



Jon Kirk Mukri (right), General Manager, Rec and Parks, with Armando Hogan, Public Information officer, LAFD.



Armando Hogan, Public Information Officer, LAFD, with Margaret Hernandez, Director of Contracts and Purchasing, Harbor.



From left: Alvin Blain, General Manager, General Services, with Armando Hogan, Public Information officer, LAFD,



Richard Wuerth, Building Emergency Education Director, leads the meeting.



From left: Maggie Whelan, General Manager, Personnel, and Valerie Melloff, Chief Management Analyst, General Services.

BEEP

Building Emergency Education Program

Honoring the GMs



■ General Services honors five general managers for their dedication to being prepared.

Story courtesy Richard Wuerth; Photos by Robert Larios, Director of Communications and Marketing, and Club staff

GENERAL SERVICES — On Jan. 16, Emergency Preparedness' BEEP Program (Building Emergency Education Program) honored five excellent General Managers/division leaders for their dedication to the important preparedness program.

The five given certificates of appreciation were Alvin Blain, General Services; Margaret Whelan, Personnel; John Lewis, Zoo; John Reamer Jr., Public Works/Contract Administration; and Jon Kirk Mukri, Rec and Parks.

The honors were presented by both co-chairs of the Fire Life Safety Subcommittee (FLSS): Richard Wuerth, BEEP Program Director and Jeff Elder, Fire Captain II. FLSS is a subcommittee of the Emergency Management Committee. Also presenting was Armando Hogan, Fire Captain II, representing City of Los Angeles Fire

Chief Douglas Barry. BEEP creates emergency plans, schedules trainings, creates safe refuge areas and facilitates evacuation drills for City facilities.

Some General Managers have made the BEEP training mandatory for all of their employees.

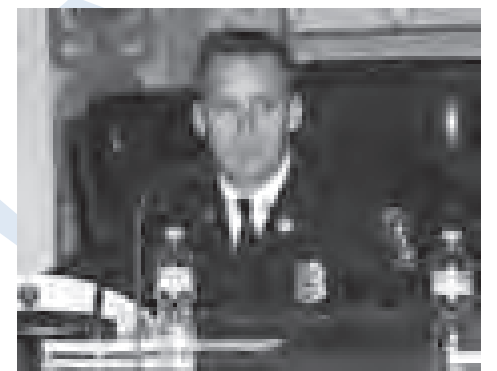
In response to concerns arising from the 1987 Whittier earthquake, in January 1989, the Emergency Operations Board (EOB) approved the *Building Emergency Coordinator Program (BEC)* now known as the Building Emergency Education Program (BEEP). In September 1989, the City Council approved a City Administrative Office (CAO) report recommending that General Services implement the BEC Program. General Services is responsible for the overall operation of the program, and works with the Fire Department (LAFD), which is mainly responsible for BEC, Floor Warden and Emergency Response Team training and the review and approval of building emergency procedures manuals and building emergency signage.

The BEEP Program is designed to provide proper coordination of emergency training, planning and response in City facilities (owned or leased) occupied by ten or more City employees. Building Emergency Coordinators (BECs) are responsible for the preparation and maintenance of emergency plans; training for building evacuation and re-entry; supervision of Floor Wardens and City Emergency Response Teams; damage assessment observation; and decisions regarding evacuations and re-entry of the building after a disaster. The program is divided into three phases by the significance of service rendered to the community.

The Program is in phases I and II and well into phase III. Phase I and II have designated Building Emergency Coordinators, Floor Wardens and other building emergency respon-

ders (building emergency response teams). Phase I is also known as the "Big Eleven," which consists of 11 major City facilities. Phase II includes the next 35 significantly important City-owned and leased facilities. Phase III has added 84 City facilities in the last 3 years and is working on adding another 220 + buildings meeting the program criteria and will involve requests to department heads to designate BEC's and schedule Fire Life Safety training for these facilities.

Congratulations to the honorees, and thanks to Richard Wuerth, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator 1, General Services, for his assistance.



Fire Captain II Jeff Elder, co-chair of Fire Life Safety subcommittee and head of LAFD Certification Training Program.



Jon Kirk Mukri, General Manager, Rec and Parks, gives credit to the four employees who did the "lion's share" of the coordination for training, from left: Anthony Gonzalez, Safety Training Coordinator, 24 years of service; Enrique Hernandez, Safety Training Coordinator, 8 years of service; Kecin Reagan, Assistant GM, 24 years of service; and Regina Adams, Chief Executive Officer, 28 years of service.



Maggie Whelan, General Manager, Personnel, with Armando Hogan, Public Information officer, LAFD.



John Reamer Jr. (right), Director, Public Works/Contract Administration, with Armando Hogan, Public Information officer, LAFD.



John Lewis (right), General Manager, LA Zoo, with Armando Hogan, Public Information officer, LAFD.