



Volunteers construct the much-needed homes.



Ruben Gonzalez, Airport Police, Club Member, was a recipient of a home built partially by other City Employees as part of Habitat for Humanity.



City Employees from various City departments volunteer their time at this Habitat for Humanity project.

# Building a Habitat

■ **City Employees help build a house for fellow City Employee and Club Member as part of Habitat for Humanity.**



Ruben Gonzalez stands in front of his future home.

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

**HOUSING** — Employees from several City departments, including Housing, volunteered their time to participate in the Jimmy Carter Work Project for Habitat for Humanity Oct. 28 through Nov. 2.

The home was built for Ruben Gonzalez, Airport Police, Club Member.

Each year, former President and First Lady Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter give a week of their time to build homes and raise awareness of the critical need for affordable housing.

Congratulations to the City Employees who helped in this worthwhile effort.



Domingo Saucedo, LAHD Code Enforcement Director.



# YEAR-END SAFETY CHECK LIST



By Jimmy Hill, Fire Marshal, LAFD

It's the end of the year, with the holidays coming up. And that presents several safety challenges. To make things easy and simple, I've put together a list of safety tips. Take a few minutes to go through this list, and take care of what needs your attention. Being safe makes the holidays even better.

*Have a great holiday season!*



## Christmas Tree Safety

- ✓ Never purchase a dry tree.
- ✓ Never place a Christmas tree near a fireplace or heater.
- ✓ Remove your Christmas tree before it becomes brittle or by Jan. 1.
- ✓ Make sure your live Christmas tree has plenty of water and it has not been placed too close to any heating source.
- ✓ Keep all candles away from flammable materials.
- ✓ Always place candles in a good, sturdy holder that won't burn and will not tip over.
- ✓ Never use Christmas lights that are broken, have missing lights or have frayed cords.
- ✓ Always turn off Christmas lights prior to leaving your house.

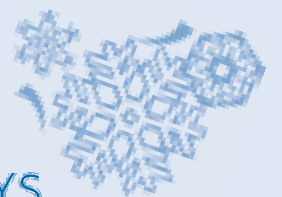


## Fireplace Safety

- ✓ Never throw wrapping paper into a fireplace.
- ✓ Always recycle your tree; never burn it in the fireplace.
- ✓ Always use a fireplace screen when you use your fireplace.
- ✓ Make sure your fireplace has a spark arrestor.

## General Holiday Safety

- ✓ Make sure you have a working smoke alarm.
- ✓ If your clothes catch on fire, know how to "Stop (where you are), Drop (to the ground) and Roll (to smother the fire).
- ✓ Dial 9-1-1 to report emergencies.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS  
FROM THE LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPT.!

**Tell Santa: Everybody wants Club gifts.**  
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