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Officer Falls in Line of Duty

■ Day of mourning was Oct. 23 in memory of Police Officer Landon Dorris.

Officer Landon Dorris

LAPD – A citywide day of mourning was held Monday, Oct. 23, in memory of LAPD Officer Landon Dorris, who was struck by a car during the investigation of a minor traffic accident.

At approximately 1:20 a.m. Oct. 22, Northeast Area Officer Landon Dorris and his partner, Officer Marc Fujiwara, were investigating a minor traffic collision at Riverside Drive and Hyperion Avenue. Officer Dorris was in the street, when a car heading west on Riverside Drive struck him. The force of the impact caused Officer Dorris to hit another car that was waiting to turn left onto the Golden State Freeway on-ramp.

Officer Dorris was taken to USC Medical Center in critical condition with major head trauma. Despite the efforts of the hospital emergency staff, Officer Dorris did not survive his injuries. "The men and women of the LAPD are deeply saddened by the loss of a fellow officer. Our hearts go out to the family and friends of Officer Dorris during this difficult time," said Chief William Bratton.

Officer Dorris, 31, had been with the LAPD for just more than three years. Prior to joining the LAPD, Officer Dorris served six years with the California Highway Patrol as a motorcycle officer. He is survived by his mother; two sisters; his fiancé; and two sons, ages 3 and 1.

The last LAPD officer to be killed in the line of duty was 31-year-old Ricardo Lizarraga. He was shot and killed by a suspect on Feb. 20, 2004.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation, 1880 North Academy Road, Los Angeles, California 90012.

Flags flew at half-staff at all City buildings Oct. 23 to honor Officer Dorris.

Those wishing to leave a memorial thought may do so at:
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