fund (PORF) benefits. The fund is managed by the Board of Directors from both ALADS and PPOA. ALADS has probably the best law enforcement legal plan in the country, created by this current Board of Directors. I can go on and on about the benefits and services ALADS provides, but my time is limited.

Understand this, the past is the past, and we can't go forward looking in the rearview mirror. Many years ago, there was a tremendous division within the rank-and-

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file. This division created animosity and weakness. This is not the time for division. We are currently facing a challenging future as the voters have spoken regarding law enforcement and justice reforms. Now more than ever, we (all deputies and district attorney investigators) must come together on the same team. ALADS is that team, and we welcome any deputy sheriff or district attorney investigator back to the team. 



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2020 LEGISLATIVE & ELECTION RESULTS

Statewide Ballot Issues Reflected the Power of Initiatives to Affect Public Safety

By **Matt Siverling**
Legislative Advocate, ALADS



The 2020 Legislative Session has now officially, and thankfully, concluded. On the final night available to him, the Governor acted on the last remaining bills that had reached his Desk during the final nights of the Session. Pursuant to the State Constitution, the Governor had 30 days after the last day of Session to sign or veto any bill in his possession. As with most Governors, he dragged out the process until the final day, and nearly the final hour, before retiring his pen for the year.

In total, Governor Newsom acted on 428 bills in 2020, a drastically smaller number of proposed laws due to the COVID-19 lockdown shortening and limiting the Session. The Senate and Assembly began the year in 2020 by introducing over 3,000 new bills. He vetoed only 56 bills for a veto rate of 13%, slightly lower than 2019, a year in which he vetoed

16.5% of the bills that cleared the Legislature for his consideration. For context, the typical output for the Legislature during “normal times” results in over 1,000 changes to the law (signed bills) per year.

Since it is an election year, the Legislature will return for a one-day “swearing-in” Session on December 7, 2020. During this event, all of the winners of the November Elections will be sworn-in as Assembly/Senate Members, and the Desk will be open for the introduction of priority bills. Since 2020 is the second year of a two-year Session, the process will begin from scratch next year.

In the meantime, the outcome of most of the issues that appeared on the November 2020 Ballot have been decided, with a few notable exceptions:

In statewide races, the seats of power for California were not up for debate; but a dozen ballot initiatives were proposed to voters for approval. On a statewide level, most relevant to ALADS was the rejection of Proposition 20, which would have rolled back select penalties from several voter-approved criminal justice measures and limited which crimes would be eligible for early release (Prop 47/57). A majority of voters signaled that they support “second chances” and more lenient punishments in lieu of jail time for crimes. In line with this, they also broadly supported restoring the right to vote to felons on parole who have served their sentence (Prop 17). Surprisingly, voters then proceeded to reject cashless bail (Prop 25), extend the right to vote

to 17-year-olds (Prop 18), and overwhelmingly disagreed with relaunching affirmative action (Prop 16).

At the State Capitol, it appears the Republicans have managed to fend off most of the targeted battles in competitive districts, with a couple of exceptions. In the Assembly, Phillip Chen (55th) and Tom Lackey (36th) reversed election night deficits to retain their seats. In the Senate, however, the Democrats managed to add to their already lopsided 75% mega-majority by flipping two more seats from Red to Blue. John Moorlach (37th) and Ling Ling Chang (29th) lost fierce contests to newcomer Dave Min in Orange County and the former (recalled) Senator Josh Newman, who won his seat back. The composition of the Senate now sits at 31 Democrats and only 9 Republicans. As of 11/12/2020, the race for Mike Morrell’s 23rd District seat is still too close to call, but Republican Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh clings to a narrow lead to retain the seat for the party on the right. And finally, Scott Wilk’s Palmdale Senate Seat (21st) was a close-call for the Republicans, but he appears to have the edge to retain his title.

Reggie Jones-Sawyer cruised to a relatively comfortable victory in the 59th District, despite significant pressure and resources pouring into his opponent from law enforcement unions within and outside of Los Angeles. Jones-Sawyer is the Chair of the Public Safety Committee in the Assembly.

Lastly, progressive voters in Los Angeles made


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/ ALADS Legislative Counsel and Advocate

State Legislative Corner

their voices heard through the outcomes of the District Attorney race, which resulted in incumbent Jackie Lacey being replaced by progressive challenger George Gascon; the passage of Measure J, which will divert 10% locally-generated revenue to community investment and alternatives to incarceration; and the choice of Holly Mitchell over Herb Wesson for an open County Supervisor seat.

These election outcomes signal that 2021 will be a challenging year for law enforcement. The Legislature will likely continue down the criminal justice reform path, decriminalization of select offenses, and rehabilitation over incarceration.

The lawmakers will get back to business tinkering with the Codes and introducing bills for the upcoming 2021-22 Session on December 7th. ALADS continues to be a trusted and depended-upon voice for law enforcement in the State Capitol. We stand prepared to engage on these critical issues that will undoubtedly be debated next year. 



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New “Kobe Bryant Privacy Law” Bans Accident Scene Photography by First Responders

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In the wake of the tragic helicopter crash that claimed the life of Kobe Bryant and eight other victims, the Legislature passed AB 2655, making it a misdemeanor for first responders to take unauthorized photographs of deceased persons at accident or crime scenes. AB 2655 adds Section 647.9 to the Penal Code and amends Penal Code section 1524.)

Known as the Kobe Bryant Law, AB 2655 was enacted after media reports that public safety personnel who responded to the crash scene may have shared photographs of the deceased victims. The Legislature

sought to protect the privacy and dignity of the deceased, and penalize public officials who breach the public trust by using their unique access and authority to document tragic events for personal fulfillment.

The new law makes it a crime for any first responder who responds to the scene of an accident or crime and to take photographs of a deceased person by any means, including either a personal electronic device or one belonging to the employing agency, unless the picture is taken for an official law enforcement purpose or to advance a genuine public interest.

This law defines a “first responder” as a

state or local peace officer, firefighter, paramedic, emergency medical technician, rescue service personnel, emergency manager, coroner, or employee of a coroner.

The new law also allows law enforcement to obtain a search warrant to seize first responder’s personal electronic devices that may contain evidence that a violation of the new law has occurred. The law limits a search warrant to a criminal investigation under this law and other public offenses and excludes evidence of department policy violations.

The bill requires first responder agencies to notify their employees of this new law by January 1, 2021.

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Paramedics and EMTs should also know that violation of this new law could subject them to discipline by their Local EMS Agency or the State EMS Authority that could result in having their license suspended or revoked.

The takeaway for all first responders is that taking photos of deceased

persons in the line of duty without a law enforcement purpose or to advance a genuine public interest could result in criminal charges being filed against them. Stay Professional. ■

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ALADS VSP VISION ENHANCEMENTS

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For any members who participate in the County's Health Care Spending Account (HCSA), please note that vision services and materials may be considered qualified medical expenses. Don't forget to submit an HCSA claim to the County for your qualified out-of-pocket costs.

VSP Vision Benefit Enhancements for 2021

Beginning January 1, 2021, the ALADS VSP Vision plan will include even more benefit enhancements for enrolled members and dependents. Retinal imaging will now be covered as part of the annual in-network WellVision exam. Retinal imaging uses an advanced imaging system to take pictures of the inside of your eye, which can help detect eye diseases and other serious health conditions.

You and your enrolled dependents may also receive frames, lenses, and contact lenses more frequently, as these will be available every 12 months. Plus, the standard frame allowance for in-network providers is increasing from \$120 to \$150. With this change, the allowance for featured VSP frame brands is increasing from \$140 to \$170, as well as the Costco frame allowance from \$70 to \$80.

Lastly, the ALADS VSP Vision will also allow enrolled members and their dependents to use

the frame allowance towards sunglasses. Use the new \$150 in-network frame allowance for ready-made non-prescription sunglasses, in lieu of prescription glasses or contacts, beginning January 1st, 2021.

How Do You Find a VSP Eye Doctor?

To find a VSP eye doctor, you can go to www.vsp.com or call VSP at (800) 877-7195. You can also call the ALADS Benefit Service Center at (800) 842-6635 for help with understanding your vision benefits and finding a VSP doctor.

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

The Holman Group

Holiday Stress in the New Normal

President of The Holman Group
Dr. Ron Holman



Although the holidays are meant to be a joyful time together with family, too often the holidays evolve into a time crunch with a long list of tasks and unreasonable expectations. This year more than ever, we are faced with increased anxiety, stress and depression as we continue to deal with the pandemic. The way we normally celebrate the season might look very different this year. As human beings are creatures of habit, the change can cause extra stress and tension. We thrive on the familiar and most of us detest change. We may find that even the most even tempered amongst us are exhibiting more frustration and irritability. Recognition of these emotions is important as it will give us the upper hand to deal with them. When we know what is coming, we can

pull out some of our stress management skills to assist us. If you find that you or a family member is struggling in the new normal, please give us a call.

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During these uncertain times, physical activity is essential to your well-being. Exercise is especially important now because it can have many beneficial side effects on your overall health. Using the ALADS Prime Gym Membership benefit, you can take advantage of all the Prime Gym Network services available. Here are a few things to consider about regular exercise.

Prevents weight gain: Exercise can help you burn extra calories caused by dietary changes and offset the effects of sedentary activities.

Reduces stress and anxiety: Exercise is a proven mood-booster and can help relieve stress levels and build emotional resilience.

Exercise improves sleep: There is evidence

that suggests regular exercise helps you fall asleep faster and improves sleep quality.

Boosts the immune system: Research shows that regular, moderate-intensity exercise has immune-boosting benefits that may help your body fight off infections.

While it is easy to skip your usual workout, public officials say that exercise – while critical under normal circumstances – is essential to your physical health and mental well-being during this pandemic. Here are some ideas you can do to feel better.

Exercise with family: Exercise is an excellent opportunity for family fun. Walks, bike rides, dance parties, living-room yoga sessions, or backyard soccer games are just a few examples of how you and your household members can exercise together.

Get outdoors: Walking, cycling, jogging, and hiking can help you get some much-needed fresh air while staying safely away from others. Don't have time for a full-length outdoor exercise session? Consider breaking your workout up into several 10-minute sessions. You'll be surprised at how quickly a few brisk walks around the block can add up to a full workout.

Remote gym services: Given the current climate with COVID-19, many gyms and fitness facilities may be closed at this time. However, members and dependents over age 18 enrolled in an ALADS Anthem Blue Cross plan can also access their gym membership



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program on a remote basis. To get started, please navigate to the following site www.mybenefitchoices.com/alads to see if an in-network Prime Fitness location is offering remote services. Once on the site, select the flyer "Anthem - COVID-19 Benefit Resources Flyer," and on the last page of the flyer, there are links to find gyms with "Remote Gym Services." You can also contact any of the 10,000 gyms in the nationwide network to learn what services they have available during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The bottom line: Although it may take some effort to create and adjust to new fitness routines, regular physical activity can help you optimize your health and well-being. 



ALADS THANKS RETIRING BOARD MEMBER **Steve Blagg**



After four years of serving on the ALADS Board of Directors, Steve Blagg decided not to run for re-election this year. He was the board's bean counter, or rather, the treasurer, who helped right the ship.

Steve Blagg ran for the board in 2016 because he believed, "ALADS is broken and appears to have been broken for some time."

"I felt that one of the major deficiencies at that time was in the legal plan. There was one attorney and law group that represented over 7,000 members and the Board of Directors. To me, that was a conflict of interest. After I, along with Robert Sass and Mark Claahsen, were elected to the board it was a more cohesive group who worked together to construct the legal plan as you see it today as well as improving the wages and working conditions for our members."

Blagg became a deputy in 1987 and worked his way around the department. His unit assignments included the Hall of Justice jail, Norwalk Station, Pico Rivera Station, Major Crimes Bureau, and finally his current assignment as a detective in the Homicide Bureau where he has worked for the past thirteen years.

In fact, Blagg and his partner were the lead detectives in the case where the two TSB

deputies were shot at the Compton Blue Line Station last September. They worked alongside their team to gather evidence, interview witnesses, identify the suspect and eventually arrest him.

Before becoming a board member, Blagg served as a Unit Rep and a member of the Governance Committee.

After serving as a deputy for 33 years, Blagg said he plans to retire in two years and wants to spend the remainder of his time working his cases at Homicide. "It has been my honor to serve on the Board of Directors for the past four years. Hopefully, the board made a difference in legal representation, wages and working conditions as well as several other areas. Even though I am no longer on the board, I will continue to fight for our members. I'm not gone yet, so if any member needs me, I'll be here to assist in any way I can. There's a saying about leaving something better than you found it, and I believe my fellow ALADS Board of Directors and I did that."

ALADS WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBER **Thomas Ferguson**



This year, ALADS was spared the expense of having an election because Detective Steve Blagg is stepping down from the Board of Directors, and only one candidate signed up to run in his place, Thomas Ferguson. ALADS thanks Steve Blagg for his service, and we welcome our newest Board Member Thomas Ferguson.

Tom is a veteran detective with 29 years on the department. Assignments he has worked at include Custody (PDC-North, OSJ), Patrol (Altadena / Crescenta Valley, East LA), COPS Bureau, and OSS. He is currently assigned to Detective Division (Fraud & Cyber Crimes Bureau).

Detective Ferguson has already been very involved with ALADS. He has served the ALADS membership as a Unit Representative (At-Large), Chairperson of the Governance Committee, and more recently as the lead litigant on the

recently settled FLSA lawsuit against the County of Los Angeles. He is also a member of the Contract Negotiations Team and Curtailment Committee.

About becoming an ALADS Director, Tom stated, "I appreciate the opportunity to step up to serve the membership as a Board Member. I want to assist members by continuing the momentum of the positive strides ALADS has recently made. During my tenure as a unit representative, I have been encouraged by the membership's positive feedback. I pledge to continue my dialogue with the membership and intensify my dedication."

As a Board Member, Tom looks forward to encouraging more member involvement in all aspects of our union and to fight for our rights as union members and employees. He will also encourage members to become involved in Unit Representative meetings, voting, and to seek positions on ALADS' committees.



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FROM THE COMMUNITY

South El Monte Mayor Gloria Olmos

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"We Need Our Deputies More Than Ever"

South El Monte Mayor Gloria Olmos was first elected to the City Council in 2015. In 2017, she was elected Mayor and won her Mayoral re-election this November without a challenge.

Before her election to the City Council, Mayor Olmos served on the Valle Lindo School Board for 15 years, where she helped lead the effort to dramatically improve academic results.

As Mayor, she has enforced fiscal accountability and initiated a website bringing transparency to the city's permitting and contracting process. She is constantly looking to make positive changes to generate more revenue for the city by bringing more commercial and retail businesses into the city, which has doubled while she has been Mayor. With all her accomplishments, Mayor Olmos is most proud of reducing violent crimes in the city, which she attributes to working collaboratively with the deputies assigned to her city.

The coronavirus pandemic has created a long list of issues at levels many cities have never seen; mass unemployment, homelessness, isolation, unrest, and protest.

"I believe we need our deputies more than ever, because they are familiar with our community," said Mayor Olmos. "When they make their rounds, they know our most vulnerable people and check in on them. They advise us if they see a need that we can partner with them to continue to keep our community safe."

The deputies have the additional risk that did not exist before the COVID-19 pandemic. Our deputies are "wearing face masks for safety while simultaneously protecting the



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most vulnerable residents in our community from being illegally evicted, while also trying to keep themselves safe," said Mayor Olmos.

The job of a deputy sheriff has evolved over the years. Deputies are engaged in our community. "We had a census parade that our

deputies assisted us in, which put our staff and volunteers at peace knowing the deputies were with us." Mayor Olmos continued, "They are very receptive to every request. I truly admire how they work from the heart. They truly care about people. It's not just a job for them."

"The worst part about the COVID-19 pandemic is seeing people suffering, and not having the necessities for their families," Olmos said.

"Although it has been challenging, we feed over 1,500 seniors daily. We also call them almost daily to check on them to make sure they are okay. We grocery shop for them, pick up their prescriptions, and get them a ride to their doctors. We have adjusted so much to meet the needs of the community. It definitely is expensive and challenging, but we see it as necessary to keep the unity in our community. We have done this without receiving any additional compensation or funding by the federal, state, or county, although we are hoping to be compensated for some in the future by the governor."

"My heart goes out to the deputies for all that they do. I really appreciate them putting their lives on the line for us on a daily basis. We owe them our deepest gratitude. I would truly dread the day that we would not have them on our side to protect us. So hopefully, our supervisors wise up and realize how bad we need them. I am sure they would want to take precautions to get home to their loved ones as well. It is not an easy task, but it is clearly a necessary task. The best thing they can invest in is perhaps more training and not cutting. Thank you to all of you who serve us integrally and with the heart of compassion. God bless you."





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Training Bureau held a fundraiser for the ambushed deputies on September 24, 2020 at Biscailuz Center "BC" Academy. Great job, Training Bureau.



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Deputies Doing Good in the Community 2020

Throughout 2020, the law enforcement community has been hit hard with many trials and tribulations, including the COVID-19 pandemic, civil unrest protests, fires, and ambush shootings, just to name a few. As deputies, you have continued to keep your heads held high and worked hard to keep communities safe. We would like to thank you for all of your hard work. Here are some of the highlighted stories we featured.

Deputy Fights a Fire with a Garden Hose

California's fire season was one of the worst recorded. Fires included the Bobcat Fire in Los Angeles County, El Dorado Fire in San Bernardino County, Creek Fire in Fresno and Madera Counties, Silverado Fire in Orange County, Blue Ridge in Orange and San Bernardino Counties, August Complex in multiple Counties and SQF Complex in Tulare County. Five of the Top 20 wildfires in California's history, six of the most destructive and two of the deadliest wildfires have occurred this year. According to Cal Fire, there have been 9,177 fire incidents, 4,194,148 acres burned throughout the state, 31 fatalities and 10,488 structures that have been damaged or destroyed as of November 9, 2020.

On Monday, October 26, 2020, Lomita Station received dozens of 9-1-1 calls regarding a fire on Hawthorne Boulevard in the city of Rolling Hills Estates. When deputies arrived to the fire, they noticed there were three separate areas near the roadway that were on fire, and the fire was racing up the hillside towards homes. Although deputies are not on the frontlines to stop the fires, they are a major part of keeping the public safe. While firefighters battle the flames, deputies help to block traffic and evacuate residents.

As deputies arrived on the scene and began to block traffic at Hawthorne Boulevard and Palos Verdes Drive North, Deputy Kyle Sullivan drove directly to the residential street behind the fire in case they needed to evacuate the area. When Deputy Sullivan arrived, he saw that the trees and bushes to the rear of two homes were on fire and the fire was creeping under the fence lines.

After the coordination of evacuating those two residences, Deputy Sullivan grabbed a garden hose from one of the backyards and managed to hold the fire at bay until resources from the Los Angeles County Fire Department were able to extinguish the hillside.



Thanks to the rapid response of L.A. County Fire and Torrance Fire Departments, along with Deputy Sullivan's efforts, the blaze was quickly extinguished with no structures lost or damaged.

Courtesy of lasdlomita Instagram Page



Deputies Doing Good in the Community 2020

Deputy Gives Water to Homeless Man

While out on patrol, Deputy Joseph Curiel of Palmdale Station noticed a homeless man looking a little dehydrated. Deputy Curiel decided to stop by a local convenience store to purchase the man a couple bottles of water.



The homeless man was extremely appreciative and grateful to Deputy Curiel for his kindness upon being handed the water.

Thank you, Deputy Joseph Curiel, for going beyond the call of duty to take care of the Palmdale community during the hot summer.

Courtesy of Palmdale Sheriff's Station's Facebook Page

Deputy Comforts Child in Traumatic Situation

On July 15th, Lancaster Station received a call of a gunshot victim at a local business. When the deputies arrived, they found a Black female victim sitting in the driver's seat with gunshot wounds in the upper body and was transported to the hospital in critical condition.



In the back seat of the vehicle, deputies found a one-year-old boy physically unharmed during the shooting. Deputy Josef Schirmeister kept the baby distracted and cared for while he was at the scene.

Great job Deputy Schirmeister for showing kindness and compassion by keeping the baby boy distracted during this traumatic event.

Courtesy of Lancaster Station's Facebook Page



Deputies Doing Good in the Community 2020

Deputies Rescue Boy in Boating Accident



A family outing could have ended tragically on Friday, July 10, if it had not been for deputies assigned to the Parks Bureau. Two sisters and their children on a rented pontoon boat were enjoying their ride when suddenly they felt a jolt from a large wake in the water. Nine-year-old Jayden Medina was thrown from the pontoon and ended up under the vessel with the propeller fast approaching. The young boy had a life vest on, which became entangled with the

propeller. The vest caused the propeller to stop, but not before it sliced three bone-deep lacerations into Jayden's left thigh.

A jet skier notified deputies nearby, and they raced in their vessel to the pontoon. Deputy Lisa Joyce was the first onboard. Seeing how bad the situation was for the little boy, she quickly radioed a call for a rescue helicopter. Deputy Joyce then poured saline on the wound and put a trauma dressing on Jayden's leg.

"He was a trooper, a real trooper," Deputy Joyce said about little Jayden.

The deputies then placed Jayden and his mother, Susana Trejo, onto their vessel and got them to their station.



Deputies Joyce and Tim Stanley, joined by Deputy Travis Randell – all trained EMTs – continued to medically treat Jayden and prepared him and his mother to be transported by the helicopter.

The child and his mother were airlifted to Children's Hospital Los Angeles by an LA County Fire helicopter. On Sunday, Deputy Joyce delivered a stuffed Sheriff Teddy Bear and K9 to keep Jayden in high spirits. Hospital officials say the boy is listed in good condition.

If the boat deputies were not present, this story could have had a horrific ending. Thank you to Deputies Joyce, Stanley, and Randell for a job well done.

Courtesy of LASD Parks Bureau Facebook page

Deputies Rescue a Peacock



On Monday, July 27th, Transit Deputies Yuna Shi and her partner George Perez received a call regarding a possible wounded animal on the L Line train tracks, near the Arcadia Station.

When they arrived to the location, they were surprised to find a wounded peacock. With

the help of an Animal Control Officer, Deputies Shi and Perez were able to safely wrangle the wayward peacock. He was able to get the medical care he needed.

Way to go Deputies Yuna Shi and George Perez for keeping our communities – even peacocks – safe.

Courtesy of lasdtransit Instagram page



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Deputies Doing Good in the Community 2020

Deputy Saves a Choking Baby's Life



On Sunday, May 31, 2020, Deputy Cameron Kinsey of Palmdale Sheriff's Station took quick action at a park when he saved an 11-month-old boy's life.

Deputy Kinsey and other deputies were monitoring a protest taking place at the park when two female protestors, ran towards Deputy Kinsey with a limp baby seeking aid. They met in the parking lot, where the anxious mother handed over her son to Deputy Kinsey. After assessing the child, Deputy Kinsey administered a mouth sweep with his finger and dislodged the vomit. The baby began to breathe again and regained consciousness.

Paramedics arrived shortly afterward and transported the baby to the hospital for treatment. It was determined that the baby had swallowed a coin, which lodged in his throat and blocked his airway. Through the mouth sweep procedure, Deputy Kinsey was able to open the baby's airway and turn the coin sideways, allowing air to pass through.

Big kudos to Deputy Kinsey of Palmdale Sheriff's Station!

Courtesy of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department's Facebook page



Deputies Assist an Elderly Woman with Her Groceries

Deputies Miguel Paz and Javier Hernandez of Century Station's Special Problems Team assisted a senior citizen with her groceries.

While patrolling the streets, the deputies witnessed an elderly woman struggling to carry her groceries home. They stopped to assist her and found out that she

missed the bus to take her home from the grocery store. Deputies Paz and Hernandez gave her a ride home and helped put her groceries away.

Thank you, Deputies Paz and Hernandez, for going above the call of duty to assist a person in need.

Courtesy of Century Station's Facebook page

LASD SPOUSES SUPPORTING Spouses Group

The idea for LASD Spouses Supporting Spouses started to formulate in Jennifer Myers's mind last May when deputies were being assigned to work 12-hour shifts due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Stress factors were high and deputies and their loved ones were looking for information and resources.

Jennifer, a full-time mother of five—two of which are under the age of three—was looking for a way to cope. She found an outlet by visiting various law enforcement and first responder support groups on Facebook. In one Facebook group, Jennifer read a post by an LAPD wife venting about her feelings and asked if there was a support group specifically for LAPD wives. Scrolling through the comments, someone posted a link to the LAPD Wives Association. Looking at the website, Jennifer realized that it would be an enormous resource for LASD deputies' spouses, so she tried to find a similar LASD group, but she could not find one anywhere. Jennifer realized that the only way to make this a reality is for someone to take charge and create the group, and that person would be her. However, where to start?

In the beginning, it took a lot of work to get the group started. When her husband was home and she had some time, Jennifer talked to the LAPD Wives Association founder and learned about the steps she had taken and the lessons she learned during the past 15 years since the group was founded. She then talked to Dr. Stephen Seetal of the Psychological Services Bureau, the Sheriff's Office, and Assistant Sheriff's Office to get more information on how to start this new group. With the help of three other spouses and former ALADS Director Mark Claahsen, they created a business plan outlining the goals they would like to achieve, a logo, and launched the



Jennifer Myers with her family

Facebook group with a vetting process. They called it LASD Spouses Supporting Spouses.

LASD Spouses Supporting Spouses envisions "to have members associated with every station and unit for a collective representation of LASD." This group is exclusive to spouses and domestic partners. So far, there are only female spouses in the group. Members of the group can share their experiences dealing with their spouse going through the academy, patrol training, becoming parents, bereavement, and retirement. When they launched the Facebook page, there were 33 members and eight pending from the vetting process. Now, there are nearly 200 members in the group and growing. A few months after launching the Facebook page, they launched an Instagram page ([lasd_spouses](#)), which has nearly 200 followers too.

The vetting process is quite simple. Prospective members have to answer three simple questions in 24 hours. The first

question is, how did you hear about the group, and who referred you? This question gives them an idea of what methods work to reach out to people. The second question is, what is your spouse's unit of assignment and position? With this information, they can reach out to specific members about certain situations and create subgroups (The founders understand that some spouses are unable to provide the unit of assignment and position information if their significant other is working undercover.). Lastly, they ask what is your spouse's academy class number? This trick question allows them to see if someone is trying to join the group with ill intentions by putting in an outlandish number. They had to reject at least one person due to anti-police sentiment showing on their Facebook profile page. It is vital to make sure that prospective members say who they are and plan on joining the group with good intentions.

LASD Spouses Supporting Spouses hosted a Zoom meeting event on October 14th. During the Zoom meeting, Dr. Baumgart of the Psychological Services Bureau spoke to the group about the different services and resources they can provide. Dr. Baumgart is the wife of a retired police officer and offered professional and personal perspectives on issues that spouses face. For example, a member who's husband just started patrol training asked Dr. Baumgart how can she show him support? Dr. Baumgart suggested hiding notes of encouragement in certain places, like their lunch sack, because they can look at those little notes when they are having a rough day. The Psychological Services Bureau put the group's founders on the email blast list for its monthly briefing on issues that they forward to the membership.

One of the founding members is the widow of

LASD SPOUSES SUPPORTING Spouses Group

Lieutenant Partick Liberton, Sherise, who told Jennifer about how much support they got at the beginning after her husband passed away in the line of duty. Within a few months, everything fizzled out. Jennifer wants this group to continue to show support for the families in need and never forget them.



couple of paint nights in Pomona, one on Thursday, November 5, and the other on Saturday, November 7.

The group has some ideas they would love to come to fruition soon. Since the Spooky gift exchange was successful and brought joy to the membership, they plan to do a Holiday gift exchange. They would love to do Adopt-A-Family, where the membership nominates families in need during the Christmas season. Lastly, they would like to start doing a book club. Jennifer got some suggestions from the Psychological Services Bureau. However, the first book they will start with is *After the Badge* by Vickie Speed and Tania Owen, who are members. After reading the book, the members will do a live book talk with Vickie and Tania to discuss it.

LASD Spouses Supporting Spouses are also accepting those who don't



Paint Night on November 7th

When Deputy Lomeli's house was burnt down, the group came together to provide clothing for the children and supply a meal train. Jennifer went over to meet with Blanca, the wife of Deputy Javier Lomeli, who was very appreciative and asked for business cards to give to friends to join the group. They also assist with supporting members' self-employed and side businesses by purchasing their products.



Spooky gift exchange goodies

Although this is a support group, it is crucial to trickle in some light events. For Halloween, they did a Spooky gift exchange where they used Elfster, an online Secret Santa Generator and Christmas List App, to assist with drawing names. The members had a budget of \$25 to ship a bunch of goodies to their respective persons. The first in-person event was a



Paint Night on November 5th

have social media, but still want to be a part of a support group by creating an email list to invite them to events, activities and meetings (online and in-person) as well.

If you are interested in becoming a member or have questions about the group, please email Jennifer Myers at LASDspouses@gmail.com.



Your PORF Benefit Q & A:

Be Sure to Update Your Beneficiaries



In January 1990, as a part of negotiations for a new Salary MOU for Units 611 & 612, ALADS and PPOA established the Peace Officers' Relief Fund (PORF). The purpose of PORF is to provide peace of mind by knowing that income will continue in the event of an injury or illness, while on- or off-duty. PORF is a benefit that you receive at no cost to you. PORF is entirely funded by the County as a result of salary negotiations with your Bargaining Team.

PORF Provides These Two Important Benefits:

Long-Term Disability (LTD):

This benefit pays up to 60% of your pre-disability base salary. The monthly benefit amount may be reduced by any other income you receive for the disabling condition.

Benefits begin after 90 consecutive days of disability and are payable for the duration of your approved disability up to Social Security retirement age. Benefits are payable for both on and off the job disabilities

Group Term Life Insurance (GTL):

This benefit pays a \$125,000 death benefit.

Is your beneficiary of record up to date? To make a change, simply call the number below, and a beneficiary designation form will be mailed to you.

- ALADS members may call (800) 842-6635

Who is eligible for PORF?

All active full-time, sworn peace officers belonging to Bargaining Units 611 and 612: Deputies, Sergeants, Lieutenants, and District Attorney Investigators.

What are the provisions of the LTD Benefit?

- Waiting Period = 90 consecutive days of Total Disability
- Approved benefit begins on the 91st day
- Covers injury/illness on- or off-duty
- Maximum monthly benefit = up to 60% of gross monthly salary (at time of disability) to a maximum of \$10,000

Will the LTD benefit be offset by other income?

Yes. Eligible and ineligible offsets are listed below:

■ Eligible Offsets:

- Workers Comp (a.k.a. 4850 time or IOD)
- Retirement income

■ Ineligible Non-Offsets:

- Vacation time
- Overtime
- Holidays
- Sick Pay

The PORF Administrator will request your current payroll information from the respective department and provide that information to the insurance carrier.

How do I file a claim?

A claim packet will be sent to you via email or U.S. postal service mail, your choice. For a claim packet:

- ALADS members may call (800) 842-6635

What will be my monthly LTD benefit?

The insurance carrier will review the claim along with payroll information and if approved, they will determine the monthly benefit.

Is the LTD benefit taxable income?

Yes.

When does the LTD benefit terminate?

When claimant returns to work (no longer disabled) or Social Security retirement age.

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Your PORF Benefit Q & A:

Did You Forget About Your **\$125,000** PORF Life Insurance?

Will the LTD benefit be deducted from my paycheck?

No. The PORF disability benefit is not a part of your regular salary/income.

Will the LTD benefit affect my retirement or Workers Compensation settlement with the County?

No.

Is there a waiting period for the GTL benefit?

No.

Does the GTL have an Accelerated Benefit Option?

Yes. If an insured is Certified as Terminally Ill, the Living Benefit will be an amount equal to 75% of the Death Benefit applicable to the Insured under the Policy on the date of the Certification of Terminal Illness, subject to a maximum benefit of \$93,750. The Living Benefit is payable one time only for any insured.

Can I continue the GTL benefit during an absence?

Yes. The policyholder may continue the life insurance benefit during the following absences:

1. Injury/Sickness: 30 months following date active work ceased.
2. Temp Layoff/Approved Leave of Absence: 12 months following date active work ceased.
3. Labor Dispute: For the absence up to the earliest of the following:
 - The expiration of 6 months from the date you ceased active work because of a Labor Dispute with your employer; or

DO YOU KNOW WHO YOUR BENEFICIARIES ARE?

- The date you accept active employment with another employer; or
- The date timely payments of premium are not made; or
- The date the Labor Dispute ends.

To obtain the PORF benefit information booklet, go to the following website: www.mybenefitchoices.com/PORF and click on the Resources link to view the PORF Evidence of Coverage (EOC) Booklet and other information.

Be Sure to Update Your Beneficiaries!

Deputies and district attorney investigators that have recently been married, divorced or have had a child, should call the ALADS Benefit Service Center at (800) 842-6635 to confirm that their beneficiaries are up to date.

ALADS does not share information with the County, so you must call the ALADS Benefit Service Center to update your beneficiary list. If you haven't updated your beneficiary list, it is more than likely your current beneficiary is whoever you listed when you were in the Academy. Have things changed since then?

Should something happen to you, don't leave your family to legally battle it out with someone you knew 20 years ago. It's a legal battle they may lose.

**Call ALADS Benefit Service Center at
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SHERIFF'S ACADEMY

Class 452**ALADS Vice President James Wheeler
Speaks to Class 452**

ALADS Vice President James Wheeler met with members of Class #452 on October 6, 2020, to congratulate them for making it through the Academy. He also raffled off flashlights and insulated coffee tumblers that the graduates will be needing for their new assignments. Congratulations to the members of Class #452!

SHERIFF'S ACADEMY

Congratulations!

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Training Bureau APPRECIATION LUNCH

Monday, October 28, 2020

ALADS held its Training Bureau Appreciation Lunch at Biscailuz Center. On hand were ALADS President Ron Hernandez, ALADS Vice President James Wheeler, ALADS Field Reps Mike Prince and Dana Fackert. Approximately ninety members were served Lascari's Italian pizzas, sub sandwiches, and salads.

Thank you to everyone who came out for the lunch!



SHERIFF'S ACADEMY


Patrol School Class 288



On Wednesday, October 20, 2020, ALADS President Ron Hernandez met with Patrol School Class #288 at Biscailuz Center.

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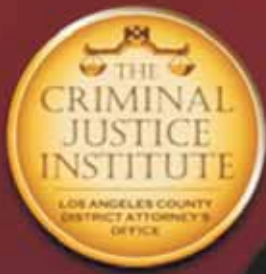
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ONE MINUTE BRIEF

NUMBER: 2020-38 **DATE:** 11-05-20 **BY:** Devallis Rutledge **TOPIC:** Attempted/Completed Crimes

ISSUE: Can a defendant be convicted of an *attempt* to commit a crime, even when the evidence establishes that the crime was in fact *completed*?

Per PC § 664, most attempts to commit crimes are punishable by **one-half** the sentence prescribed for the target crimes (except as provided in other statutes, and for attempted murders, which have specifically-prescribed punishments). But police officers, prosecutors, magistrates, judges or jurors may occasionally make the mistake of viewing the evidence as proving *only* an **attempt** to commit a particular crime, when the evidence as established clearly shows that the crime was **actually committed** by the defendant. In such circumstances, can a conviction for attempt be upheld? In most cases, the short answer is, "Yes."

*"Any person **may be convicted** of an **attempt** to commit a crime, **although it appears on the trial that the crime intended or attempted was perpetrated** by such person in pursuance of such attempt, unless the court, in its discretion, discharges the jury and directs such person to be tried for such crime."* PC § 663.

*"Under section 663, a defendant can be **convicted of an attempt** to commit a crime, even though **the crime was completed**. Further, evidence tending to prove that the crime was completed, even though not absolute proof of the crime of attempt, **gives rise to a reasonable inference** that the perpetrator **intended** to commit that crime."* *People v. Rundle* (2008) 43 Cal.4th 76, 138, fn. 28, disapproved on other grounds by *People v. Doolin* (2009) 45 Cal.4th 390, 421, fn. 22.

- For example: Wesley John Robins was the getaway driver for a woman who went into a store and shoplifted *"a large quantity of clothing."* When the woman was confronted outside by the store's loss-prevention officer, both she and Robins used force or threats against the LPO to try to retain the clothing, which they ultimately discarded before jumping into their waiting vehicle and speeding away. This converted the theft into an *"Estes robbery"* (see 1MB 2008-04: the use of force to *retain* stolen property or to *escape* apprehension during asportation elevates a theft to a robbery. *People v. Estes* (1983) 147 Cal.App.3d 23).

The preliminary hearing magistrate mistakenly held Robins to answer only for **attempted** robbery (apparently because defendants were unsuccessful in escaping with the goods); the prosecutor tried Robins only for attempted robbery; and he was convicted of attempted robbery.

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Affirming Robins' conviction on appeal, the Court of Appeal first pointed out that the evidence actually showed a **completed** *Estes* robbery, because once force or fear is used in an effort to retain stolen property or to escape, the *Estes* robbery is **complete**, *"even if the thief is ultimately unsuccessful in escaping with the goods."* *People v. Robins* (2020) 44 Cal.App.5th 413, 419.

Next, citing PC § 663, the court ruled that *"commission of the completed robbery does not preclude conviction of the attempted robbery...."* *Id.*, at 422.

- Courts are required to give jury instructions on attempt as a lesser-included offense of a charged crime if supported by the evidence. *People v. Breverman* (1998) 19 Cal.4th 142, 154; CALCRIM 460. However, courts **should not give jury instructions on attempts** where the nature of the charged crime precludes a viable attempt charge. *People v. Johnson* (1996) 51 Cal.App.4th 1329, 1332 (there is no such crime as "attempted involuntary manslaughter"); *People v. Bean* (1989) 213 Cal.App.3d 639, 642 (no such crime as "attempted petty theft with a prior"); *In re Kent W.* (1986) 181 Cal.App.3d 721, 724 (no such crime as "attempted reckless causing of a fire"); and *In re James M.* (1973) 9 Cal.3d 517, 522 ("no such crime as attempted assault").

BOTTOM LINE: Except where an attempt to commit a crime is not a logical or legal possibility, a defendant may be convicted of an *attempt* to commit a crime, even though the evidence establishes a *completed* crime.

(Emphases added and citations omitted in quoted material.)

This information was current as of publication date. It is not intended as legal advice. It is recommended that readers check for subsequent developments, and consult legal advisors to ensure currency after publication. Local policies and procedures regarding application should be observed.

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LIFE AFTER THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Dave Kolinski

In 1975, Deputy Dave Kolinski joined the Sheriff's Department as an Off the Streeter. He graduated from the Sheriff's Academy in Class #177 and had a 32-year career on the department. After multiple jail assignments, in 1979 he went to patrol training and worked patrol at Lennox and Norwalk Stations. Deputy Kolinski also spent



some time on loan to narcotics and finished his last five years as a Norwalk motor deputy. He retired from the Sheriff's Department in 2007.

Deputy Kolinski's stepson Trevor Ctibor decided to follow in both his father Tom Ctibor and Dave's footsteps when he joined the Sheriff's Department as a member of Class #411.

While Trevor was going through the Academy, recruits were requested to ask their family members to volunteer to participate in training scenarios. Trevor asked Dave to participate and the rest is history. After Trevor graduated from the Academy, Dave continued to help out with training scenarios over the past five years.

When asked why he keeps volunteering even after his stepson graduated, Dave said, "I like to teach the knowledge I acquired during my career. I enjoy paying forward all the help I received while growing up on

the department."

While assisting with the training scenarios, Dave tries to instill his 32 years of experience to the recruits. He always reminds them that officer safety is the first thing they need to consider. He teaches them to keep from exposing themselves to unnecessary danger

and gives them valuable real-life information that may save their lives one day. "Guiding the recruits to protect their lives and their careers is very rewarding," Dave says.

The recruits participate in the scenarios during week 20 of their training when they are taught entry-level skills. Some of the different scenarios Dave has assisted with include: Robbery, Assault With a Deadly Weapon, Ethics Violations and a sundry of other scenarios.

The recruits are also taught what to do if they are ambushed.

For their part, the recruits are eager to learn why they do what they do during the scenarios. Dave dispenses advice on how to handle different calls and admonishes the recruits if they mishandle them. As he tries to help them fine-tune their responses, Dave will



frequently ask them basic questions to help them stay situationally aware.

Civilian volunteers also assist the recruits as they go through scenarios, but only patrol trained and POST Certified deputies and officers from participating agencies grade the recruits. Like Dave, these deputies and officers also receive some secondary POST training specifically for training the recruits. It's a commitment. If the recruits are unable to pass the scenarios, they do not graduate from the Academy and may try again in a later class.

If you or a family member are interested in volunteering during scenarios, contact:

The LA County Sheriff's Academy Training Staff at (562) 347-1056.



Group Photo: Left to Right Volunteers Taveon Harlston, Dave Kolinski, Adam Ford, Thiem Hong. Taveon, Adam and Thiem are planning to go into the Academy.

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During his presentation, Vice President Wheeler held a raffle for the graduating class members. Raffle items included insulated ALADS coffee tumblers and Nitecore flashlights.

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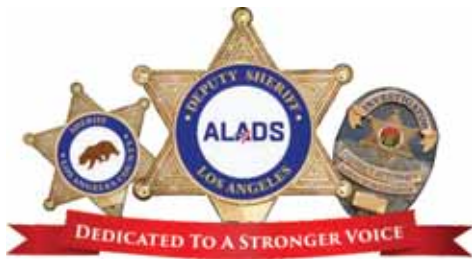
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