Port Police Honored for Anti-Theft Efforts

■ 16 Officers recognized for their efforts against vehicle theft.



HARBOR — Sixteen Port Police employees were honored recently for their efforts at thwarting auto theft and stolen vehicle recovery. The Los Angeles Port Police were critical to the search and recovery of more than 100 stolen vehicles.



Sixteen Port Police staff were honored recently for their efforts against vehicle theft, by the Board of Harbor Commissioners.

Recently, the Port Police were involved in a

multi-jurisdictional operation -- Task Force for

Regional Auto Theft Prevention (T.R.A.P.),

resulting in the apprehension of several suspects

in a stolen vehicle chop shop, recovering stolen

vehicles and stolen auto parts. Those employees

were commended by the LA Board of Harbor

Commissioners for their hard work and dedica-

tion to combat auto theft.

The honorees were:

- Lt. Titus Smith
- Sgt. James Webb
- Det. Sgt. Ken Huerta
- Det. Michael Belo
- Senior Lead Officer Michael Canlas
- Senior Lead Officer Alex Castillo
- Senior Lead Officer Dan Dayton
- Senior Lead Officer Dong Lee
- Senior Lead Officer Ryan Mullany
- Senior Lead Officer Ian Schunke
- Senior Lead Officer William Yocham
- Officer Fernando Martinez
- Officer Derek Pitman
- Officer Mark Velasquez
- Dispatcher Lachelle Washington
- Dispatcher Tamara Washington

Good job, and congratulations!



GORILLAS IN OUR MIDST

The Los Angeles Zoo will unveil its newest exhibit Nov. 8 with the opening of Campo Gorilla Reserve. The state-of-the-art natural habitat will be home to six western lowland gorillas and is designed as a replica of their native African environment. Zoo visitors will walk along a forested pathway for close-up views of gorillas living among waterfalls, lush plants and trees in two habitats-one for a family group of gorillas led by a silverback and the other for a pair of bachelors. Campo Gorilla Reserve is the first major exhibit to open at the L.A.Zoo in more than two years and marks the return of the Zoo's gorillas after a four-year absence. The three-quarter-acre Campo Gorilla Reserve is the final phase of the Great Ape Forest, a trio of naturalistic exhibits for chimpanzees, orangutans and gorillas. The Great Ape Forest includes the Chimpanzees of Mahale Mountains, the Red Ape Rain Forest and the Campo Gorilla Reserve and will distinguish the Los Angeles Zoo as one of only a handful of zoos to house three species of great apes.



The L.A. Zoo and Botanical Gardens is in Griffith Park at the junction of the Ventura (134) and Golden State (5) Freeways. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 2 to 12. For information, call (323) 644-4200 or visit the L. A. Zoo website at www.lazoo.org. 3 locations conveniently located at

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