

BAKER TO VEGAS RUN 2006

Off to Baker, for Airport Police

■ Airport Police sponsors team in annual Baker to Vegas footrace.

Story by Liz Montes, Club Counselor
Photos courtesy Airport Police

AIRPORTS — The Los Angeles World Airports Police Division participated in the annual Baker to Vegas race, too. Runners began the challenging race in Baker and crossed the finish line in Las Vegas, where they were able to celebrate.

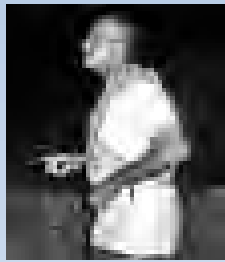
Congratulations to the LAX Police Division for its hard work.

The annual Baker to Vegas foot race is produced by the Los Angeles Police Revolver and Athletic Club (LAPRAAC).

The Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay, which challenges teams of runners to race (on foot) from Baker, Calif., to Las Vegas, was founded by Los Angeles Police Officers Chuck Foote and Larry Moore in 1984 with the continuous financial support of LAPRAAC.



From left: Officers Jeff Shelton, Kendra Smith and Luis Silva.



Officer Luis Silva during the run.



Officer Eduardo Angel.



Chief Brian Walker catches Officer Robert Yanez, the last runner of the relay team.



The Airport Police Baker to Vegas team.

CONGRATULATIONS RUNNERS!



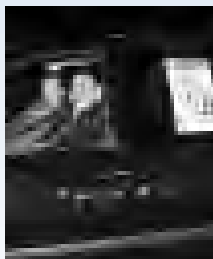
The Airport Police Baker to Vegas team.



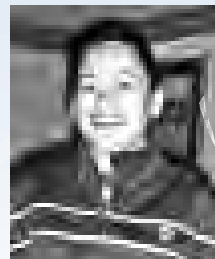
From left: Officer Jeff Shelton; Officer Kendra Williams; Officer Lisa Lane; Monica Tucker, Communications Operator; Officer Luis Silva; and Sgt. Edward Trahan.



Officer Woods, with Officer Eduardo Angel handing over the baton.



Officers William Handley and Shawn Maldonado.



Officer Kimberly Ojeda.



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Thanks, Anita!

■ LAPD Communications thanks Anita Whited for managing the Baker to Vegas running team.

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

POLICE DEPT. — Runners and support staff came to the Metro Center Communications Building May 2 to show their appreciation to Sr. PSR I and Club Member Anita Whited. This year's Baker to Vegas running squad was the third consecutive team she has led to bring home a coveted "mug."

Anita was showered with gifts, flowers and fond memories that runners and support shared during a packed roll call room, with some coming in during their days off. Capt. Buck shared her enthusiasm for the accomplishment this year with hopes to possibly run in the 2007 team.

Sr. PSR I and Club Member Yvette Bentley called Anita "the little engine that could." Lt.

Barrera shared her experience of running the Baker to Vegas event for the past 15 years. "It's an honor to run and be part of LAPD Communications. Anita is truly my inspiration," Lt. Barrera said.

Berta Ugas, Sr. PSR I, Club Member and good friend of Anita's, talked about Anita's generosity with her time. "We are in it together, my friend," Berta said as Anita decided to once again spearhead the 2007 team.

Lastly, PSR Angelina Ortega shared the joy at recently completing her first marathon (she has participated in just two Baker to Vegas runs).

"It wouldn't be done if it wasn't for the people around me," Anita said as she was surrounded with runners and support. "These people mean so much" she continued as she tearfully thanked everyone leaving the roll call room.

"See it done," Anita says, and truly she did!

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Anita Whited, holding back tears, thanks everyone and announces that she will "See it done in 2007!"



Capt. Buck shares her story of the first day she met Sr. PSR I Anita Whited.

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The Club thanks Dan Basilgo, PSR III, Club Member and Baker to Vegas Team Co-Captain for his assistance.



Angelina Ortega hands gifts from the team to Anita Whited as runners look on.



"We are in it together, my friend," said Berta Uga, Sr. PSR I, Club Member.



Lt. Barrera commends Anita Whited's efforts and called her an inspiration.



"The little engine that could" is how Sr. PSR I Yvette Bentley described Anita Whited.