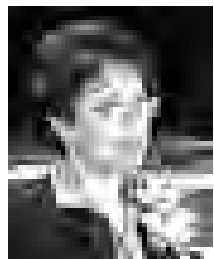


Thanking Civilians

■ LAFD holds appreciation luncheon for civilian employees.



Lori Kwiatkowski, Chair of LAFD Civilian Employee Recognition Committee.

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FIRE DEPT. — The LAFD thanked its very important civilian employees at an award luncheon May 4 at the LAPD Police Academy Club Gymnasium.

The Club helped sponsor this excellent recognition program. We thank Club Member Lori Kwiatkowski, Chair of the LAFD Civilian Luncheon Recognition Committee, for her assistance.

The members of the Civilian Employee Recognition Committee were Betty Bonada, Ed Chua, Caroline Decosto, Ray Lussier, Battalion Chief Felix Norman, Larry Smith and Susie Stiles.

Here are the award winners.



Employee of the Year Presented to Kathleen Evansen, Senior Systems Analyst I

Kathy has spent her nearly 36 years with the LAFD.

Back in June 1969, Kathy joined the department as a clerk stenographer in the Bureau of Fire Prevention and Public Safety, and in 1971 she was promoted to Senior Clerk Stenographer while remaining with the bureau.

In 1982, Kathy transferred to Management information Systems. In 1985, she was promoted to Systems Specialist I; two years later, to systems specialist II; and in November 1998, she was promoted to Senior Systems Analyst I.

Kathy holds the distinction of being the LAFD civilian employee with the second highest seniority ranking.

Kathy is assigned to the dispatch systems support unit. In this capacity, she is primarily responsible for the support of the 911 emergency dispatch hardware and software in O.C.D. to ensure that the 911 system is operational every hour of every day.

In addition, Kathy regularly interacts with police and I.T.A. staff regarding dispatch operation issues, and she is a member of N.E.N.A., the National Emergency Number Association.

Another of Kathy's critical responsibilities is coordinating the quarterly testing of the backup 9-1-1 dispatch center housed at Fire Station 108. She develops scripts and coordinates the testing of the backup center's hardware, software and communications capabilities.



From left: Chief William Bammatre with Kathleen Evansen.



Employee of the Year Presented to Sonya Flint, Secretary

Sonya Flint is a 22-year City employee who started with the City in November 1982 as a clerk typist. Sonya's original appointment was to the LAPD's office of the Chief of Police.

She then was promoted to the Planning Department, board of zoning appeals, as a senior clerk typist in January 1985. Five years later, she transferred to Cultural Affairs. In August 1999, Sonya transferred to the LAFD's Personnel Service Section.

Sonya was promoted to Secretary in September 2001 in the Bureau of Training and Risk Management, where she provides administrative assistance to the Bureau Office and, specifically, to one of the newest community outreach programs of the department — the volunteer program.

With her skills in database development and program organization, the volunteer program has grown from 40 members to more than 522. One of Sonya's many duties is to provide a report to the Mayor's office volunteer corps every month.

She donates her own time to raise funds for important causes and special events, including assisting the Stentorians with the Leroy Mcknight Wake Golf Classic, and she also participates in March of Dimes fundraisers. In addition, Sonya is the department's Daffodil Days representative and has helped raise thousands of dollars for the American Cancer Society.



From left: Chief William Bammatre and Sonya Flint, Club Member.



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Nam Nguyen, for his duties with the LAFD Management Information Systems, in recognition for the multitude of complex projects he successfully completed. His expert development of computer programs and efficient installation of computers, printers, peripherals and servers have facilitated and expedited the sharing of critical information. His creation of Websites for tracking injury investigations, training activities, Workers' Compensation



Nam Nguyen



Fire Chief's Award of Excellence Presented to John Alvarez, Welder

This award is bestowed upon a civilian member who utilizes unique, special talents or skills separate from their Civil Service classification — for the benefit of the Department. This is only the second time this award has been given.



John Alvarez, Club Member.

John Alvarez began his career with the LAFD May 27, 1986, when he was appointed to the position of welder. John has been asked to utilize his artistic talents and achievements of the department and its members.

John has created many pieces of truly magnificent artwork. Some of the more creative examples of his artwork were welding a steel rose, drawing life size cartoon characters, and designing a firefighter climbing a ladder in a 3-D perspective. He painted the wall mural in the Bureau of Support Services Office.



From left: Chief William Bammatre with John Alvarez.



Fire Chief's Group Award of Excellence Presented to Sandra Ocon and Edna Bernal, LAFD Budget Team

This award is given to a group of 10 fewer civilian members who collectively provided outstanding service to the Department by completion of a specific project.

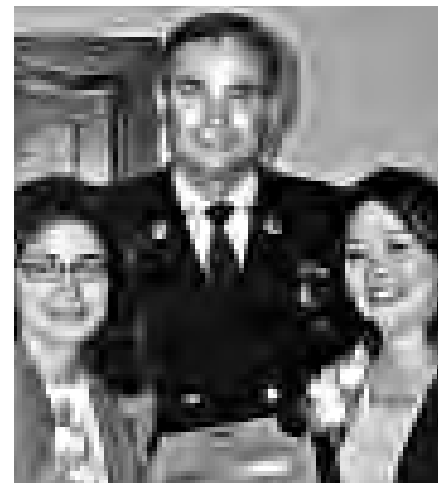
Crucial to Sandra's and Edna's success each year is communicating with department staff on new budget procedures and with department management on establishing the coming year's priorities.

This past year was an exceptionally challenging one in which deadlines were advanced by more than a month, in addition to new procedures and practices being added to the process.

Sandra Ocon began her City career as a management assistant with the Community Development Department in 1993. From 1995 through 1998, she promoted to Management Analyst I and II while working for the LAPD.

She transferred to the LAFD's budget unit in October 1998 and has been deeply involved in the past seven budgets. In May 2001, she promoted to senior Personnel Analyst I, and continues to work on the budget. In addition, Sandra is responsible for all claim reimbursements related to Major fires, floods, and natural disasters.

Edna Bernal is a 17-year City employee who worked for Animal Services, City Attorney, Fire & Police Pensions, LAPD and DWP before joining the LAFD in August 2003. She is the management analyst II in the budget unit.



Chief William Bammatre with Sandra Ocon and Edna Bernal.



Employee of the Year Presented to Ryan Spohr, Mechanical Helper

Ryan Spohr started with the LAFD in March 1999 as a mechanical helper at the downtown shops.

As a mechanical helper, his primary duties are to assist mechanics with needed repairs and maintenance. He maintained and repaired all types of equipment from sedans and pickup trucks to triples trucks, and heavy-duty construction equipment.

In addition to Ryan's meticulous work habits, he takes the initiative to organize and re-order shop supplies as needed.

As an example, in November 2004, he coordinated a very successful field trip to Fire Station 88 and the Valley Repair Shop for a special education class from El Camino High School.

He has his EMT certification and is working to become a firefighter with the LAFD.



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numbers, and Firefighter time commitment has greatly benefited the department by streamlining effort and staff hours.

The Administrative Unit of the Bureau of Fire Prevention and Public Safety's Technical Section, for its lead role in the implementation of the Unified Program's new data management system, which will greatly improve the management of data and financial accounting. The unit's diligent efforts and supervision of the Underground Storage Tank Unit's massive scanning project will result in more effi-

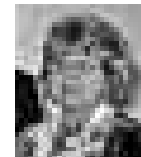


Daniel Tinajero

cient service to the public and will save the department more than \$1 million. Daniel Tinajero represented the Administrative Unit.

Marianne Miglin received a Certificate of Special Recognition at the LAFD Civilian Luncheon May 4. Marianne works at the LAFD Valley Industrial Unit. At press time, *Alive!* was unable to obtain information about Marianne's accomplishments, which we are sure are impressive.

Alive! congratulates Marianne for her recognition. If we obtain the information in the future, we'll publish it.



Marianne Miglin