

Public Safety's First Picnic



■ New Office of Public Safety hosts first family picnic.

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GENERAL SERVICES — The Office of Public Safety (OPS) held its first summer picnic Sept. 9 at Griffith Park. It was a success, with more than 170 staff, friends and family members attending.

OPS is responsible for providing a safe environment for City buildings and facilities throughout the City of Los Angeles, including municipal facilities, public libraries, the Zoo, El Pueblo Historic Monument, Convention Center, Rec and Parks, and the Public Works Bureau of Sanitation.

OPS participated in fundraisers for the three months to raise money for the picnic. The division sold candy, pizza, enchiladas, candy apples and banana split/sundaes to raise money for the event. Food contributions included potato salad from Georgina Rodriguez and macaroni salad from Enriqueta Espinoza's mother. Officer Frank Crescenzo and Lt. Ray Lucas were on the grill preparing the barbequed chicken, hot links, hot dogs and hamburgers. Lt. Ray Ingal organized the games, Officer Orlando Castillo deejayed, and Los Huizacheros Ballet Folklorico de Santee (referred to by Isabel Vasquez) performed from the Santee Educational Complex.

It was a great day that brought OPS family together in fun-filled activities and great food! The Picnic Committee and Chief would like to thank everyone for their support, participation and enthusiasm.



From left: Lt. Yin Wong, Club Member and Lydia Marquez.



From left: Maria and Capt. Richard Musquiz, Club Member, with children, Megan and Mathew.



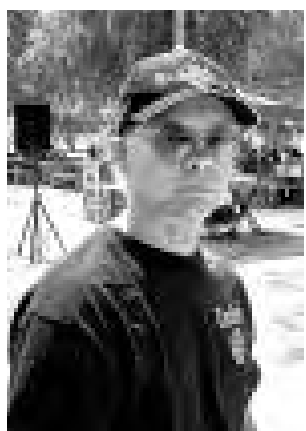
Cyndy and Antonio Orozco, Sr. Lead Officer, Club Member, with grandkids Brianna and Gaby.



Isaiiah Hawkins, son of Club CEO John Hawkins, with neon snake on leg.



From left: Sontue Beacham, Management Assistant; Brittany Cotton, Clerk Typist; and "Ms. Q," Clerk Typist, Club Member.



Officer Harry Denton, Library, Club Member.



Chef Frank Crescenzo in his custom chef suit.



Lydia Marquez's family, from left: Max, Rosemary, Jeremy and Art.



Chief Gary Newton checks out the Zoo Mobile.



Sgt. Mark Kapoh, Club Member, and Sgt. Susan Kapoh, Club Member, with sons, Chris (left), and "Little" Hank.



Alex Muñoz and his father, Damien Muñoz, playing cards.



Arlene Herrera, Club Counselor, and Isaiiah Hawkins, Club Counselor in the making and son of Club CEO John Hawkins.



Hector Graciano, Sr. Lead Officer, Club Member, his wife, Diana, and his daughter, Alyssa. In front: Faith and Aidan.



From left: Chef Frank Crescenzo and Lt. Ray Lucas.



D.J. Orlando Catille, Public Safety Officer.



Chief Gary Newton and his daughters, Alex (left), and Jordyn.



Andrew Anderson and Shakira Richardson, cousin of Sontue Beacham.



Rahid Baig, Lead Logistics Officer, with his family, Saba (left) and Asif.



From left: Evelyn, Melissa, Karina, Cindy Orozco (wife of Sr. Lead Officer Antonio Orozco) and Gaby.