

Jobs Well Done

Airport Police leaders, officers recognized for various accomplishments.

Story and photo courtesy Officer Alicia Hernandez, Airport Police

In January, several Airport Police leaders and officers were recognized for various accomplishments.

Acknowledged were interim Police Chief Michael Hyams; Sgts. Masis Sossikian and Dennis Lau; and Officer Pedro Uesugui, all assigned to the Airport Police Critical Infrastructure Protection Unit; Officers Robert Mosquera and Thi Tran, assigned to the Patrol Services Section; and Security Officer Jose Luis Miranda, assigned to the Traffic Services Section. They were recognized during an Board of Airport Commissioners meeting.

On Jan. 15, Chief Hyams was appointed interim Chief of Airport Police. Chief Hyams has a diverse law enforcement background, which includes 25 years of senior management and supervisory experience and nine years as a police legal adviser and professional standards expert. Chief Michael Hyams will take over all roles and responsibilities as head of the fourth largest

police agency in Los Angeles County until the appointment of a permanent Airport Police Chief.

On Jan. 18, Airport Police Sgts. Masis Sossikian and Dennis Lau and Officer Pedro Uesugui were honorees at the Inglewood Annual Police and Fire Appreciation Day Luncheon. Sgt. Sossikian, a 13-year veteran, Sgt. Lau, a 10-year veteran, and Officer Uesugui, an eight-year veteran, were recognized for their participation in the planning, programming, and execution of Airport's new digital Trunked Radio, License Plate Recognition and In-Car Video Systems. These officers successfully coordinated the various projects with Airports' Information and Technology Group, vendors and members of every rank of the Airport Police Division. Their leadership, talent, and dedication brought these projects to full fruition. Co-hosted by the Inglewood Chamber of Commerce and the Inglewood Rotary Club, the Police and Fire Appreciation Day event was established to recognize the finest men and women, who serve and protect the community.



From left: Traffic Officer Jose Luis Miranda, Chief Michael Hyams, Officer Robert Mosquera and Officer Thi Tran at the Board of Airport Commissioners meeting.

On Jan. 1, Airport Police Officer Robert Mosquera, a four-year veteran, and Thi Tran, a two-year veteran, were recognized for saving the life of a 49-year-old woman suffering a heart attack. Victim Etel Martinez had collapsed on the sidewalk at Terminal 2, while walking her sister to the ticket counter. After responding to a call for help, Officer Mosquera began cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) while Officer Tran retrieved the Automated External Defibrillator (AED). Working together, the officers used the AED and continued CPR until Martinez began breathing again. The LAFD paramedics arrived and quickly

took Martinez to a local hospital for further medical treatment.

Security Officer Jose Luis Miranda, a 10-year veteran, was recognized for his outstanding customer service during the Thanksgiving holiday. Officer Miranda was nominated the winner in the LAX Airport "Neutralize Irritations Customers Experience (N.I.C.E.)" incentive program. Officer Miranda was part of the leadership team of traffic officers in charge of keeping the vehicular traffic moving throughout the airport in a courteous and friendly manner, during the busy Thanksgiving holiday.

Congratulations to all the excellent Airport Police leaders and officers!

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NEWS BRIEF

SHARPS BINS AT CITY HALL

Public Works/Sanitation has expanded its Sharps Collection Bins to City Hall East, City Hall South and Van Nuys City Hall (Braude Building). City Hall East and City Hall South are in the downtown Los Angeles Civic Center. City Hall East is at 200 N. Main Street. City Hall South is at the corner of First Street and Main. Van Nuys City Hall (Braude Building) is at 6262 Van Nuys Blvd., Van Nuys, CA 91401.

Senate Bill 1305 makes it illegal to dispose of home-generated sharps in the regular trash. Sharps such as needles (hypodermic, suture), syringes, lancets, endo files, prefilled pens, etc. should not be placed in the regular trash receptacle or flushed down the toilet. All sharps should be brought to a S.A.F.E. Collection Center or sharps collection locations such as participating senior citizen centers, local independent pharmacies, and community health care clinics for proper disposal and to ensure that they do not harm humans, animals, or the environment. The installation of the new Sharps Collection Bins at City Hall now makes it more convenient for those who need to properly dispose of sharps.

The sharps program is a partnership between the City's Bureau of Sanitation, other City departments including Rec and Parks, as well as independently owned pharmacies and community health care clinics. The City has worked to raise the awareness of improper sharps disposal through outreach efforts such as refuse truck advertisements, presentations at senior citizen centers, distribution of sharps containers at community events and at participating locations, and through other printed materials.

Bureau of Sanitation Director Enrique C. Zaldivar points out that the Bureau's mission is to protect the public health and environment and that "improper disposal of sharps poses a serious risk of injury and even infection to unsuspecting sanitation workers, family members and animals at home, others in the workplace, and in public areas." Improperly discarded needles may also transmit numerous blood-borne pathogens such as HIV (AIDS) and Hepatitis B and C.

"We have established partnerships with senior citizen centers, local independent pharmacies, and community health care clinics to assist in the safe collection of sharps from residents and to continue to help the City create an infrastructure that makes it convenient for residents to safely dispose of their sharps," Zaldivar said.

"We urge residents to properly dispose of their sharps at our S.A.F.E. Centers located throughout the City, and now, at City Hall," said Board of Public Works President Andrea Alarcon.

For S.A.F.E. Center locations and hours, and for other information, visit the Bureau of Sanitation's Website at: www.lacitiesan.org or call (800) 98-TOXIC, (800) 988-6942, or dial 3-1-1.