

Thanks for the Roses



■ **Bigwigs are present to thank DOT officers for taking part in the Rose Bowl and parade.**

Story and photos by Bev Haro, Club Counselor

More than 100 DOT traffic officers helped their Pasadena counterparts with traffic management for the New Year's Day Rose Bowl and Parade, the first time that DOT has helped control those mega-events. And lots of people came together Jan. 21 to honor them for their joint effort.

The event, which more than 50 DOT officers attended, was held on the rooftop of the Local 347 headquarters on Wilshire Boulevard.

The ceremony started with an invocation led by David Sanders, Staff Director of Local 347, followed by lunch.

The first speaker was Julie Butcher, General Manager of Local 347. She said that the Rose Parade and Bowl were opportunities for City

employees to publicize their work. Next, Jimmy Price, head of the DOT traffic officers, spoke, followed by DOT Commissioner, John Frierson.

The GM of Transportation, Wayne Tanda, spoke and said that what Pasadena experienced for one day is what our [Los Angeles] residents experience everyday.

Lieutenants Rick Aversano and Eric Mills represented the Pasadena Police Department since they were in charge of event planning and traffic control. The Pasadena Police Officers said that from their perspective the partnership worked out really well and that they look forward to working with DOT again.

Captain Betty Harris was in charge of preliminary work on the DOT side. She spoke on behalf of the Sister Union, Local 777, and thanked the supervisors. LAPD Chief William Bratton made a special appearance and extended his personal thank-you to the traffic officers. He also extended a professional thank-you for DOT's cooperation with LAPD and said that he plans to improve coordination and support between the two agencies.

Councilman Dennis Zine and Deputy Mayor Brian Williams also attended.

Congratulations to the traffic officers and the DOT for this excellent cooperative effort.



Standing, from left: Officer Gustavo Martinez Jr., 5 years; Sgt. Tom Villareal, 16 years; and Sgt. R.C. Smith, 17 years; Seated: Officer Daniel Rodriguez, 10 years; and Officer Lisa Pallares, 5 years.



Jimmie Price, Chief of Parking Enforcement and Traffic Control Operations, Club Member.



Wayne Tanda, General Manager, DOT.



Lt. Rick Aversano, Pasadena Police Department.



From left: Lt. Rick Aversano, Pasadena Police Department, 22 years; Captain Harris, 28 years; and Lt. Eric Mills, Pasadena Police Department, 28 years



From left: David Sanders, Staff Director of Local 347, with Officer Barbara Calhoun, Club Member.



From left: Officer David Hiovich, 8 years, Club Member, and Officer Lori Griner, 3 years, Club Member.



From left: Officer Calhoun, Club Member, with Councilmember Dennis Zine, Club Member.



From left: Wayne Tanda, GM, DOT; Deputy Mayor Brian Williams; and Julie Butcher, GM, Local 347.



From left: Officer Mendoza, 7 years; Captain Susan Hicks, 33 years; and Officer Salangron, 17 years, Club Member.



From left: Training Officer Powell, Club Member; Officer Felipe Espinoza, 6 months; Officer Sean Wynn, 6 months; Officer Jenny Day, 6 months; Training Officer Isaac Williams, 8 years, Club Member; and Officer Manuel Frias, 6 months.



From left: Lieutenants Eric Mills and Rick Aversano, Pasadena Police Department; Chief William Bratton of LAPD; Jimmy Price, Chief of Parking Enforcement and Traffic Control Operations, DOT; and Deputy Chief Lampkin.



From left: Officer Lydia Robinson, 16 years, Club Member; Councilmember Dennis Zine, Club Member; and Officer Lori Griner, 3 years, Club Member.



Officer John Aiken, Club Member, with a certificate.



LAPD Chief William Bratton.

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Honoring Central Officers

■ **Central City Police Boosters to host luncheon and awards ceremony.**

Club members are invited to join the Central City Police Boosters in honoring the LAPD Central Area officers who have gone beyond the call of duty to protect and serve downtown Los Angeles.

The luncheon is planned for noon Tuesday, March 8, at the Wilshire Grand Los Angeles hotel, 930 Wilshire Blvd, downtown.

There is a range of ticket prices. Those interested should contact LAPD Central Area Officer Marie Kardiban, (213) 972-1876.

