

Good Work Wins Honor



Jean with Coleen Williams

■ **Club Member and Club Representative Jean Sarfaty, LAPD Communications, earns commendation for her good work in handling a domestic violence call.**

POLICE DEPT. — Jean Sarfaty, a PSR at the Valley Communications Center for ten years, won commendation from the City of Los Angeles Domestic Violence Task Force Oct. 19 for her potentially life-saving response to a victim of domestic violence and her three children.

As reported on the AFSCME Local 3090 Website, last January, a woman who was a victim of domestic abuse called the Sojourn Services for Battered Women and Their Children frantically seeking help. The LAPD had responded to her earlier call but her batterer couldn't be found. Just after they left, though, he threatened to kill

her and her three children, according to reports.

Carol Tantau, an on-call victim advocate at the shelter, could not get in touch with her contact at the division. When she called, she was patched over to Communications, where Jean was able to help her. Jean understood exactly what the victim advocate was trying to express even though Tantau, in her own words, "wasn't all that coherent at the moment."

"I asked (Jean) if she could send a message to the officers responding to the victim's call and tell them I would get to the 77th Division as quickly as possible to meet with her

family," Carol Tantau said.

Jean told her to stay on the line until she confirmed she'd gotten the message to officers. She came back and told Tantau that the officers were at the location, helping her pack up her belongings and told her the woman would wait for her at the station.

"I cannot begin to explain how much that extra effort on Jean's part meant to my peace of mind in responding to this call. Her thoughtfulness and attention to detail certainly made a difference to me, and allowed me to provide safe passage for Susan and her children," Tantau said.

Jean, for her part, said she was glad the woman was able to escape harm. "It's good to know the woman took the initiative and made her children safe," she said.

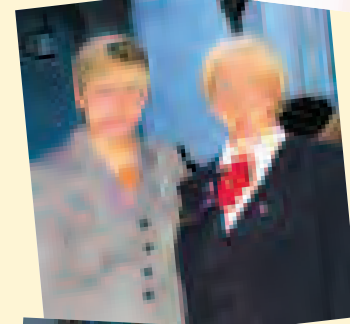
"It's nice to make a difference."

The certificate was given during Violence Awareness Month.

Congratulations, Jean!



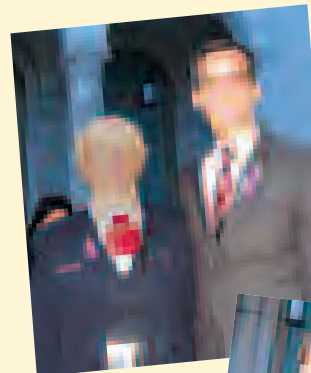
Ron Sarfaty and Jean Sarfaty



Councilwoman Wendy Gruel and Jean Sarfaty



Dolores Spears, Colleen Williams and Jean Sarfaty



Jean Sarfaty with City Council President Eric Garcetti



Jean Sarfaty with Lt. Stan Ludwig, Communications Division

