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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DAVE HUMPHREYS
HBPOA President

I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday and recent New Year finding some quality time with their loved ones. This is a time when we customarily share a traditional meal with our families in celebration of the season and the opening of our hearts to others. I wish for everyone a happy and healthy New Year with success and future accomplishments in 2017.

More than likely, we have all cast our recent New Year resolutions after reflecting on this past year. From that, we have likely contemplated or created new goals. Achieving them, well, that's another story. Some of these perennial goals that we set are often insurmountable. The best practice is to be specific, measurable, attainable, realistic, and time-sensitive. Be practical and realistic. Focus on how you can make your newfound aspirations a reality this year.

I have heard many suggest that 2016 was a particularly disastrous year; perhaps the worst year ever. I must say, I have personally evaluated 2016 and felt it to be one of the worst years for law enforcement. In February 2016, Case County Sheriff (North Dakota) Paul Laney said, "People are hunting us. How do you think that sits with us?" Our casualties were great and there was a considerable spike and surge in the number of officers shot, killed, and ambushed compared to the past few decades. The attacks in Dallas and Baton Rouge, for example, police officers encountered suspects with military training. These types of events will continue to elevate public safety concerns and make it much more deadly for law enforcement professionals. Nationwide, we lost a total of 140 officers last year.

During these difficult times, California law enforcement continues to maintain many vacant positions. These levels are substantially higher than normal. Many police agencies are facing hiring shortages. In the past 5 years, law enforcement openings in California have increased more than 600 percent. Several police officers have separated from

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the craft for the private sector. Others have left sooner than they originally projected for retirement. The social climate has had a looming consequence and agencies are now faced with uncovering reliable and dependable applicants, which are becoming more arduous. Furthermore, a constant need to maintain public safety and to generate effective recruiting sculpturing the ability to retain qualified personnel.

The most effective way to combat crime and deter recidivism is having a well-staffed police department. An increased demand for local law enforcement professionals was shaped through the passage of Proposition 47. Many theft and narcotic crimes are now inconsequential misdemeanors. Proposition 57 will only exacerbate these ongoing needs for officers. The Rand Corporation completed an exhaustive research on the cost of crime and the effectiveness of police services in preventing crime. The return on investment for hiring additional officers is likely to be appreciably above the cost of hiring. The Public Policy Institute of California (PPPIC) agreed with Rand.

Much anxiety and apprehension has been voiced by many different city officials and the general public surrounding the pension issues for law enforcement personnel. The current discernment is how CalPERS does business. Some believe that taxpayers fund the total cost of public pensions. This is not true. CalPERS investment earnings pay the majority of the public pension costs. For example, from 1997 to 2016, data shows that for every dollar CalPERS pays in pensions, 62 cents comes from CalPERS investments. Another 25 cents per dollar are paid by employers and the members themselves pay about 13 cents per dollar.

Although CalPERS returns have fallen short of their annual return target as of late, other public pension funds have also missed their mark. CalPERS is approximately \$300 billion strong. All public employees who are CalPERS members pay into their pensions. Every month, members contribute a certain percentage of their earnings towards their pensions. Through collective bargaining, agreements are negotiated between various labor groups with their

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

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

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employer. Currently, California state employees are paying the highest rates and some up to 15% of their income.

Our labor group will soon be going back to the table - a time to draft labor peace with a balanced conclusion of fair and competitive wages and improved working conditions. The majority of law enforcement personnel depend on equitable salaries, better health care and stable pensions. We too need to stay competitive in an effort to recruit and retain qualified personnel, which is already a difficult challenge. Turnover is costly in terms of training and the loss of tenured experience. One way to enhance retention is to augment viable compensation and benefits and overall packages that will attract qualified personnel and retain those that we have.

It is unfortunate, but the peaceful and untroubled days of negotiations are long gone. Police associations, despite their best efforts at the bargaining table, have often found themselves preparing for pay and benefit cuts and more restrictive working conditions. State, county and city leaders are trying to fight back against associations and organized efforts to weaken public sector associations or unions. Their goal is often to eliminate collective bargaining rights, and end defined benefit pensions and civilianize many law enforcement jobs.

Many police associations have been forced to change the way they do business for enhanced survival. The Huntington Beach Police Officers' Association (HBPOA) has and will continue to identify effective communication with or through our political resources, partners, council members and others to work through the complexities and confrontations that often occur in this arena. A common goal, with most every issue, is the ability to work together reaching common vision and universal goals.

A recent fiscal health study was conducted on 116 different cities within the United States and those with a population over 200,000. Much of the data used were financial reports issued by the cities themselves. The City of Huntington Beach fell into 4th place in this study. Different factors such as general fund balance compared to expenditures, ratio of long-term obligations to total government-wide revenues and actuarially determined pension contributions to revenues. The city seems to be rather healthy and we are extremely thankful for that. The City of Huntington Beach is running a financially stable race around the municipal track.

The HBPOA is hopeful to elevate our police department this year. It is time to enhance our infrastructure, our equipment, records management systems, security and overall working conditions. An investment venture can only inspire and attract other law enforcement professionals to become a part of our team as we continue down a path with position shortages and ongoing loss of personnel through attrition. ♥

JFA NOTE: Some of you have inquired about not receiving the 4th Quarter issue of the last newsletter.

Well, rest assured you did not miss anything as it was not published. There were some issues that prompted the canceling of that publication, the first since 2000. However, many of those items were included in this issue.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support of the publication and of the HBPOA. ♥

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HB 9/11 MEMORIAL DEDICATION

TO HONOR THE PAST, TO SERVE THE PRESENT AND SECURE THE FUTURE



L-R: 9/11 Committee Member HBPD Motor Officer C. Bales, PAPD Officer V. Zappulla Jr, PAPD Detective F. Accardi, PAPD Captain (Retired) K. Devlin, PAPD Officer (Retired) R. Egbert and 9/11 Committee Member HBPD Officer/ CFI Pilot J. Paholski. | SOLO: Sergeant (Retired) M. Metoyer.

It was five years in the making, but a tribute worth the wait. On Patriots' Day the Huntington Beach 9/11 Memorial was unveiled at a dedication ceremony on the 15th anniversary of the terrorist attacks. The memorial, which is located in the Civic Center amphitheater bowl symbolically, acknowledges all three sites of the tragic attacks and spotlights two pieces of steel recovered from Ground Zero.

This memorial dedication was attended by nearly 1,000 people and distinguished guests from the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Police Department.

The HBPOA & Foundation expresses their thanks and gratitude to the many hours of dedicated service by members of the HB 9/11 Memorial Committee to have been able to complete the task and design such a fitting tribute to those that perished and who were touched by the events of September 11, 2001.

View the dedication ceremony at YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OW3ICeyNO_0

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SHOP WITH A COP



ROBERT FRAHM
HBPD Motor / Special Events Officer

On December 14, 2016 the Huntington Beach Police Department sponsored its 2nd annual “Shop with a Cop” event. Working with the principals from the Huntington Beach City, Westminster and Ocean View School Districts we were provided a list of students who would benefit most from this program.

The morning began at Woody’s Diner where Chief Handy, Tony Nobles and Huntington Beach Police Officers Association President Dave Humphreys, spoke with all the officers thanking them for participating in this event. Then 36 students arrived and were paired with an officer to enjoy a delicious breakfast and get to know each other.

After breakfast, the officers and students boarded a school bus and headed to Target. The students had a \$200 shopping budget to make purchases for their family members and themselves, with one student purchasing two special boxes of cereal that were a treat for him. When they got to the registers to check out, some were over the spending

limit and many of our officers dug into their own pockets to help make up the difference.

When the shopping spree was finished each student went into the back room where volunteers from the Huntington Beach Police SOS group, Target employees, officers and police family members wrapped the presents that the students purchased. While the presents were wrapped the students decorated cookies with the officers. The students then visited Santa Claus and were given a gift bag by the Huntington Beach Police Department.

The “Shop with a Cop” breakfast was sponsored by the Huntington Beach Police Officers’ Association. The monetary sponsors for purchasing the gifts by the students were the Huntington Beach Police and Community Foundation, California Resources Corporation, and The Nobles Family Foundation. The event would not have been possible without the numerous in kind donations from the following companies: Target, Woody’s Diner, Best Chauffeured Limousine Services, Kohl’s (via Shelly York), Charity (ipadrini de Antonello gift cards), Huntington Beach City School District Transportation, Jeremy King (Christmas music at breakfast), Huntington Beach Police Department SOS group, Expertec Automotive and Huntington Christian School Student Leadership.

This event is truly a department function with volunteers from all ranks and divisions. It has become a family event, where members of our extended families come to “Shop with a Cop” to help out.

Last but not least, this event would not be possible without Santa Claus. I would like to thank our own Huntington Beach Police Department Santa Claus for helping us on this event. ♥



L-R: Manager Elaine Tune, Woody’s (Adams Avenue) Santa and Motor Officer R. Frahm -- Santa with Tony Nobles.

2016 POA Christmas Party

DENNIS HASHIN
HBPOA CFO


*Merry
Christmas*



On December 3rd, the Annual HBPOA Christmas Party was held at the Hilton Waterfront Beach Resort Hotel. Over 130 members, guests, and dignitaries attended the event. The evening began with a cocktail hour where guests were treated to butler passed hors d'oeuvres of coconut shrimp, mini grilled cheese with tomato soup dipping sauce and teriyaki beef skewers. The bar along with parking for the evening was hosted by the POA.

All guests attending received a gift of a "police kit" including a baton, badge, radio and handcuffs made out of chocolate, which was waiting at their table. One box at each table had a Merry Christmas sticker hidden on the bottom. The guest



who had that box won the Christmas themed centerpiece that decorated the table.

The room had red and green up lights along with a large Christmas tree to help set the holiday feeling. During the evening, retired member Vickie Shroyer took pictures for all who desired one.

President Dave Humphreys welcomed everyone and acted as the Master of Ceremony for the evening. The board of director's Sergeant at Arms, Jack Paholski led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. A "Fallen Officers" table was set in the room and member Corwin Bales explained the tribute and lead the group in a toast to all officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty. Department

Chaplin Bob Ewing then gave an invocation and blessing.

The meal was then served which included forest mushroom soup, a combination entrée of Jack Daniel's marinated filet of beef and lemon and thyme chicken breast with gratin potatoes, and corn succotash. Wine was also provided at the table. Dessert was gelato ice cream truffle served on a painted plate.

After dinner, President Humphreys took the time to recognize many of the members and guests in attendance for the work they had done through out the year as well as help they gave during check in.



Mayor Jim Katapodis was called up and thanked the members for their service to the city especially during these troubling times. He then had the honor of drawing the winners for the Seniority Draw, which was held for all members attending. The winners were: Ryan Deuel (up to 9 years), Anthony Gonzalez (10 to 19 years), Tyler Hanson (20 plus years) and Sue Wright (retiree).

At check in, all members and their guests were entered into a drawing for gift baskets and prizes. The lucky winners of early Christmas gifts were Kristin Hanson, Matt Austin, Brandon Reed, Julie Reynolds, and Mike Whitney.

For those who stayed late, music was provided for those who desired to dance the night away. ♡

SPORTS



Once again - Thank you for your support and participation... Spectators and participants!

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FEBRUARY
check in sunday feb 26
races begin monday 27 thru
thursday, march 2
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TURKEY BOWL XV

HBPD Annual – Flag Football Classic

ANTHONY PHAM

HBPOA Member & Turkey Bowl Coordinator

PLAYER OF THE GAME: Jimenez

The 15th Annual Turkey Bowl flag football game took place as always, on Thanksgiving morning. The coaches were selected and the teams were drafted well in advance of game day. With a day or two to go before the big game, someone had forgotten about a prior obligation in a distant county. Therefore we had to tap into our reserve list and the teams were pieced together.

Team Captain Archer, along with Topartzer, Gillham, Schrieber, Valdez and Jimenez stood across from Team Captain Besuzzi, Aspeitia, McCollom, M. Thomas, O. Garcia and myself. The crowd had gathered, the peanut gallery started to chip away early and the laughter was constant. Based on the volume alone, it was initially thought that the World Famous Matthew C. Austin had an amplified bull horn, but it was just the natural pipes. By the way, is he a Steelers fan?

The game started off quickly, as the ball moved back and forth. JTop put on a solid rush all day long on the defensive end. On the same side, Humvee was very hands on, to say the least. Aspeitia burned seventeen hundred calories, just two plays in. Gillham and Schrieber split duty at quarterback and

were able to continually steer their team into the end zone to keep the game close. Archer was able to use the speed provided by his shiny shoes to catch some bombs. Last second replacement Jimenez stepped up and helped his team out.

Speedster McCollom was hard to cover and Besuzzi always found a hole for his numerous receptions. Thomas and Garcia made their presence known on both sides of the ball. Our team was complete with every member contributing, especially on the defensive end. Despite our quickly fatiguing bodies due to “old man syndrome,” we were able to pull away and claim the victory. Defense wins championships (if you consider a bunch of “has-beens” playing flag football to avoid Thanksgiving morning duties a championship).

In the end, as always, it was a fun atmosphere enjoyed by all. The overall experience would not be the same without the people that came out and watched us run around like teenagers. Little Kaylie Dereszynski and Jake Reynolds made it out; maybe one day they will have a role in this tradition. Thank you to all and see everyone next year. ♥



Hope to see everyone at
Turkey Bowl XVI
Thanksgiving Day 2017!

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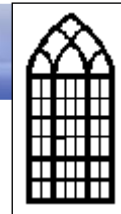
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Once again, due to the efforts of the golf committee team and our awesome sponsors the Huntington Beach Police Officers' Foundation was able to have the most successful golf tournament to date! Thank you one and all...

CONGRATULATIONS

The \$500 Opportunity Drawing Ticket winner was Michael Szyperski (& Tom Weizoerick)



“He who is greatest among you, let him be as the younger, and he who governs as he who serves.”

(Luke 22:26)

TO PROTECT AND SERVE

ROGER WING
HBPD Police Chaplain

To serve and protect is part of the mission of all police agencies, but what does it really mean to be a servant and to serve. Like most people, we seem to be always jockeying for position and striving for preeminence. We are driven to succeed, to outperform everyone else, to win, and to prosper. So when someone else gets the promotion, gets the recognition, or wins the award, we often battle resentment. It can happen in a million different ways. For some of us, it just takes someone beating us to a position in a grocery line or someone else getting a bigger piece of meat at dinner to make us feel slighted.

At home, at work, church or in any situation we can often feel like we're not being properly respected. And that may often be the case, at least in our minds. There's a story in the Bible along those lines in Luke 22:24-30 where the disciples were debating over who would be the greatest in the Kingdom. It was a jockeying for position that Jesus dealt with very directly by saying that to be great you must become the least. This issue goes all the way back to Adam and Eve who wanted to be more than God desired them to be so they ate the fruit and ushered in a destiny of sin and death for all mankind. The root issue in each case was pride. Pride is present in all of us and it's a continual battle that we have to fight. But pride will fester within you and rot you from the inside out if you don't control it. In the Beatitudes, Jesus said, *“Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth.”* Meekness isn't weakness. It's actually defined in the Greek as power under control. And Jesus exemplified that perfectly in coming to this earth as a servant, to suffer and die for all mankind. It's the complete opposite of pride and it's the model for all of us to follow.

It's interesting to consider the impact of a police officer's presence to the general public. You have a badge, authority and weapons and they, hopefully, have none of these. How you choose to exercise that position of prominence and power makes all the difference in the world on how you are received. I've often reflected on the fact that so much of a police officer's job is really public relations oriented. Being perceived with meekness and as a servant will usually automatically deescalate the situation and open up the potential for communication and relationship.

In this Luke 22 passage, Jesus tells His disciples to not worry about their position, their power, their prominence, or their prestige. He tells us that to be first in the Kingdom, we must become a servant to all. The truth of the Kingdom often seems to be in direct contrast to our normal worldly wisdom. The Lord tells us that the way up, is down. The way to gain prominence in the Kingdom is to have a servant's heart and to serve others here on earth.

And isn't that role of a police officer, when performed with the proper heart and mind? It's to fulfill this biblical mission day in and day out in service to the least and to the greatest in our community. And that has been so wonderfully displayed in the HBPD's outreach and assistance to the homeless. Having a duty and a heart to protect and to serve is a great calling and privilege, but it's also a great responsibility. It's interesting to consider that the words that everyone desires to hear as they breathe their last breath on earth are the words, *“well done good and faithful servant...enter into the joy of the Lord.”* (Matthew 25:21) May the Lord give you His grace and help in being a servant to all.

Be blessed and be safe. ♥

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PRESIDENTS DAY

FEBRUARY 20
CITY OBSERVED HOLIDAY

WORLD POLICE & FIRE WINTER GAMES

FEBRUARY 27-MARCH 2
MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN
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HBPD DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

MARCH 9
WATERFRONT HILTON HOTEL

3/1 RUN – 5K FUN RUN / WALK

MARCH 11
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MARCH 17
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JEFF HUSS

HBPOA Dinosaur Member (Retired)

As we sit in the comfort of our homes we watch the nightly news stories of tragic incidents that many of us believe aren't happening in our neighborhoods. You should pause a moment, because I am here to tell you that they do occur right here in Surf City! You just might not be aware of it. Our sleepy little surfing community has had these types of incidents that you may think will never happen here, but they do. We know that assaults upon law enforcement officers are up this year and nationally easily reach near 70,000 annually nationally.

Our little community and destination location made the national media spotlight recently, joining many other cities to do so, but not for a surf contest or an air show... It was for a second attempted deadly assault on an officer in Huntington Beach this year. In the most recent assault, the officer was saved by his badge, bullet resistant vest, and by the grace of God. However, the story was quickly relegated to page six and faded away due to the demographics of the city.

Having been retired for two years now, I am frequently asked if I am enjoying it. My response is, "Yes and everyone should try it!" That is my sincere hope that my fellow brothers and sisters in law enforcement everywhere complete their shifts safely and reach their retirement healthy and happy enough to enjoy it.

As police officers they have sacrificed special times with their families, seen and heard things against humanity that should never have happened and all the time knowing when they pin their badges over their heart that there is the potential that by the end of their shift they might pay the ultimate sacrifice.

In the end... yes, these men and women have chosen a profession of service, a career in law enforcement that they will continue to do their very best in the hopes of safely completing their shifts to

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NOT JUST A JOB!



return home to those they love. I think we could show them a little appreciation for this. It starts at the top with city leaders and not just with lip service of supporting public safety. ♥

JFA NOTE: On August 26th, within 24 hours, ironically two officers in two different states were saved by their badges deflecting bullets that had been shot at them by armed suspects. The good guys were able to return home safely after their shifts and the bad guys were met with other results.

One of these incidents involved a Huntington Beach police officer and the other a Nevada Highway Patrol trooper. Below are photographs of both officers' badges.



TOP: Huntington Beach PD Badge
BOTTOM: Nevada Highway Patrol Badge

PORAC & HBPOA

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Aaah shucks...



L-R: A. Elkins, J. Page and M. Van Meter members of the Police Team that participated and WON the 2nd Annual Shuck-It Charity Challenge by tossing down 92 oysters and earning the 1st place trophy. Team MVP A. Elkins ate 45 oysters himself! The challenge was between members of the police, fire and marine safety. Fire was second with 90 and Team Marine Safety finished with 73. They are looking forward to defending their title next year... Hope to see you all then to cheer our team on again.

Congratulations!



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I am a long time ago retired HBPD sergeant and very much appreciate the opportunity that the HBPOA provides to me and to other retirees to receive the JFA over the years and the opportunity to stay somewhat informed about and connected with the HBPD through reading the JFA.

Philip L. Oliver
HBPD Sergeant (Retired)

JFA NOTE: We very much appreciate readers, retired members to drop us a note to keep their addresses current. Sometimes these notices are delayed via the USPS and we want to keep you informed as much as possible.



Knott's Berry Farm

LAW & FIRE TRIBUTE DAYS
JANUARY 9-31

BUENA PARK – Active, full-time fire and law enforcement personnel may receive free admission for themselves and one guest (maximum of two complimentary admissions will be issued). Show your specific fire or law enforcement photo ID card at a Knott's Berry Farm main gate to redeem this offer.

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Additional details at: **Knotts.com** | What's New



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



ISLE OF MULL – On vacation in the Isle of Mull S. Wickser and his wife meet up with a local Constable Derrick Ferguson to share a moment and the JFA.



BERN, SWITZERLAND – T. Wood meets up with a few police officers in front of the United Nations World Headquarters, whom he says were the friendliest police officers he has met to date in a foreign country.

5k Fun Run/Walk

Saturday, March 11, 2017

8:00 a.m.

\$35 / \$40 / \$45

(See Details Below)



**Join us in Supporting the City's adopted
3rd Battalion / 1st Marines in a 5K Fun Run/Walk
Along the Beautiful HB Coastline**

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HBPD Air Support Unit Honored

On Thursday, January 12, 2017, MD Helicopters, Inc. (MDHI) celebrated Huntington Beach Police Department's Air Support Bureau with a special commendation for its outstanding record of over 70,000 accident free flight hours.

Since its inception in 1968, the Huntington Beach Police Department's Air Support Bureau, known by residents as "HB-1", has patrolled the skies keeping an eye on the community and our police officers. Six pilots, one sergeant pilot, and two mechanics support the fleet to ensure 7-day-a-week availability to the cities of Huntington Beach, Costa Mesa, and Newport Beach.

Decades of experience, thousands of hours of flight time, combined with meticulous maintenance on the helicopters, has contributed to the Air Support Bureau's accident free record.

The Huntington Beach Air Support Bureau began flying MDHI-model helicopters in 1984 with the iconic MD 500E. The department acquired its current all-NOTAR fleet of three (3) MD 520N helicopters between 1992 and 2002. Designed to reduce noise by an average of 50% versus helicopters with tail rotors, NOTAR-equipped helicopters are among the quietest helicopters available worldwide.

The air crews of HB1 will continue their dedication to keeping the city safe from the air and to our future of accident free flying. ♥

Mark your Calendar...

2017

RETIREE QUALIFICATION DATES

Thursday & Friday

March 2 & 3

**WESTMINSTER POLICE DEPARTMENT
RANGE & SAFETY TRAINING CENTER**

**7351 HAZARD AVENUE
WESTMINSTER, CA**

Email will have details.

NOTICE:

HBPD Retirees and Alumni of the Department stay connected with events and happenings. The annual HBPD Retirement Party is the third Sunday of September and qualification for retired members is usually held in the spring of the year. Other smaller gatherings are held on informal basis. Provide us with a current email address and/or mailing address to stay connected. Thank you.

JFAnewsletter@aol.com or HBPOApresident@gmail.com or 714-842-8851



MXVII

I think I need a piece of pie, maybe alamode...



JEFF HUSS

HBPOA Dinosaur Member (Retired)

Well, 2016 was one hell-of-a year. Frankly, I am glad it is over. The political circus has concluded. We now have a new president... new city council and slightly new group of directors for the Association.

I truly hope that this year law enforcement won't be the focus of attack, by the minutia scrutiny of the media or others with a rush to judge and getting the headline that in hindsight isn't quite what it was thought to be. There is never really recanting of errors, as you can't erase the spoken word, and no, BWC aren't the answer either! I also pray that law enforcement won't continue to be the target of deranged people who murder for some senseless ideology that they think will get them fame for a cause or Allah. Last year **140** law enforcement officers died in the line-of-duty.



Yes, **ALL** lives matter, each tragic news story reporting the death of a man, woman or child has another story behind their name of who they were and what they wanted to become. We post many at

the end of our newsletter, who meant a lot to us. Granted there are more than a few pieces of criminal scum, who prey on the innocence of others that I gladly encourage be returned to their sender without a court package in an attempt to make the world a better place.

I would hope that the negotiation teams for the POA and City enter into meaningful talks with the City having financial authority to in "good faith" offer a long-term memorandum of understanding (MOU) that is a win-win and not one full of take-aways, which would lower morale. City employees are the front line ambassadors' of the city to residents and visitors, but seemed to be unappreciated so often by those whom should truly support them. Repeal the COIN Ordinance too; your transparency is a little obtuse.

Last year seemed so much like a piece of gum that got stuck to the bottom of our shoe. Instead of the nice flavorful stick of gum that was placed in our mouth to give a bit of flavorful refreshment, it is just a gooey bit of annoyance stuck to the bottom of our shoe that we couldn't fully scrape away no matter how hard we tried. But then again I suppose it matters who shoe that piece of gum is stuck on the bottom of, to prove a different point of view. I guess I could have used a different metaphor of stepping into something besides gum, but this is a respectable publication...

Finally, I hope that our families and dear friends', known and unknown have a safe, healthy and prosperous year. ♥

JFA NOTE: Life hack you can use WD40 to remove gum from most items easily – carpet, shoes etc. Use peanut butter to remove gum from hair.

Warm your slice of pie and add a scoop of ice cream.



FAREWELL TO HEROES

BRANDON REED
HBPOA Treasurer



On October 18th, 2016, Detective Austin and I jumped into a black and white and drove out to Palm Springs to celebrate the lives of fallen Officers Gilbert Vega and Lesley Zerebny. They were assassinated by a cowardly career criminal determined to make a name for himself as they answered a call for service. Killed because of the uniform they wore. A uniform that resembles the one we proudly wear every day when we work and a uniform that resembled the one worn by tens of thousands of officers who would assemble at the Palm Springs Convention Center this day.

Detective Austin and I were soon in a Huntington Beach Police procession consisting of Detectives Lewis and Gaska, Officer Grannis, Motor Officers Himert, Gallant, and Chen.

Before we left Huntington Beach, we made a plan to stop in Beaumont to give the motor officers an opportunity to stretch their legs after the long motorcycle ride and grab a cup of coffee. As we walked through the front door of Starbucks, we were greeted affectionately by several customers who knew where we were going and why we were there. A beautiful young woman paying for her morning coffee looked back at us and told the cashier as we walked through the door that she would purchase coffee for all nine of us. Of course we told her it was unnecessary and we appreciated the gesture. She insisted and as we gratefully accepted and drank our coffee, many patrons shook our hands and hugged us. They thanked us for the job we do every day and reminded us that the majority of hard working Americans appreciated us. As we sat down, Officer Himert who sat near the door hugged nearly every patron as they left.

After leaving Beaumont, we jumped back on the east bound Interstate 10 and eventually reached the service. Anyone who has ever been to a police officer's funeral knows how overwhelming it is to look at the hundreds of officers and their vehicles. This was much grander in terms of the sheer number of police motorcycles parked on the periphery outside of the Palm Springs Convention Center. Several



Palm Springs PD Fallen Officers Gilbert 'Gil' Vega and Lesley Zerebny.

news helicopters flew overhead as we were guided to our parking spot. As we walked towards the convention center we saw Captain Bunetta standing near where our motor officers parked. There were several others including POA President Detective Humphreys that we were unable to find in the sea of blue, green and tan. It was great to see 10% of our small beachside police department represented.

When the service began, we were introduced to who the fallen officers were through their friends, family, and colleagues. We learned that Officer "Gil" Vega was a seasoned, tenured veteran and FTO who had actually trained the police chief when he was a new officer. We learned of his sense of humor and large family (he was one of 10 kids, with eight children of his own, 11 grandchildren and five great grandchildren) and being the son of a migrant worker from Texas who wanted a better life for his family. We heard from his well-spoken nephew who is a school principal back in Boston. He told us of a story when he was picked up by the LAPD after a night of questionable behavior. He said he found himself in the back of a black and white, being counseled in Spanish by a family elder (Uncle Gil) who told him if you want to work in public service you better clean up your behavior.

We were told that Officer Zerebny was a huge fan of the Canadian Tenors and their rendition

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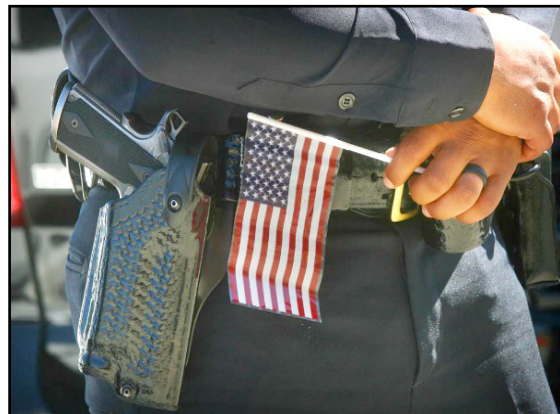
of “Hallelujah.” The Canadian Tenors actually were so moved at hearing this story that they took time out of their busy schedule to honor her and perform live at the ceremony. It was said that she and her father (who is also in law enforcement) would sing this song at the tops of their lungs in their garage on his 5 acre desert property. This story was told to us by her father’s friend who is also in law enforcement. We heard that as a young girl, Lesley Zerebny never wore shoes on the family property and would catch all sorts of animals including rats and snakes. She was eventually invited to her father and his friends camping trips. He said that she was the only female and could hunt and fish better than most men as she grew up. At a recent camping trip, the speaker said as he walked out of his tent with a cup of hot coffee, he saw a rattlesnake coiled up just outside the entrance of his tent. He said he immediately jumped back and spilled coffee all over himself, only to hear Lesley giggling from behind a tree nearby. It was then he realized the snake was dead and placed there coiled up to frighten him.

As Lesley grew up and blossomed into a lovely woman, the speaker said she drew the attention of many young men interested in dating her. He told us that he and others, who knew her well, knew the relationship was doomed when the new man started doting over her. Lesley, we were told needed her space. She found that space and the love of her young life, when she met her husband. As those of us in the audience listened to the Canadian Tenors perform again, we were treated to a photo montage of the Lesley, her husband, and newborn baby. The many outdoor hikes and adventures in the picturesque desert environment was beautiful and there was not a dry eye in the house.

As we left the ceremony, we decided to eat lunch before heading back to the station. While seated inside the restaurant, a couple sitting in the next booth started a conversation with Officer Austin and I. We learned that they were terribly sad to hear the horrible news and grateful so many officers had traveled so far to pay their respects. The husband was a former Marine and threw down a crisp \$100.00 bill and told us that lunch was on him. We gratefully acknowledged his kind gesture and told him that we could not accept it. They refused to take their money back, thanked us again and hugged us as they walked out of the restaurant.

On the drive home Officer Austin and I sat in traffic and discussed many things that all law enforcement officers know including the fact that the silent majority of the citizens we serve appreciate the hard work that peace officers put in every day.

In closing, I wear this uniform proudly and I am honored to serve with each and every one of you. Please be cautious in your duties and tell our civilian employees thank you for the jobs they do to support all of us. Remember as George Orwell said, “*We sleep safely because rough men stand ready to visit violence on those who would harm us.*” Stay safe - stay vigilant. ♡



In our hearts, thoughts and prayers...

Family of our Department Family
Bruce Templeton
William 'Glenn' Templeton
1928 - 2016

Family of our Department Family
Gloria Storovich
Robert Dale Storovich
1923 - 2016



Sergeant (Retired)
Huntington Beach PD
James Brink
1941 - 2016

Police Records Specialist (Retired)
Huntington Beach PD
Yolamda Ornelas Ngan
1960 - 2016



Retired Senior Volunteer (RSVP)
Huntington Beach PD
Lawrence 'Larry' Deight
1923 - 2016

Family of our Department Family
Lauren Smith | Keith Smith
Brenda Kay Smith
1963 - 2016

Family of our Department Family
David Bunetta
Joseph C. Bunetta
1922 - 2016

Family of our Department Family
Greg Reese
Brian Reese
1942 - 2016

Family of our Department Family
Stephen Fullmer
Paula Fullmer
1924 - 2016



(Former) Police Officer
Huntington Beach PD
Michael R. Libutti Jr.
1940 - 2016



Reserve Police Officer (Retired)
Huntington Beach PD
Arthur 'Art' Hatfield
1942 - 2016



(Former) Sergeant
Huntington Beach PD
Robert 'Bob' Sorensen
1938 - 2017

HB Police Mechanic (Retired)
Greg & Alicia Davis
Billy Mitchell Dupree
1933 - 2016

Huntington Beach Police Department
Surviving child of Officer LeoRoy Darst
Bonnie Darst Ferreira
1921 - 2017

Family of our Department Family
Marion Loney
Charles Loeckner
1936 - 2016

**** IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION ****



California's Professional Peace Officers
WE TAKE CARE
OF OUR OWN
Always Have. Always Will.

The beautiful bronze and granite California Peace Officers' Memorial located on State Capitol grounds in Sacramento contains the names of more than 1,500 courageous peace officers who have laid down their lives in the line of duty protecting and serving their fellow Californians. Tragically, every year more names are added.

You can help the CPOMF in our mission to underwrite the annual California Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremony, maintain the memorial monument, subsidize survivor support groups, and support the families of our fallen heroes through our educational grant and financial assistance programs.

California law allows taxpayers to make voluntary tax-free contributions on their personal state income tax returns to the "California Peace Officers' Memorial Foundation Fund". Simply indicate the amount to be donated where instructed on the tax return form. Importantly, the law requires that all contributions be used to maintain the California Peace Officers' Memorial and for activities in support of the surviving families of our brave men and women peace officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice. We urge the more than 100,000 peace officers serving California to help us **Take Care of Our Own.**

California Resident Income Tax Return 2016

FORM
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✓ California Peace Officer Memorial Foundation Fund.....\$25.00

CALIFORNIA PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL CEREMONIES – MAY 7 & 8, 2017

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For more information please visit our website at www.camemorial.org*



California's Fallen...

Source: ♥ www.camemorial.org | www.ODMP.org



Line-of-Duty Deaths – 2016

♥ Deputy Scott Ballantyne
Tulare County SD

♥ Officer Nathan Taylor
CHP – Gold Run Area

Officer Brian Beliso
US Department of Homeland Security

♥ Motor Officer Michael J. Katherman
San Jose PD

♥ Officer Jonathan 'JD' DeGuzman
San Diego PD

♥ Sergeant Steve Owen
Los Angeles County SD

♥ Officer Jose 'Gil' Vega
Palm Springs PD

♥ Officer Lesley Zerebny
Palm Springs PD

♥ Deputy Jack Hopkins
Modoc County SD

♥ Sergeant Alfonso Lopez
Los Angeles County SD

Sergeant Ron Lucas
Fresno County SD

♥ Deputy Dennis Wallace
Stanislaus County SD

Other

K9 Jojo
San Bernardino SD

K9 Bruno
Anaheim PD

K9 Ty Von Friedrichsfelder Eck
California City PD

K9 Jag
Twin Rivers USD PD

K9 Credo
Long Beach PD

Nationally...

Source: www.odmp.org



2016 Firefighters

Source: usfa.dhs.gov

Nationally:	86	87
CALIFORNIA -	4	6

2016 Line of Duty

Deaths: 140
CALIFORNIA – 12

2015 Line of Duty

Deaths: 130
CALIFORNIA – 6

2014 Line of Duty

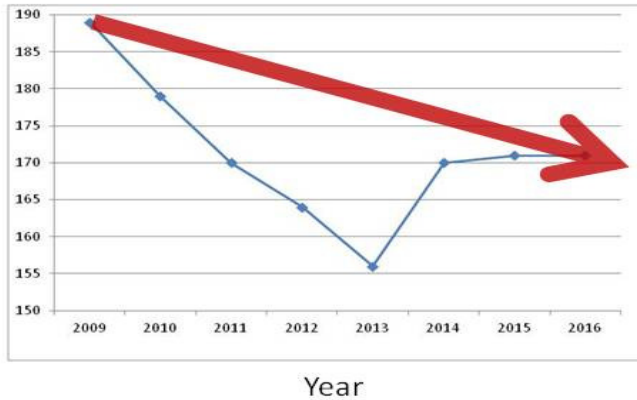
Deaths: 146
CALIFORNIA – 16



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 CALIFORNIA, 92647
 PERMIT NO. 980

S: Graveyard OT
 We need an officer for tomorrow night, Friday Oct 7th Watch 3. Please call the WC at [960-8800](tel:960-8800) if you can help out. Thanks To confirm: reply with YES and send.

Officers



S: PATROL OVERTIME OVERTIME AVAILABLE IN PATROL FOR WATCH 2 [1505-0230](tel:1505-0230) THIS FRIDAY 10/14/16 AND SATURDAY 10/15/16. PLEASE 1021 THE WC ASAP IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE. To confirm: reply with YES and send.

S: PATROL OVERTIME ANOTHER OVERTIME AVAILABLE IN PATROL FOR TODAY (MONDAY 10-17), WATCH 2. WE ARE BELOW MINIMUMS. PLEASE 1021 THE WC ASAP IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE. To confirm: reply with YES and send.

Subject:NEED W3 UNITS IN EARLY IF AVAILABLE
 NEED W3 UNITS IN EARLY IF AVAILABLE

Subject:NEED W1 OFFICER TOMORROW AM
 NEED W1 OFFICER TOMORROW AM

S: PATROL OVERTIME OVERTIME AVAILABLE IN PATROL FOR TODAY ON WATCH 2. WE ARE BELOW MINIMUMS. PLEASE 1021 THE WC ASAP IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE. To confirm: reply with YES and send.

S: Jail OT
 The Jail is looking for an officer to work OT tomorrow, Oct 8th from [1905-0630](tel:1905-0630). Please call the Jail at X5691 if you can work. Thanks To confirm: reply with YES and send.

S: PATROL OVERTIME 2 SPOTS OF OVERTIME AVAILABLE IN PATROL FOR WATCH 1 ON OCTOBER 16th (Sunday). PLEASE Ten-21 THE WC ASAP IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE. To confirm: reply with YES and send.

Will staffing shortages continue in 2017?