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A Message From the CEO

Nerves of Steel Keeping Us Safe

by John Hawkins,
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Just a few days after interviewing Lt. Rick Smith, one of the overseers of the LAPD Bomb Squad, I happened to be watching television, which I don't do a lot of... and saw a live shot of a car with an LAPD Officer standing behind it, a few long cables coming out of the car, and absolutely not another living person within blocks. There was a report of alleged explosive devices in the car, according to the reporter, and the LAPD Bomb Squad was on the case.

My first thought: Wow, I was just with those guys two days ago! And because of that I know what they were doing – setting up a remote detonation of whatever they had found.

My second thought: They will have it handled. After meeting with them the first time, I had confidence they would keep LA safe. And of course they did, detonating what was alleged to be an explosive device.

My final thought: The Bomb Squad has the amazing ability to be going about their work quietly and thoroughly day in and day out, and then they're suddenly in a perilous predicament. Going from the most normal of days, and then to the most stressful of situations... and yet how calm they remain! They're careful, methodical, safe and effective, in situations where most of us would crumble.

The story of the LAPD Bomb Squad – as much as we can cover in these pages – is captured in this month's *Alive!* These men and women have a unique blend of incredible focus and friendliness, and I thank **Capt. John Incontro**, Club Member; **Lt. Smith**; and **Ressie Herrera**, Secretary, for inviting us in. The City is in debt to the service they provide.

Speaking of bombs (I guess this issue really is "the bomb" – sorry, my lingo is woefully behind the times!) This month's "History Comes *Alive!*" column by LA Archivist **Michael Holland** is a fun read on bomb shelters from the 1950s and '60s. And I love the photos, too, provided to us as usual through the generosity of **Christina Rice** and **Terri Garst** at the Library's photo collection. It's a serious subject, but it's also amusing to look back and see how the City reacted to the Cold War threat. Thanks, Michael!

Since it's nearly summer, it's time for Public Works' very popular Sanitation open houses. If you haven't been to one, you don't know what you're missing, and I'm not kidding. Bring the kids, learn about the process of, well, elimination, and find some encouragement for recycling. So check out our schedule, and put one in your calendar.

Here's another event for your calendar: honoring Griffith Observatory Director **Dr. Ed Krupp**, who is one of the most visible – and delightful – Club Members. He loves being a City Employee, and he's being celebrated as part of a fundraiser May 12. It's coming up soon, so don't wait. Dr. Krupp deserves all the accolades that are coming his way; congratulations, Dr. Krupp!

And of course, as this is May, *Alive!* is once again presenting a barrage of Mother's Day greetings. These are really moving this year, from moms who have passed away to those who have kept their families going in tough times. We're proud to be able to provide the vehicle so that Club Members can share the love. And don't forget – Father's Day is next month, so get those tributes in, pronto!

A final note, then, about a Special Achievement that I don't want to let pass without mentioning. **Hannah Johnson**, daughter of **Barbara Johnson**, LAFD, did what some might consider a small gesture. She collected clothes for the L.A. Mission. Except that it was nearly 200 pounds' worth. Hannah, what you and your friends did was beautiful. Keep on giving to others. It's a great thing you've done, and I suspect, it's just the beginning.

It's May, so please get outside and enjoy the longer days with your family. If you don't know where to start, follow the lead of our great **Angel Gomez**, and go for a hike. He'll tell you where, each and every month, in *Be Alive!* So get active and have fun. See you in June.

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From left: Lt. Rick Smith and Capt. John Incontro, Club Member, with *Alive!* editor John Burnes.

Alive! Behind the Scenes



Photographing the Bomb Squad's Capt. John Incontro (right) and Lt. Rick Smith (center) is Summy Lam, Club Director of Marketing.



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