



Fight for Life

■ LAPD takes on the NYPD in 13th annual boxing match for pride ... and a good cause.

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POLICE DEPT. — On Jan. 12, L.A.'s bravest and finest duked it out with the NYPD to knock out cancer. The annual boxing match was held at the Quiet Cannon in Montebello.

This exciting night of boxing, which raised funds for the City of Hope, pitted members of the boxing teams from the Los Angeles Police Department against their fellow officers from the New York Police Department. These local heroes put their pride – and their chins – on the line in front of a capacity crowd of boxing enthusiasts. The night of great fights and knockout action featured numerous weight classes.

Our LAPD toughs dominated the evening, winning six of the nine bouts. The event was sold out. The National Anthem was sang by Rosalind Curry, and a ten-count followed to honor and recognize fallen officers. The evening was also a special tribute to Sheriff Deputy Jerry Ortiz.

More than that \$40,000 was raised, thanks to the dedication of the Fight for Life committee, the event's sponsors and all who came out for the event, especially those who stepped into the ring. Proceeds will benefit City of Hope's lifesaving research, treatment and education programs.

Here's a list of the participating boxers, with an asterisk noting the winners:

NYPD

David Siev (coach)

- Antoine Beecham* vs.
- Joe Del Sole* vs.
- Rodney Guitonez vs.
- Abraham Ahmed vs.
- Thomas Miserandino vs.
- Dan Burke vs.
- Louie Lopez* vs.
- Flavio Rodriguez vs.
- Mike Russo vs.

LAPD

Rudy Barragan (coach)

- Paul Espinoza, North East Div.
- Jose Arellano, Van Nuys
- Jimmy Ramirez, Central Div.*
- Tom Datro, Training Div.*
- Rahssan Fobbs, Pacific Narcotics*
- John Negrete, Hollywood*
- Ray Lara Jr., San Gabriel PD
- Ivan Guillermo*
- Frank Diaz, Newton*



All smiles, from left: First Assistant Chief and Club Member James P. McDonnell; Officer Jimmy Ramirez, Central; Officer Ray Lara Jr., San Gabriel PD, taking a playful jab; Officer Paul Espinoza, North East Division; LAPD Chief William Bratton; Officer Tom Datro, Training Division; and Officer III Cleon Joseph, Training Division.



From left: First Assistant Chief of Police James P. McDonnell, Club Member; Officer Ivan Guillermo; LAPD Chief William Bratton; Trish Devine, Director of Development at City of Hope; and Patrol Officer Ray Lara Jr., San Gabriel PD.



Police Officer II John Negrete, Hollywood, flashes a smile and a fist, ready for his novice bout against Dan Burke.



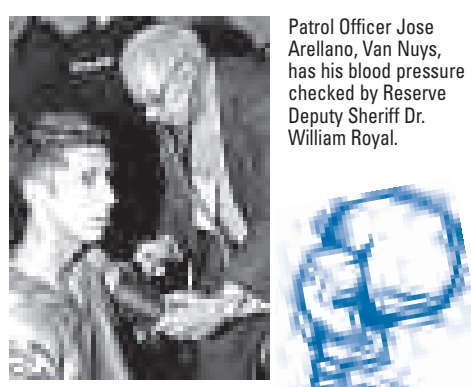
From left: Capt. Andrew Smith, Commanding Officer Central Community Police Station, Club Member, with his boxer, Officer Jimmy Ramirez, who started a winning streak for the night.



From left: Andrea Esquivel, PSR II, Club Member; Sara Wieck, PSR II, Club Member; Monique Carillo, PSR II; Mynerva Gramillo, Police Officer II, South West Division; and Dina Ramirez, PSR III, Club Member.



Listening for their last-minute instructions from Referee Pat Conley were, from left: NYPD Officer Thomas Miserandino and LAPD Officer Rahssan Fobbs, Pacific.



Patrol Officer Jose Arellano, Van Nuys, has his blood pressure checked by Reserve Deputy Sheriff Dr. William Royal.



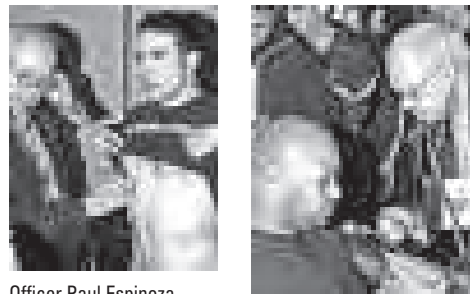
From left: LAPD Officer Diane Alonzo, cancer survivor, with James P. McDonnell, First Assistant Chief of Police, Club Member.



From left: Marisa Lujan, PSR III, Club Member; Sergio Melendez, SMO, Club Member; and Maria Coronado, PSR II.



The National Anthem was sung by Rosalind Curry.



Officer Paul Espinoza, North East Division, has his heart rate checked prior to his bout by Reserve Deputy Sheriff Dr. William Royal.



Officer Rahssan Fobbs, LAPD Pacific Narcotics, gets checked out by Reserve Deputy Sheriff Dr. William Royal.



From left: Capt. William Murphy, Commanding Officer, Training Division, with his winning boxer, Officer Tom Datro.



From left: Tammy Lindquist, PSR III, Club Member; Yvette Salazar, PSR III, Club Member; and Karen Koukal, PSR III.



Officer John Negrete, Hollywood Division, was happy to share his winning moment with his father, Ignacio Negrete.



From left: Patrol Capt. Fabian E. Lizarraga, Van Nuys Community Police Station, officers his congratulations on a winning bout to Officer Ivan Guillermo, alongside Joe Valverde of Valverde Construction Co.



Training Officer Frank Diaz, Newton Division, is congratulated for winning the last bout of the evening by James P. McDonnell, First Assistant Chief of Police, Club Member.



"Cutman" Carlos Vargas, LAFD EMT, comes to the aid of LAPD Officer Ivan Guillermo.



Officer Tom Datro from Training Division manages a smile while having his blood pressure checked by Reserve Deputy Sheriff Dr. William Royal.

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North East Officer Paul Espinoza takes a hit from NYPD Officer Antoine Beecham as Referee Pat Conley looks on.



From left: Anita Whited, Sr. Supervisor PSR I, Club Member; Susana Reynoso, PSR II, Club Member; Nikki Campbell, PSR II, Club Member; Bernadette Rendon, guest; and D'Arcy Schroeder, PSR II, Club Member.