

AIRPORTS

Special Olympics Torch Run

Airport Police participates in annual Special Olympics Torch Run.

Story and photo courtesy Sgt. Karla Ortiz, Airport Police

On June 7, Airport Police officers took part in the 2013 Southern California Law Enforcement Torch Run to promote and raise funds for the Special Olympics. It was the 11th year Airport Police Officers carried the "Flame of Hope."

The Law Enforcement Torch Run included more than 2,000 officers from local, county, state, federal and military agencies, along with Special Olympics athletes who carried the flame to the Opening Ceremony of the Special Olympics at California University, Long Beach State June 8.

The torch run began May 28 and covered more than 1,500 miles in more than 200 communities. The southern leg began in San Diego and traveled through Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties before entering Los Angeles County.

Runners from the FBI passed the torch to Airport Police at the intersection of Pershing Drive and Imperial Highway on the southwest corner of Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) June 7. Airport Police participants were comprised of Emergency Service Unit officers and other Airport Police officers who were led by Lt. Robert Rios. The group ran approximately 3.5 miles along eastbound Imperial Highway to the intersection of La Cienega Boulevard, where the torch was passed to members of the Hawthorne Police Department.

Airport Police Chief Patrick Gannon, who was present for the hand-off of the torch to Airport Police, wished everyone the best as



Participating in the Special Olympics Torch run were, from left: Lt. Jesus Dominguez, Lt. Robert Rios, LAPD Officer Tom Davoren (Bomb Squad), K-9 Officer Daniel Keehne, Officer William Lara, Officer Daniel Krockel, Cadet Leighton Mays, and Officer Ericka Holliday.

they ran "for God's special people."

Three main legs (North, Central, and South) joined together June 8 in Long Beach for the 2013 Summer Games. There, the three torches were "unified" into a single flame that lit the opening ceremony cauldron.

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.

Now, more than 30 years later, the event includes more than 125 separate runs in more than 48 nations. Since the event's inception, more than 90 law enforcement agencies nationwide have raised more than \$414 million to support community-based sports programs for people with intellectual disabilities.

SEEN Around Town

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The Ranch at San Simeon

In the hills overlooking California's central coast, sits the Ranch at San Simeon. At least, that's what Hearst called it. Beloved of its owner, we all know it today simply as Hearst Castle.

Aside from serving as William Randolph Hearst's favorite home, it became a living museum, showcasing his incredible art collection. Tapestries, sculpture, paintings and more, he was a prolific collector. His love for arts and antiques lead him to gather together, under one roof, the largest single collection of antique ceilings in the world. Centuries old, painted and carved, they adorn every ceiling in every room of his home. But the antiques are not only inside. Carved teak and stone grace the exterior as well. The gargoyles and wildmen give the building a look similar to a gothic church. It is little wonder people began to call it a castle.

Pictures will only begin to give you a sense of what it's like to be on the estate. Sprawling gardens offer shaded



places to sit and look out over the valley to the sea. The pools are so inviting with their clear waters. My favorite is the mosaic Roman Pool. 24-karat tiles were used because... well, because he was Hearst and he could. Heck, I would have.

There is far too much to say about the beauty of Hearst Castle. I recommend taking a drive up the coast and seeing it for yourself. You may even get lucky and see the descendants of Hearst's own zebra roaming the land and mingling with the descendants of Hearst's cattle. It's a real adventure!

Hearst Castle is located just off the 1 freeway in San Simeon.

Visitor info can be found at www.hearstcastle.org

Honoring Public Works

City department celebrates national Public Works Week quietly.

Story and photos courtesy Richard Lee, Public Works

One of the City's biggest departments, Public Works, participated in a national celebration of public works projects by accepting a resolution from the City Council.

The resolution read:



Whereas, National Public Works Week celebrates the many men and women in North America who provide and maintain the infrastructure and services collectively known as public works, and

Whereas, National Public Works Week was instituted in 1960 as a public education campaign to call attention to the importance of public works in community life, and

Whereas, National Public Works Week seeks to enhance the prestige of the often-unsung heroes of our society: the professionals, who serve the public good every day with quiet dedication, and

Whereas, National Public Works Week is an opportunity for public works agencies and professionals to make their stories known in their communities, and

Whereas, National Public Works Week is marked each year with resolutions and proclamations from mayors and governors, a United States Senate resolution affirming the first National Public Works Week in 1960; letters of acknowledgment from Presidents (Dwight Eisenhower and Lyndon Johnson); and a Presidential Proclamation signed by John F. Kennedy; and

Whereas, from the inception of National Public Works Week, a Top Ten list of exceptional public works professionals selection has identified more than 400 men and women who reflect the highest standards of professional conduct for public works officials, and

Whereas, National Public Works Week is observed each year during the third full week of May to raise public awareness of public works issues and to increase public confidence in public

works employees who are dedicated to improving the quality of life for present and future generations, and

Whereas, the City of Los Angeles' Department of Public Works is the City's third largest department, comprised of more than 5,000 employees responsible for the construction, renovation, and operation of City facilities and infrastructure, and

Whereas, the Department of Public Works' five Bureaus (Contract Administration, Engineering, Sanitation, Street Lighting and Street Services) build the City's streets; install sewers and public lights; and construct storm drains, public buildings, rights-of-way, and service facilities;

Now therefore be it resolved, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the Council of the City of Los Angeles hereby declares May 19-25, 2013, as National Public Works Week in the City of Los Angeles.

PUBLIC WORKS



Public Works Commissioner Capri Maddox (holding certificate) accepts the City Council resolution along with Public Works Bureau Directors and staff.