

CITY EMPLOYEES AT WORK

As observed by
Noelle Kauffman,
Club Counselor:



Here's **Mark Underhill, Line Maintenance Assistant, DWP**, 13 years of City service, Club Member, rolling up the lights after unhooking them from the bridge.



Here's **Mike Craig, Line Maintenance Assistant, DWP**, 20 years of City Service, removing lights from an LA bridge.

Convention Center

Last Call For Conv. Center

Council signs AEG to run the facility privately.

On Oct. 9, the City Council voted unanimously to move management of the Convention Center to an outside contractor, AEG, for at least the next five years. The decision came after years of discussion. According to Club Members at the Convention Center, most employees have been moved to other jobs in the City. A core staff of City Employees remains to help manage the facility during the important L.A. Auto Show this month. After that, a City crew of 13 will remain.

The City retains ownership of the facility.

A final celebration is being planned in December for full-time employees of the present and past. For information, contact Adria Ybarra, Executive Office, Convention Center: aybarra@lacclink.com

Alive! plans to say goodbye to the City's operation of the Convention Center with our own story and retrospective, coming up in a future issue.

Airports

Story courtesy Airport Police

Child Safety Group Honors Chief Gannon

Airport Police Chief Patrick Gannon was honored Nov. 1 with the Angel Award by the Justice For Murdered Children (JFMC) organization during a four-day Festival and Carnival in San Pedro. Chief Gannon was honored for the role he played in supporting the organization while a member of the LAPD.

The presentation took place during a candlelight vigil on the second day of the festival, held at the Ports O' Call Village. Guest speakers included State Assemblyman Isadore Hall III and City Attorney Mike Feuer.

The mission of JFMC is to reduce the number of homicides, the number of unsolved homicides, and to assist those families that have lost loved ones to homicide.

The organization was founded in 1996 by LaWanda Hawkins following the murder of her only child, Reggie, and other parents who had lost children in the same manner. During that time, Chief Gannon was LAPD Deputy Chief, Operations-South Bureau, which served 800,000 residents from South Los Angeles to Wilmington and San Pedro.

Hawkins said, "Chief Gannon was honored because of his efforts above and beyond the call of duty to help assist the families in finding those responsible for the deaths of their children."

Chief Gannon said, "I am honored to be a part of such a passionate cause involving murdered victims and their families. Serving the community is our responsibility and we take it very seriously." Other law enforcement officials will also be honored at this event.



Police Chief Patrick Gannon honored by child safety group.

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