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EXHIBIT AT LAX



Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) and the City of Los Angeles Cultural Affairs Department are marking aviation's centennial with an exhibit entitled *LAX Celebrates 100 Years of Powered Flight*. Arriving international passengers can view the exhibit, located at Los Angeles International Airport's (LAX's) Tom Bradley International Terminal in the U.S. Customs Hall on the Lower/Arrival Level. The exhibit, scheduled through Dec. 31, has artifacts, uniforms, equipment and photographs related to the history of flight.

"The exhibit, *LAX Celebrates 100 Years of Powered Flight*, reminds us of the pioneers' vision and tenacity," said LAWA Deputy Executive Director of Project Management and Facilities Planning Kim Day, who is responsible for LAWA's Art Exhibits Program. Day added, "The Wright Brothers' first flight continues, to this day, to inspire the next generation of aviation explorers, and LAX is proud to be part of this commemorative history."

LAX is marking its own 75th anniversary this year at the same time the Wright Brothers' historic 1903 powered flight's 100th anniversary is being commemorated nationally.

The exhibition includes photographs detailing the evolution of aircraft and some of the world's greatest planes that changed the history of flight. Viewers can also glimpse into the future of flight, from the newly designed 600-passenger very large aircraft to ultralight aircraft to pilotless planes.

DUMPING RESULTS



Mayor Jim Hahn announced May 13 that the Bureau of Street Services has arrested 59 people to date for illegally dumping couches, televisions, mattresses and other trash in neighborhood alleys and on local streets. The announcement followed three months of ongoing surveillance operations conducted by the Bureau of Street Services to stop illegal dumpers.

"Illegal dumping in our alleys and on our streets not only contributes to neighborhood blight, but poses a danger to public safety. Illegally dumped trash can block the path of emergency vehicles, slowing them down in responding to emergencies," said Mayor Hahn at an alley near the 11000 block of Graham Ave. in Watts where illegal dumping has been a problem.

"Today we are sending a message to would-be-dumpers that dumping in LA is a crime and violators will be caught and prosecuted," said Councilwoman Janice Hahn. "We are now

impounding vehicles involved in prostitution and we will soon be doing the same to cars used in dumping. Together, we are letting people know that dumping is no longer tolerated in Los Angeles."

Los Angeles Police Department representatives raised the illegal dumping issue at a TeamWork LA Cabinet meeting. LAPD requested assistance with cleaning up and stopping illegal dumping, noting that trash was preventing officers from patrolling some alleys and that some officers had been injured because of illegally dumped trash that interfered during officer foot pursuits of criminals.

Bureau of Street Services Street Use Inspectors initiated surveillances at chronic dump locations and began arresting individuals who were caught dumping their trash on public streets, alleys, and right of ways. Many of the 59 people who have been arrested for illegal dumping were violating parole for more serious offenses.

"A new energy has been infused into our efforts to eradicate illegal dumping, graffiti and blight in Los Angeles since Mayor Hahn took up the issue and created TeamWork LA," said Bureau of Street Services Director Bill

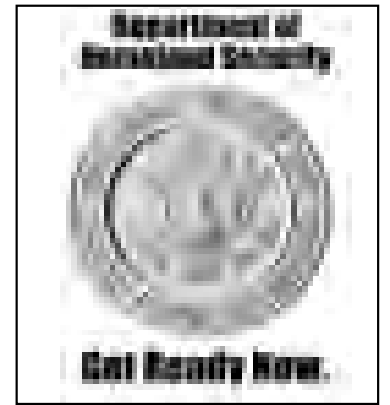
Robertson. "His initiative brings together representatives from the Mayor's Office and other city departments to solve these neighborhood problems. Now, everyone knows that illegal dumping is, besides being a blight on the community, a serious health and safety hazard."

Illegal dumping has long plagued Los Angeles neighborhoods. Since July 2002, more than 123,000 cubic yards of debris has been collected in South Los Angeles, which accounts for over half of the illegal debris collected citywide during that time. The total amount of debris collected citywide was approximately 245,000 cubic yards.



HOMELAND SECURITY FUNDS

The City of Los Angeles has been designated to receive an additional \$18.87 million through the federal Urban Area Security Initiative. This is the second round of funding



Los Angeles has received through this program, which is administered by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

"I am very pleased that the Department of Homeland Security has moved so quickly to allocate additional funding to protect the nation's largest cities," Mayor Hahn said. "In Los Angeles, we are working hard to prepare our first responders to be ready for any emergency in the post-September 11 environment. We appreciate the federal government's support of and funding for these efforts."

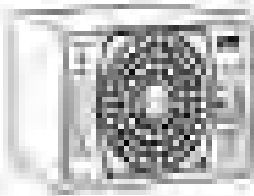
The Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach were also received a grant totaling \$9 million. Since September 2001, Los Angeles has spent more than \$100 million for enhanced security, equipment, and training for first responders. Los Angeles received \$12.42 million in the first round of funding from the Urban Area Security Initiative, which provides funding directly to local governments for security needs.

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