

17 Join New Safety Division

■ **General Services has swearing-in ceremony as it consolidates safety officers from several divisions into one.**

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GENERAL SERVICES — A swearing-in ceremony, held Feb. 16 in the Tom Bradley Room atop City Hall, was a critical part of the department's consolidating public safety officers from different divisions into one new division.

Seventeen new officers from Rec and Parks were sworn in, joining the new General Services Office of Public Safety. Family and friends came to the ceremony.

The new organizational structure was accomplished through a "historic consolidation," according to Chief Gary S. Newton. The different divisions consolidated to

form General Services Office of Public Safety were Rec and Parks Rangers, Library Police, and officers from the Zoo and the Convention Center.

"101 sworn [officers], 300 security officers, 800 municipal buildings, 400 parks, 72 libraries, the Convention Center and the Los Angeles Zoo ... we are a unique citywide patrol service," Chief Newton said.

Transitioning Sergeants included Rick Beutell, Kelly Byrne and Joseph Tafoya. Transitioning officers included Javier Barragan, Ryan Bernaldo, Victor Carrasco, Sean Hennessey, Paul Hernandez, Carl Holmes, Albert Jedinak, John Keers, Francisco Primentel, Felix Rivera, Lev Shaibi, Evelyn Solano, Mark Velasquez and Gildardo Vizcarra.

The National Anthem was sung Kidd Wong, Clerk Typist.

The Club congratulates the new safety officers, and the new General Services Office of Public

Safety. And we thank Sgt. Ray Ingal, Capt. Gerry Perez, Chief Gary S. Newton and Senior Lead Officer Stanley Molden for their assistance.



Sixteen of the former Rec and Parks officers who joined the new General Services Office of Public Safety division at an event Feb. 16.



Command staff, back, from left: Lt. Ray Ingal and Lt. Kevin Montgomery. Front: Captain Gerry Perez, Club Member; Chief Gary S. Newton; Capt. Richard Musquiz; and Lt. Raymond Lucas.



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Officer Javier Barragan, Club Member



Officer Ryan Bernaldo



Sgt. Rick Beutell



Sgt. Kelly Byrne is pinned by Chief Gary S. Newton.



Officer Victor Carrasco, Club Member



From Left: Lydia Marquez, Sr. Clerk Typist; Kidd Wong, Clerk Typist; and Iran Mercado, Clerk Typist.



Officer Sean Hennessey



Officer Paul Hernandez



Officer Carl Holmes, Club Member



Officer Albert Jedinak



Officer John Keers



Officer Francisco Pimentel



Capt. Richard Musquiz, Commanding Officer, Parks and Facilities Bureau, delivered his closing statements.



Capt. Gerry Perez, Commanding Officer, Support Services Bureau, delivered his closing remarks, congratulating the new officers and thanking everyone for attending.



Officer Felix Rivera



Officer Lev Shaibi



Officer Evelyn Solano



Sgt. Joseph Tafoya, Club Member



Officer Mark Velasquez



Officer Gildardo Vizcarra