



# 2015

## ANNUAL REPORT



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF



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January 10, 2016

Mr. Sergio Gonzalez  
City Manager  
**City of South Pasadena**  
1414 Mission Street  
South Pasadena, CA 91030

Dear Mr. Gonzalez:

The attached 2015 Annual Report is being submitted to you for your review on behalf of the men and women of the South Pasadena Police Department. Contained in this report are the many accomplishments achieved during 2015. These accomplishments could not have been realized without the support of our community, city council, Public Safety Commission and your Office.

Our police department continues to address issues and requests from many sources. As the Chief of Police, I am proud of the “can do” attitude every member of our department has regardless of rank, position or assignment. Regardless of the request, our staff never denied a request. *Commitment to Service* has been a guiding principle of all police department members. This commitment was the foundation to be creative, innovated and service oriented.

What is not captured in the annual report is the sacrifice that was made by all members of the department. The requirements to be hired by our police department are stringent for good reason. Every applicant must go through an arduous hiring process in order to meet the very high standards expected by our community. Many candidates apply, however very few are successful in being hired. Our department was understaffed during 2015. Each member of the department stepped up to fill shifts that otherwise would have been vacant, thus becoming a public safety concern.

In 2015, police department personnel worked 10,497 overtime hours which is equal to 874 shifts. The effort on the part of police department personnel is a testament to their commitment to the South Pasadena community.

We look forward to facing any challenges that 2016 may bring.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Arthur J. Miller".

Arthur J. Miller  
Chief of Police

Attachment

A large, faded, light green image of a watering trough, likely a historical landmark, serving as a background for the bottom right portion of the page.

OLD WATERING TROUGH

## MISSION STATEMENT

*"The Mission of the South Pasadena Police Department is to provide our community with the safest possible environment using interactive crime prevention methods, public education programs, and the equitable and professional application of the law."*

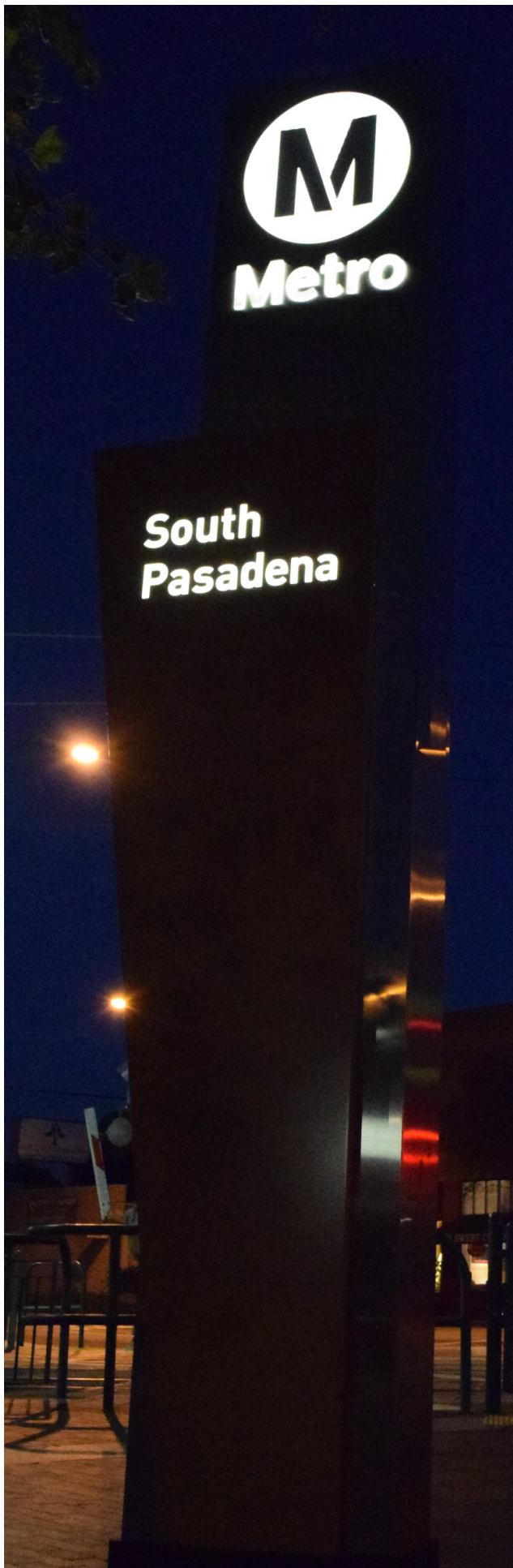
## CORE VALUES

**Integrity** – Police officers are entrusted with lives and property. They are exposed to situations where, if lacking a high level of integrity, they can take advantage of that trust. The community must have confidence that their officers have the highest level of ethics and morals. Personal integrity is fundamental in the prevention of corruption. Police officers have a solemn obligation to be honest and trustworthy, accurately document probable cause and the circumstances of an arrest in reports and during courtroom testimony, report ethical violations when committed by others, and serve as a role model for the public.

**Quality of Service** – The residents and business owners of South Pasadena have high expectations of the quality of service provided by the South Pasadena Police Department. Historically, the Department has provided this level of service. When handling any type of call for service, criminal or traffic investigation, officers should always provide a level of service they would want their family to receive. They should be guided by what is the right thing to do to solve the problem that resulted in their response.

**Respect for People** – Police Officers must treat all people with as much respect and dignity as the situation allows. Even in a confrontational, adversarial encounter, officers must remain professional and respectful. Respect towards others breeds respect in return. And, respect towards others must begin between co-workers. If employees are not respectful towards each other, they will not be respectful towards the public. All employees must treat each other with respect and recognize that the diversity each employee brings to the South Pasadena Police Department helps to make the Department able to police the diverse community we serve.

**Work Ethic** – The employees of the South Pasadena Police Department are government employees and their salaries and benefits are paid by the public they serve. Taxpayers have the right to expect their government employees to earn the salaries they are paid. All employees are expected to give an honest day's work. The South Pasadena Police Department does not have any unnecessary positions and everyone must be committed to supporting each other to accomplish the goals and objectives of the organization. This requires a firm commitment from each and every employee.





## LEADERSHIP HISTORY

The following is a list of City Marshals and Chiefs that have led the South Pasadena Police Department since being established in 1888

### City Marshal

**Amman Cobb**  
March 1888 to June 1888

**Martin B. Selman**  
June 1888 to February 1889

**E. Peters**  
February 1889 to April 1894

**Isaac Peel**  
April 1894 to October 1895

**George Wilson**  
October 1895 to April 1896

**M.B. Reid**  
April 1896 to July 1907

**William H. Johnston**  
July 1907 to April 1916

### Chief of Police

**Frank Higgins**  
April 1916 to April 1942

**Everett Setzer**  
October 1942 to October 1950

**Robert Blakely**  
October 1950 to October 1952

**Clifton Brown**  
December 1952 to June 1960

**Melvin Viney**  
October 1960 to August 1976

**Gary Brown**  
August 1976 to May 1977

**Samuel Buntyn**  
June 1977 to December 1985

**William Reese**  
December 1985 to December 1990

**Thomas Mahoney**  
February 1991 to April 1997

**Michael Berkow**  
July 1997 to July 2001

**Daniel Watson**  
January 2002 to July 2010

**Joseph Payne**  
September 2010 to February 2013

**Arthur Miller**  
February 2013 to Current

# SOUTH PASADENA POLICE COMMAND STAFF



**Michael Neff**  
Captain Support Services



**Arthur J. Miller**  
Chief of Police



**Brian Solinsky**  
Captain Field Operations



**Robert Bartl**  
Detective Sergeant



**Tony Abdalla**  
Administrative Sergeant  
SET Commander



**Jim Valencia**  
Patrol Watch Commander



**Matthew Petersen**  
Patrol Watch Commander



**Matthew Ronnie**  
Patrol Watch Commander



**Spencer Louie**  
Patrol Watch Commander

**RETIREMENTS**



**Captain  
DeAnn Wheelless**  
Service Dates  
1991 - 2015



**Officer  
Louis Cetro**  
Service Dates  
1995 - 2015



**Officer  
Frank Litterini**  
Service Dates  
1988 - 2015

**RESIGNATIONS**



**Corporal  
Jason Lucas**  
2005 - 2015



**Detective  
Ed Acosta**  
2007 - 2015



**Police Assistant  
Stephanie Barrientos**  
2008 - 2015

**NEW HIRES**



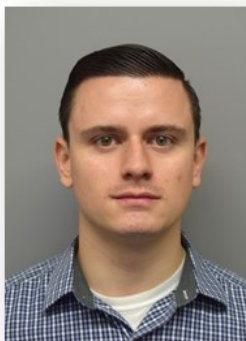
**Arthur Burgos**  
Hired as Police Officer



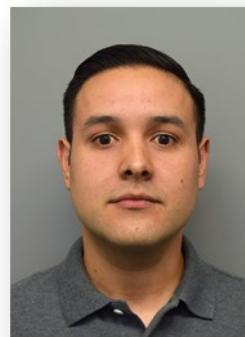
**Joseph Johnson**  
Hired as Police Officer



**Ryan Hang**  
Hired as Police Officer Trainee



**Brian Wiley**  
Hired as Police Officer Trainee



**Gilbert Carrillo**  
Hired as Police Officer Trainee



**Jose Robles**  
Hired as Cadet



**Patricia Diaz**  
Hired as Cadet



**Elias Giron-Garrido**  
Hired as Cadet



**Antony Fierro**  
Hired as Cadet



**Ivan Ayala**  
Hired as Cadet



**PROMOTIONS**



**Michael Neff**  
Promoted to  
Captain - Support Services



**Brian Solinsky**  
Promoted to  
Captain - Field Services



**Spencer Louie**  
Promoted to Sergeant



**Juan Salcido**  
Promoted to Corporal



**Mike Sanchez**  
Promoted to Corporal

**ASSIGNMENTS**



**Tony Abdalla**  
Assigned as  
Administrative Sergeant



**Mike Sanchez**  
Assigned as  
Detective

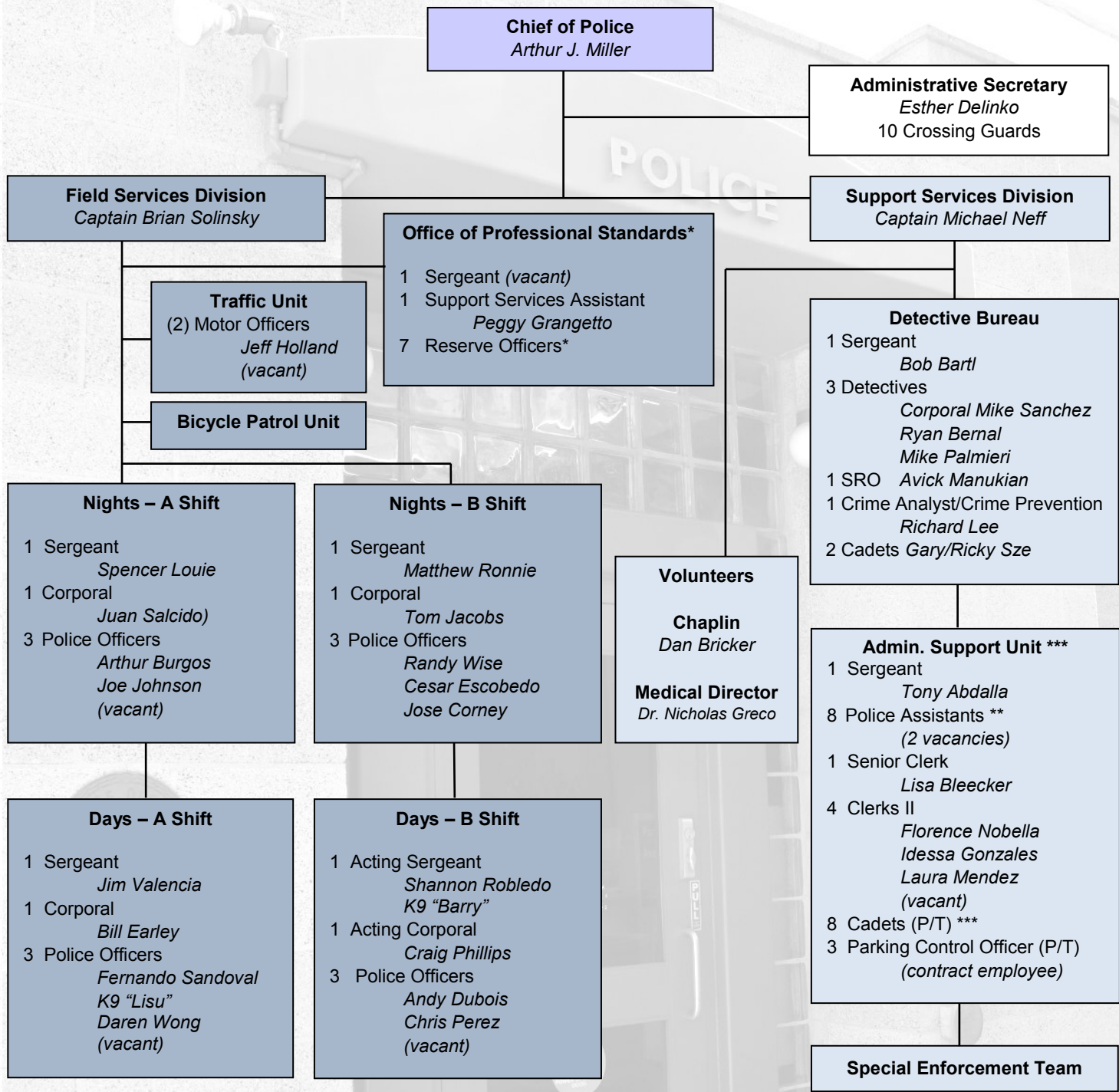


**Ryan Bernal**  
Assigned as  
Detective



**Avick Manukian**  
Assigned as  
School Resource Officer

# SOUTH PASADENA POLICE ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



- \* SPPD Reserves**  
 Joseph Lunnon  
 Anthony Chan  
 Mike Creek  
 Aaron Giron  
 Randy Davis  
 Mike Ankri  
 Mike Mejia

- \*\* Police Assistants**  
 Belen Kaminski  
 Sharae Rodriguez  
 Catalina Valdez  
 Jeanette Zavala  
 Cynthia Pacheo  
 Janee Hannible

- \*\*\* Cadets**  
 Gary Sze  
 Ricky Sze  
 Issac Gutierrez  
 Patricia Diaz  
 Elias Garrido  
 Antony Fierro  
 Jose Robles  
 Ivan Ayala

## DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION

The South Pasadena Police Department is comprised of sworn, non-sworn, reserves and volunteers that provide 24-hour service to the residents of the city. The department also contracts with a private company to enforce parking violations.

The department is divided into two divisions which includes Support Services and Field Services with a Captain supervising each division.

### SUPPORT SERVICES

The Support Services Division is responsible for providing service to the public and support to the officers in the field. This includes Records, Detectives, Communications, Parking Enforcement, Volunteers and Emergency Operations. Support Services also oversees department purchases, vehicle and station maintenance and budget/grant management.



Captain Mike Neff supervises the Support Services Division and was hired as a Reserve Officer in 1982. In 1984, he was hired as a full-time officer. Captain Neff's previous assignments have included Patrol and Detective Supervisor, Assistant Explorer Advisor, Commercial Enforcement, Detective, Administrative Sergeant and Neighborhood Watch Coordinator.

In 1989, he was promoted to Corporal and assigned to patrol as a Field Training Officer/Supervisor. In 1992, he was promoted to Sergeant and assigned as a Patrol Watch Commander and later assigned as the Detective Bureau Commander.

Captain Neff is an Instructor for Less Lethal Devices, has served on the Southern California CLEARs Board of Directors and attended a POST Leadership Course. Captain Neff is also one of the founders of the Department's Open House.

### FIELD SERVICES

The Field Services Division is the largest and most visible component of the department and is supervised by Captain Brian Solinsky. The Field Division is comprised of uniformed patrol officers, Reserves, Traffic Unit, K9 Team, Office of Professional Standards, Evidence/Property, Area "C" Mutual Aid and Emergency Management.

Captain Brian Solinsky started his law enforcement career with the Riverside County Sheriff's Department and in 1993 he joined the South Pasadena Police Department. He is a second generation Police Officer.



Captain Solinsky started in South Pasadena as a Police Officer and was subsequently appointed as a Field Training Officer. In 2000, Captain Solinsky was promoted to Detective where he served on a Los Angeles County Task Force investigating large scale organized crime. In 2002, he returned to South Pasadena as a Detective investigating a variety of crimes within the City. Captain Solinsky promoted to the rank of Corporal in 2005, and served as a Field Supervisor and Assistant Watch Commander. In 2009, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant, where he supervised a patrol shift. In 2011 he was appointed to the Professional Standards Unit where he managed Internal Affairs, Training, Recruitment, the Reserve Officer Program and the City's Emergency Management Center.

Captain Solinsky was promoted to his current rank in June 2015, and oversees the Field Operations Division, which includes the Patrol and Traffic Bureaus, K9's, Office of Professional Standards, Homeland Security, Mutual Aid, and Emergency Management.

Captain Solinsky is a member of the Board of Directors for Area C and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice.

**PART ONE CRIMES**

In 2015, Part One Crimes in South Pasadena increased 40.5% over 2014 with property crimes (burglaries and larcenies) representing the largest increase. Using the raw numbers there were 802 Part One Crimes in 2015 compared to 571 in 2014.

It should be noted that because we are calculating with small numbers, the percentile of changes will be large which may not reflect the true raw numbers.

**CRIME CLEARANCE**

The Crime Clearance rate for 2015 is 15%, which was slightly down from 2014 where the crime clearance rate was 15.6%. The 15% clearance rate still exceeds the recommended Uniform Crime Reports Crime Clearance rate standard of 14%.

**HOMICIDE**

There were no homicides reported in 2015 and the homicide that occurred in 2014 was a victim that suffered a head injury in 2008. The victim had been hospitalized before succumbing to his injuries in 2014.

**RAPE**

Rapes decreased by one in 2015 and in all the incidents the suspect was known to the victim as either a friend or acquaintance.

**ROBBERY**

Robberies were the only violent crime that increased in 2015. Robberies increased 120% and there were 22 robberies compared to 10 in 2014.

Nine of the robberies occurred to businesses, which includes a bank robbery where the suspect was arrested with the assistance of the San Marino Police Department. The arrested



Part One Crimes			
Crime	2014	2015	% Change
Homicide	1	0	-100%
Rape	4	3	-25%
Robbery	10	22	120%
Assaults	81	66	-19%
Burglary	-	-	-
Residential	96	98	2%
Commercial	19	43	126%
Larceny/Theft	327	537	64%
Stolen Vehicles	32	31	-3%
Arson	1	2	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>571</b>	<b>802</b>	<b>40.5%</b>

suspect was found to be a serial bank robber nicknamed the “Bluto Bandit” by the FBI because of a fake beard he wore. The “Bluto Bandit” had robbed at least eight other banks throughout Los Angeles, Riverside, Orange and San Bernardino Counties.

Two carjackings and a home invasion robbery also occurred in 2015. Of the 22 robberies that occurred, seven of the robbery suspects were arrested.

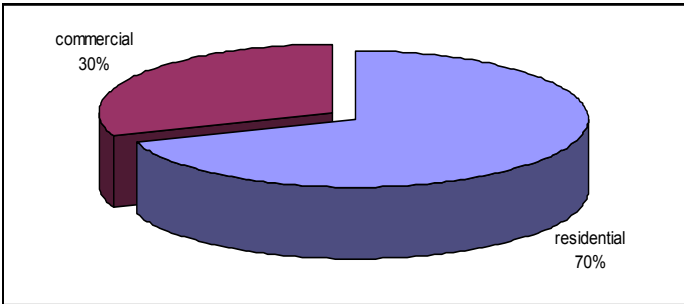
**ASSAULTS**

Aggravated Assaults decreased 19% in 2015. As in 2014, over half of the assaults were domestic related and over 71% of the suspects were known to the victim either by family, friends, classmates or acquaintances.

**BURGLARIES**

There was an increase of 23% in burglaries which includes commercial and residential in 2015. As in previous years residential burglaries were the majority of the burglaries. This accounted for nearly three-fourths of total burglaries.

**PART ONE CRIMES**



**Residential Burglaries**

There was a 2% increase in residential burglaries in 2015 98 occurred in 2015 and 96 occurred in 2014.

As in 2014, the Monterey Hills area of the city (southwest area) had the highest number of burglaries accounting for about 33%. The border between north and south is Monterey Road and Meridian Avenue separates east and west.

The chart below shows the number of burglaries per area of the city:

Area	2014	2015	% Change
Northwest	20	24	20%
Northeast	22	23	5%
Southwest	32	32	0%
Southeast	19	22	16%

The use of force to gain entry into homes (smashing a window or forcing a door open) continues to rise. Nearly 51% of the burglars used force to gain entry. This is a slight increase from 2014 where 49% of the burglars used force. Some residents made it easy for the burglar to gain entry by leaving a door or window open/unlocked. In one incident the burglar gained entry through a doggie door.

While the number of forced entry increased, it does show that more residents are securing their home. This also shows that burglars are more determined to make entry into homes.



*Using force to gain entry is increasing*

House alarms continue to be a great deterrent. Of the 98 residential burglaries that occurred, nine had an alarm. This shows that having an alarm can reduce being burglarized by 90%. This percentage was the same as in 2014.

**Commercial Burglaries**

Commercial burglaries had one of the largest increases in 2015. There was a 126% increase with 43 occurring in 2015 and 19 in 2014.



*Surveillance Video of burglars prying a door to a restaurant office*

A large number of the commercial burglaries occurred when burglars entered an office building and made entry into several of the interior offices. A series of early morning restaurant burglaries also occurred when burglars forced entry into restaurants and targeted the office.

## PART ONE CRIMES

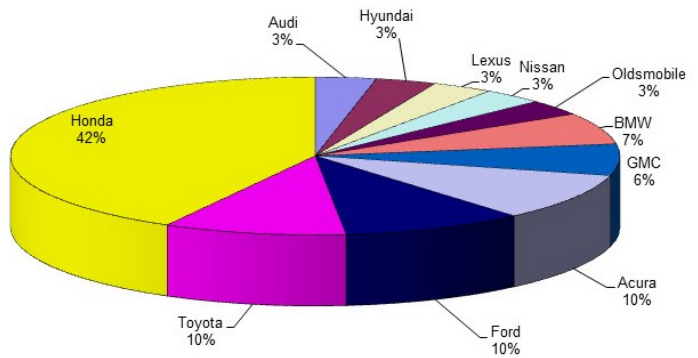
### LARCENY/THEFT

Larceny/Thefts increased dramatically in 2015. It was the only Part One Crime that increased each month over 2014. A total of 537 larceny/thefts occurred in 2015, compared to 327 in 2014.

Bicycle thefts, shoplifts and thefts from unlocked vehicles were the majority of the thefts that occurred.



### Stolen Vehicles by Make



By year, make and model the late 1990s Honda Accord was again the most popular vehicle stolen, followed by the late 1990s Honda Civic. Nearly 71% of all vehicles stolen were late 1990s/early 2000 vehicles.

As in previous years vehicles parked on the street accounted for the majority of where vehicles were stolen from, followed by vehicles parked in parking lots, driveways, alleys and lastly carports.

Vehicles stolen from South Pasadena appears to be used for "joyriding" purposes. Only two vehicles have not been recovered and of the vehicles recovered only two were recovered stripped.

### ARSONS

There were two arsons that occurred in 2015, compared to one that occurred in 2014. This was an increase of 100%.

Both arsons were small and did little damage. A small bush was lit on fire at the high school and some trash was lit on fire in front of a business.



Thefts of bicycles have been a growing problem and have been stolen throughout the city. Several of the bicycles were not even locked. To help combat the rise of bicycle thefts, a Bicycle Rodeo was developed to educate the community on ways to prevent bicycle theft

and promote safety. A Bicycle Theft Prevention brochure was also developed to inform the residents.

### STOLEN VEHICLE

There was a 3% decrease in stolen vehicles in 2015, with the difference being one vehicle (31 vehicles were stolen in 2015 and 32 vehicles were stolen in 2014).

For the 14th consecutive year, Hondas were the most popular vehicle stolen in South Pasadena. They accounted for 42% of the vehicles stolen in the city. Toyota, Ford and Acura all tied for second for the most popular vehicle stolen with each accounting for 10%.

The chart in the next column shows the breakdown of vehicles by model stolen in 2015.

## 2014 - 2015 STATISTICS

The following charts shows the 2014 - 2015 crime comparisons and various categories of calls for service:

<b>2014 - 2015 Part One Crimes</b>			
Crime	2014	2015	% Change
Homicide	1	0	Not Calculable
Rape	4	3	-25%
Robbery	10	22	120%
Assault	81	66	-19%
Burglary	-	-	-
Residential	96	98	2%
Commercial	19	43	126%
Larceny-Theft	327	537	64%
GTA	32	31	-3%
Arson	1	2	100%
<i>Total</i>	<i>571</i>	<i>802</i>	<i>40.5%</i>
<b>Crime Clearance</b>			
	2014	2015	% Change
Crime Clearance	15.6%	15%	-3.8%
<b>Arrests</b>			
Arrests	2014	2015	% Change
Adult	916	718	-21.6%
Juveniles	43	38	-11.6%
<i>Total</i>	<i>959</i>	<i>756</i>	<i>-21.2%</i>
<b>Traffic Accidents</b>			
Traffic Collisions	2014	2015	% Change
Injury	88	90	2.2%
Injury hit and run	2	4	100%
Non-Injury	61	59	-3.3%
Non-Injury hit and run	34	23	-32.3
Fatal	0	1	Not Calculable
<i>Total</i>	<i>185</i>	<i>177</i>	<i>-4.3%</i>
<b>Citations</b>			
Citations	2014	2015	% Change
Citations (moving)	2,815	27,40	-2.7%
Parking	7,765	10,106	30%
Warnings	1	1	No Change
Others	569	299	-47.5%
<i>Total</i>	<i>11,150</i>	<i>13,146</i>	<i>18%</i>

**2014 - 2015 STATISTICS**

<b>Agency Assist</b>			
<b>Calls</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Assist Fire	441	365	-17.2%
Assist Outside Agency	477	560	17.4%
Assist Outside Agency 911 Transfer	1597	1650	3.3%

<b>Telephone Calls</b>			
<b>Calls</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>% of Change</b>
Inbound 911 Calls	7,857	8,918	13.5%
Inbound Landline Calls	33,789	35,165	4%
Total Inbound Calls	41,646	44,083	5.8%
Total Outbound Calls	16,287	17,296	6.2%
<i>Total Inbound/Outbound Calls</i>	<i>57,933</i>	<i>61,379</i>	<i>5.9%</i>

<b>Selected Calls for Service</b>			
<b>Calls for Service</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Robbery Alarms	87	76	-12.6%
Burglar Alarms (vehicle, residential & commercial)	1,219	1,382	13.4%
Domestic Disputes (Domestic Violence, family, boy/girlfriend)	210	147	-30%
Suspicious Persons (pedestrian & vehicle)	1,219	1,175	-3.6%
Extra Patrol	2,536	3,174	25%
Traffic Stops	4,210	3,725	-11.5%
Special Traffic Enforcement	63	92	46%
Foot Beats	55	13	-76.4%
Vehicles Booted (5 or more park cites)	8	32	300%
Outside Agency Assist	477	560	17.4%
Welfare Checks	309	333	7.8%
Disturbance (parties, families, neighbors, business disputes)	958	1,367	42.7%
DUI Arrests	52	35	-32.7%
Predictive Policing	535	479	-10.5%
K9 Demo	8	9	12.5%
K9 Deployment	101	110	8.9%
K9 Training	61	90	47.5%
Online Reports	263	232	-11%
Total Calls for Service	27,554	26,065	-5.4%



**SOUTH PASADENA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Part One Crimes Per Month**

**2015**

	Robbery			Burglary Commercial & Residential			Larceny			Motor Vehicle Theft		
	2014	2015	% Change	2014	2015	% Change	2014	2015	% Change	2014	2015	% Change
<b>January</b>	2	1	-50%	11	17	55%	35	73	109%	1	2	100%
<b>February</b>	2	0	-100%	11	4	-64%	18	35	94%	5	3	-40%
<b>March</b>	0	3	Not Calc.	1	25	2400%	44	50	14%	4	0	-100%
<b>April</b>	0	3	Not Calc.	6	9	50%	30	45	50%	4	0	-100%
<b>May</b>	2	2	0%	14	9	-36%	25	36	44%	3	7	133%
<b>June</b>	0	2	Not Calc.	5	12	140%	19	40	111%	2	5	150%
<b>July</b>	0	2	Not Calc.	9	7	-22%	24	40	67%	2	0	-100%
<b>August</b>	2	2	0%	8	10	25%	23	35	52%	1	3	200%
<b>September</b>	0	1	Not Calc.	9	10	11%	28	48	71%	3	1	-67%
<b>October</b>	0	4	Not Calc.	13	16	23%	28	50	79%	2	6	200%
<b>November</b>	0	2	Not Calc.	18	10	-44%	34	42	24%	4	0	-100%
<b>December</b>	2	0	-100%	10	12	20%	19	43	126%	1	4	300%
<b>TOTALS</b>	10	22	120%	115	141	23%	327	537	64%	32	31	-3%
<b>Average</b>	.8	1.8	120%	9.6	11.8	23%	27.3	44.8	64%	2.7	2.6	-3%
<b>ANNUAL</b>												
<b>High</b>	2	4	-	18	25	-	44	73	-	5	7	-
<b>Low</b>	0	0	-	1	4	-	18	35	-	1	0	-
<b>Mean</b>	1	2	-	9.5	14.5	-	31	54	-	3	3.5	-



*Gold Line in South Pasadena 2015*

*Electric Train in South Pasadena early 1900s*

**SOUTH PASADENA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Part One Crimes Per Month (continued)**

**2015**

	Murder			Rape			Assault			Arson		
	2014	2015	% Change	2014	2015	% Change	2014	2015	% Change	2014	2015	% Change
<b>January</b>	0	0	Not Calc.	0	0	Not Calc.	10	6	-40%	0	0	Not Calc.
<b>February</b>	0	0	Not Calc.	1	1	0%	6	3	-50%	0	0	Not Calc.
<b>March</b>	0	0	Not Calc.	2	0	-100%	7	7	0%	0	0	Not Calc.
<b>April</b>	0	0	Not Calc.	1	0	-100%	4	1	-75%	0	1	Not Calc.
<b>May</b>	1	0	-100%	0	0	Not Calc.	3	6	100%	0	0	Not Calc.
<b>June</b>	0	0	Not Calc.	0	0	Not Calc.	6	3	-50%	0	0	Not Calc.
<b>July</b>	0	0	Not Calc.	0	0	Not Calc.	6	5	-17%	0	0	Not Calc.
<b>August</b>	0	0	Not Calc.	0	0	Not Calc.	6	10	67%	0	0	Not Calc.
<b>September</b>	0	0	Not Calc.	0	1	Not Calc.	10	6	-40%	0	1	Not Calc.
<b>October</b>	0	0	Not Calc.	0	1	Not Calc.	7	7	0%	0	0	Not Calc.
<b>November</b>	0	0	Not Calc.	0	0	Not Calc.	10	8	-20%	1	0	-100%
<b>December</b>	0	0	Not Calc.	0	0	Not Calc.	6	4	-33%	0	0	Not Calc.
<b>TOTALS</b>	1	0	-100%	4	3	-25%	81	66	-19%	1	2	100%
<b>Average</b>	0.1	0	-100%	0.3	.3	-25%	6.8	5.5	-19%	0.1	.2	100%
<b>ANNUAL</b>												
<b>High</b>	1	0	-	4	1	-	10	10	-	1	1	-
<b>Low</b>	0	0	-	0	0	-	3	1	-	0	0	-
<b>Mean</b>	.5	0	-	2	.5	-	6.5	5.5	-	.5	.5	-



## PATROL

Patrol is the “backbone” of the police department and over 60% of the department personnel is in this division.

Officers in the patrol division are the most visible to the public as they are on duty 24 hours a day.

Patrol Officers perform a variety of duties such as responding to calls for service, patrolling the city, enforcing traffic laws, conducting preliminary criminal and traffic investigations, writing crime reports, collect evidence and dusting for fingerprints and DNA samples at crime scenes. When a detailed collection of evidence is needed, the Pasadena Police Department’s Forensic Team responds to assist.



Officers also provide extra enforcement around schools and perform Vacation Checks for residents.

Not only do officers patrol the city, but they also routinely interact with residents. Officers participate in events like Coffee with a Cop, Bicycle Rodeo and other city events while patrolling the city.



### Patrol Highlights

Officers can respond to an emergency call within three to four minutes. This fast response time has allowed officers to make these significant arrests:

- Officers responded to a suspicious person walking down the side of a house in the 1900 block of Alpha. Officers quickly responded and located the suspects driving around the area. After an investigation, the three suspects were found to have recently burglarized two homes a few blocks away.
- Officers responded to a “hot prowler” burglar in the 700 block of Monterey who had cut a screen to enter the victim’s sunroom. Upon officers arrival, the suspect ran away and officers gave chase. The suspect was finally arrested when cornered in a backyard. The suspect may have been responsible for several “hot prowler” burglaries in the area.
- Officers responded to a bank robbery at Chase Bank that had just occurred. Police dispatchers quickly radioed neighboring police departments of the crime and a San Marino Police Officer located the suspect. After a brief pursuit, the suspect was arrested and found to be a serial bank robber nicknamed the “Bluto Bandit” by the FBI.
- Officers responded to an attempted carjacking that occurred in the 1500 block of Oxley. Police dispatchers quickly radioed neighboring police departments and an Alhambra Police Officer located the suspect walking near Alhambra Road and La France.



## DETECTIVE BUREAU



The Detective Bureau is supervised by Sergeant Robert Bartl and consists of a Corporal, two detectives, a Detective/School Resource Officer and a Detective/Crime Analyst/Crime Prevention Officer.

The Detective Bureau office also went through a much needed remodel with new carpet, paint, desks, cubicles and storage cabinets to provide a modernized workspace for detectives.

### Detective Case Highlights

Some notable cases that Detectives investigated in 2015 include:

- The successful conviction of a hit & run suspect who struck a family walking in the crosswalk of Orange Grove and Columbia Street.
- After a lengthy investigation of the South Pasadena Convalescent Hospital, we were successful in getting a new management team installed at the hospital. This immediately resulted in a decrease in calls for service, criminal activity within and around the hospital and an improved quality of living for patients and neighbors of the hospital.
- After an investigation of a commercial burglary that occurred at a real estate office, a search warrant was conducted in a home in Riverside. Detectives were able to recover property stolen from the office from the home.

The Detective Bureau is the investigative branch of the police department and is primarily responsible for conducting follow-up investigations on criminal cases in order to ensure successful prosecutions.

Detectives also file criminal cases with the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, assist patrol officers in responding to emergency calls and arranging extradition of suspects from out of county/state. In addition to managing the detective bureau, the Detective Sergeant also conducts background checks on massage parlor applicants.

Detectives speak to the media on cases where suspect photos can be identified or on high profile cases.



*Old Detective Bureau*



*Newly remodeled Detective Bureau*



*Det. Sanchez speaking to the media*



## SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

The School Resource Officer (SRO) is an important part of the Detective Bureau.

The SRO works closely with the South Pasadena School District by providing security for the schools, investigates juvenile crimes, provides safety presentations and participates in the School Attendance Review Boards.



*SRO Manukian meets with school staff*

The SRO is the department's primary liaison between the schools, school district, juvenile probation department and the juvenile District Attorney.

Avick Manukian is the department's SRO and Juvenile Detective. Detective Manukian is also an operator on the department's Special Enforcement Team.



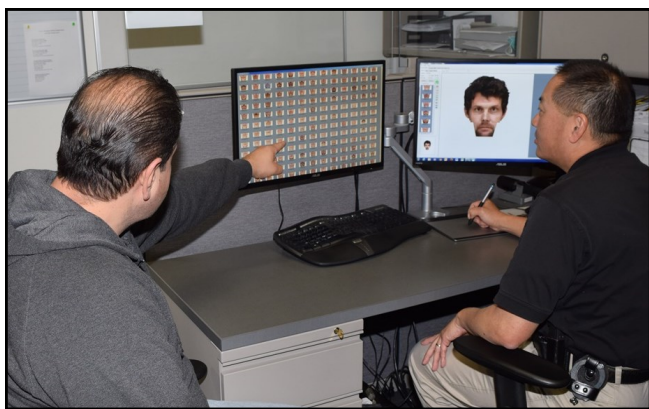
*SRO Avick Manukian*

Being a presence on campuses of the schools and interacting with students, Detective Manukian helps build a positive relationship with the students while also providing a safe learning environment for all.

## CRIME ANALYSIS/CRIME PREVENTION

Detective Richard Lee is the Crime Analyst and Crime Prevention Officer and also handles a detective case load.

Crime Analysis involves analyzing crimes for patterns, trends, series and linking suspects to crimes. Sharing and gathering intelligence information with outside agencies is also an important role for the crime analyst.



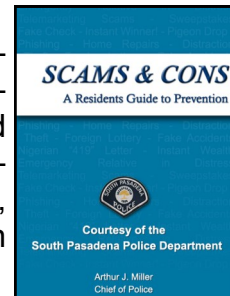
*Composites are made using a computer program*

Crime Analysis also performs administrative functions by preparing crime statistics and monthly Uniform Crime Reports.

Updating the department's website, registering sex, arson, gang and narcotic registrants as well as performing computerized composites are other miscellaneous duties performed as a crime analyst.

Crime Prevention is a community outreach program to educate the community on ways to prevent crimes from occurring through literature, public speaking and events.

A Bicycle Theft Prevention brochure and a Scam and Con prevention booklet were developed this year to combat the increasing number of scams and cons, and bicycle thefts occurring in the city.



## CRIME ANALYSIS/CRIME PREVENTION

The Neighborhood Watch Program is the core of the crime prevention program. The program is a joint effort between police and residents to report suspicious activity.

A monthly newsletter and a weekly crime summary are sent to the Block Captains and the community to keep residents informed of current crime trends.

The South Pasadena Public Safety Commission and community volunteer, Sue Kaplan, have assisted in expanding the Neighborhood Watch Program. Their innovative ideas have also helped maintain and promote the program.

New custom made Neighborhood Watch signs will slowly replace aging or damaged signs.

Chief Arthur Miller held a Neighborhood Watch Block Captain meeting to speak about the

Neighborhood Watch program and honor Block Captains for their dedicated service.

To honor Neighborhood Preparedness volunteers (Neighborhood Watch Block Captains, Community Emergency Response Team members and Ham Radio Operators) members of all three organizations walked in the Fourth of July Parade to help raise awareness and encourage participation.

Free Home Security Inspections are performed by the Crime Prevention Unit where recommendations are made to better secure your home.

The Crime Prevention Unit also coordinates the annual Police and Fire Open House. Held in conjunction with the South Pasadena Tournament of Roses Classic Car Show, the combined event draws nearly 10,000 people.



*Chief Miller honors Block Captains with over 18 years of volunteer service*



*Members of Neighborhood Watch, CERT and HAM Radio Club marching in the Fourth of July Parade*



*Block Captains Steve Quon and Terri & Cary Hall receive new Neighborhood Watch Signs*




*Home Security Inspections provide suggestions on how to better secure homes*

# POLICE AND FIRE OPEN HOUSE




**South Pasadena Police and Fire Department**  
**Open House**



**Sunday, September 20, 2015**  
**10 AM to 3 PM**  
**1422 Mission Street, South Pasadena**

Free Giveaway Items \* Police Canines \* Helicopters \* Police and Fire Station Tours \* Safety Information  
Hot Rod & Classic Car Show \* Child Souvenir Photographs \* Antique Fire Engines  
Police and Fire Demonstrations \* Emergency Preparedness Information \* Child Fingerprinting and Photographs,  
Community Emergency Response Team Information \* Earthquake Safety \* Water Conservation Workshop  
AND MUCH MORE!

Event Generously Sponsored and Supported by:



COMMLine inc. Public Safety Communications  
LO/JACK GET IT BACK WITH  
HENRY'S Towing & Recovery  
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**SOUTH PASADENA POLICE CANINES**



**“Belker”  
1982 - 1985**



**“Tommy”  
1998 - 2005**



**“Tinkerbelle”  
1998 - 2008**



**Officer Slavin and  
“Cinderella”  
2001 - 2005**



**Officer Sandoval  
and “Rex”  
2005 - 2013**



**“AnnaBelle”  
2006 - 2013**



**Corporal Robledo  
and “Barry”  
2013 - Current**



**Officer Sandoval  
and “Lisu”  
2014 - Current**



## CANINES

The South Pasadena Police Department employs two canine teams that work in the patrol division. Each canine has a special talent that makes them a valuable asset.

“Lisu” is a four year-old Belgian Malinois and is partnered with Officer Fernando Sandoval. “Lisu” is trained to detect explosives, so they are used to assist the Department of Homeland Security at special events.

“Barry” is a Dutch Shepherd and is partnered with Corporal Shannon Robledo. “Barry” is certified in narcotic and article detection.

Both canine teams are part of the San Gabriel Valley Police K-9 Association which provides mutual canine services to outside local and federal agencies.

“Lisu” and “Barry” assisted with Pasadena Police Department and the Department of Homeland Security in a search warrant which resulted in the recovery of \$12,000 worth of methamphetamine and cocaine, cash and a gun.



“Barry” assisted Pasadena Police Department and the FBI on a warrant which resulted in the recovery of drug paraphernalia. “Barry” also assisted in a probation search which resulted in the recovery of methamphetamine, stolen checks and identification cards.

In addition to their patrol duties and assisting with other agencies, both canines are a popular attraction for children. The canines are a great public relations and education tool and have participated in numerous city events.



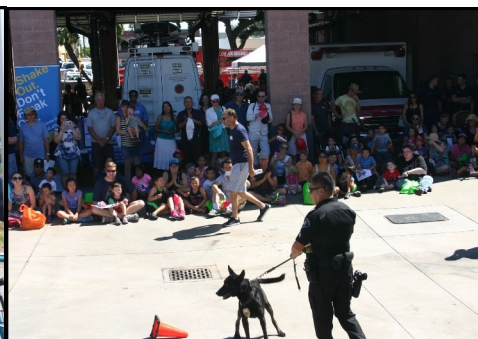
Officer Sandoval with “Lisu” protecting those who protect us



Corporal Robledo and “Barry”



Courtesy South Pasadena Review



## TRAFFIC UNIT



The Traffic Unit consists of a motorcycle officer whose primary job is to enforce traffic laws, reduce traffic collisions and provide traffic education to the community.

The Traffic Unit also investigates traffic collisions using state-of-the-art electronic surveying tools and three-dimensional computer programs.

Officer Jeffrey Holland is the sole motorcycle officer for the department and has made several traffic safety presentations to the local schools.

In addition, Officer Holland participated in National Bike Safety Week promoting bicycle safety.

To promote the “Three Feet for Safety Act” that took effect in 2015 (passing motorist must give bicyclist three feet when passing), Officer Holland help developed a public safety announcement video that was aired on local cable television and social media.

Officer Holland works closely with neighboring traffic units to coordinate a mutual enforcement operation such as Pedestrian Safety and Commercial Enforcement Operations.



*The radar trailer reminds motorists to drive slowly*



*National Bike Safety Week*



*Surveying equipment is used for traffic accident reconstruction*

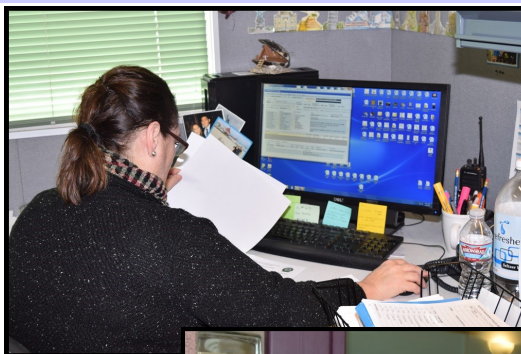
## RECORDS SECTION

The Records Section is an integral part of the police department as it is the repository for police reports.

Reports and crime photos are scanned and stored digitally on a secured police server.

Record Clerks performs many important administrative duties. They process and archive police reports, process subpoenas, citations, fulfill public requests for police reports and court ordered Discovery Motions.

They must additionally process all paperwork for submission to the District Attorney’s Office, issue vehicle parking permits and assist at the front counter and perform fingerprinting for public requests.



## POLICE ASSISTANTS

Police Assistants (also called “Dispatchers”) are non-sworn employees who handle communication between officers in the field, incoming telephone calls for service and 9-1-1 emergency calls.

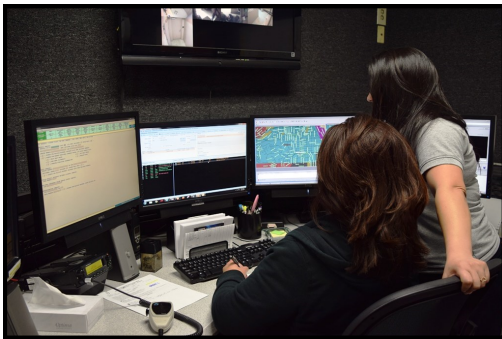
According to the State of California’s 9-1-1 Office, of the 8,918 “9-1-1” calls received in 2015, 98.24% were answered within ten seconds and 99.30% were answered within 15 seconds.

They must also monitor station security through surveillance cameras, enter all calls for service into the Computer Aided Dispatch system and enter various crime information into the Records Management System.



The dispatch center has been modernized with five monitors for each dispatcher on duty to handle the various communications.

Police Assistants are trained in first-aid and CPR and must be able to quickly determine the nature of calls and prioritize the emergency and non-emergency calls for service.



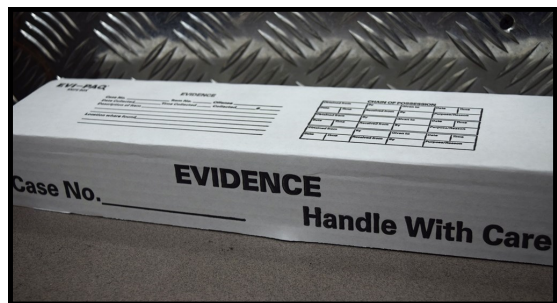
## SUPPORT SERVICES

Peggy Grangetto is the Support Services Assistant, which is a non-sworn position that provides three valuable roles to the department.

**Recruitment** - Recruits new police employees, advertises job announcements, administers written, physical fitness, oral interviews, background investigations, psychological, medical testing, and distribution of required equipment.



**Department Training** - Arranges annual training for all police employees as required by the California Peace Officers Standard and Training.



**Property/Evidence Management** - Maintains the chain-of-custody, collection and storage of property/evidence. This includes the receiving, processing, storing, maintaining and releasing of property/evidence. Peggy also arranges the auction of unclaimed property and narcotic disposal.

## SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT TEAM

The South Pasadena Police Department's Special Enforcement Team (SET) is a cadre of SPPD officers trained in Special Weapons and Tactics and is tasked with providing incident commanders with tactical solutions to critical incidents.

In addition to their primary mission, SET also serves as the primary tactics training resource to all sworn members of the department and provides training assistance to our regional law enforcement partners. In 2015, SET merged operations with members of the San Marino Police Department formally assigned to the Foothill Special Enforcement Team.

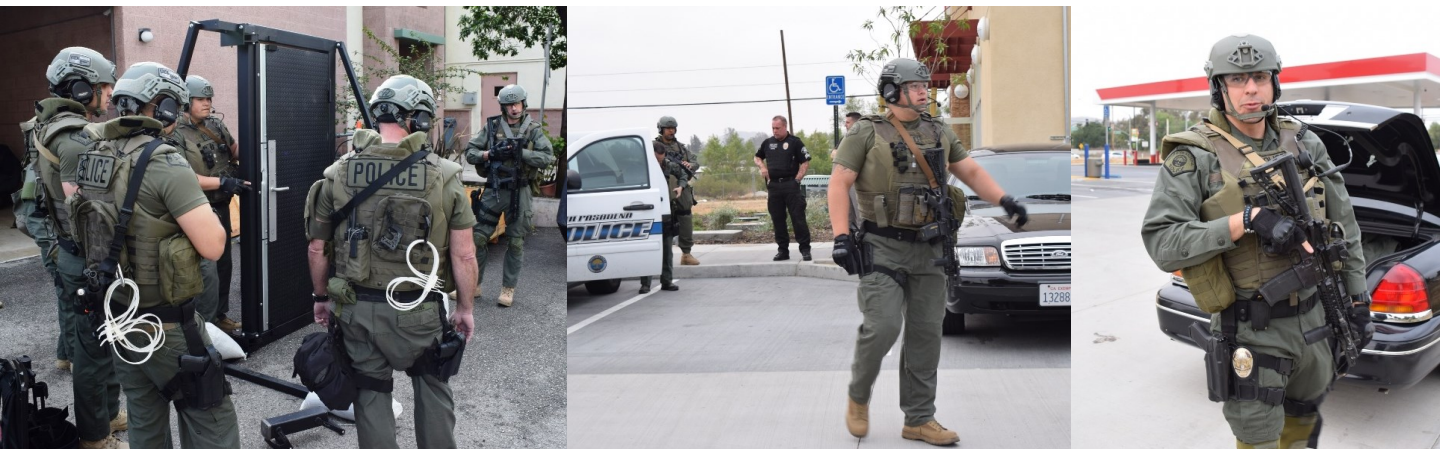
2015 was a pivotal moment for SET's Tactical Medicine Program. The program led by SET Team Physician, Dr. Nicholas Greco, completed training all SPPD officers in Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC). TCCC is a system of

pre-hospital trauma care specific to austere environments which has repeatedly been shown to be extremely effective.

All SPPD officers can now provide the highest level medical support in austere environments that is currently available. After completing training for all SPPD officers, the SET Tactical Medicine Training Cadre offered the Tac Med training to our regional law enforcement partners. At the conclusion of the year, SET had trained over 100 officers from eight different law enforcement agencies.

Officers of SET train monthly with firearms and tactics to maintain their proficiency which also includes classroom instruction.

During the Special Olympics World Games, SET provided dignitary protection for the Princess of Morocco during her visit in South Pasadena.



## FOOTHILL AIR SUPPORT TEAM

The South Pasadena Police Department continues to be part of the Foothill Air Support Team (FAST).

Founded in 1999 by then Pasadena Police Chief Bernard Melekian, FAST provides air support to cities in San Gabriel Valley and assists Homeland Security with air support at major sporting events.

Participating cities that participate in FAST are Alhambra, Arcadia, Covina, Glendora, Monrovia, Pasadena, Pomona, San Marino, Sierra Madre and South Pasadena.

Each year the Pasadena Police Department and FAST sponsors a "Santa Fly-In" where Santa flies to Huntington Memorial Hospital and with help from officers from participating FAST agencies, distributes toys to children in the Pediatric Ward.



Corporal Shannon Robledo is the department's FAST Coordinator and has logged more than 2,000 flight hours as a Tactical Flight Officer.



FAST Coordinator  
Corporal Shannon Robledo

## RESERVES

The Reserves are a volunteer organization that augment the full-time officers. They perform the same duties as full-time officers and must undergo the same hiring requirements. In addition, they must complete a police academy and in-field training while maintaining an outside career.

Besides performing patrol duties, Reserves also work specialized events such as bicycle details,

Fourth of July parade and firework show, Tiger Run, DUI checkpoints, Art Crawls, music festivals and high school sporting events.

Since the Reserve Program was created in 1942, they have volunteered over 500,000 hours to the city. South Pasadena Police has the second oldest reserve police organization in the state of California.



Reserve Officers leading the Fourth of July Parade



Reserves honored for donating 500,000 hours to the city

## BICYCLE UNIT

The Bicycle Patrol Unit is staffed by five full-time officers and five reserve police officers on an as needed basis for special assignments and events. This unit is supervised by a Patrol Division sergeant.



The officers who are assigned to Patrol use the bikes to patrol business, commercial areas, parks and nature preserves for up close and interactive contact with citizens. A more visible presence and fosters a positive relationship resulting in a safer community overall.

The officers patrol commercial areas, parks, and participate in other special events in the city.

In addition to patrol duties, officers in the Bicycle Patrol Unit promote bicycle safety with educational programs at schools and contact young riders in a positive way to promote the effective use of bicycle helmets.

Some of the details Bicycle Officers participated in this year include: Fourth of July Parade, Summer Concerts in the Parks, Farmers Market, Tournament of Roses Car Show/Police and Fire Open House, Walk & Bike to School Week, Greenest Fastest Mile Run, South Pasadena Green Living Expo and Car Show. This team also organized the first bicycle rodeo and provided security protection for the Special Olympic athletes during the Special Olympics World Games.



## VOLUNTEERS

The police department has two volunteers that assist the department with their special skills.

Dan Bricker is the department's Chaplain and provides support and encouragement for all employees of the department.



On patrol, Chaplain Bricker assists with death notifications, counseling to residents and presents invocations at special city events.

Chaplain Bricker is a member of the Los Angeles Area C Chaplains Association so he can assist neighboring agencies.

Chaplain Bricker was recently interviewed for an upcoming documentary on Restorative Justice. The emphasis was on how local police agencies and the faith community are working to achieve harmony in the greater community.

Dr. Nicholas Greco is a trauma surgeon at Huntington Memorial Hospital and is part of the department's Special Enforcement Team (SET).



Besides training the department on Tactical Combat Casualty Care and other medical procedures, Dr. Greco also trains monthly with the SET team and serves as the teams physician.

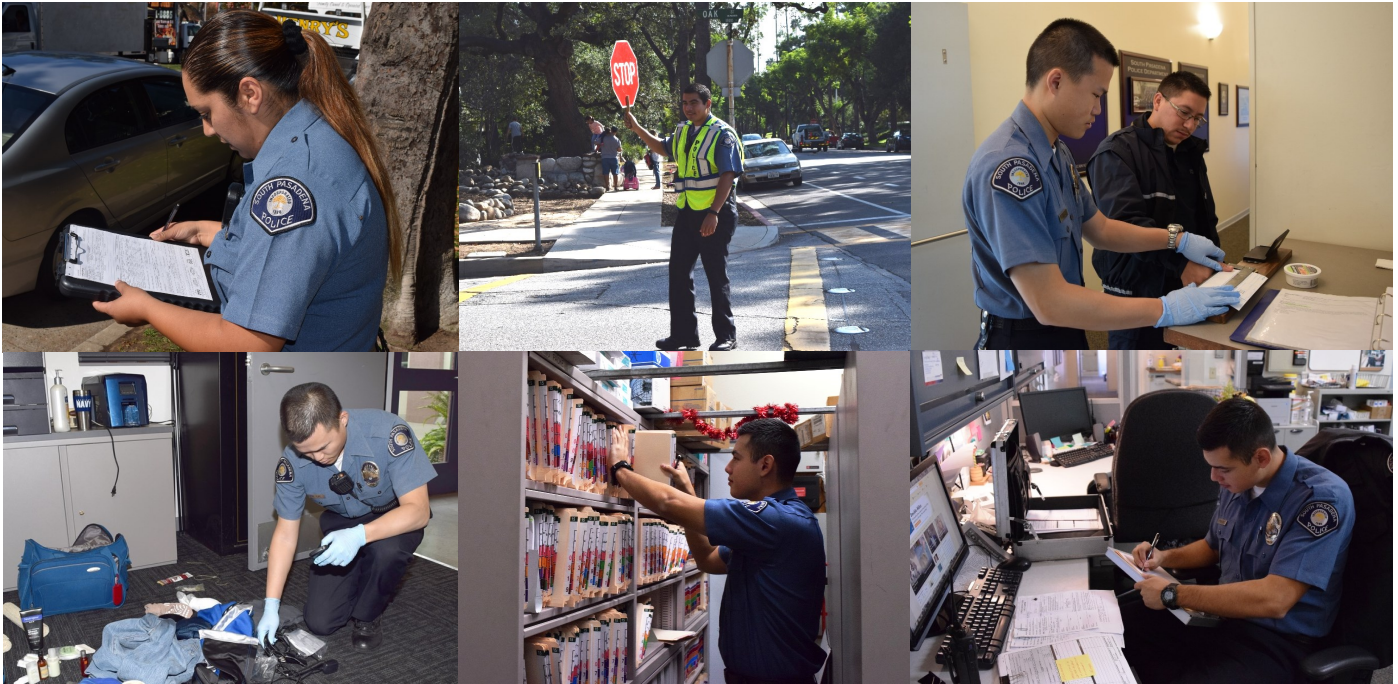
## CADETS

Police Cadets are non-sworn, part-time employees that perform a variety of support duties to the police department.

These duties include traffic control, assisting the public at the front counter, administrative duties, taking reports, parking control enforcement, serving court ordered subpoenas, performing station tours for the public and assist in dispatch.

The Cadet program is primarily intended for teen-agers and introduces them for a career in law enforcement. Although the minimum age of a cadet is 16 years there is no maximum age.

In 2015, five cadets were hired and two cadets were assigned to the Detective Bureau to assist with crime analysis, crime prevention and administrative detective duties.



## CROSSING GUARDS

The police department employs ten Crossing Guards that are part-time employees.

Crossing Guards are strategically placed at busy intersections around schools and help play a vital role in pedestrian safety.

Crossing Guards assist children and parents cross streets during the morning and afternoon school hours in all weather condition.

The presence of Crossing Guards gives parents peace of mind while walking their children to and from school.



## OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

The Office of Professional Standards is responsible for the department's internal affairs investigations, oversees training for all officers, the hiring and processing of new employees and promotional testing. It also oversees the city's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and Emergency Management.

The Emergency Manager oversees and coordinates the city's emergency plan, consisting of the Emergency Operations Plan and Hazardous Mitigation Plan. The EOC is the command center for South Pasadena in the event of an emergency or disaster. The Emergency Management Staff provides training to city employees and various community groups to prepare for catastrophic events.

Los Angeles County is divided into eight geographical mutual aid areas designated with letters A-H. This pre-planned mutual aid group allows each agency to mobilize and provide needed resources to neighboring jurisdictions. The City of South Pasadena is in "Area C", which includes Pasadena, Burbank, Glendale, Alhambra, San Marino, San Gabriel, San Fernando, Monterey Park and La Canada.



Training is regularly conducted with other departments in Area C. This training allows officers to become familiar with one another, practice standardized procedures and respond in a cohesive manner.

## TRAINING

The police department constantly trains throughout the year to maintain a high level of standard, above what the state requires. It is imperative that all employees receive updated training to remain proficient in their jobs.

Training consists of three components: Use of Force and Tactics, Firearms and Advanced Officer Training.

Advanced Officer Training includes legal updates, online training through the Peace Officers Standards and Training's Learning Portal, roll call training and outside vendor classroom instruction.

To remain proficient with their firearms, officers must pass a monthly qualification course. Using Simunitions (non-lethal training ammunition), officers can train on force-on-force scenarios to help officers make quick life and death decisions.

Use of Force and Tactics training consists of arrest and control techniques. Tactics are always changing and officers are taught close quarter combat and active shooter tactics. Officers were also taught Tactical Combat Casualty Care by volunteer Dr. Nicholas Greco.





## HONOR GUARD

The South Pasadena Police Department's Honor Guard serves to escort the US and State flag in local ceremonial events.

Members of the Honor Guard are volunteers that represent and promote the professionalism of the police department.

Corporal Juan Salcido supervises the Honor Guard which is comprised of volunteers.

In 2015, the Honor Guard performed at the South Pasadena Tournament of Roses Classic Car Show, Police Recognition Luncheon and led the Fourth of July parade.



Courtesy South Pasadena Review



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## NEW RECRUITS

Brian Wiley, Ryan Hang and Gilbert Carrillo are the newest South Pasadena Police Recruits that will be attending the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Police Academy starting in December 2015.

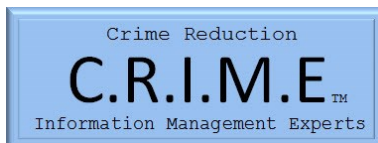
After graduating from the five-month long police academy, the recruits will go through an intensive four month long in-field training with an assigned training officer before becoming full-fledged officers with the department.



From left to right, Recruits Brian Wiley, Ryan Hang and Gilbert Carrillo

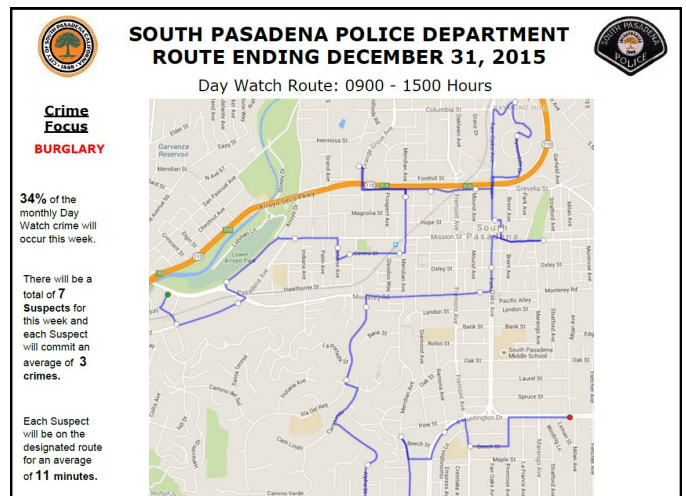
## PREDICTIVE POLICING

With limited officers on patrol, the police department uses a predictive policing model to assist in preventing crime.



The Crime Reduction & Information Management Experts (CRIME) uses a proprietary algorithm to help forecast where crimes may occur.

This list of crimes are overlaid on a map and a designated route is generated. Officers drive this highlighted route in order to deter a predicted crime.





# SOUTH PASADENA POLICE TEEN ACADEMY

A new program was started to help bridge the gap between students and the police department. The first Teen Academy was held and offered students from 14-18 years a chance to see the inner workings of the police department.

Students experienced split-second decision making and searching techniques through various scenarios. At the conclusion of the academy, each student had a better understanding of how the police department operates.

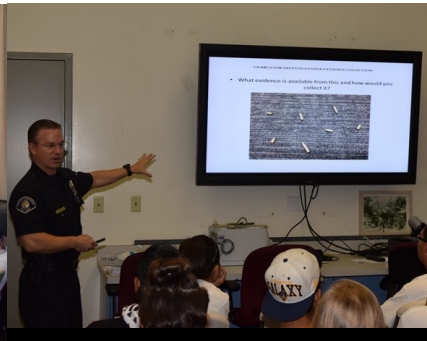
For seven weeks, 24 students met every Wednesday night and learned a different aspect of the police department such as Patrol, Detectives, Crime Scene Investigation, K9s, Air Operations and Special Enforcement Team. El Pollo Loco graciously donated dinner for each class.

Graduating students had the opportunity to go on a ride-a-long with officers.

The success of the program will continue in 2016 with applications already being accepted, and also expanding to a Citizens Academy for adults.



Chief Miller speaking to the students



Det. Palmieri instructing on crime scene investigation



Students learning to lift fingerprints



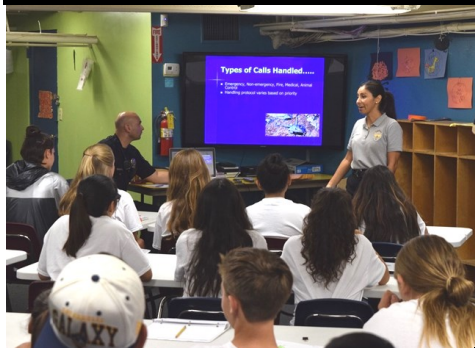
Sgt. Abdalla instructs on SET



Students participate in scenarios



Det. Bernal gives an overview of class



Police Assistant Zavala instructs on dispatching



Officer Holland instructs on traffic safety



Students learning to use the Lidar

SOUTH PASADENA POLICE DEPARTMENT  
**BONUS  SHOOT**



Marksman



Sharpshooter



Expert



Distinguished Expert

A voluntary quarterly pistol bonus shoot was implemented this year which recognizes officers for their exceptional pistol shooting skills.

The challenging course requires officers to shoot a timed fire course and was based off of the Los Angeles Police Department's "Bonus Shoot" with ten rounds added for a total of 50 rounds.

While there is no bonus pay associated with the pins, the pride of earning a pin in such a difficult course is the reward for each officer. Officers qualifying within a predetermined category are awarded a shooting pin.

Qualifying for a shooting pin is based on the officers total points scored, which is categorized as:

- Marksman: 400 – 439 points.
  - Sharpshooter: 440 – 479 points.
  - Expert: 480 – 500 points.
  - Distinguished Expert: 485 - 500 points.
- The officer must achieve a score of at least 485 points for three consecutive bonus shoots.

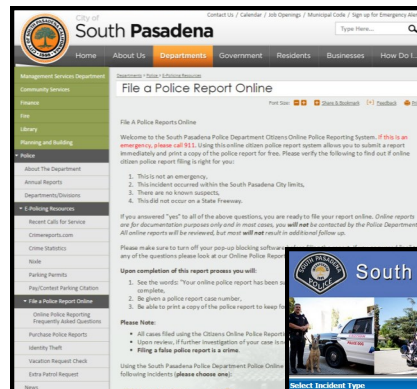
The South Pasadena Police Department takes shooting very serious and earning any shooting pin takes a great deal of commitment and skill. The standards to achieve any pin shows the officers determination and skill in pistol shooting.

**ON-LINE POLICE REPORTING**

The online reporting system continues to be used by residents to make certain types of crime reports.

Online reporting allows residents to make crime reports at anytime in the convenience of their own home. While this may reduce the number of calls for service, it allows officers to spend more time patrolling the city and to respond to higher priority calls for service.

Online reports that has suspect leads are investigated and assigned to a detective. Residents can even print a copy of their report online.



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<input type="radio"/>	Extra Patrol Request	Request for the South Pasadena Police Department to make extra patrols of my residence/business due to extraordinary circumstances.	Request for the South Pasadena Police Department to make extra patrols of my residence/business due to extraordinary circumstances.
<input type="radio"/>	Graffiti	Spray painting, tagging, etc.	spray paint on buildings, bridges, etc.
<input type="radio"/>	Harassing Phone Call	Unwanted phone calls of an annoying, harassing or threatening nature.	Immediate hang-ups, obscene language, etc. with no known suspects
<input type="radio"/>	Hit and Run	Leaving the scene of an accident without providing required license, insurance or vehicle information.	Damage caused by another vehicle in which the driver should have left information or fled the scene without stopping to exchange information.

## LIFESAVING INCIDENT



The Lifesaving Medal is awarded to recognize the actions of Department personnel that result in the saving or preserving of human life, who otherwise would have been in imminent peril of death without the employee's direct involvement.

In 2015, there were two lifesaving incidents that occurred where the officers quick action saved the life of an individual.

On September 22, 2015, at about 6:50 p.m., Officer Perez was on routine patrol in the area of the York Bridge and San Pascual Avenue when he was flagged down by a group of citizens. They directed Officer Perez to a suicidal child that was sitting on the outside ledge of the York Bridge and hanging on with one hand, threatening to jump. The child was sobbing and desperate.

Officer Perez walked to the area where the child was dangling and spoke to her. Officer Perez learned the child was from a group home in Los Angeles and fled from the facility for severe emotional reasons, wanting to die. Officer Perez asked the child if he could approach her to speak to her more personally and she told him he could.

Officer Perez quickly developed a trusting communication with her and was able to calm her down. Officer Perez carefully talked to her and she agreed to let him approach her more closely. Officer Perez asked the child if he could help her back over the bridge railing to safety and she told him she was scared and needed help.

Officer Perez grabbed the child's arm as she clung to his upper body, trembling. Officer Perez placed her in a bear hug and helped her over the railing to safety. Officer Perez sat with the child on the sidewalk and provided her water. The child complained of an ankle injury and Officer Perez summoned the fire department for assistance.



Officer Chris Perez

The child was a twelve year-old living in a group home in Los Angeles. The child was taken into custody for medical evaluation and is safe because of Officer Perez' calm and professional actions.

Officer Perez was awarded a lifesaving recognition award by State Assemblyman Chris Holden.



*State Assemblyman Chris Holden (left) presenting a Lifesaving award to Officer Perez. Mayor Robert Jo is to the right.*

## LIFESAVING INCIDENT



Sergeant Jim Valencia



Corporal Jason Lucas



Officer Randy Wise



Officer Chris Perez

On February 1, 2015 at about 1:55 AM, officers responded to a traffic collision involving an overturned car on fire.

Officer Randy Wise was first on the scene and saw an overturned car on fire, with a severed fire hydrant with water spouting and numerous excited bystanders.

Sergeant Jim Valencia, Corporal Jason Lucas and Officer Chris Perez arrived and found the driver lying faced down inside the burning car. They quickly crawled inside and attempted to pull the driver to safety but the fire was quickly spreading and the intense heat was making it difficult for the officers. The Officers smashed the driver's window and were able to pull the driver out of the car to safety before the car was completely engulfed in flames.

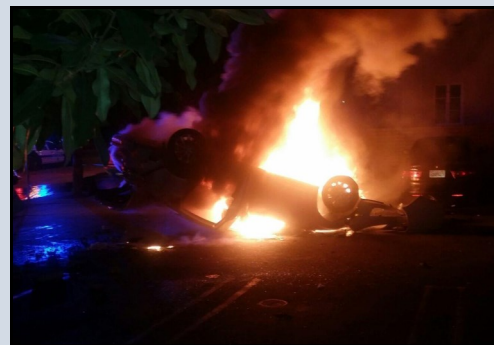
Despite the intense heat from the fire and wearing no fire protection gear, Sergeant Valencia, Corporal Lucas and Officers Wise and Perez still entered the burning vehicle without regards to their own safety to save the driver.

If it were not for the officers unselfish behavior, the driver would have certainly faced a horrible death.

For their heroic actions that night, Sergeant Valencia, Corporal Lucas and Officers Wise and Perez were awarded the Lifesaving Award.



*Officers receiving the Lifesaving Award during the Police Awards Luncheon*



## AWARDS LUNCHEON

The Annual South Pasadena Police Awards Luncheon was held on June 24, 2015 at the Almansor Golf Course.

The South Pasadena Police Officers' Association sponsored the event along with several local businesses, organizations and families.

The luncheon is to recognize employees of the police department and community members for exceptional service to the city.

Retired Channel 7 Eyewitness Newscaster Henry Alfaro was the Master of Ceremonies for the event.



### **Sergeant of the Year**

*Sergeant Tony Abdalla*

From left to right, SPPOA Vice President Craig Phillips, SPPOA President Robert Bartl, Sergeant Tony Abdalla and Chief Arthur Miller



### **Civilian Employee of the Year**

*Records Clerk Idessa Gonzales*

From left to right, SPPOA Vice President Craig Phillips, SPPOA President Robert Bartl, Clerk Idessa Gonzales and Chief Arthur Miller



### **Part-time Employees of the Year**

*Cadets Gary and Ricky Sze (not shown)*

From left to right, SPPOA Vice President Craig Phillips, SPPOA President Robert Bartl, Gary Sze and Chief Arthur Miller



### **Officer of the Year**

*Corporal Juan Salcido*



### **Chief's Award for Excellence**

*Detective Richard Lee*

From left to right, SPPOA Vice President Craig Phillips, SPPOA President Robert Bartl, Detective Richard Lee and Chief Arthur Miller

**Lifesaving Award**

*Sergeant Jim Valencia, Corporal Jason Lucas,  
Officers Randy Wise and Chris Perez*



From left to right, SPPOA President Robert Bartl, Officer Chris Perez, Officer Randy Wise, Corporal Jason Lucas, Sergeant Jim Valencia, Chief Arthur Miller and SPPOA Vice-President Craig Phillips

**Unit Citation**

*Corporal Tom Jacobs, Corporal Juan Salcido,  
Detectives Mike Palmieri and Ryan Bernal*



From left to right, SPPOA Vice-President Craig Phillips, SPPOA Robert Bartl, Detective Ryan Bernal, Corporal Tom Jacobs, Detective Mike Palmieri and Chief Arthur Miller

**Unit Citation**

*Sergeant Robert Bartl, Detectives Mike Palmieri and  
Frank Litterini (not shown)*



From left to right, SPPOA Vice-President Craig Phillips, Sergeant Robert Bartl, Detective Mike Palmieri and Chief Arthur Miller

**SPPOA Award of Appreciation**

*Joan Aguado, Film Liaison*



From left to right, SPPOA Vice-President Craig Phillips, SPPOA President Robert Bartl, Joan Aguado and Chief Arthur Miller

**Community Recognition Award**

*Michael Dumont*



From left to right, SPPOA Vice-President Craig Phillips, SPPOA President Robert Bartl, Michael Dumont and Chief Arthur Miller

**Sponsor Appreciation Plaques**

From left to right, Chief Arthur Miller, The Barkley, Shaw, Moses, Mendenhall Insurance Agency, Henry's Towing, Janet Braun, Patrick & June Lee, South Pasadena Chinese-American Club, Pasadena Federal Credit Union and Bill & Mary Urquhart (not shown)



# AWARDS LUNCHEON



## 2015 Awards and Recognition Luncheon



# THANK YOU



Shaw, Moses, Mendenhall Insurance Agency  
 Chief of Police Arthur J. Miller  
 Mary and Bill Urquhart  
 Janet Braun & Jeff Heintz  
 The Barkley Restaurant, Bar & Entertainment

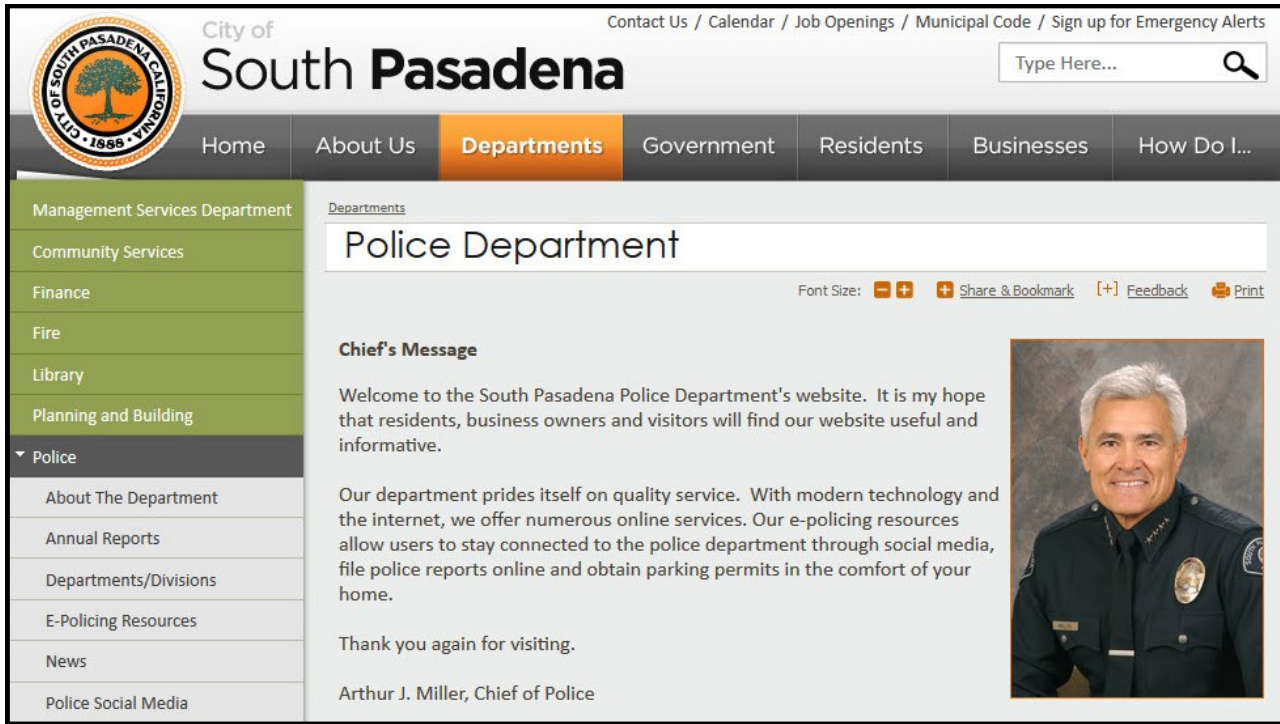
Patrick and June Lee  
 Henry's Towing & Recovery, Inc.  
 South Pasadena Chinese-American Club  
 Pasadena Federal Credit Union

## The South Pasadena Police Officers' Association





**SOCIAL MEDIA**



The South Pasadena Police Department utilizes a broad range of social media websites to help provide important community information to the residents.

The police department's social media presence can be followed on Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, YouTube, Nixle and Connect South Pasadena.

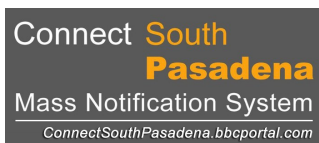
The various social media websites allow the department the diversity to send out information on the different websites. Surveillance videos can be viewed on YouTube, community alerts are emailed and texted through Nixle, community events and information are sent by Facebook and Twitter. Old department photos can be

viewed on Pinterest and important information after an emergency can be received through Connect South Pasadena.

Through the police department website residents are also able to obtain police service without leaving their home.

Services available online include making crime reports, pay/contest a parking citation, purchase an overnight parking permits and obtain crime and traffic accident reports.

**The South Pasadena Police Department currently has 5,827 Twitter followers and 1,356 Facebook likes.**



[www.southpasadenaca.gov/police](http://www.southpasadenaca.gov/police)

## SERVICE PINS



Service Pins are awarded to city employees as recognition of years of dedicated service to the city and to the residents they serve. Service pins are awarded for each five years of service.

Each employee was presented with a service pin with their milestone anniversary years of service shown.

In 2015, the following police employees were recognized for their years of service:

### 35 Years

Administrative Secretary Esther Delinko

### 30 Years

Captain Michael Neff

### 25 Years

Sergeant Anthony Abdalla

Sergeant Matthew Ronnie

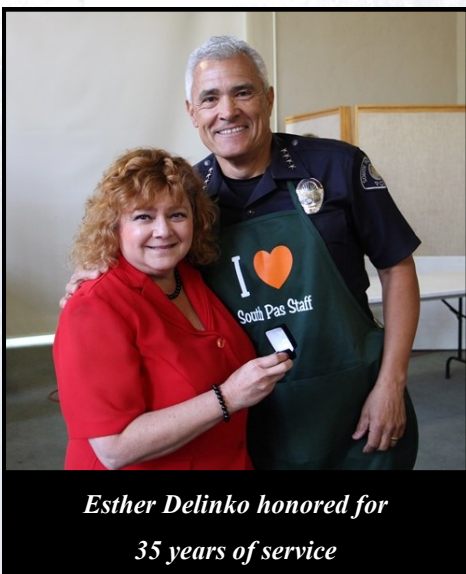
### 20 Years

Officer Daren Wong

### 10 Years

Corporal Jason Lucas

Police Clerk Florence Nobella



*Esther Delinko honored for 35 years of service*



*Captain Michael Neff honored for 30 years of service*



*Sergeant Matt Ronnie honored for 25 years of service*

**IN MEMORY**



**Officer Ray Rogers**  
*End of Watch*  
 April 15, 1944



**Officer Kevin Sandoval**  
*End of Watch*  
 June 14, 2011

Since 1888, when the police department was established, two officers gave their lives in the line of duty.

On April 15, 1944, Officer Ray Rogers died in a traffic collision during a pursuit of a speeding vehicle on the 110 freeway.

On June 14, 2011, Officer Kevin Sandoval died during a joint tactical training exercise with Pasadena Police Department.

In honor of both officers, the South Pasadena Police Officers' Association (SPPOA) established a scholarship fund in memory of both of-

ficers. The scholarships are awarded to students from the South Pasadena High School.

South Pasadena High School Seniors Andrew Shults was the first recipient of the Officer Ray Rogers Memorial Scholarship and Ms. Christine Roh was the first recipient of the Officer Kevin Sandoval Memorial Scholarship. Ms. Glenda Chen was awarded the SPPOA Scholarship.

The SPPOA values education and the scholarship is a way to encourage students to continue their learning while also remembering Officers Ray Rogers and Kevin Sandoval who gave their lives protecting the community.



## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The South Pasadena Police Department continues to be involved with the community through a variety of programs. The employees of the department take great pride in serving the residents of South Pasadena. Being involved in the community allows residents to know their officers on a personal level and stresses the dedication that the police department has to the residents.

### Coffee with a Cop



Started in 2014, the “Coffee with a Cop” proved to be a successful event for both residents and the police department.

Residents were able to meet and chat with officers regarding their concerns in a relaxed atmosphere.

The program was continued in 2015 with two “Coffee with a Cop” events held. Heirloom Bakery and Café, and Starbucks Coffee hosted the events that was well attended.

With the success of the program, the “Coffee with a Cop” will continue in 2016.



### Bicycle Rodeo

To help combat the rise in bicycle theft, Sergeant Matt Ronnie and Officer Joe Johnson organized a “Bicycle Rodeo”.



The goal of the event was to help bring awareness to bicycle theft by offering free bicycle registration, traffic safety and bicycle safety tips. Children tested their skills on an obstacle course and Pasadena Cyclery offered free safety inspections. Children could also get “kidprinted” by New York Life Insurance.

The South Pasadena Police Officers’ and Fire Fighters’ Association as well as the Pasadena Cyclery donated bicycles that were raffled. Over \$400.00 was raised through a raffle and donated to the Ronald McDonald House.



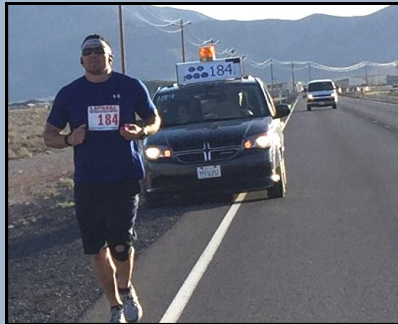
## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

### Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay

The South Pasadena Police Department teamed with police departments from San Marino, San Fernando, Monterey Park and Pasadena City College to compete in the annual Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay Race.

The team completed the grueling race in 18 hours and 44 minutes, placing eighth in its division.

The 120 mile, 20 leg relay race draws law enforcement agencies from all over the world for a friendly competition run.



### Torch Run for Special Olympics

We continue to support the Special Olympics by participating in the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run. The goal is to increase awareness and raise funds for the Special Olympics.

Councilmember Bob Joe joined officers and family members of the South Pasadena Police and Fire Department as they helped carry the "Flame of Hope" across the city and passed it to the Los Angeles Unified School Police.



Passing the torch to LA Unified School PD



## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

### Special Olympics World Games



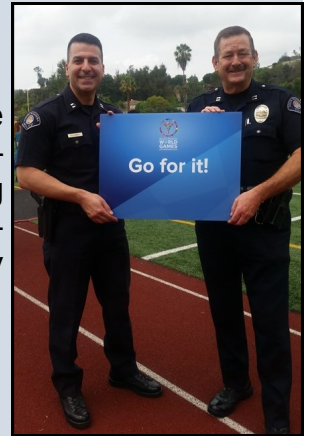
The 2015 World Games for Special Olympics were held in Los Angeles. South Pasadena was

athletes.

The South Pasadena Police Department was an important part of the welcoming committee by helping to provide escort and security through the city.

a host city for the athletes of Paraguay and Morocco.

As a host town, the city welcomed athletes of both countries. Over a three-day period the city held special events and activities for all of the

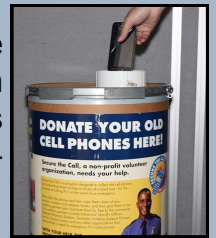


### Secure the Call



The police department continued its support to victims of domestic violence and other crimes by participating in the "Secure the Call" program.

A collection box is located in the police station and residents can drop off unused/old cell phones that are recycled and then provided to victims of crimes.



### Farmers Market



Participation in the South Pasadena Chamber of Commerce Farmers Market continues to be a positive public outreach program.

Similar to the "Coffee with a Cop", residents are able to speak to an officer regarding any topic. Residents can ask questions or pick up crime prevention brochures. The department participates the second Thursday of each month.



## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



The United States Police and Fire Championship Games are held annually to promote physical fitness and camaraderie among the law enforcement and firefighting community.

The sports are categorized by division to help equalize the competition.

In 2015, nearly 5,000 athletes from around the nation competed for medals in over 55 sporting events.

The South Pasadena Police Department was well represented as Detective Richard Lee won a silver and bronze medal in pistol competition.



### Operation Chill



Since 2010, the police department has participated in 7-Eleven's "Operation Chill".

child-size Slurpee coupon. Operation Chill helps build a positive interaction between police officers and children.

The program was developed by 7-Eleven and rewards children for doing good deeds (like wearing a helmet while bicycling) with a free

In 2015, South Pasadena Police Officers distributed over 300 coupons to children.

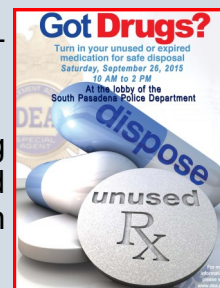
### Prescription Drug Take Back

The 10th Annual Drug Enforcement Agency's (DEA) National Take Back Initiative took place on September 26, 2015.

pired, unused or unwanted prescription drugs for safe disposal.

The South Pasadena Police Department continues its support to the program by hosting as a collection center where residents can turn in ex-

We are committed to supporting the DEA's take back program and will again be hosting a collection center in 2016.



### Community Events

The police department reaches out to the community by attending various events throughout the year.

This participation in community events allows officers to interact with the community while also providing crime prevention information.

Some of the events that the police department participated in were the Holy Family Fall Festival, City Blood Drive and the Senior Healthy Living Fair.



## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

### Serving Thanksgiving and Christmas Lunch to Seniors

The South Pasadena Police Officers' Association and Police Chief Arthur Miller again sponsored a Thanksgiving and Christmas lunch for seniors.

Employees of the police department along with Police Chief Arthur Miller, Councilmembers, Senior Center staff and volunteers served a holiday lunch to 170 seniors.

This great event helps build support between the police department and the senior community.

The seniors were also entertained by a Christmas Show during the Christmas luncheon.



### Woman's Self-Defense Training

Working with local resident Dawn Muench, the police department continues to offer free self-defense classes for women.

There are four classes scheduled for 2016 and the success of the program will be expanded to include high school female students.

The four hour class provides hands-on weaponless defense training designed specifically for women.





## SPPOA INVOLVEMENT



The employees of the police department from the rank of Officer to Sergeant and all full-time non-sworn employees represent the South Pasadena Police Officers' Association (SPPOA).

To help support the community, the association makes donations to various service organizations and needy families throughout the year.

The SPPOA helped sponsor the senior Thanksgiving and Christmas lunch and participates in the Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay and Special Olympics Torch Run. Other donations that the SPPOA made throughout the year include:

While the association represents employees rights, working conditions and legal protection, the association members also value the community in which they serve.



On February 27, 2015, a group of girl scouts were selling cookies in front of Vons Market when a suspect approached and bought some cookies with a counterfeit \$100.00 bill. As a result, the girl scouts lost \$100.00 from their fundraising. To help offset the stolen money, the SPPOA donated \$100.00 to the girl scouts.



Since 1941, the Women's Club of South Pasadena conducts "Operation Cookie". This cookie drive collects donated cookies and then sends them to veterans and troops stationed overseas. Each year, the SPPOA makes a financial and cookie donation to this worthy event.



The SPPOA donates to worthy causes that help children build self-confidence and seek a healthy life style. The First Tee of Greater Pasadena helps young adults make these choices and instill life-enhancing values through the game of golf.



Each year, the SPPOA offers a scholarship to deserving South Pasadena High School seniors. Students who meet the strict qualifications are awarded \$500.00 towards their education. The SPPOA strongly believes in helping students reach their goals in achieving a higher education.

# SPPD IN THE COMMUNITY



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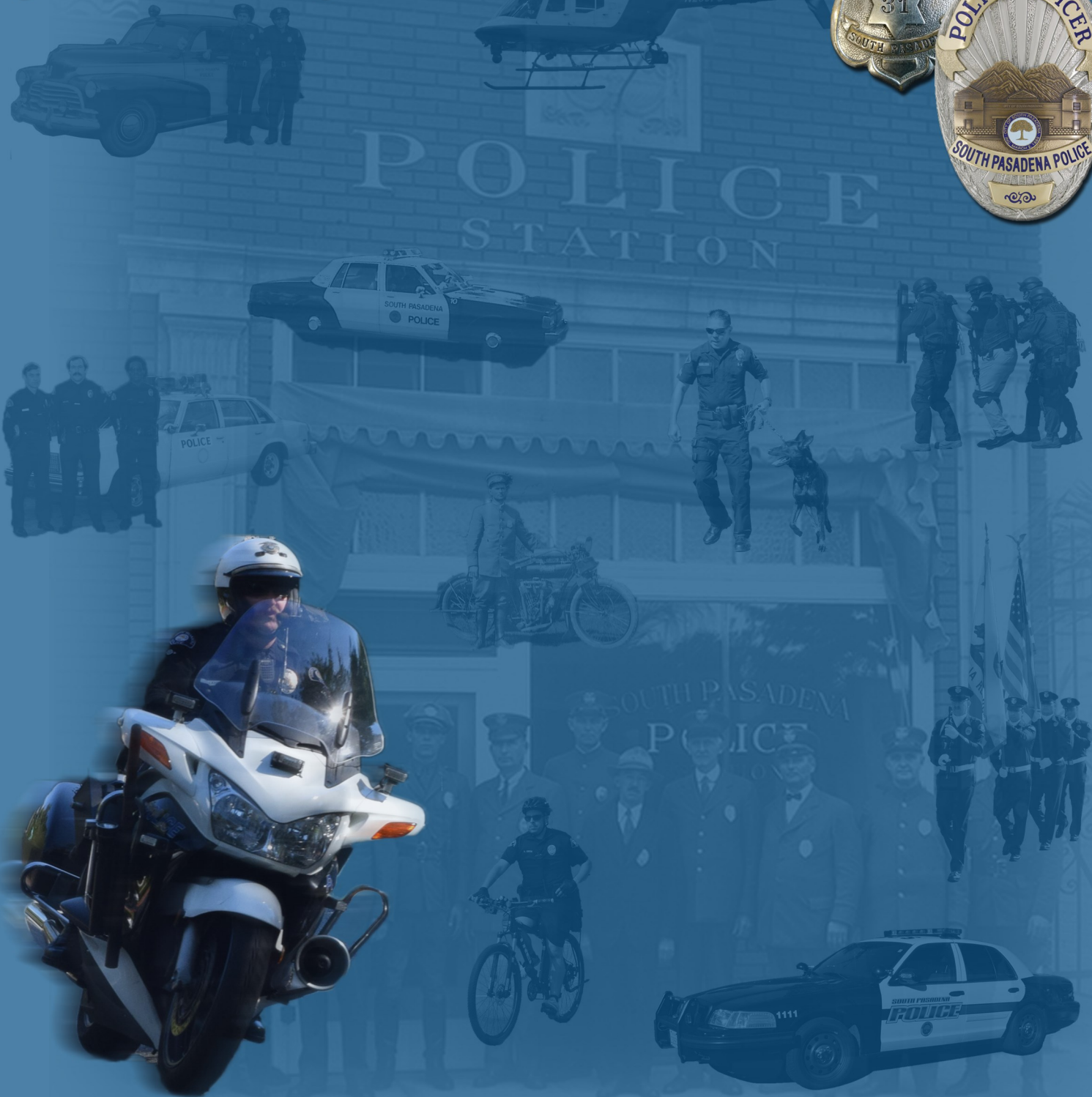
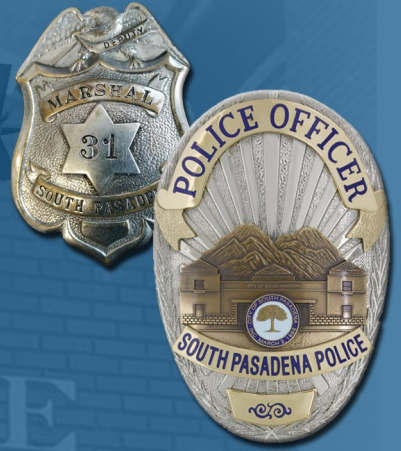
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