



Honoree and supervisor, from left: Abe Rasheed, Office of the Board of Public Works-Accounting; and Craig V. Bloomquist, Director, Office of the Board of Public Works-Accounting.

# An Award For Abe



## ■ Abe Rasheed receives award for 35 years of City service.

**PUBLIC WORKS** — Nasir "Abe" Rasheed was presented his 35 Years Service Award at the Board of Public Works meeting in the Edward R. Roybal Session Room Feb. 28.

Abe began his City career in 1972 when he joined the Department of Traffic, now the Department of Transportation as an Accountant.

In 1974, he was promoted to Administrative Assistant with the Fire Department and in 1977, he was promoted to Senior Accountant II with Rec and Parks. While there, he was a member of its Affirmative Action Advisory Committee and its "E" Team.

In 1989, he was promoted to Public Works, Bureau of Accounting, now the Office of Accounting, where he works today as a Principal Accountant II, serving as the General Accounting Division Manager.

In 1997, he was the recipient of a Productivity Award as a member of a team from Accounting, Sanitation, General Services and the Controller's Office, which implemented improved procedures for faster procurement and expedited payments to vendors at Hyperion.

During his service in the Bureau of Accounting, Abe served on the Affirmative Action Advisory Committee and various strategic

planning committees, both at the department and bureau level.

He received a certificate for membership in the Department's 800 Club, signifying the accumulation of at least 800 hours of unused sick time.

Frequently, Abe has volunteered to serve on interview panels for both the Personnel Department and other governmental agencies.

Abe has also participated in ongoing professional development and received a certificate from the UCLA Leadership for the 21st Century program.

He is affiliated with a number of professional and employee organizations: a Past President of LAMAAA, the Los Angeles Municipal Accountants and Auditors Association, a professional association of City Accountants and Auditors; and a member of the California Society of Municipal Finance Officers, the Institute of Internal Auditors and the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners.

He has also been actively involved with the Los Angeles Federal Credit Union for the last 15 years. Currently, Abe is Secretary of the Credit Union's Supervisory Committee.

Abe holds a teaching credential for the California Community colleges.

In his spare time, Abe enjoys photography. He is married and has two children and two grandchildren.



First row, from left: Paula A. Daniels, Commissioner, Board of Public Works; David Sickler, Vice President, Board of Public Works; Valerie Lynne Shaw, Commissioner, Board of Public Works; Abe Rasheed, Office of the Board of Public Works-Accounting; Cynthia M. Ruiz, President, Board of Public Works; and Yolanda Fuentes, Board of Public Works. Second row (standing): Craig V. Bloomquist, Director, Office of the Board of Public Works-Accounting.



Firefighter recruits pose as their families take their picture.

# Welcome to The Family

## ■ LAFD hosts orientation event for families of new recruits.

Story and photos by Liz Montes, Club Counselor

**FIRE DEPT.** — The LAFD hosted the Recruit Firefighter Family Orientation Monday March 5. Firefighter recruits attended the event along with their family to learn more about the 18-week training program they will endure to become a firefighter.

Family members were given a variety of materials to learn more about the program and how important it will be to support their recruit during training.

Training was to begin March 19 at the Harbor Academy.



From left: Percy Jones, Paul Pance and Jaime Brown.

# New Fire Inspectors



From left: George S. Suchand, 12 years, Inspector I; Fire Marshal and Deputy Chief Jimmy H. Hill; and Kristin Crowley, Inspector I.

## ■ LAFD promotes four to Fire Inspector I

Story by Liz Montes, Club Counselor; Photo by Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager

**FIRE DEPT.** — The Bureau of Fire Prevention and Public Safety promoted four employees to Inspector I. An informal photo/badge presentation was held March 5 at City Hall East.

The new Fire Inspectors reported in dress uniforms to receive their new badges from Fire Marshal and Deputy Chief Jimmy Hill.

*Congratulations!*



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