

Honoring Tommy Scott

■ **Deceased Airport officer given award posthumously by local group.**

Story by Officer Belinda Nettles, Airport Police; Photos courtesy Airport Police

AIRPORTS — Los Angeles Airport Police Officer Tommy Edward Scott, who gave his life while protecting the aviation community and doing a job he truly loved, was honored Feb. 21 with an Outstanding Service to the Community Award by the Westchester Elks Lodge.

Scott was killed April 29, 2005, while on patrol during an altercation with a suspect. Scott was a four-year veteran of

the Los Angeles Airport Police. Curt Curtiss, a member of the Westchester Elks Lodge, presented Hubert Scott, Tommy Scott's father, with the award during a Board of Airport Commissioners meeting at Los Angeles International Airport.

The Westchester Elks Lodge each year recognizes officers from law enforcement agencies in the airport area for their outstanding service to the community. As the 2005 recipient, Scott was added to the Westchester Elks plaque honoring previous officers.

Scott's father also accepted for his son Certificates of Special Recognition from U.S. Representative Maxine Waters. Los Angeles City Councilman Bill Rosendahl presented Scott's father with an Officer of the Year Award.



Officer Tommy Scott, 1969-2005



Hubert Scott, the father of the late Airport Police Officer Tommy Scott, accepts the award from Curt Curtiss.

Remembering Rene and Rick

■ **Public Works held a one-year remembrance for Big Rick Garris and Rene Flores, who died on duty.**

Story and photos by Jessica Segura, Club Counselor

PUBLIC WORKS — One year ago, Public Works and other departments within the City experienced a tragic and unforgettable loss of "Big" Rick Garris and Rene Flores.

This past Feb. 24, family and friends joined in City Hall to remember Rick and Rene and honor them. Bennie Williams, who was the best friend of Big Rick and friend to Rene, held a ceremony to unveil a monument in their memory. The monument will stand 18 feet tall in the lobby of the new Public Works Building, which will be on 12th Street. Funding for the monument is solely based on fundraising and donations. It is expected to be ready for display by the same time next year.

The Club thanks Club Rep Tonja Bellard for her assistance.



Rene Flores, 1950-2005



"Big" Rick Garris, 1955-2005



A small replica of the monument for Big Rick and Rene.



From left: Rachel Flores, mother, and Sandy Flores, sister-in-law.



From left: Yvette D. Williams Garris, widow; Ruth Wright, mother in law; and Willie F. Garris, father.



From left: Herbert Fragosa, Plumber, 32 years, and Richard Barboza, Bridge Crew 165, 7 years of service.



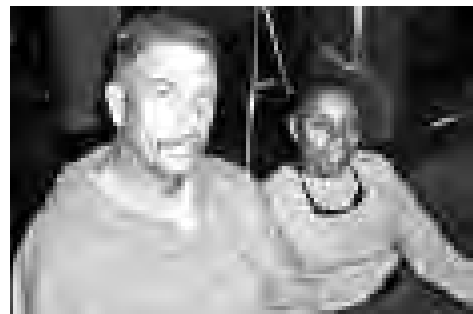
From left: Katie Curry, granddaughter; Desiree Castaneda; Margie Castaneda, fiancé; and Renee Flores, daughter.



From left: Minister Darrell Wright, brother-in-law, and Karen Garris-Wright, sister.



Special Projects Division Manager Dennis Weber gives a few words in memory of Rick and Rene.



From left: Frederick Dorman, Equip. Operator, 11 years; and Patricia Williams, Local 761/ Special Projects, 5 years of service.



From left: Michael Curry and DeAnna Flores, daughter.



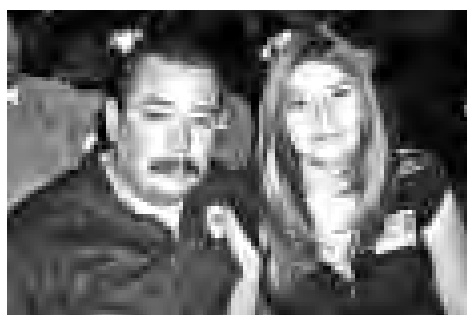
From left: Earl Coleman, Special Projects, 15 years, and Bennie Williams.



From left: Yolanda Fuentes, Public Works Commissioner, and William Robertson, Director of Street Services.



From left: John Serrato, Special Projects, 5 years; Bob Garcia, Special Projects, 22 years; and John Delao, Special Projects, 19 years of service.



From left: Jason Flores, son, and his girlfriend, Laura Dominguez.



From left: Jose Arandia, MNC Street Services, 9 years, and Manuel Guerrero, Mason Street Services, 5 years of service.



From left: Bennie Williams, Acting Supervisor, Special Projects, and William Robertson.