

# Results of

# Baker to Vegas: Great Results!



Club sponsors five City teams in annual Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup race.



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For stamina, dedication and physical fitness, there's nothing like the annual Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay, held in the desert April 13-14.

This amazing foot race is an annual event for public safety organizations throughout the world. The relay race is a 120-mile, 20-stage foot race between Baker, Calif., and Las Vegas and is considered the "Super Bowl" of law enforcement; the champions are the best, in terms of physical fitness and logistics the police world has to offer. The race was created by and is managed by the Los Angeles Police Rotary and Athletic Club, and the City Employees Club is grateful for their leadership.

This year was the Club's ninth covering this amazing event, going out on the

racecourse through dusty winds, cold and 100-plus degree temperatures to deliver to *Alive!* readers what goes on during the 120-mile foot race.

This was an exceptional year for LAPD's Department Team as they celebrated a back-to-back victory, capturing the coveted title of first place overall at 13 hours 2 minutes and 32 seconds, with LA Sheriff's Dept. County Wide in second place at 13 hours 15 minutes and 52 seconds. LAPD Women also came in first place in the all-women team, finishing at 15 hour 50 minutes and 17 seconds. In total, 260 teams participated including the Hamburg Police from Germany, Queensland Police Service from Australia and a team from Calgary, Alberta, Canada. It was Calgary's 25th anniversary as participants.

By Saturday race day, the road conditions were 95 degrees at start of the first run – not as hot at last year, when 798 runners were treated for some type of dehydration.

New this year were bibs, which easily identified the team, and some bibs even had photos as a tribute to a fellow colleague.

Again this year, the Club sponsored five teams, and here are the results:

- Team 106 LA Port Police, 17 hours, 16 minutes and 37 seconds, no penalty;
- Team 172 LAPD Jail Division, 17 hours, 50 minutes and 45 seconds;
- Team 81 LA Airport Police, 16 hours, 15 minutes and 45 seconds;
- Team 145 LA DOT/LAPD, Sec SD 17 hours, 43 minutes and 10 seconds;
- Team 183 LAPD ESD/FSD, 19 hours, 11 minutes and 47 seconds.

Congratulations to the LA Airport Police and LA Port Police teams for "mugging" (winning a coveted mug) while the rest of the teams improved overall. "This is the second year that we mugged. We took 10th place in a very competitive category and

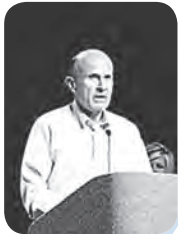
lowered our team number from 81 to 54," beamed Officer Mark Corral, LAX PD.

Other honorable mentions: Team 112 LAPD Training Division, 17 hours 8 minutes and 32 seconds; Team 139 LA City Attorney, 16 hours 59 minutes and 35 seconds; Team 138 LAPD Communications (the awesome team that started it all by introducing the Club to such a great event), 17 hours 55 minutes and 41 seconds; and Team 249 LA Regional Crime Lab, 19 hours 52 minutes and 36 seconds.

City public safety employees, mark your calendars, March 22 – 23, 2014, for the 30th annual Challenge Cup Relay. It's never too early to start training!

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LA County Sheriff Lee Baca talks about the possibility of a team specialized for his age group.



LAPD Chief Charlie Beck welcomes the participants.



LAPD Department-wide took first place overall, finishing in 13 hours 2 minutes and 32 seconds. The team took the coveted title and trophy again from LA County.



LAPD Department Team on stage along with Chief Charlie Beck accepting the trophy.



LA Port Police on stage accepting their mug and taking third overall in their category.

# Winners!



LAPD Chief Charlie Beck on hand for LAPD Women's Division taking first place at 15 hours 57 minutes.



From left: Sgt. Jim Katapodis, Race Director; Chuck Foote, Race Coordinator; and Joy Matlack, Communications Coordinator.



Crowding to see who was awarded the coveted mug.



LAPD 77th came in second place in their category, finishing at 16 hours 15 minutes and 33 seconds.



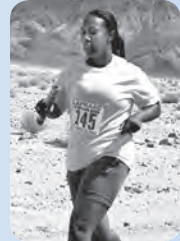
Team 106 Los Angeles Port Police took third place in their category.

# the Big Race

**OFF  
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Team 81 LA Airport Police Officer makes his way down the exchange chute.



Team 145 LA DOT/LAPD.



From left: Officer III Robert Morales, 15 years of City service, Rampart, Leg 1 Runner, Club Member; Officer III Sandra Carlisle, 25 years, Rampart; Officer Jim Zourek, 16 years, Central; and Det. III Eric Bixter, 17 years, Olympic, Leg 1 Runner.



Team 109 LAPD Mission Station.



Team 183 LAPD ESD/FSD.



The Club again was there to capture it all!



Team 106 Follow Vehicle ensures the runners' safety.



Team 114 LAPD Metro Black.



Officer Joshua Casanova, LA Airport Police, Club Member, kicks off Leg 1 for his team.



Team 145 LA DOT/LAPD Leg 1 runner.



Team 134 LAPD Valley Traffic.



Team 140 LAPD Pacific Station.



Team 109 LAPD Mission Station.



Team 106 LA Port Police Officer Flores, Club Member, on Leg 1.



Team 215 LAPD Gang/Narcotics.



Team 138 LAPD Communications: Anita Yang, Sr. PSR I, Club Member.



Team 97 LAPD Northeast.



Team 183 LAPD ESD/FSD support and runner.



Team 106 LA Port Police Sgt. Jerome Niles, 6 years of City service, Club Member, enters the handoff chute.



Team 180 LAPD Major Crimes.



Team 43 LAPD 77th Street.



Team 172 LAPD Jail Station's follow vehicle.



Team 152 LAPD Harbor Sharks.



Team 124 LAPD Foothill.



Team 145 LA DOT/LAPD.



Team 81 LA Airport Police follow vehicle.



Team 49 LAPD Southeast being assisted with water from Team 109 LAPD Mission's Follow Vehicle.



Team 76 LAPD West Valley.



Team 172 LAPD Jail Station runner and catcher PDO Alan DeLeon, Club Member.



Team 81 LA Airport Police runner with Chief Pat Gannon as his catcher.



Team 112 LAPD Training Division.



Team 96 LAPD Metro Blue.



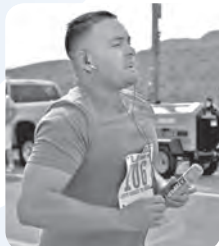
Team 117 LAPD Topanga Station.



Team 101 LAPD Central.



From left: Officer III Ryan Ilagan, LAPD Training Division, 11 years of City service, with his wife, Mae.



Team 106 LA Port Police Officer III John Joyce, 7 years of service, Club Member.



At the baton meeting.



Team 183 LAPD ESD/FSD.

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Team 138 LAPD Communications.



Team 81 LA Airport Police.



Team 123 LAPD Retired Old Blue.



Team 135 LAPD Newton Station.



Team 183 LAPD ESD/FSD.



Team 152 LAPD Harbor Division.



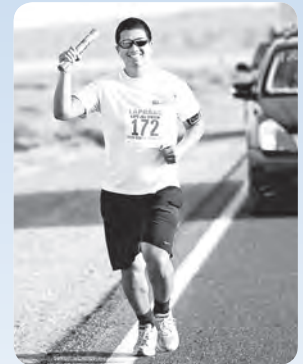
Team 180 LAPD Major Crimes.



Team 114 LAPD Metro Black.



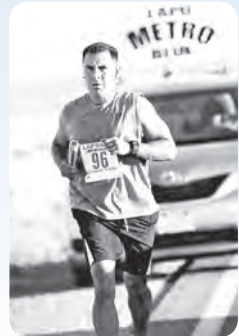
Team 106 LA Port Police Sgt. Jonathan Octeau, 8 years of City service, Club Member.



Team 172 LAPD Jail Station Detention Officer Jorge Carpio, Club Member.



Team 215 LAPD Gang/Narcotics.



Team 96 LAPD Metro Blue.



Team 212 LAPD West LA.



Team 145 LA DOT/LAPD Sec.

## THE HOME STRETCH



LA Port Police celebrates at the finish line.



Even Batman crossed the finish line! LAX Police Officer Ray Woods, 13 years of City service, Club Member, with Capt. Ray Maltez, LAPD, and his wife, Yvonne.



Team 208 LAPD RHD/CCD/PA: Capt. III William P. Hayes crosses the finish line, baton in hand.



From left: Chuck Foote, Race Coordinator; and Dave Wells, Finish/Starting Line Coordinator.



Team 53 LAPD Hollenbek's runner and catcher.



Team 81: Airport Police Officer Ray Woods, Club Member, as Batman.



Handshakes await Chief Charlie Beck, LAPD, as he crosses the finish line representing LAPD Metro Black.



PSR II Maria Coronado, Club Member, as she crosses the finish line representing Team 138 LAPD Communications.



Team 172 LAPD Jail Division at the finish line.



From left: Officer Farnia Faramarz, 7 years of City service; Officer III Jerome Evans, 27 years, Club Member; Officer Ray Woods, 13 years; Officer Charles Yoon, 3 years, Club Member; and Airport Police Chief Pat Gannon.



From left: Commander Bill Murphy, Club Member, with his catcher, Sgt. Yasir Hillani, Northeast, 14 years of City service.



Team 112 LAPD Training Division.



Team 43 LAPD 77th Street.



Team 123 LAPD Retired Old Blue.



Team 76 LAPD West Valley member catches her breath as she crosses the finish line.

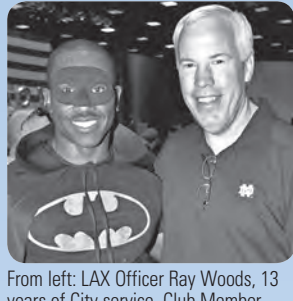
## FINISH LINE

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From left: Officer III Patrick Rudolf, Lt. Tony Lemedico, 31 years of City service; and Officer III Andy Pedersen, 27 years.



From left: LAX Officer Ray Woods, 13 years of City service, Club Member, dressed as Batman, with LA Airport Police Chief Pat Gannon.



Team 183 LAPD ESD/FSD.



Team 145 LA DOT/ LAPD at the finish line.



Team 172 LAPD Jail Station member Officer Melissa Zarris, Club Member, proudly holds up her baton.



Team 106: Port Police Officer Jose Magana, Club Member, crosses the finish line.



Commander William A. Murphy, Personnel and Training Bureau, Club Member, as he comes across the finish line.



From left: Officer II Elias Aguayo, 5 years of City service; Sgt. II Michael Seguin, 25 years; Officer II Jose Pedroza, 3 years; Capt. Jeff Bert, Northeast Station, 17 years; Officer II Kevin Moore, 3 years; and Officer II Amanda Kruse, 3 years.



Team 48 LAPD Olympic Station.



Team 124 LAPD Foothill Station.



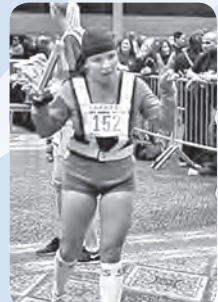
Team 139 LA City Attorney.



Team 109 LAPD Mission Station.



From left: Sgt. II Delaney Jones, ERG, 27 years of City service; Chief Charlie Beck; and Club Products Manager Arlene Herrero.



Celebrating her successful finish line, representing LAPD Harbor Division.



Gary Newton, LAPD Security Section, Club Member, runs on the joint 145 Team LA DOT/LAPD.



From left: Officer II Jacqueline Lopez, 5 years of City service; and Officer III Adrianna Bravo, 14 years.



LAPD Communications celebrates at the finish line!



Team 117 LAPD Topanga Station.



Back, from left: Officer Charles Yoon, 3 years of City service, Club Member; Officer Long Nguyen, 5 years, Club Member; Officer Chad White, 3 years, Club Member; Officer Chris Faytol, 4 years, Club Member; Officer Mark Corral, 14 years, Club Member; and Officer Kimberly Ojeda, 10 years. Kneeling: Officer Ray Woods, 13 years, Club Member, as Batman.



At the finish line: Team 66 LAPD Women's team, which came in first place in its category.



Team 215 LAPD Gang/Narcotics.



From left: Representing LA Port Police are Sgt. Kenneth Huerta, Retired, Club Member, and Retired Capt. Ralph Tracy, Club Member.



From left: Chuck Foote, Race Coordinator; Janet Gnerlich, Volunteer; and Lena Brady, Volunteer from Germany.

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