

Badges of Honor

■ LAFD promotes several employees.

Story by Bev Haro, Club Counselor
Photos by Robert Larios, Club Operations Manager

In October, the LAFD promoted several employees and presented them with impressive badges.

The event took place at the Fire Prevention Bureau in City Hall East.

Fire Marshal Jimmy H. Hill honored several employees. They were;

- Kathleen White, who was promoted from Fire Inspector I to Fire Inspector II and has served the city for 25 years. She also is a paramedic.
- Shane Allen, who was promoted to Fire Inspector II and has also served the City for 25 years;
- Firefighter Jeffrey Arnold, who was promoted to Fire Inspector (from Fire Fighter). He came from Fire Station 42 A Platoon.
- Not pictured is Rickey King, who was promoted to Fire Inspector (from Fire Fighter).

Rickey came from Fire Station 5, C Platoon.

- Captain II Robert Knight, who transferred from the field to the Fire Prevention Bureau. He is in charge of the high-rise unit.

Also honored was Hector Morales, LAFD Principal Clerk. On Sept. 29, he made the Fire Department proud, so the Fire Marshal honored him with a certificate for his heroic act.

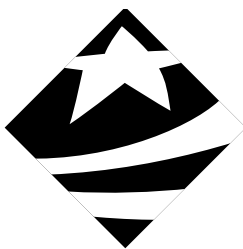
The Club congratulates and thanks all those promoted (and Hector Morales, too) for their excellent service to the LAFD and the City of Los Angeles.



From left: Fire Marshal Jimmy H. Hill and Kathleen White, who was promoted to Fire Inspector II, 25 years.



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Hector's a Hero

■ Hector Morales of the LAFD is commended for helping a man.

Story and photo by Bev Haro, Club Counselor

Hector Morales was given a special badge of merit Oct. 19 for good reason: He did the right thing.

He was on his way home from work one day when he observed strange behavior from a man on the street near Union Station. The man seemed disturbed and was yelling at pedestrians.

Hector continued watching the man until he saw the man climb over the rail, clinging

over the 101 Freeway by the Union Station. Hector immediately reached for his cell phone to dial 911 for help. He also called his supervisor at the Fire Department.

Hector tried to calm the man down by talking to him. The man came back



Hector Morales

onto the street and became hostile. He began chasing Hector, and Hector ran. Although Hector realized that the chase may have appeared like a rare spectacle to people trying to commute home, Hector was pleased that the man was now away from the rail.

When the police arrived they were able to get custody of the man. Hector says that he was impressed by the professional manner in which the LAPD handled the incident.

Hector was honored for his service to the city of Los Angeles. Not only did he call for help, but he took action to prevent the man from harming himself and others.



From left: Hector Morales, Principal Clerk, who was honored for his heroic act, with Jimmy H. Hill, Fire Marshal.

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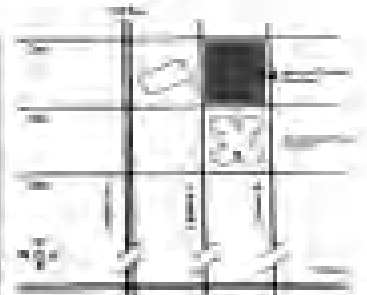
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