

Club Counselor Arlene Gets Nod From West LA Sanitation Yard

Club Counselor Arlene Herrero received a surprise holiday gift from the good folks at the West Los Angeles Sanitation Yard—a certificate of appreciation.

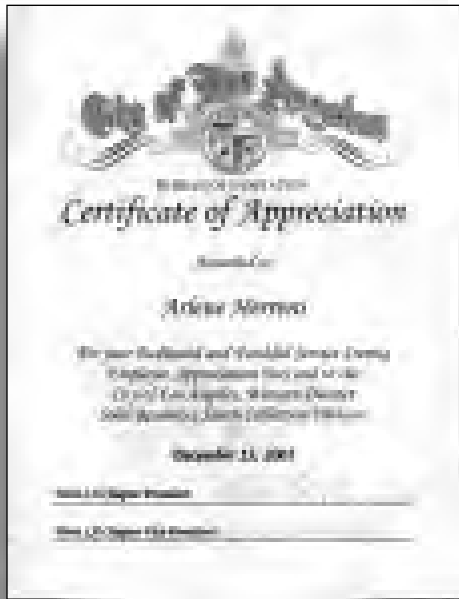
"It was a total surprise," she said. "I'm very grateful for it."

The certificate was presented to her at the yard's holiday party Dec. 13.

The certificate reads: "For your dedicated and faithful service during Employee Appreciation Day and to the City of Los Angeles, Western District Solid Resources South Collection Division."

"They are rewarding me for all my hard work and the efforts I have made to attend their activities throughout the year," Herrero said. "I love working hard for them. It's what being a Club counselor is all about."

"I look forward to working with the West L.A. Yard for a long time to come. They're great people, and I thank them for the certificate. The feeling of appreciation is mutual." ■



LAFD Makes Way for Series of New Vehicles

With America's second largest City requiring nearly 1,900 Fire Department responses each day, providing instantaneous around-the-clock service places extreme demands on the department's emergency response vehicles.

Vehicles must be replaced for service reliability, cost and safety factors.

To provide life safety services in an optimal fashion, the Los Angeles Fire Department has an apparatus replacement program included in each year's budget. This allows the department to procure vehicles cost-effectively that will meet the needs of the City for decades to come. Based on a formula that includes the estimated number of years of expected service, a certain number of replacement apparatus are ordered each year.

Thirty-four new "engines" were ordered in June 2002 and June 2003 from both Seagrave and Pierce Manufacturing. Three of these engines have been received at the LAFD's Supply and Maintenance Division, with two of them then forwarded to the City's Radio Shops for installation of communications equipment. In the coming weeks, the first of these engines will be in service protecting the City.

Four new "trucks" were ordered in June 2003. Like all apparatus built to demanding LAFD specifications, these tractor-drawn LTI Aerial Ladders are custom built to protect the citizens of Los Angeles. The first of these units have yet to be received.

Fifty-eight new ambulances were ordered in June 2002 and January 2003 from the Wheeled Coach Corporation.

All 58 ambulances have been received at the department's Supply and Maintenance Division, and 41 are already assigned

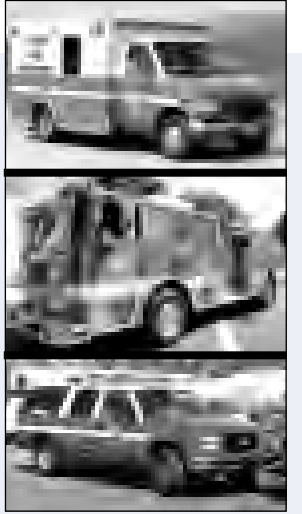
to the field.

Thirteen new Chief Officer Suburbans were ordered in January 2003. Nine General Motors Suburbans have been received at Supply and Maintenance Division, with three of them at the Radio Shops. One is already assigned to the field at the LAFD's 5th Battalion in Hollywood.

Eighteen new Emergency sedans were ordered in January 2003. All 18 Ford Crown Victoria Sedans have been received at the Supply and Maintenance Division, with two of them at the Radio Shops, and 16 already assigned to the field.

The process is a continuous one... and in January, 13 additional engines and 29 additional ambulances were ordered in a competitive bid process that assures a maximum value to the Department and those it serves.

The department anticipates that many of these vehicles will be in service or on display during the annual "Fire Service Recognition Day" celebration Saturday, May 8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., all Neighborhood Fire Stations in Los Angeles will be having an Open House and are anticipating your visit. Don't forget to mark your calendar! ■



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