



Fight for Life: LAPD, LAFD in Boxing Competition, for Charity

■ **Event co-sponsored by the Club raises \$50,000 for City of Hope.**

It was the battle for Los Angeles as employees from the LAPD and the LAFD came together and stepped in the boxing ring to battle their county counterparts from the Sheriff's Department and County Fire Department. These officers and firefighters put their pride, and more importantly their chins on the line, as they took part in the 10th annual "Fight for Life" boxing fundraiser, benefiting City of Hope Cancer Center.

These blue and brown warriors battled at the world-famous Grand Olympic Auditorium Nov. 14 in front of a crowd of more than 3,500. The evening featured 15 bouts with winners from each department, but the real victor this night were the patients at City of Hope, as the evening raised \$50,000 for research and treatment programs.

The City Employees Club of Los Angeles co-sponsored the event, helping the event raise even more money.

The LAPD and Sheriff's Department have special ties to City of Hope that makes this event very important to them. LAPD Officer Diane Alonzo faced a battle with leukemia in 1996 and turned to City of Hope for help. Without hesitation, both departments joined in numerous bone marrow drives to find a

potential donor and one was found, her brother, a Sheriff's Department Deputy. Shortly thereafter, Alonzo underwent a bone marrow transplantation at City of Hope. She returned to active duty in September 1997 and now in addition to her work with the department, she volunteers on the "Fight for Life" event committee.

"I received my miracle at City of Hope in November 1996," said Alonzo, a mother of four. "And through the efforts of the wonderfully dedicated City of Hope staff, my doctor, family members, fellow brother and sister officers and friends, I was given my life back."

For more information, please call (800) 260-HOPE or visit the Website at www.city-of-hope.org.

Here are some photos from the event.



A few of the Sheriff's Dept. fighters marching in.



At the Fight for Life event.



From the Club: Noah Hawkins and dad John Hawkins, Club COO; Robert Larios, Club sales operations manager; and Dan Wang, AIG.



At the Fight for Life event.



Part of the LAFD team marching in.



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LAPD Assistant Chief Jim McDonnell and LAPD Officer Diane Alonzo.



Sheriff Lee Baca and Noah Hawkins, son of Club COO John Hawkins.



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At the Fight for Life event at the L.A. Sports Arena.

