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The New Lead Training Officers

Airport Police certifies 27.

Story courtesy Sgt. Karla Ortiz, Airport Police; Photo by Madeleine Flanagan, Airport Police, Club Member

On May 13, 27 officers of the Airport Police Security Access Control (SACU) and Traffic Control (TCU) units were certified as Lead Training Officers. Airport Police Chief Patrick M. Gannon and Assistant Chief Brian Walker presented the officers with certificates at a ceremony held at the Flight Path Learning Center and Museum at LAX. The ceremony marked the officers' completion of an 80-hour Lead Officer Training Program.

The first 40 hours of the program were conducted in-house and included subjects on leadership and customer service. Los Angeles County Sheriff Leroy David "Lee" Baca was a guest speaker on leadership, integrity, and pride of the job.

The second half of the program was taught by Kaminsky, Sullenberger and Associates, considered pioneers and leaders in Field Training Officer programs. Additionally, the security and traffic officers undertook a three-day, train-the-trainer course and cross training, which allow all Lead Training Officers to know the functions, duties and responsibilities of other units and to be able to then train other officers.

The training program was coordinated by Airport Police Capt. Carolyn Smith, Officer John Youngblood, SACU and TCU Coordinator Sgt. Melonie Hodge-Harrell, SACU Lieutenants Edward Goodman and Rae Ann Rowley, and SACU Sgt. Michael Scott.

Capt. Smith served as event host, and speakers included Airports Deputy Executive Director of Law Enforcement and Homeland Security Services Arif Alikhan and Airport Police Chief Patrick Gannon.

"Training for experienced security and traffic professionals at Los Angeles World Airports is a top priority," Chief Gannon said. "This new training endeavor will ensure that security and traffic officers receive consistent and effective training."

Recipients of the Lead Training Officer certifications are: Sgts. Angela Bell, Robert Foston, Oscar Santos, David Turner, and Bernard Wilder; and Officers Henry Aiguokhian, Traci Atkins, Gabriel Boyd, Ryan Carter, Tyrant Chisholm, Levar Doucet, Cynthia Farris, Michael Fennell, Liliana Garcia, Tamika Johnson, Toya Johnson, Edgar Lopez, Jose Lopez, Francisco Martinez, Zubayr Muhammad, Afanisy Neyman, Ruben Robledo, Javier Parga, Darryl Robinson, Kevin St. Cyr, Robert Walker, and Donna Williams.

Congratulations to the newly certified 27!

Leadership and Lead Training Officers, from top left: Security Access Control Unit and Traffic Control Unit Officers Tyrant Chisholm, Ryan Carter, Zubayr Muhammed, Gabriel Boyd, Michael Fennell, Javier Parga, Sgt. Robert Foston, Sgt. Oscar Santos, Ruben Robledo, Afanasiy Neyman, Robert Walker, Lt. Edward Goodman, Henry Aiguokhian, Darryl Robinson, Sgt. Bernard Wilder, Sgt. Michael Scott, Edgar Lopez, Francisco Martinez, Kevin St. Cyr, Donna Williams, Toya Johnson, Jose Lopez, Sgt. Angela Bell, Cpt. Carolyn Smith, Lt. Rae-Ann Rowley, Sgt. Melonie Hodge-Harrell, Assistant Chief Ethel McGuire, Chief Patrick Gannon, Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca, Assistant Chief Michael Hyams, Tamika Johnson, Traci Atkins, and Lillian Garcia.

LAPD

Training the Detectives

Police Dept. holds a detective training symposium.

Story and photos by Noelle Kauffman, Club Counselor

This year's California Institute for Criminal Investigation's (ICI) Detective Training Symposium was hosted by the LAPD's Training Division and Detective Training Unit March 25 – 28 at the Universal Sheraton Hotel. The symposium is designed for working investigators at all California law enforcements agencies and features small breakout sessions to facilitate effective learning, and large plenary sessions of major cases that detail lessons learned.

Program highlights included: Lt. Col. Dave Grossman presenting "The Bulletproof Mind"; discussion of the Gabrielle Gifford Shooting in Tucson, Ariz.; Dr. Bill Lewinsky, Force Science; Casey Anthony, Investigation and Trial; Mendocino County investigation of OIS/homicide cases; social networking; and interviewing skills.

Special thanks to Detective Amira Smith, Club Member, for her invitation.

From left: Officer II Karina Sanchez, Employee Assistance Unit, 13 years of City service; and Officer Elena Avila, Training Division, 12 years.

From left: The Club's Sheldon Sklar with Det. III Willy Sera, 26 years of City service, Club Member.

From left: Officer Carlos Langarica, Training Division, 17 years of City service; and Officer Mary Hodges, ADSD, 18 years, Club Member.

Det. Manuel Arambula, Training Division, 16 years of City service.

Officer Ken Amerson, Training Division, 19 years of City service.

Officer Maury Winet, Training Division, 22 years of City service.

From left: Det. Jason Kwock, Training Division, 20 years of City service; and Officer III Monica Mora, ITB Grants, 8 years.

From left: Christian Buado, Investigator for California DMV, 8 years of service, Club Member; and Det. Eloy Ochoa, Gang Homicide Division, 15 years of City service, Club Member.

From left: Officer III Celia Komathy, 23 years, Club Member; and Officer Susan Hsu, Training Division, 8 years.

From left: Officer III Rosalind Curry, 19 years of City service, Club Member; and Officer Scott Vostad, West Valley, 8 years.

July 13:

Public Star Party

Free public star parties are held monthly with the assistance of the Los Angeles Astronomical Society and the Los Angeles Sidewalk Astronomers at the Griffith Observatory. They are a chance for the whole family to look at the sun, moon, visible planets, and other objects, to try out a variety of telescopes, and to talk to knowledgeable amateur astronomers about the sky and their equipment.

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