

THIS MONTH AT THE

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium

A REC AND PARKS FACILITY

Coastal Cleanup Day

Saturday, Sept. 21
9 a.m. – Noon

Spend Saturday morning enjoying the coast while helping the environment. Join the international effort to "Adopt a Beach." Hosted by Cabrillo Marine Aquarium in collaboration with the California Coastal Commission, this event will be the 29th annual Coastal Cleanup Day. Every U.S. state and more than 90 countries are engaging in the cleanup.

Participants will meet on outer Cabrillo Beach at 9 a.m. Aquarium staff will provide bags, instructions and light refreshments.

All participants must bring a signed waiver; for children under 18 the waiver needs to be signed by a parent or guardian. Waivers are downloadable on the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium Website.

Groups are requested to call ahead at (310) 548-7562.

Free and open to all.
Parking: \$2.

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AIRPORTS

New Airport Police Officers

Dept. graduates two new officers.

Story by Officer Alicia Hernandez, Airport Police;
Photos by Officer Darius Lewis

On Aug. 9, new Airport Police Officers David Holcomb and Christian Flores joined the ranks of the Los Angeles Airport Police following their graduation from Class 2-13 of the Los Angeles Police Academy at Elysian Park, downtown Los Angeles.

Among the 33 recruits in the academy class, officer Holcomb received the "Overall Top Recruit" officer award for scoring the highest overall percentage in academics, phys-

ical fitness, tactics, driving and firearms. He also scored number one in tactics and was voted class vice president by his academy peers. Officer Flores led his peers as squad leader in the academy.

Airport Police Chief Patrick M. Gannon attended the graduation ceremony and performed the swearing-in of the officers. Also in attendance were Arif Alikhan, Airports Deputy Executive Director of Law Enforcement and Homeland Security; Assistant Chief Michael Hyams; Capt. Latasha Wells Amerson; Lt. Edward Trahan;

and other Airport Police personnel.

Chief Gannon said, "I am very proud of the dedication and leadership these new officers have demonstrated throughout this journey. Their accomplishments are the result of their hard work and dedication. Please join me in welcoming them to our organization."

Officers Holcomb and Flores are expected to complete a six-month Field Training Program specific to airport law enforcement under the guidance of a Field Training Officer before being assigned to Patrol Services Section.



From left: Airport Police Officer David Holcomb, Chief Patrick Gannon and Officer Christian Flores after the ceremony.



From left: New Airport Police Officers David Holcomb and Christian Flores are sworn in by Chief Patrick Gannon.



From left: Airport Police Officer Christian Flores and Chief Patrick Gannon at the graduation ceremony.

Steam Plant Graduates

DWP

DWP graduates 14 to become Steam Plant Assistants.

Story and photo courtesy Joe Navarrete, DWP

Congratulations to the 14 graduates of Steam Plant Assistant (SPA) Evaluation Class 121. The evaluation class is considered by many to be the toughest two weeks in the DWP. The SPA Evaluation Class traditionally experiences a 30 to 40 percent dropout rate;

many candidates repeat the class a second time, prior to passing. The class consisted of the intensive instruction on boilers, gas and steam turbines, fuel systems, primary and auxiliary systems, basic electrical theory, generator and electrical systems.

SPAs are the cornerstone of Steam

Generation. They are the basis from which all Generation personnel start their career. They will be assigned to one of the four in-basin generating stations. There, they will be responsible for maintaining the equipment and help to ensure the constant supply of electricity to the citizens of Los Angeles.



Steam Plant graduates, back, from left: Rafael Chang, Vince Jones, Cedric Bowen, Jonathan Tibbs, John Hong, Milton Adolph and Rukshan Evans. Front: Carlos Verdusco, Alex Carbajal, Veronica Castillo, Gary Valles, Albert Santillan, Elliot Moriarty and Robert Kershner.

NEWS BRIEF

LAX WI-FI LANDMARK:

LAX, the largest U.S. airport to offer free Wi-Fi, announced that its wireless Internet service, operated by Advanced Wireless Group (AWG), achieved a significant milestone in surpassing one million public Wi-Fi sessions delivered in July alone.

One year ago, LAX became the largest airport in the country to offer its passengers free access to truly unrestricted Wi-Fi through a concessions agreement with AWG, the leading provider of free airport Wi-Fi services in the United States. With the explosion of mobile devices and consumers' increasing desire to stay connected while traveling, LAX recognized the opportunity to satisfy this growing demand while continuing to deliver on its dedication to excellent customer service.

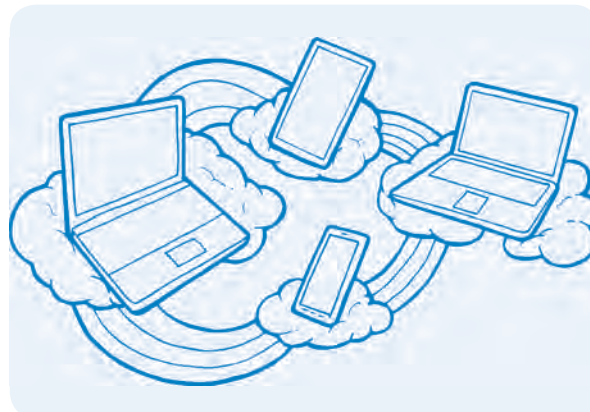
While visiting LAX over the last year, travelers have enjoyed the option of unlimited complimentary Wi-Fi sessions at basic speeds after engaging with brief, sponsored content. For those seeking a commercial-free experience with greater speed and bandwidth, a premium service option is available for a nominal fee.

"Since LAX began offering free Wi-Fi last year, we've seen the passenger experience improve tremendously," said Airports Executive Director Gina Marie Lindsey. "As we continue to build the future of LAX with

network improvements within the four million square feet of terminal space at LAX and work alongside AWG to ensure an optimal web experience for all of our customers."

AWG has been providing high-quality Wi-Fi to airport passengers since 2004. Following award of the contract in June 2012, AWG was able to transition the existing infrastructure in less than two weeks to accommodate this new free service. This ensured no disruption in travelers' access to the network by making the upgrades before the existing operator's agreement expired. Working at unprecedented speeds in cooperation with Airports, the majority of upgrades were completed by September 2012. Ongoing upgrades will continue throughout the duration of the AWG agreement.

Over the past year, both LAX and AWG have worked diligently in monitoring the network's capacity and traffic patterns throughout the upgrade process to address any customer complaints along the way and ensure optimal connectivity. Always taking customer feedback into consideration, whether positive or negative, LAX continues to make improving the airport experience for its travelers a top priority.



the construction of the New Tom Bradley International Terminal and renovations to existing terminals, free Wi-Fi is a key component of LAX's commitment to providing excellent customer service. As part of this effort, we will continue to identify areas for