

AIRPORTS

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Airport Police Asst. Chief Erroll Southers is nominated by President Obama to head TSA agency.



Airport Police Asst. Chief Erroll Southers.

Story and photo courtesy Sgt. George G. Jarvis, President, Los Angeles Airport Police Supervisors Association

In September, Airport Police Asst. Chief Erroll Southers was nominated by President Barack Obama to head Homeland Security's Transportation Security Administration (TSA).

Southers and two other Airport Police Sergeants traveled to Washington, D.C., for the position's confirmation hearings, held Oct. 15.

At press time, the confirmation process has not concluded.

Airport Police Sergeants Tarek Azmy and William Handley attended the confirmation

hearings and were recognized for their endorsement of Asst. Chief Southers, and commended by Sen. Jay Rockefeller (D-West Virginia) for their hard work in making LAX one of the safest airports in the world.

In collaboration with the Deputy Director of Law Enforcement Jim Butts, Chief of Police George Centeno, Assistant Chief Frank Fabrega, and Assistant Chief Bill Thompson, Assistant Chief Southers has worked diligently on improving the image of the Airport Police and streamlining operations to provide a world-class law enforcement agency, prepared for emergency situations.

Assistant Chief Southers shared his experience and technical expertise to develop training programs and improve communications with all facets of the law enforcement community. As a result, Airport Police has an increased awareness of counterterrorism methods and improved tactical responses.

Southers also serves as the Associate Director at the Center for Risk and Economic Analysis of Terrorism Events at USC. Previously, he was Deputy Director of Homeland Security for the state of California, and was a special agent with the FBI.

Congratulations to Asst. Chief Southers on this nomination.



Flanking Asst. Chief Erroll Southers (center) are Sgts. Tarek Azmy (left) and William Handley.

LAFD

Fire Station 4 Opens

Downtown facility has official opening ceremony.

Fire Station 4, near Little Tokyo downtown, celebrated a grand opening event Oct. 17. This multifaceted project opened for service Dec. 2, 2008. The in-service date for the new Fire Department Dispatch Center next door has yet to be scheduled at press time.

Ground was broken for the Fire Station and dispatch center in 2006.

Fire Station 4 replaces an inefficient 58-year-old facility that could not adequately address seismic safety, heating, ventilation, air conditioning, electrical, plumbing, Building Code, ADA, fire protection and separate gender accommodation issues.

Fire Station 4's service district has evolved into a densely populated residential, business, recreation and transportation hub that demands expanded service capabilities, and the current site was too small to accommodate a replace-

ment Standard Fire/Paramedic Station. The district population and emergency response activity for Fire Station 4 is expected to increase significantly in just this decade.

New Fire Station 4 will be an efficient and appealing long-term asset for all who live, work, visit and travel through Little Tokyo, the Civic Center, Chinatown, Olvera Street and Union Station. The new Fire Station is alongside a new Fire Department Dispatch Center, Department Operations Center and City Emergency Operations Center that were built concurrently. These synergistic multi-role emergency response and support facilities bring convenience and efficiency to a diverse and essential workforce that looks forward to not only serving, but being active in the community.

Congratulations to the LAFD on the completion of another fine fire station.



Fire Station 4, near Little Tokyo.

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