

AIRPORTS

Airport Police, Fire on Display

Airport Police and Fire display is unveiled at the LAX Flight Path Museum.



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On March 21, Airports and Los Angeles Airport Police Peace Officers Association (LAAPOA) unveiled a display of past and present uniforms, badges and other memorabilia of Airport Police and safety officers at the Flight Path Museum, 6661 W. Imperial Highway in Westchester.

Located in the main gallery, the display contains several unique items, including an original LAX Police Division dress cap, the first two versions of police badges, and a full flame-retardant firefighter suit from LA/Ontario International Airport, to name a few. Also included is a small replica of signage on Lincoln Boulevard designating "Tommy Scott Square," which was installed to honor the memory of Airport Police Officer Tommy Edward Scott, who was killed in the line of duty in 2005.

Thanks to Sgt. Belinda Nettles and Officer S. Smith, Club Member, both of the Airport Police, for their assistance in producing this article.



The Dinosaur Club which is comprised of Retired Los Angeles Police Officers, from left: Retired Sgt. Azell Scoggins; Retired Officer Jerry Hayes; Retired Sgt. Bettie Bailey; Retired Officer Charles Gleason; Retired Officer Rose Crutchfield, Club Member; Retired Sgt. Alfred Turner, Club Member; Retired Officer Phyllis Massey; Retired Officer Terry Coleman, Club Member; Honorary Officer Dodie Kennish; Retired Officer Cliff Kennish; and Retired Sgt. John Hamilton.



Airport Police Chief George R. Centeno talks about the uniqueness of the display.



Color Guard marches in.



Original Airport Police badge.



Original Airport Police dress cap.



Replica signage in honor of Officer Tommy Edward Scott.



Honor Guard, from left: Officer Davis, Club Member; Office Caj Scott, Club Member; Officer Tom Dye, Club Member; and Officer Mark Corral, Club Member.



Ontario Airport Fire Fighter gear donated by APO M. Garzon of the Ontario Airport Police K-9 Unit, Club Member.



LAAPOA President Marshall McClain, Club Member, proudly shares with the crowd that LAX Police is the fourth largest law enforcement division in LA County.




Retired Sgt. Alfred Turner, Club Member, was Officer number 33. He served for 36 years prior to retirement.



Officer S. Smith, Historian for LAAPOA, Club Member.



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