

Airports

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So Long, Sgt.

Airport Police Sgt. Sam Pittman retires after 31 years of City service.

Sgt. Samuel Pittman celebrated his retirement after 31 years with the Airport Police Department at an event May 23. He began his career on the force in 1983. He was presented with plaques and commendations recognizing him for his commitment and dedication to service.

Sgt. Pittman was the Airport Police Range Master for 18 years, from 1996 to 2010. As Range Master, he provided training and monthly qualification courses to all Airport Police personnel and academy recruits.

Airport Police Chief Patrick Gannon attended the ceremony and said, "I am glad to see Sgt. Pittman will have the opportunity to spend more time with his family. It is well deserved, but his presence with the division will be missed. He was a gift to Airport Police and was dedicated to serving his fellow officers, command staff and outside agencies."

The ceremony was held at the Proud Bird Restaurant adjacent to LAX, where Sgt. Pittman was joined by his wife, Deanne; son, Mark; twin daughters, Danielle and Jaclyn; and granddaughter Hannah, as well as other family members, friends and colleagues. Also in attendance were Captains Latasha Wells Amerson, Tyrone Stallings, LaPonda Fitchpatrick (Retired), Larry Gray (Retired) and other airport police personnel.

Congratulations, Sgt. Pittman, on your great career!



From left: Son, Mark; daughter, Jaclyn; wife, Deanne; Sgt. Sam Pittman (Retiree); and daughter, Danielle.



Sgt. Sam Pittman with his granddaughter, Hannah.



From left: Airport Police Capt. Larry Gray (Retired) and Sgt. Sam Pittman.



From left: Communications Operator Paula Dutton (Retired) and Sgt. Sam Pittman.



From left: Airport Police Capt. Latasha Wells Amerson and Sgt. Sam Pittman.



From left: Airport Police Chief Patrick M Gannon and Sgt. Sam Pittman.



From left: Airport Police Capt. Tyrone Stallings and Sgt. Sam Pittman.



From left: Officer Michael Dear and Sgt. Sam Pittman.



From left: Airport Police Officer Eleanor Traylor, Charles Gleeson (Retired) and Officer Aletha Metcalf-Evans.



Sgt. Sam Pittman's mother- and father-in-law, Berl and Mavis Bahde.



Sgt. Sam Pittman's daughters and granddaughter, Danielle, Hanna and Jaclyn.



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