

COUNCIL/AIRPORTS

# Ready for Takeoff

**Councilman Tom LaBonge, Club Member, visits LAX's newest aircraft.**

On Nov. 30, Councilman Tom LaBonge, Club Member, paid a visit to the newest aircraft to call LAX home.

On that day, United flew its first Boeing 787, the next generation of aircraft whose outer shell is constructed nearly entirely of carbon fiber instead of aluminum, to LAX for a round

of publicity moments. LaBonge, Mr. LA, was one of several dignitaries given a VIP tour. Tom visited the plane and congratulated United.

United, the first U.S. carrier to fly the aircraft type, is expected to begin flying regular revenue routes with the 787 out of LAX in January.



United's Boeing 787, the first U.S. carrier to fly the new aircraft type, at a gate at LAX.



Councilman Tom LaBonge (right) in the cockpit of United's new Boeing 787.

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# A New Level for Officer Youngblood



**Airport Police Officer John Youngblood first in dept. to be 'Master Instructor.'**

Airport Police Officer John Youngblood.

*Story and photo courtesy Officer Alicia Hernandez*

Airport Police Officer John Youngblood, a 12-year veteran assigned to the Training Unit during the last three years, has been certified as a Master Instructor by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.). He is the first Los Angeles World Airports police officer to successfully achieve this level of training.

Airport Police Chief Michael Hyams said, "The Airport Police Division is honored to have Officer Youngblood as part of our team. He has raised our level of professionalism within the law enforcement community through his hard work, commitment and dedication."

Officer Youngblood completed a rigorous academic program to achieve the status of Master Instructor. He participated in a graduation ceremony Nov. 8 in Sacramento. With this accomplishment, Officer Youngblood he is now certified to write training curricula for P.O.S.T.

In 2007, the P.O.S.T. Commission created the Instructor Development Institute (IDI)

to provide standardized, multi-tiered, multi-track programs to develop professionalism in the delivery of law-enforcement instruction. Students are expected to complete a significant amount of work outside of class and are responsible for providing work products and monthly reports to the team facilitator, who reviews the student's products and provides feedback.

The process of certification to reach the level of Master Instructor includes successful completion of various IDI courses at the entry, intermediate and advanced levels. The classes incorporate basic instructor certification, instructional skills, critical thinking skills, teach-back sessions, leadership coaching, and mentoring courses, among others. Upon completion of the three levels, a candidate's Instructional Systems Design and Total Training Package is evaluated by a panel of qualified trainers. Candidates are also required to design, develop and deliver a minimum of one 24-hour course that meets a demonstrated and P.O.S.T.-approved training need.

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## CITY EMPLOYEES AT WORK

*Spotted by Jackie Causillas, Club Counselor*

Hard at work is **Ernesto Meza**, Electrician, Airports, 5 months of City service.

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Here are three Airport employees hard at work at LAX, from left: **Robert De La Cruz**, Gardener Caretaker, 4 years of City service; **Jerry Green**, Gardener Caretaker, 22 years; and **Cesar Pedroza**, Gardener Caretaker, 15 years.

Public Works/Sanitation drivers from the South Yard take a moment from their schedule to pose on the airfield in front of one of the new A380 super jumbo airplanes. These drivers work an early a.m. schedule at LAX hauling refuse. Pictured are (from left) **Daryl Manor**, **Lorenzo Terry**, **Fredrick Glover**, **Danny Chavira**, **David Takemoto** (Airports Recycling Supervisor), **Hubert Williams**, **Reginald Moore**, and **Miguel Montano**. Photo by **Paul Harley**, Refuse Collection Supervisor, South Los Angeles Sanitation Yard.

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