



From left: Los Angeles Airport Police Recruit Officers Roberto Figueroa, Pablo Ayala, Sergio Barot and Bryan Colindres.

Recruits to Officers

■ Four Airport Police recruits receive their badges as officers.

Story by Officer Belinda Nettles, Public Information Officer, Airport Police; Photo courtesy Airport Police

AIRPORTS — Four Los Angeles Airport Police recruits received badges during the Los Angeles Police Department Elysian Park Academy ceremony March 30.

Officers Sergio Barot, Roberto Figueroa, Pablo Ayala and Bryan Colindres are the first airport police recruits to participate in the LAPD badge ceremony since Los Angeles Airport Police returned to the LAPD police academy in October last year.

Los Angeles Airport Police is the fourth largest law enforcement agency in Los Angeles County, with more than 900 law enforcement, security and staff personnel. Airport Police is a division of Los Angeles World Airports, the City department that owns and operates four airports in Southern California: Los Angeles International, LA/Ontario International, LA/Palmdale Regional and Van Nuys (general aviation).

Alive! congratulates the new Airport Police officers.



Newsbrief

LAPD BUILDING:

Public Works' Bureau of Contract Administration reports that more than 45 percent of work hours so far spent on the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Administration Building in downtown Los Angeles were performed by local city residents. Since breaking ground in November 2006, prime contractor Tutor Saliba and its subcontractors have exceeded the expected 30 percent local hire mandate by a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) implemented on the construction contract.

Inspector of Public Works John L. Reamer Jr., who oversees the City's labor compliance operations in the Bureau of Contract Administration, says, "As of February 2007, the contractors for the new LAPD Administration Building have employed 111 workers, including operating engineers, laborers, carpenters, ironworkers, cement masons and teamsters, to work on the project. The workers spent a total of 10,459 hours on the job working Mondays through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Fridays and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. A total of 35 local residents employed by the contractors worked 4,748 of those hours, or 45 percent of the total reported work time."

Board of Public Works President Cynthia M. Ruiz emphasizes the value and positive impacts of PLAs to local workers and to the local economy. "The Department of Public Works is exerting all efforts to work with unions and contractors to employ skilled craft workers living in the communities impacted by our construction projects. This way, local jobs are filled by local residents who fuel the local economy. There are also opportunities for job training and apprenticeships that promote advancement for the local labor force."

Public Works has recently applied PLAs to its major projects in recognition of its multiple benefits to all parties involved in it. The main advantage of a PLA to the City is the timely and economical completion of projects due to labor dispute resolution and the prohibition of strikes and other forms of work stoppages. Contractors are assured a skilled workforce through union references. Local residents within the area around the project are given first-hire opportunities by local

hiring halls. Workers are paid stabilized wages and provided benefits.

PLAs were first executed by the Department of Public Works on the East Central Interceptor Sewer (ECIS) and Northeast Interceptor Sewer (NEIS) projects that together totaled \$400 million. The agreements on both contracts required a 40 percent local hire rate. The Bureau of Contract Administration, Labor Compliance section reports that, based on payroll monitoring, the provision resulted in an estimated \$18.9 million returned to the community in salaries paid to local hires.

PLAs are also implemented on the following current City projects:

- LAPD Metro Detention Center, \$74 million
- Main Street Parking/Motor Transport Division and Aiso Street Parking, \$62 million
- LAPD Harbor Replacement Station, \$35 million
- LAPD Hollenbeck Police Station, \$31 million
- Fire Station No. 64, \$12 million

More workers will be employed in the construction of the \$215 million LAPD facility. The new building will include the Department's administration offices, commission offices and meeting rooms, detective functions, underground parking, an auditorium, food services, a media room and a helipad.

The project's construction is 10 percent complete and on schedule as of March 2007. Full completion is expected by summer 2009.

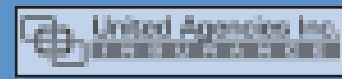


Workers at the LAPD Administration Building construction site continue operations on a rainy March day. Since the project groundbreaking in November, workers have been on site from Mondays through Saturdays.

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Is It Safe to Go Onto the Water?

Summer is getting close, and people are starting to get out their powerboats, sailboats, Jet Skis, WaveRunners and other types of personal watercraft. These toys have their own insurance exposures, and you should make sure that you are properly covered.

Most homeowner policies provide limited coverage for property damage for small boats including canoes and small sailboats. Coverage is very limited (usually \$1,000), and generally includes the boat, motor and trailer combined. Liability coverage is typically *not* included, but it can be added as an endorsement to a homeowner policy. You should consider purchasing a personal watercraft policy to protect yourself and your water vehicle in the event of an accident.

Larger and faster boats, yachts and personal watercraft including JetSkis and WaveRunners require a separate boat insurance policy. The size, type and value of the craft and the water in which you use it factor into how much you will pay for insurance coverage.

What does a Personal Watercraft Policy cover?

- Bodily injury: For any injuries that you might cause to another person;
- Property damage: For any physical damage that you might cause to someone else's property;
- Guest passenger liability: For any legal expenses incurred by someone using your boat with your permission;
- Medical payments: For any injuries to yourself or any other passengers; and
- Theft: If anyone steals your boat or watercraft, whether on the trailer or not.

Typical policies include deductibles of \$250 for property damage, \$500 for theft and \$1,000 for medical payments.

Liability limits start as low as \$25,000 and can be increased to \$1 million.

Boatowners also should inquire about special equipment kept on the boat, including fishing gear, to make sure it is covered and verify that towing coverage is included in the policy.

You can save money on your boat insurance by inquiring about the following discounts:

- Diesel-powered craft, which are less hazardous than gasoline-powered boats as they are less likely to explode;
- Coast Guard-approved fire extinguishers;
- Ship-to-shore radios
- Two years of claims-free experience
- Multiple policies with the same insurer, including auto, home or an umbrella policy
- Safety education courses, including those offered by the Coast Guard Auxiliary

Jet Skis and WaveRunners are growing in both popularity and power. And with that growth, the risks associated with them have

increased as well.

Many people don't think that they need to buy a separate policy for their WaveRunner. This is far from the truth. These machines are very powerful and can cause severe injuries and property damage. You are just as liable for damage you cause on the water as you are for damage you cause on the highway.

When buying any type of personal watercraft policy, be sure to read the exclusions. Some common exclusions include:

- Striking a submerged object is a typical exclusion and a quite common cause of damage.
- Engine overheating due to an accidental cause is often excluded under some policies.
- Some policies have limits on theft or only provide coverage only when the Jet Ski is in a locked enclosure.

Some programs have a catastrophe deductible, which applies whenever the watercraft is damaged in a windstorm, hurricane or other natural disaster.

Another important limitation involves operators of the watercraft. Many policies require operators to have a driver's license. Some may not insure children on Jet Skis. For some high-powered Jet Skis, policies may limit coverage to a named driver. It is important to read your policy to ensure that you have purchased the coverage that you need.

Feel free to call our agency if you have any questions about personal watercraft insurance, would like to get a quote for a policy through us, or would like a question answered on any type of insurance.

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