

CITY COUNCIL

Awardz for Excellence

Councilman Dennis Zine hands out his annual Z Awards.



From left: Rickey Gelb; Dep. Brad Johnson; Officer Andre Baydaline; Chana Sachs; Capt. Bob Muhlhauser; Dep. District Attorney Nicole Flood; Det. Clarence Speer; Sgt. Adrian Torres; Det. Joel Price; Chief William Bratton; and Councilman Dennis Zine.

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Councilman Dennis Zine held his seventh annual Z Awards celebration April 23 at the Warner Center Marriott in Woodland Hills.

The awards program honors and celebrates the accomplishments of City and County employees who go above and beyond what is expected in serving the people of the Third District of the City.

The 2009 honorees are:

■ **Officer Andre Baydaline, LAPD, Valley Traffic Division.** As a police motorcycle officer, his job is to save lives through aggressive enforcement of the California Vehicle Code. In 2008, Officer Baydaline stopped 2,173 drivers and pedestrians, resulting in 1,964 citations. He has received many commendations for safeguarding the San Fernando Valley community.



From left: Councilman Dennis Zine, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Police Officer Andre Baydaline and Rickey Gelb.

■ **Deputy District Attorney Nicole Flood.** As a Deputy District Attorney, she has prosecuted special cases including homicides, sexual assaults and domestic violence. Assigned to the Hardcore Gang Division, she has targeted and prosecuted gang members who were committing serious and violent crimes. She participated in a program that targeted gang crime and "at-risk youth" in greater Los Angeles and the San Fernando Valley.



From left: Councilman Dennis Zine, Deputy District Attorney Nicole Flood, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and Rickey Gelb.

■ **Deputy Brad Johnson, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office.** Assigned to the Transit Services, he was one of the first responders to the Metrolink crash Sept. 12. An 18-year veteran, he has worked patrol in inner city and has lead the charge against graffiti on the Orange Line.



From left: Councilman Dennis Zine, Deputy Brad Johnson, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and Rickey Gelb.

■ **Capt. Bob Muhlhauser, LAFD.** Capt. Muhlhauser was appointed to the LAFD in 1981. He is certified in Hazardous Material Operations and as an EMT. While assigned to the Fire Prevention Bureau, he was charged with implementing the brush clearance appeals process and was successful, resulting in about \$7 million to be paid to the City.



From left: Councilman Dennis Zine, Capt. Bob Muhlhauser and Rickey Gelb.



From left: Councilman Dennis Zine, Det. Joel Price, Chief William Bratton, Rickey Gelb and other law enforcement personnel.



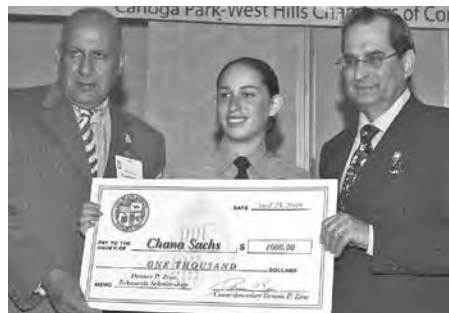
Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa enjoys the response from the attendees.

LAPD Chief William Bratton gives a short talk to all the 2009 honorees and guests.



LAPD Chief William Bratton and Officer Christopher Zine.

■ **Det. Joel Price, LAPD, West Valley.** Along with Det. Gregory Crowe and Det. Jason LeDuff, the detectives worked on a West Valley area homicide, and through recovered cell phone contacts and other findings, were able to piece together the evidence leading to the identification of the suspect. To complicate the case, the suspect had fled the crime scene, traveled to Mexico, and then to Iran, his native country.



From left: Councilman Dennis Zine, Chana Sachs and Rickey Gelb. Chana was awarded a \$1,000 check from the "Z" Awards scholarship fund.



All seven "Z" awards, neatly displayed.



Councilman Dennis P. Zine at his seventh annual "Z" Awards.



Dep. Brad Johnson and the rest of the "Z" awardees in attendance stand for a patriotic song by Al Mooney.



Rickey Gelb presents an award to Officer Raymond Diaz. The award was from the Winnetka Chamber of Commerce.

■ **Det. Clarence Speer, LAPD, Topanga Area Robbery Unit.** During his 35-year career with the LAPD, Supervisor Det. III Clarence Speer has demonstrated his ability for enhancing communications and cooperation among law enforcement agencies, as well as continual improvement of services to the community. He serves as Director of Publicity for the SFV Youth Conference, the Valley's only Pop Warner organization. He is also the annual Game Chairman of the high school All-Stars Football game. His efforts help keep children off the street and safe.



From left: Det. Clarence Speer, Chief William Bratton and other law enforcement personnel.

■ **Sgt. Adrian Torres, CHP West Valley.** In his 27 years of outstanding service, he has shown the experience and personal traits that make him an outstanding CHP officer. He has been a member of the Campaign Against Marijuana Planting, has been a Field Training Officer for new officers, and is a motorcycle squad supervisor.

The Club congratulates all the honorees.



From left: Sgt. Adrian Torres, Rickey Gelb and other law enforcement personnel.