

Leaders in The Making

■ LAPD's West Point Leadership Program graduates 29.

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POLICE DEPT. — The LAPD graduated 29 safety officers from its West Point Leadership Training Program.

Ten of the graduates came from the LAPD. Three from the LAFD and one from the Airport Police. The commencement speaker was Kent McCord, who played an LAPD officer in the TV series, *Adam-12*.

The principal aim of the West Point Leadership Program is to teach individuals how to think more systematically about leadership, challenges and situations. The course teaches 27 behavioral science and adult education theories compiled from top universities in the nation. The course requires students to solve realistic law enforcement leadership problems using the WPLP theories, during three different exam settings.

In 1992, Police Commissioner Jesse A. Brewer, a Colonel in the US Army Reserve, identified the most effective leadership training institution, the United States Military Academy at West Point. He coordinated with the Academy's Department of Behavioral Science and Leadership to develop quality leadership training for the Los Angeles Police Department.

In 1994, five members of the LAPD participated in a program hosted by West Point faculty, officially known as the West Point Leadership and Command Program. In January 1996, LAPD trained 30 employees assigned to various supervisory and executive positions to be West Point Leadership Program (WPLP) Instructors. The program is a 136-hour, four-week course, approved by the Commission of Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST). The program is also accredited with California State University Los Angeles for Bachelor and Master's degree credits.

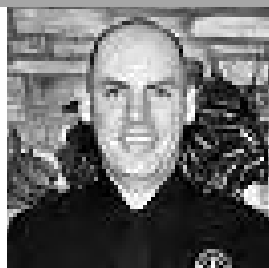
The June West Point Leadership Program graduates were:

- Lt. Tim Anderson (Los Angeles School Police Dept.);
- Batt. Chief Randy Beaty (LAFD);
- Cmdr. Lacey Burt (Menlo Park Police Dept.);
- Capt. Patrick Carver (Denver PD);
- Sgt. II Warner Castillo (LAPD);
- Management Analyst II Ronald Code (LAPD);
- Det. III Vic Davalos (LAPD);
- Sr. Management Analyst III Roger DiMaano (LAPD);
- Lt. Bruce Dow (Bell Gardens PD);
- Cmdr. Paul Gonzalves (Santa Ana PD);
- Sgt. II Joseph Hernandez (LAPD);
- Maj. Glen Howie (United States Army Reserve);
- Capt. Sean Hughes (LAFD);
- Sgt. II David Hwang (LAPD);
- Lt. Norm James (Seattle PD);
- Sgt. II Sonia Monico (LAPD);
- Lt. Roderick Norris (East Palo Alto PD);
- Lt. Michael Oreb (LAPD);
- Special Investigator II Brian Pellis (Office of Inspector General, LAPD);
- Inspector Jessbir Ram (Vancouver PD);
- Lt. Ken Raya (Riverside PD);
- Lt. Bob Risedorph (Elk Grove PD);
- Lt. Hector Rodriguez (Los Angeles School PD);
- Cmdr. Carlos Rojas (Santa Ana PD);
- Capt. II Charles Ruddell (LAFD);
- Sgt. II Amalia Sanchez (LAPD);
- Capt. Trisha Sanchez (San Mateo County Sheriff's Office);
- Sgt. II Charles Slater (LAPD); and
- Lt. Curtis Thompson (Airport PD).

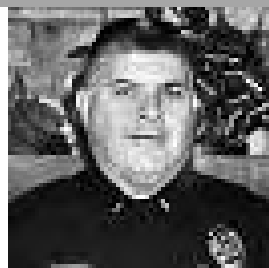
Congratulations to the graduates! Thanks to Ofcr. Annette Olivas (West Point Leadership Program staff) and Sgt. Mike Sayre (West Point Leadership Program staff, Club Member) for their assistance, and Sgt. Sayre for the invitation.



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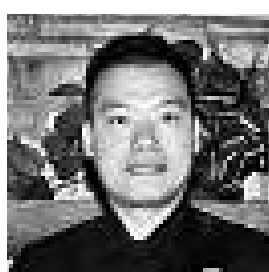
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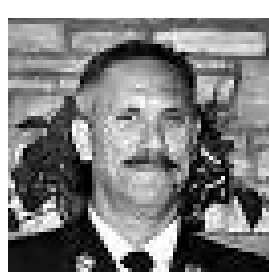
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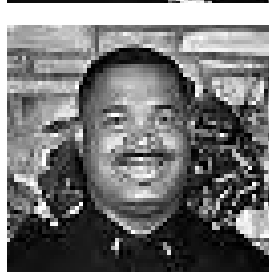
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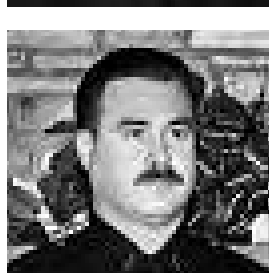
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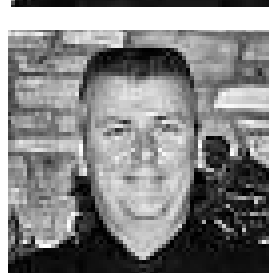
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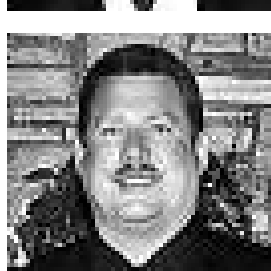
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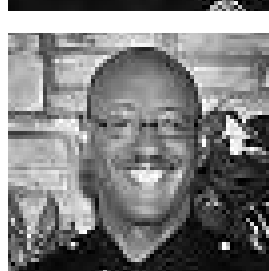
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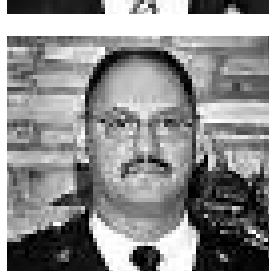
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