



From left: Sgt. Hawkes, Officer Clements, Officer Hobbs, Officer Canlas, and Officer Cobos.

Showcasing the Latest

■ Port Police hosts a consortium to introduce new Hazmat equipment.

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HARBOR — The Port Police recently received the latest and best Hazmat equipment and hosted a consortium for various interest groups to see the equipment for themselves. The consortium was held Feb. 8 at the Banning Community Center.

Participating groups included: the Fire Dept., the Police Dept., the Glendale Fire Department, the LA County Hazmat Unit, the U.S. Coast Guard, the U.S. Army, the FBI, the Regional Water Quality District, the City Attorney's Environmental Crime Section, and the California Highway Patrol. More groups would have been present but could not attend due to

working security for the Grammy Awards and the Anaheim Hills fires.

The Port's Hazmat unit is "the investigative unit of sorts," according to Sgt. Ken Hawkes. There are nine Hazmat team members; four are trained as Hazardous

Technician Specialists and five are certified to operate decontamination equipment.



With the Interoperable Communications and Command Support Vehicle are (from left) Port Police Officer Hobbs, 23 years, and Military Officer Baldwin.



The Port's Hazmat unit put its top-of-the-line equipment on display.



CHP Officer Strobel enters the Mobile Shelter and likes what he sees.



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The "Decon Tender" is the decontamination equipment used to cleanse those who become contaminated.



The Mobile Shelter, bought originally for relief of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans, has now returned for use in the City.

Public Works Honored

■ Engineers group awards dept.'s media efforts for bridge project.

PUBLIC WORKS — The Los Angeles Council of Engineers and Scientists (LACES) was present its Media Award to the City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works Public Affairs Office (PAO) at a ceremony Feb. 22 in Carson.

LACES will honor the PAO during National Engineers Week 2006 at its annual Honors and Awards banquet, for public relations support to the Osborne Street Bridge reopening project and ribbon cutting ceremony.

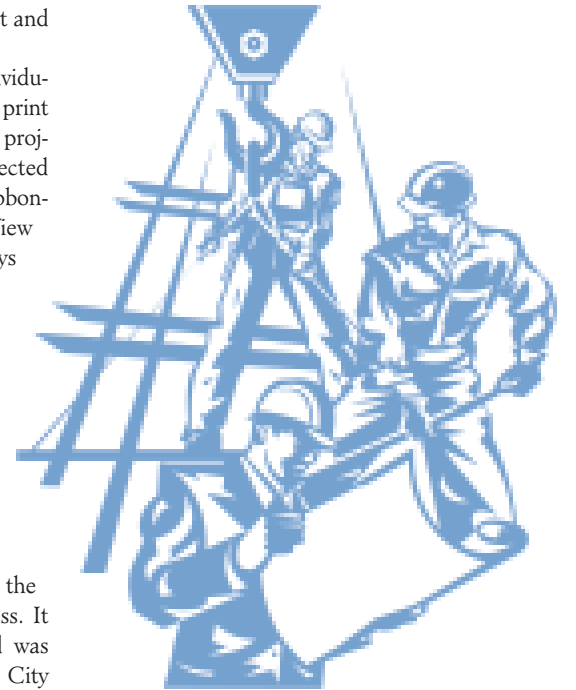
LACES presents its Media Award to individuals and teams for excellence in facilitating print or electronic media reporting of engineering projects and technical issues. The PAO was selected to receive the award after coordinating ribbon-cutting ceremonies for the bridge, in Lake View Terrace, in December; with just three days prior notification.

Media coverage included a newspaper article, reaching an audience of at least 20,000 residents in the immediate community; one wire story, reaching as many as 250 media outlets; stories airing on two local television stations; and one on the City's cable channel newsmagazine, reaching a potential audience of 4.5 million residents.

Severe storms early last year damaged the bridge, making it unsafe for vehicles to pass. It was closed, and a temporary detour road was built until the bridge could be repaired. City

Public Works personnel directed construction of a detour road and a repair project, which was completed in less than 75 days. Prior to construction of the detour road, the only way around the damaged bridge was a 40-minute detour on a winding mountain road, a major inconvenience for commuters and a safety issue for emergency vehicles.

For more information, call the Public Affairs Office at (213) 978-0333, or e-mail: pao@bpw.lacity.org. The website address is: <http://www.lacity.org/DPW/dpwhome.htm>



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