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Family Sandcastle Building Day:

July 14
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

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AIRPORTS

Carrying the Torch For the Special Olympics

Airport Police supports Special Olympics, participates in torch run.



Airport Police Officer Mark Corral carries the torch.

Story by Sgt. Belinda Nettles, Airport Police, Club Member; Photos by Madeleine Flanagan, Airport Police

Airport Police officers participated June 8 in the 2012 Southern California Law Enforcement Torch Run to promote and raise funds for the Special Olympics. This is the tenth year of Airport Police participation. The southern leg of the torch run began May 29, with a ceremony at the Chula Vista Police Department. The run headed north to Orange County, then traveled through Riverside and San Bernardino counties before entering Los Angeles County.

At the intersection of Pershing Drive and Imperial Highway on the southwest corner of LAX, runners from the FBI passed the torch to an Airport Police contingent comprised of Chief Michael Hyams; Lt. Robert Rios; Sgts. Troy Takaki and Jeff Shelton; and Officers James Adrian, Richard Blaha, Tanansuk Chow, Tim Daniels, Jorge Mora and Mark Corral. LAPD Capt. Raymond Maltez, along with LAX Crime Task Force officers, were also a part of this group.

The Airport Police contingent ran 3.5 miles along eastbound Imperial Highway to the intersection of La Cienega Boulevard, where the torch was passed to the Hawthorne Police Department.

Airport Police Officers from the Bike Unit, Commercial Enforcement Unit and the Motors Unit provided support functions for the runners. The Los Angeles Airport Police Supervisors Association (LAAPSA) also made a generous donation to the Law Enforcement Special Olympics Torch Run.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run was created in 1981 by Chief Richard LaMunyon of the Wichita (Kansas) Police Department as a way to involve his officers in the community by supporting their local Special Olympics organization. The first Law Enforcement Torch Run involved six officers and raised no money.

Almost 30 years later, the event now includes more than 100 separate runs in more than 35 countries. In 2011, more than 85,000

law enforcement officers raised more than \$42.6 million to support community-based sports programs for people with intellectual disabilities. The Torch Run has become the largest grassroots fundraising event for Special Olympics.



Airport Police Chief Michael Hyams and LAPD Capt. Raymond Maltez pass the torch to the Hawthorne Police Department participants.



The Airport Police participants in the torch run.

LAFD

Happy Birthday, Fireboat 4!

Fire Dept.'s venerable workhorse turns 50 years old.

Story by Capt. Henry J. Amparan, Fire Station 49, LAFD; Photo courtesy LAFD

On May 12, Fire Service Day, the LAFD celebrated the 50th anniversary of Fireboat 4, the *Bethel F. Gifford*, an important milestone at the Port of Los Angeles.

Fireboat 4's purring engines and shiny decks make it difficult to believe she has been gracing our waters with her presence for five decades. Ready at a moment's notice to spring into action, she was specifically designed to meet the unique needs of her assignment here at the Port. Back in 1954, she was but a gleam in the eye of Asst. Chief Bethel F. Gifford, assigned to the Southern Division, which encompassed the Los Angeles Harbor. That year, Chief Gifford, the mastermind of the project, began researching marine firefighting here in Southern California and nationwide. He compiled all of the required data and established the specifications necessary to build a craft that would meet all of the needs here at the Los Angeles Harbor. He concluded that such a vessel should be designed by experienced marine firemen, who would use their years of experience to design a fireboat that would exceed all expectations. Ultimately, the precise specifications addressed all phases of the proposed new fireboat, with a life expectancy of at least 55 years.

Once these requirements and specifications were agreed upon, it was time to turn this marvelous dream into a reality. Fireboat 4 was engineered and designed on the drawing boards of L.C. Norgaard, Naval Architects of San Francisco. From there, her plans would be turned over to the company contracted to build her, Albina Engine & Machinery Works in Portland, Ore. After much anticipation, she

made her six-day maiden voyage in heavy seas from Portland to Los Angeles without a glitch, arriving at her new home at the Los Angeles Harbor on Feb. 22, 1962. She would be tasked to protect one of the most expansive manmade harbors in the world, and she has certainly not disappointed!

At her creation, Fireboat 4 had six engines, two propellers, a 9,000 gpm capacity, and steel construction, is 76.5 feet long with a 24-foot beam. She cost \$639,000 to build.

In 2003, she was re-powered and modernized.

The LAFD protects 43 miles of waterfront and 8,000 acres of Harbor Department property. This includes the communities of San Pedro, Wilmington and Terminal Island. The

Los Angeles Harbor boasts a bustling commercial industry of huge proportion along with extensive recreational and residential areas. Fishing boats, working boats, and passenger ships use their assigned terminals here. Pleasure boat marinas, wharfs, and ecological preserves offer visitors some fun in the sun, while commercial production plants hum along close by. The diversity here creates a unique challenge in keeping people and property safe. The men and women of the LAFD have done an exceptional job in doing just that. We have been privileged to have Fireboat 4 on our team as we continuously strive to provide superior support and protection to the Port of Los Angeles.



LAFD Fireboat 4, the *Bethel F. Gifford*.