# THIS MONTH AT THE

# **Family** Sandcastle Building Day

Saturday, July 27 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Relive your favorite memories and create new ones during CMA's Family Sandcastle Building Day.

All you need to bring is your best sandcastle building tools, a little shovel and bucket, and your castle creativity to this fun beach event. The sand on

Cabrillo Beach will be thoroughly wet down to prepare for sand construction;

the rest is up to you! All castle styles are welcome: moats, draw bridges, spires, windows, turrets... let your imagination run wild, but most importantly, have a great time at the beach with family and loved ones. Don't forget to bring your camera to capture the moments and your sandcastle handiwork.

> FREE! Parking: \$2

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### **HARBOR**

# Goodbye, Ken

Port Police Sgt. Ken Huerta retires after 32 years of City service.



Retiree Sgt. Ken Huerta receives the Board of Harbor

Commissioner Award; "This is an honor well deserved,"

From left: Capt. Mike Graychik, 30 years of City service;

From left: Claudia Romero, Port Police Sr. Clerk Typist,

12 years of City service, Club Member; Mary Ramos, Port

Police Sr. Clerk Typist, 8 years, Club Member; and Eloina

Gonzalez, Port Police Sr. Clerk Typist, 8 years, Club Member

From left: Orlando Aguilar, guest; Al Garcia, Planning Officer,

25 years of City service; and Maurice Jacobs, Construction

Equipment Service Worker, 15 years, Club Member

Morales, 6 years, Club Member

Lt. Rosa Reynoso, Club Member, 24 years; and Det. Victor



CHP Sat. Sid Belk presents



Retiree Sgt. Ken Huerta with



Story and photos by Jackie Causillas,

**D**ort Police Sgt. Ken Huerta, who impressively served the City of Los Angeles for 32 years, was honored April 2 by friends, family and those whose lives he touched within the City.

The luncheon was held oceanside at the San Pedro Fish Market Ports O' Call Village

Everyone from Senators, Congressmembers and fellow CHP officers/detectives were on hand. And even "Elvis Presley" turned out, dressed to impress to honor Sgt. Huerta.

He was awarded various certificates. Here's the text of a City resolution honoring Ken's career

Whereas Kenneth L. Huerta is retiring following 32 years of service with the City and Port of Los Angeles Police Department, serving most recently as a Port Police Sergeant; and

Whereas he began his career as a Special Officer with Los Angeles Airport Police, and in 1982 joined the Los Angeles Port Police as a Special Officer, where through hard work and diligence he excelled in multiple capacities, including Sr. Lead Officer and was promoted to the rank of Sergeant; and

Whereas he has maintained a high and ongoing standard of training throughout the entire course of his law-enforcement career, including Field Training Officer, Narcotics Officer, and Water Rescue Training; and

Whereas he has worked on numerous long-term and complicated theft investigations and as a task force officer has assisted by means of his extensive knowledge in the cargo theft field in investigations that have netted millions of dollars in recovered stolen merchandise: and

Whereas he has been assigned as a Port of Los Angeles Police Department Sergeant in a multi-agency cargo theft task force as a supervisor of both LAPPD and outside agency detectives, tasked with prevention and investigation of cargo theft, including search and arrest warrant preparation and execution, liaising with industry representatives, cargo recovery and filing of cases: and

Whereas he is an internationally recognized authority on cargo theft and the preventive interdiction of intellectual crimes; and

Whereas he was a key founding member of the Port Police Dive Team and received a Diving Credential from the College of Oceaneering, as well as numerous Peace Officer Standards Training Certificates; and

Whereas he has always been acknowl-



From left: Vance Lommen, CEO; Retiree Sgt. Ken Huerta, Club Member, 32 years of City service; and Port Police Chief Ronald Boyd, Club Member.



From left: Jav Hunter Retired, 9 years of and Scott

edged as a dedicated and committed employee, highly spoken of by peers, the Port of Los Angeles Customer community, and superiors, demonstrating a professional caliber of supervisory principals, strong management and leadership skills, and a wide knowledge of the Port and its operations: and

Whereas in 2001 he received a Certificate of Appreciation from LA County Sheriff Lee Baca in recognition of exemplary efforts in his part in the successful team effort and capture of a dangerous and desperate escapee; and

Whereas in 1997 Chief of LA County Sheriff Detective Division acknowledged him for efforts in an outstanding criminal investigation, which resulted in the arrest of two suspects, the recovery of several million dollars of stolen property and the identification of a major cargo theft organization operating throughout Los Angeles; and

Whereas in 1986, along with a partner, he entered a burning apartment building to notify residents while awaiting the arrival of fire units, in the process evacuating an elderly blind resident who would not have escaped otherwise; and

Whereas in 1985 while off-duty, he assisted the LAPD in apprehending an Assault with a Deadly Weapon on Peace Officer suspect, in a circumstance where the suspect may not have been captured but for his pursuit, earning him the City's Career Achievement Award; and

Whereas he has served his country honorably as a member of the United States Marine Corps

Therefore be it resolved that the Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners wishes to extend its sincere appreciation to Kenneth L. Huerta for his 32 years of dedicated service to the City and Port of Los Angeles, and extends to him and his family its heartfelt best wishes for health and happiness in the years

Thank you for your service, Sgt. Huerta, from the Club! And the Club thanks Julie Wichmann Huerta and Stacey Xenios for their



From left: Det. John Palucci, 8 years of City service, Club Member; Steve Kreie, Security Supervisor, 10 years; and Maurice Jacobs, Construction Equipment Service Worker, 15 years, Club Member.



resents Ken Huerta with a

certificate on

hehalf of then-

Mayor Antonio

Villaraigosa.

From left: Det. John Joyce, 7 years of City rvice, Club Member: and Det. Roberto Redondo, years, Club /lember





From the California Highway Patrol, from left: Det. Roy Garcia, 18 years of State service; Det. Terry Bealey, 18 years; Officer George Perez, 8 years; and Officer James Decello, 15 years.



California Highway Patrol members wish Ken Huerta a happy retirement!



From left: Capt. Leon Nixon, 18 years of City service, Club Member; Erika Cabrera, guest; Det. Albert Alvarado, 12 years; Capt. Leon Nixon, Club Member, 17 years; and Det. Byron Culberston, 8 years, Club Member