

# Detention Graduations



## ■ LAPD graduates its new class of Detention Officers.

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**POLICE DEPT.** — The LAPD graduated 19 new Detention Officers at a ceremony and exercises Sept. 1 at the Police Academy.

Of the 19, three were from police departments other than the LAPD. The class began in June.

The graduates (all from the LAPD unless otherwise stated) were:

- Pedro Arriola;
- Genevieve Belasco, Alhambra PD;
- Melva Carter;
- Tony Chang;
- Norma Franco-Hernandez;
- Alfredo Garcia;
- Erika Gonzalez, Garden Grove PD;
- Marvin Hall;
- Cesar Hernandez;
- Ilvia Ibarra;
- Janette Martinez;
- Heric Obregon;
- Cochise Rodriguez, Downey PD;
- Sara Soria;
- Gail Thompson;
- Marita Waight;
- Dania Ward; and
- Kawanis Washington.

Special recognitions included:

- Outstanding Academic Achievement, Cochise Rodriguez;
- Outstanding Physical Training Achievement, Marvin Hall;
- Outstanding Uniform Appearance, Melva Carter;
- Best Overall Recruit, Conchise Rodriguez.

The Recruit Class speech was delivered by Detention Officer Pedro Arriola. The uniform inspection was conducted by James P. McDonnell, First Assistant Chief of Police. Capt. Patrick K. Findley delivered the introduction.

The invocation was performed by Rabbi Chaim Kolodny. Family members and friends were present to witness the occasion.

Congratulations to the new Detention Officers. Thanks to Principal Detention Officers Cheryl Walker and Michael H. Ellington for their assistance.



From left: George Cabarrus, Principal Detention Officer, Club Member; Senior Detention Officer; and James P. McDonnell, First Assistant Chief of Police, Club Member.



Training staff, back, from left: Capt. Patrick K. Findley, Commanding Officer, Jail Division; and Principal Detention Officer Michael H. Ellington. Middle: Principal Detention Officer Cheryl Walker, Club Member; and Senior Detention Officer Patrick Thompson. Front: Detention Officer Olivia Valencia, Club Member.



Capt. Patrick Findley, Commanding Officer, Jail Division, conducts Uniform Inspection alongside First Assistant Chief of Police James P. McDonnell, Club Member.



Capt. William Murphy, Commanding Officer, Training Division, addresses the graduates and their families.



From left: Heric Obregon, Detention Officer, Van Nuys; Genevieve Belasco, Alhambra Detention Officer; and Marita Waight, Detention Officer, Van Nuys, Club Member.



Melva Carter, LAPD Detention Officer, Club Member.



Tony Chang, LAPD Detention Officer, Club Member.



Pedro Arriola, LAPD Detention Officer.



Genevieve Belasco, Alhambra Detention Officer.



Erika Gonzalez, Garden Grove Detention Officer.



Janette Martinez, LAPD Detention Officer.



Gail Thompson, LAPD Detention Officer, Club Member.



Marita Waight, LAPD Detention Officer, Club Member.



Tony Chang, Detention Officer, Club Member, with his family. He will be stationed at Metro.



Dania Ward, LAPD Detention Officer, Club Member.



Norma Franco-Hernandez, LAPD Detention Officer, Club Member.



Alfredo Garcia, LAPD Detention Officer.



Hector Obregon, LAPD Detention Officer.



Marvin Hall, LAPD Detention Officer, Club Member.



Gail Thompson, Detention Officer, with her family. She will be stationed at Van Nuys.



Kawanis Washington, LAPD Detention Officer, Club Member.



Cesar Hernandez, LAPD Detention Officer.



Elvia Ibarra, LAPD Detention Officer, Club Member.



Cochise Rodriguez, Downey Detention Officer.



Sara Soria, LAPD Detention Officer, Club Member.



Dania Ward, Detention Officer, Metro, Club Member, with her family.



Cesar Hernandez, Detention Officer, with his wife and son.



From left: Lorraine Rocco, friend of Marvin Hall, Detention Officer, 77th, Club Member; and Elvia Ibarra, Detention Officer, Van Nuys, Club Member, with her husband, Geronimo.



Alfredo Garcia, Detention Officer, with his family. He will be stationed at 77th.