



From left: Officer Bob Valdez, 23 years of City service; Officer Joe Nepomuceno, 25 years, Club Member; Officer Steve Cooper, 19 years, Club Member; Officer Norma Kirkpatrick, 16 years; J.T. Alpaugh, Reserve Officer, 23 years; Officer Gary Copeland, 19 years; Officer Sean Mulford, 20 years; Sgt. Charles Colema, Foothill, 23 years; and Officer Matt Bennyworth, 26 years, Club Member.



From left: Retired Sgt. Il Ron Batesole, 39 years of City service; and Retired Sgt. Marty Fentress, 37 years.



From left: Officer III Ron Terrazas, Retiree, Club Member; Paul Weber, guest; Retired Officer Cliff Armas, 37 years of City service; and Retired Officer Lisa Armas, 20 years.

LAPD

Ron Rides Into the Sunset

Officer Ron Terrazas, LAPD Mounted Unit, Club Member, retires from the Police Dept. after 30 years of City service.



From left: Retired Sgt. Lamar Bell, Metro Mounted Unit, 29 years of City service; and Officer Ron Terrazas, Retiree, Club Member.



From left: Officer Darryl Norwood, 20 years of City service; Officer Jerry Velasco, 12 years; and Officer Jay Nam, 18 years.



From left: Bob Terrazas, brother of Officer Ron Terrazas; Camile Terrazas, sister-in-law of Officer Ron Terrazas; Sgt. Cornel Sandoz, 77th Station, 18 years of City service; and Sgt. Jerretta Sandoz, 19 years.



From left: Officer Sig Lo, 17 years of City service; and Officer Kevin Grogan, 21 years.



From left: Officer Mary Davis, 21 years of City service; and Officer Ed Mahaffey, Retired, 35 years.

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Friends, family and coworkers hosted a retirement party for LAPD Officer II Ron Terrazas of the LAPD's Mounted Unit. The party was held last Oct. 11.

Representatives were present from many departments, including the LAPD, Airport Police, Transportation, the DWP, Public Works/Street Lighting, the CHP, Inglewood PD, and other agencies.

Here's a resolution prepared for the event: Whereas Police Officer III Ron Terrazas retired From the Los Angeles Police Department after 30 years of dedicated service;

Whereas Ron Terrazas has served with professionalism, pride and dedication in the following assignments: Recruit in Training Division, Hollenbeck Division, Wilshire Division and the elite Metropolitan Division as Police Officer III assigned to "E-Platoon" as an element member;

Whereas Officer Ron Terrazas on May 20, 1996, along with five other members of the LAPD, entered a burning building, placing himself in a life-threatening situation to ensure the safety of and rescuing citizens who may have otherwise lost their lives and held up the highest traditions of the LAPD;

Whereas Officer Terrazas was awarded the Police Medal for his heroic actions

Whereas Officer Ron Terrazas assisted in managing various Mounted operations, including demonstrations of both unruly and passive crowds, warrant service, security for the President of the United States and high ranking foreign dignitary visits to the City of Los Angeles;

Whereas Officer Ron Terrazas, during his career with the LAPD, received more than 100 commendations and letters of appreciation



Officer III Ron Terrazas, Retiree, Club Member, with his son, Aaron, and daughter, Lindsey.

From thankful citizens, supervisors and commanding officers for his outstanding police service and dedication to the communities which he proudly served;

Now, therefore be it resolved, that by the adoption of this resolution, the City Council of and for the City of Los Angeles does hereby commend and congratulate Police Officer III Ron Terrazas for 30 years of dedicated and exemplary service to the people and communities of the City of Los Angeles, and wishes him health and happiness in his retirement and success in his future endeavors.

Congratulations on a great career, Ron; we here at the Club wish you a great retirement.



From left: Retired Officer Rudy Deleon, 38 years of City service, Club Member; and Officer Ron Terrazas, Retiree, Club Member.



A shadow box was presented to Officer III Ron Terrazas, Club Member.



From left: Retired Det. Sam Moreno, 27 years of City service; Bobby Salinas, guest; Retired Officer III Ron Terrazas, Club Member; and Danny Gilbert, guest.



From left: Janice Stegner, Equine Keeper, 8 years of City service; Allan Jones, Retired Lead Equine Keeper, 20 years, Club Member; and Ruth Baskett, guest.



From left: David Carter, Assistant OIC, B Platoon, 33 years of City service; Officer Mary Davis, 21 years; and Officer Patrick Rudolf, 18 years.



From left: Officer Andy Pedersen, 27 years of City service; Sgt. II David Perez, Acting OIC, B Platoon, 31 years; Officer Nick Ramirez, 19 years; and Officer Bob Brown, 20 years.



From left: Joanne Hollis, Retired Sheriff's Dept., 30 years of County service; and Retired Officer Anthony Ellis, 31 years of City service.



From left: Officer Miguel Dominguez, 15 years of City service; Officer Edgar Hernandez, 17 years; Officer Tony Fizsimons, 15 years; and Officer Frank Mendez, 16 years.



From left: Officer Sucha Singh, Central, 18 years of City service; and Officer III Ron Terrazas, Retiree, Club Member.



From left: Officer Thomas Willers, 12 years of City service; Officer Gary Copeland, 19 years; Officer Norma Kirkpatrick, 16 years; and Sgt. Mike Porter, Mounted Unit, 19 years.



From left: Officer Art Hackett, 26 years of City service; Officer Ricky Mendoza, 15 years; Officer Joe DeLorenzo, 30 years; and Officer Steve Cooper, 19 years, Club Member. Back: Officer Marcos Rubio, 23 years.



From left: Lt. Dave Storaker, DCO Topanga, 30 years of City service; Officer III Ron Terrazas, Retiree, Club Member; Lt. Gary Lopez, Metro K9, 30 years; and Retired Officer Gil Orosco, 24 years.



From left: Retired Sgt. Margie Reid, 20 years of City service; and Retired Lt. Lita Abella, 20 years.



Back, from left: Michelle Hogan, Clerk Typist, 6 years of City service; Frank Leyva, City Inspector, 10 years; and Lorraine Garcia, Secretary, 22 years. Seated: Maria Perez, Sr. Clerk Typist, 13 years; Officer Alicia Alcantar, 29 years; Betty Leyva, Clerk Typist, 9 years; and Capt. John Incontro, Metro, 34 years, Club Member.



From left: Sgt. Mike Porter, Mounted Unit, 19 years of City service; and Officer Mark Maldonado, North East, 18 years.