



# South Pasadena Police Department **2017 ANNUAL REPORT**

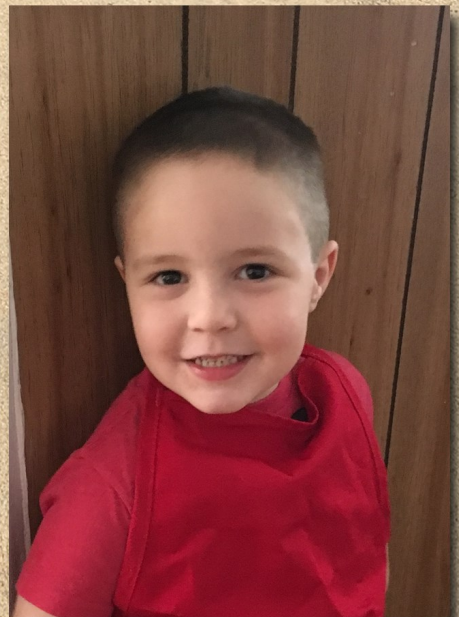
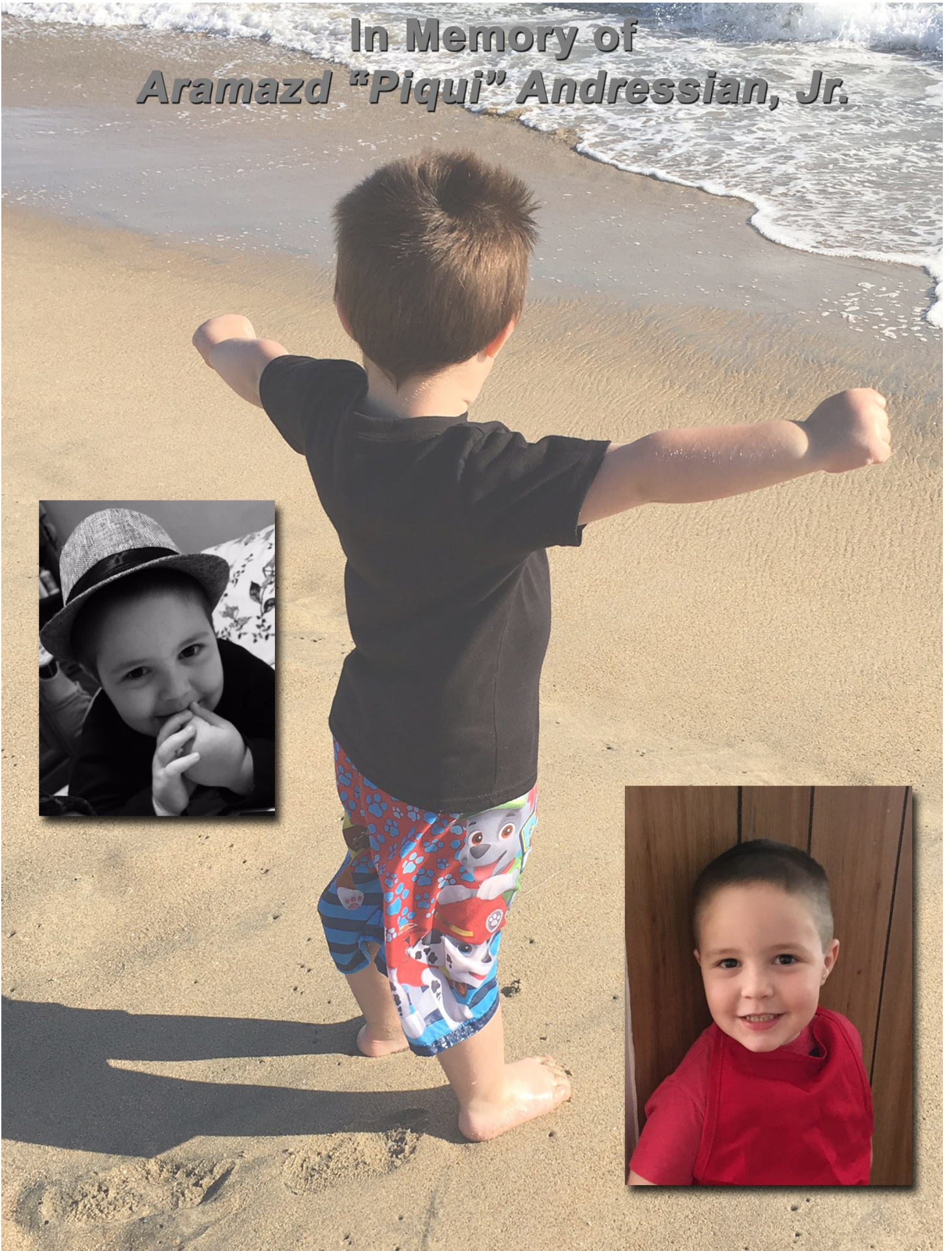


Honoring 75 years of  
South Pasadena Police Reserves





# In Memory of Aramazd "Piqui" Andressian, Jr.





## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF



**Arthur J. Miller**  
Chief of Police  
South Pasadena Police



Welcome to the South Pasadena Police Department's 2017 Annual Report. This year's annual report is dedicated to the memory of five-year old Aramazd 'Piqui' Andressian, Jr. Piqui was the murder victim at the hands of his father. Although the crime did not occur in the City of South Pasadena, the investigation certainly did. For several months our city was rocked to its core by this tragic loss. The memory of Piqui will forever be omnipresent in our department's future.

Our department continues to be service-oriented, implementing many Community Policing programs. Every person who works for the police department knows they are supported by an environment that allows each department member to be creative and a problem-solver.

Hundreds of law enforcement officers in the region are better prepared to handle critical injuries because of the training they received from our staff. Hundreds of women and many high school girls are better prepared to defend themselves after receiving self-defense training from our officers. Many community members have a better understanding of how the police department operates after attending the first ever 'Citizen's Academy.' Our senior population has a closer connection with our department after being our guest at holiday luncheons.

This annual report is an overview of what has been accomplished by our police department. It also serves as a reminder that we cannot rest on the successes of the past. We are committed to continually redefining ourselves and pressing forward to the challenges of law enforcement and Community Policing.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur J. Miller  
Chief of Police

### About Chief Miller

Arthur Miller was appointed Chief of Police for the City of South Pasadena on February 25, 2013. He came to South Pasadena after a 35-year career with the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) where he retired at the rank of Captain.

While with the LAPD, Chief Miller worked a variety of assignments including patrol officer and as an undercover narcotics officer. He also worked at a variety of Divisions including Juvenile, Hollywood, West-Bureau Gangs, Pacific, Metropolitan, Personnel, Recruitment, Detectives, Media Relations, Communications, Internal Affairs, Southwest, Operations-Central, Detectives, Operations Central and Associate Department Ombudsman.

Chief Miller was the commanding officer of the Hollywood and Southwest Patrol Divisions. Chief Miller's final assignment was as Captain of Metropolitan Division where he oversaw Special Weapons and Tactics, Horse Mounted Unit, K-9, Underwater Dive Team, VIP/Dignitary Security and City-wide Crime Suppression Units.

Chief Miller is the recipient of the LAPD's three highest awards for bravery that include the Medal of Valor, the Police Medal and the Police Star.

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## 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.

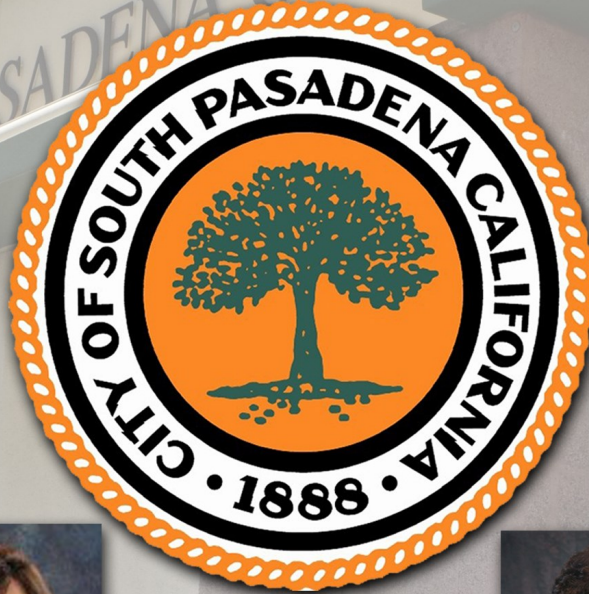
**Quality of Service** - The residents and business owners of South Pasadena have high expectations of the quality of service provided by the South Pasadena Police Department. Historically, the Department has provided an exemplary level of service. When handling any type of call for service, criminal 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.



# South Pasadena City Council



Michael Cacciotti



Robert Joe



Marina Khubesrian, M.D.



Richard Schneider, M.D.  
Mayor



Diana Mahmud

## About South Pasadena

Founded in 1888, the City of South Pasadena is a charming community, situated only six miles from downtown Los Angeles. Called the "City of Trees", the area is known for its many Oak tree lined streets, stunning craftsman type homes, unique small businesses, and top quality schools. It is one of the oldest cities to continue to build their own floats for the Rose Parade.

South Pasadena's diverse population of about 25,000 covers a mere 3.44 square miles of flatlands and hillsides on the west side of the San Gabriel Valley. This small town atmosphere makes South Pasadena one of California's most desirable locations.

In 2014, Sunset Magazine readers voted South Pasadena best "Burb" (suburbs) to live in the West.



# SOUTH PASADENA POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMAND STAFF



**Michael Neff**  
Captain Support Services



**Arthur J. Miller**  
Chief of Police



**Brian Solinsky**  
Captain Field Operations



**Robert Bartl**  
Sergeant Office of  
Professional Standards



**Tony Abdalla**  
Administrative Sergeant  
SET Commander



**Jim Valencia**  
Detective Sergeant



**Matthew Ronnie**  
Patrol Watch Commander



**Spencer Louie**  
Patrol Watch Commander



**Shannon Robledo**  
Patrol Watch Commander



**Tom Jacobs**  
Patrol Watch Commander

CITY OF  
SOUTH PASADENA



## RETIREMENTS



**Officer Ceasar Escobedo**  
Service Dates  
1990 - 2017



**Reserve Officer Michael Creek**  
Service Dates  
1990 - 2017

## SEPARATIONS

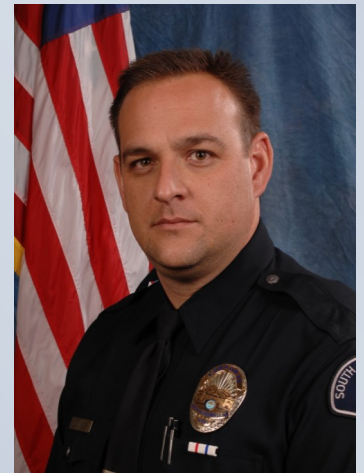


**Reserve Officer Michael Mejia**  
2014 - 2017  
Hired as full-time police officer at Oxnard Police Department

## PROMOTIONS



**Avick Manukian**  
Promoted to Corporal



**Joseph Johnson**  
Promoted to Corporal



## NEW EMPLOYEES



**Tyler Borrello**  
Police Officer



**Desiree Rodriguez**  
Records Clerk



**Diana Russell**  
Police Assistant

## NEW ASSIGNMENTS



**Patrick Zamora**  
Detective



**Arthur Burgos**  
School Resource Officer



# ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



**Chief of Police**  
Arthur J. Miller

**Administrative Secretary**

**Field Services**  
Captain Brian Solinsky

**Support Services**  
Captain Michael Neff

**Office of Professional Standards**

- ⇒ Support Services
- ⇒ Reserves

**Detectives**

- ⇒ School Resource Officer
- ⇒ Crime Analysis
- ⇒ Crime Prevention

**Traffic Unit**

**Administrative Support**

- ⇒ Police Assistants
- ⇒ Records Clerks
- ⇒ Cadets
- ⇒ Parking Control

**K-9 Unit**

**Patrol Shifts**

**Special Enforcement Team**

**Bicycle Unit**

**Volunteers**



## DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW



Since 1888, the South Pasadena Police Department, which was comprised of just two officers, provided law enforcement service to the city.

Today, the South Pasadena Police Department consists of 32 sworn officers, 13 non-sworn employees, five part-time employees and two volunteers. The department is also augmented with an additional five Reserve Officers.

Below shows the staffing of the police department for 2017:

Chief of Police	1
Captains	2
Sergeants	7
Corporals	5
Officers/Detectives	17
Police Assistants	6
Clerks	5
Support Services Assistant	1
Administrative Secretary	1
Cadets (part-time)	5
Reserves	5
Volunteers	2

The year of 2017 proved to be challenging as the department was understaffed for most of the year.

Despite being below minimum staffing, calls for service was still provided at the highest level. Emergency response times still averaged about three minutes and approximately ten minutes for most non-emergency calls.

When needed, the department can obtain additional resources with neighboring agencies for assistance. This "Mutual-Aid" between cities is vital to the many small communities that make up the San

Gabriel Valley. In 2017, this was more important as many outside agencies assisted us in the investigation of a missing 5 year-old child that received national attention. We also assisted outside agencies throughout the year, especially with the Creek and Thomas Fires.

The police department has one of the largest budgets in the city and operates with an annual budget of about 8.6 million dollars.

Federal and State grants obtained throughout the year assisted in obtaining new equipment. State grants allowed the upgrade of the Dispatch Center, body worn cameras for all officers and upgraded Tasers with cameras. Federal grants also funded TACMED training to outside agencies.

The department consists of two divisions, which include Support Services and Field Services. Each division is supervised by a Captain that reports directly to the Police Chief.

Additionally, the department contracts with a private company to enforce parking violations, animal control services and crossing guards.

### SUPPORT SERVICES

The Support Services Division is supervised by Captain Michael Neff and is responsible for providing support to officers in the field and provide administrative services to the public.

Services includes Communications, Crime Analysis, Crime Prevention, Detectives, Emergency Operations, Parking Enforcement, Records, Special Enforcement Team and Volunteers.

Administrative Services includes overseeing the department purchases, vehicle and station maintenance, and budget and grant management.

### FIELD SERVICES

The Field Services Division is supervised by Captain Brian Solinsky and is the largest component of the department.

Field Services Division includes Patrol Officers, Reserves, Traffic Unit, K9 Team, Bicycle Unit, Office of Professional Standards, FAST, Evidence/Property, Area "C" Mutual Aid and Emergency Management.



## 2016 - 2017 CRIME STATISTICS

The following charts shows the 2016 - 2017 crime comparisons and various categories of calls for service:

2016 - 2017 PART ONE CRIMES			
Crime	2016	2017	% Change
Homicide	0	1	Not Calculable
Rape	3	2	-33%
Robbery	10	9	-10%
Assault	70	67	-4%
Burglary	-	-	-
Residential	137	97	-29%
Commercial	30	33	10%
Larceny-Theft	443	315	-29%
Grand Theft Auto (Stolen Vehicles)	57	59	4%
Arson	4	3	-25%
<b>Total</b>	<b>754</b>	<b>586</b>	<b>-22%</b>

CRIME CLEARANCE			
	2016	2017	% Change
Crime Clearance	19%	18%	-5%

ARRESTS			
Arrests	2016	2017	% Change
Adult	607	883	45%
Juveniles	61	41	-33%
<b>Total</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>924</b>	<b>38%</b>

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS			
Traffic Collisions	2016	2017	% Change
Injury	88	79	-10%
Injury hit and run	6	8	33%
Non-Injury	50	48	-4%
Non-Injury hit and run	36	30	-17%
Fatal	1	0	-100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>-9%</b>

CITATIONS			
Citations	2016	2017	% Change
Citations (moving)	2,846	5,002	76%
Parking	10,034	9,274	-8%
Others	192	110	-43%
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,072</b>	<b>14,386</b>	<b>10%</b>



## 2016 - 2017 CRIME STATISTICS

### AGENCY ASSIST

Calls	2016	2017	% Change
Assist Fire	359	405	13%
Assist Outside Agency	557	643	15%
Assist Outside Agency 911 Transfer	1,074	1,034	-4%

### TELEPHONE CALLS

Calls	2016	2017	% of Change
Inbound 911 Calls	6,407	6,482	1%
Inbound Landline Calls	35,205	37,756	7%
Total Inbound Calls	41,612	44,238	6%
Total Outbound Calls	16,476	16,715	1%
Total Inbound/Outbound Calls	58,088	60,953	5%

### SELECTED CALLS FOR SERVICE

Calls for Service	2016	2017	% Change
Robbery Alarms	104	86	-17%
Burglar Alarms (vehicle, residential & commercial)	1,302	852	-35%
Domestic Disputes (Domestic Violence, family, boy/girlfriend)	154	115	-25%
Suspicious Persons (pedestrian & vehicle)	1,506	1,955	30%
Extra Patrol	4,066	4,317	6%
Traffic Stops	4,035	6,197	54%
Special Traffic Enforcement	1	107	10,600%
Foot Beats	11	5	-55%
Vehicles Booted (5 or more park cites)	23	6	-74%
Outside Agency Assist	557	643	15%
Welfare Checks	452	452	0%
Disturbance (parties, families, neighbors, business disputes)	1,077	987	-8%
DUI Arrests	44	88	100%
Predictive Policing	144	306	113%
K9 Demo	4	3	-25%
K9 Deployment	59	78	32%
K9 Training	66	70	6%
Online Reports	152	135	-11%
Total Calls for Service	25,812	33,271	28%

## PART ONE CRIMES

The Uniform Crime Report (UCR) is a nationwide statistic on crimes that is maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI). The UCR is a way to compare crimes to different cities.

Most crimes that are compared are called "Part One Crimes" and are comprised of Homicide, Rape, Robbery, Assaults, Burglary, Larceny (thefts), Stolen Vehicles and Arson.

Part One Crimes continued to decrease in 2017. There was a 22% decrease in Part One Crimes compared to a 5.9% decrease in Part One Crimes in 2016. In 2016, there were 754 Part One Crimes compared to 586 in 2017.

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

Both Violent and Property Crimes continued to show a decrease in 2017 with Violent Crimes (consisting of Homicide, Rape, Robbery and Assaults) showing a 4.8% decrease and Property Crimes (consisting of Burglary, Larceny, Stolen Vehicles and Arson) showing a 24% decrease.

Below is a detailed report on Part One Crimes for 2017.

### HOMICIDE

There was one reported homicide in 2017, and the suspect was arrested. This case made nationwide news when a father murdered his son. The father plead guilty and is currently serving a 25 years to life sentence.

### RAPE

There were two rapes reported in 2017, which is a decrease of only one incident compared to 2016. In both incidents, the victim met the suspect prior to the crime.

### ROBBERY

There was a 10% decrease in robberies with 10 occurring in 2016 compared to nine in 2017.

Unlike previous years where half of the robberies started as a shoplift from a store and the suspect fought with an employee (called "Estes" robbery), in 2017 there was only one "Estes" robbery.

Nearly 70% of the robberies in 2017 were street robberies (six occurred) and two robberies were to businesses with one being a bank robbery.

### ASSAULTS

Assaults decreased 4% in 2017 and like previous years, the majority of the assaults being domestic related (husband/wife and boyfriend/girlfriend).

In about 85% of the assaults, the suspect and victim knew each other by either being friends, classmates, family, co-workers or acquaintance.

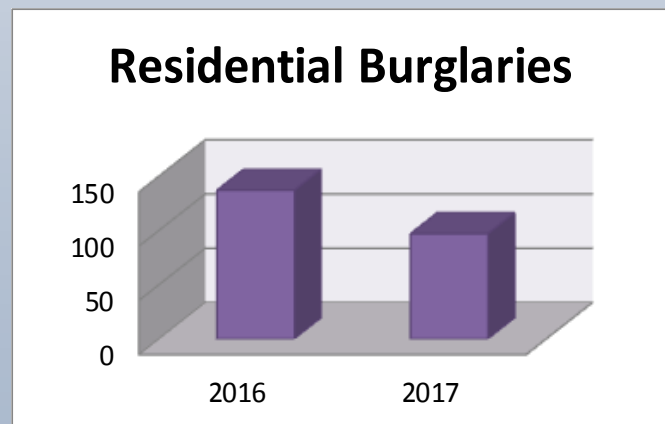
The incidents of assaults that involved strangers (only 15%) were from customers and transients fighting, and an assault where suspect asked victim to charge his cell phone and attacked the victim with a fork.

### BURGLARIES

Burglaries, which include commercial and residential, decreased 22% in 2017. Residential burglaries accounted for 75% of the burglaries, which is a decrease from 2016 when residential burglaries accounted for 82% of the burglaries.

#### **Residential Burglaries**

There was a significant decrease in residential burglaries in 2017 with a decrease of 29%, compared to a 40% increase in 2016 over 2015.



For reporting purposes, the city is divided into four sections with Monterey Road being the border for north and south, and Meridian Avenue separates east and west.



## PART ONE CRIMES

Area	2016	2017	% Change
Northwest	24	28	17%
Northeast	38	18	-53%
Southwest	38	24	-37%
Southeast	37	27	-27%

The use of force to gain entry by burglars continues to be high. Use of force by smashing a window/sliding glass door, or prying a door/window accounted for 58% in 2017. In 2016, the use of force to gain entry accounted for 60%.

However, many residents made it easy for the burglar to gain entry by leaving a window or door open, or unlocked. Several homes were under construction and were not able to be secured. In two of the burglaries, the burglars made entry through a doggie door.



In one burglary the burglars used the victim's patio furniture to climb to the second floor balcony and smashed a glass sliding door to gain entry into the residence.

The majority of the homes were burglarized during the day time (before 7 PM), and 28% of the burglaries occurred during nighttime hours (after 7 PM).

"Hot Prowl" burglaries decreased in 2017. Only four occurred in 2017 compared to 20 that occurred in 2016. "Hot Prowl" burglaries are defined as the victim is home when the burglar enters the residence. Two of the "Hot Prowl" burglaries occurred during the daytime and two occurred during nighttime. In all four "Hot Prowl" burglaries the suspect ran away when confronted by the victim.

As in years past, detached garages, sheds and storage lockers continue to be targeted by burglars. Most detached garages were simply left unlocked, or open making entry easy for the burglars. Storage lockers and sheds were secured by a padlock which were cut off.

Single-family homes continue to be the most targeted type of premises burglarized accounting for 72%. Apartments/condominiums followed distantly accounting for only 28%.

Cash, jewelry and watches continue to be the most targeted items stolen from homes. However, there was also a rise in thefts of high-end designer bags/purses.

Items stolen from garages appeared to be anything of value including, tools, suitcase and bicycles.

Home security alarms continue to be a great deterrent against burglaries. Out of the 97 homes burglarized, only 15 had alarms (roughly 15%). However, three of the homes that had alarms were not turned on. Having an alarm shows that burglaries can be reduced by about 85%, but that figure is down from previous years where the percentage was as high as 90%.

While the use of dogs may deter a burglar, there was one incident where the burglar used pepper spray on the dog.

With video surveillance systems becoming more affordable, many residents are installing video cameras around their home. The videos help provide a photo of the suspects, but unfortunately, most of the burglars are wearing hooded jacket, or hats in an attempt to conceal their face.



### Commercial Burglaries

There was a 10% increase in commercial burglaries in 2017, 33 occurred in 2017 compared to 30 in 2016.

Over 55% of the commercial burglaries occurred to retail stores during nighttime/early morning hours. Suspects would smash a glass door window to gain entry and take cash from the register.

## PART ONE CRIMES

Burglaries to offices were the second most targeted type of premises for commercial burglaries accounting for 22%. Burglaries to schools were third followed by markets, parks, library, laundry rooms and a bank.

### LARCENY/THEFT

Larceny/Thefts (which includes shoplifting, grand thefts, petty thefts and auto burglaries) had the largest decrease of Part One Crimes. Larceny/Thefts decreased 29% in 2017.

As in previous years, shoplifting was by far the largest category of thefts followed by auto burglaries, theft of vehicle parts (includes catalytic converters, license plates, tires, registration and sticker tabs) and bicycles.

Parcel package thefts from front porches continued throughout the year, especially during the December holiday. Surveillance videos captured several of the thieves committing the crime.

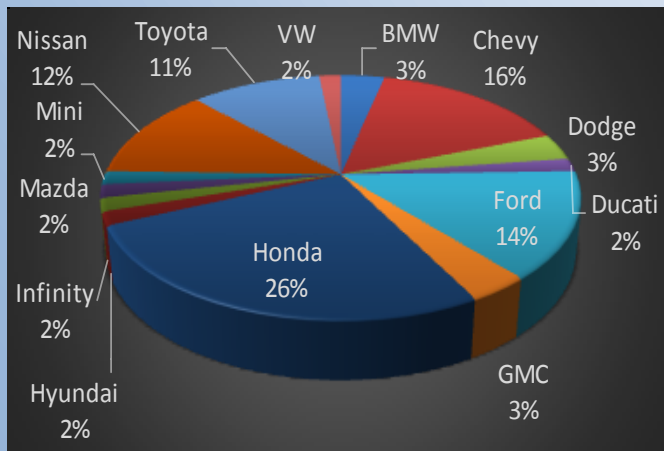
The number of thefts of wallets was also high. Many were stolen from purses briefly left unattended in shopping carts.

### STOLEN VEHICLES

There was a 4% increase in stolen vehicles in 2017 59 occurred in 2017 compared to 57 in 2016.

For the 16th consecutive year, Hondas were the most popular vehicle stolen in South Pasadena followed by Chevy, Ford, Nissan and Toyota.

The chart below shows the breakdown of vehicles stolen by make in 2017:



### **Stolen Vehicles by Make**

By make and model, the Honda Accord again tops the list of vehicles stolen in the city, followed by the Honda Civic and Honda CRV. The Ford F250 was the next popular vehicle stolen.

The thefts of pick-up trucks rose in 2017, and accounted for nearly 25% of vehicles stolen in the city.

By vehicle year, the majority of the vehicles stolen were 1990's to early 2000's.

As in previous years, vehicles parked on the street accounted for over half of where vehicles were stolen, followed by vehicles parked at parking lots, carports and driveways.

Nearly 50% of the vehicles stolen in 2017, were stolen from multi-unit complexes (apartment/condominiums). This is often due to the lack of secure parking and residents must park on the street. Single-family homes were next followed by commercial parking lots.

Of the 59 vehicles stolen in 2017, only five were not recovered. The majority of the vehicles recovered were not stripped so it appears that vehicles that were stolen were used for "joyriding" purposes.

### ARSONS

There was one less arson in 2017, compared to 2016. Two of the arsons were to property, one at a carport and one at an apartment building. The third arson occurred on the sidewalk.

### Crime Clearance

The Crime Clearance rate decreased 5% in 2017, 18% compared to 19% in 2016. The 18% Crime Clearance rate still exceeds the recommended Uniform Crime Reports Crime Clearance rate standard of 14%.

Crime Clearance rates measure how law enforcement agencies close or clear offenses. Offenses can be cleared by either an arrest, solved, or by exceptional means, i.e., victim's refusal to cooperate when the offender has been identified, offender's death, or denial of extradition.



## PATROL



Patrol is the core of the police department that provides 24 hour service and protection to the community. With the black and white painted vehicles, patrol officers are also the most visible to the public.

In 2017, Patrol Officers responded to over 33,000 calls for service.

A patrol shift is comprised of a Watch Commander, a Corporal, 2-3 officers and a police assistant who handles the dispatching of calls. There are four patrol shifts for the week that work 12 hour days.

Officers can perform numerous tasks on a patrol shift. They patrol the streets, investigate preliminary crimes, collect evidence, enforce traffic laws, process and transport in-custody arrests, assists with Detectives in serving warrants and subpoenas. Report writing is an integral part of a police officer's duty.

Officers also perform "proactive patrols" which may include vacation checks, requests for extra patrol, and foot patrols in the business districts. They will also participate in community events which enable them to interact with residents in a friendly environment.

Some officers may also have dual assignments such as an operator on the department's Special Enforcement Team.

Patrol officers must be ready to assist outside agencies with mutual aid requests at a moment's notice. Several officers assisted with the evacuation and security of the Creek Fires and also in Santa Monica during a planned protest.

With the high mileage patrol vehicles incur, the department purchased two new Ford Explorers in 2017, to replace the aging Ford Crown Victoria's.



### 2017 SIGNIFICANT PATROL ARRESTS

- On 1-1-17, officers responded to an alarm activation to a business and saw the suspect exiting the building. The suspect ran back inside the building and barricaded himself inside. The suspect eventually surrendered and was arrested.
- On 4-19-17, a child annoyance occurred to a 14 year-old female. The victim used her cell phone to take a photo of the suspect vehicle as he drove away. The next day, an officer recognized the suspect vehicle driving on the street and stopped the vehicle. The suspect was arrested and was found to have an outstanding warrant for lewd conduct with a child.
- On 4-25-17, a witness saw a burglar enter a neighbor's house through a window and called police. Officers immediately responded and arrived as suspects were getting into a getaway vehicle. The suspects drove off with the police in pursuit. The suspects were involved in a traffic collision and were arrested.
- On 9-27-17, a strong-arm robbery occurred with the victim immediately calling the police. Officers quickly arrived and found the suspect a block away. The suspect was arrested without incident.
- On 10-4-17, victim was home when suspect broke a window screen to gain entry. The victim scared off the suspect and called police. Officers arrived and located the suspect walking a block away.
- On 12-11-17, officers responded to a report of a suspect stealing mail. Officers immediately responded and located the suspect running away and was arrested. The suspect was found to be in possession of mail from two other residences.

## DETECTIVE BUREAU

The Detective Bureau is the investigative branch of the police department and is supervised by Sergeant Jim Valencia.

It is staffed by a Corporal, three full-time detectives (with one assigned to a regional task force), a School Resource Officer and a Crime Analyst/Crime Prevention Officer. Two part-time cadets also serve to assist the bureau with administrative duties.

Detectives conduct follow-up investigations to ensure criminal cases are successfully prosecuted. This may include obtaining DNA samples from suspects, interviewing witnesses, victims and suspects, arrange for extradition of suspects from out of the county or state, preparing and serving warrants and conducting parole and probation searches. Technical duties may include analyzing cell phone data and retrieving surveillance videos. Detectives can also respond to assist patrol officers on emergency calls.

Detectives occasionally work long hours conducting surveillance on suspected criminals and work closely with outside agencies to help solve joint crimes.

Besides managing the Detective Bureau, the Detective Sergeant performs many administrative duties such as background checks on massage parlor applicants, assist with internal affairs investigations and reviews online reports.



### 2017 SIGNIFICANT DETECTIVE CASES

- Detectives investigated a theft where a suspect fraudulently withdrew cash from victim's account through an ATM. The suspect was later identified and arrested, and linked to also committing vehicle theft and ID theft.
- A suspect fraudulently withdrew cash from victim's bank account while using an ATM. An investigation revealed that the suspect had committed similar crimes throughout other San Gabriel Valley cities. Suspect was identified and later arrested.
- Detectives investigated a credit card fraud which led to the discovery of counterfeit checks being produced at suspect's residence, in addition to stolen mail found belonging to numerous victims throughout the county. Suspects were arrested.
- After patrol officers arrested two suspects for shoplifting from Vons, Detectives conducted a follow-up investigation. The vehicle the suspects were driving was found to have numerous stolen items inside, and the vehicle itself was found to be stolen from Bakersfield.
- SPPD/LASD Homicide Detectives investigated the murder of a 5 year-old child. The father was subsequently arrested, convicted and sentenced to prison.



## SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER



A positive school experience is a major component in helping juveniles grow into constructive, law-abiding members of our society. For that reason, law enforcement created a specialized detail dedicated to schools and bridging the gap between juveniles and law enforcement.

The School Resource Officer (SRO) oversees five different schools in our community which includes a total of 4,769 students and over 200 staff members. In 1998 South Pasadena Police appointed its first SRO. Since then, the South Pasadena Police Department has continued to assign a SRO to maintain the relationship between minors and law enforcement.

Detective Arthur Burgos is currently assigned as the department's SRO and has been with the department for over 15 years.

The SRO plays a vital role in promoting a safer school environment. This position requires the SRO to serve as a law enforcement officer, educator and counselor.

The SRO investigates criminal activity that occurs on or around school campuses. This includes but is not limited to thefts, drugs and assaults. Often times, the SRO is the primary contact for juvenile offenders and victims. Gaining intelligence from students and school staff is a crucial part in preventing crime and solving problems.

Presentations to school staff about emergency responses and current crime trends are essential to being proactive. The SRO works closely with school faculty to ensure they maintain being effective mentors. Many juveniles and guardians are unfamiliar with police procedures and the juvenile justice systems. Educating them about these topics is one of the responsibilities for the SRO.

To ensure students obtain proper assistance, the SRO must identify and clarify problem situations. Establishing rapport with students is an essential part of providing necessary assistance. The SRO serves as an unofficial counselor juveniles can depend on to obtain guidance and support.

The image of a law enforcement officer in the eyes of the students is imperative to gain trust in the justice system and respect for the law. The SRO renders a plethora of services which can create a positive experience with law enforcement.

## CRIME ANALYSIS/CRIME PREVENTION

Detective Richard Lee is the Crime Analyst and Crime Prevention Officer, who also manages a light detective caseload.

Crime Analysis involves the analyzing of reports for any crime patterns, crime trends, or crime series with the possibility of linking suspects to crimes. Attending monthly meetings with neighboring agencies to share crime is vital to help identify and link suspects to crime.

Crime Analysis also performs many administrative duties such as preparing monthly crime statistics and Uniform Crime Reports. Additional duties in-

clude registering sex, arson and narcotic registrants, performing computerized composites with victims and converting surveillance videos to various formats.

Crime Prevention is a proactive community outreach program to educate the public on ways to prevent crime from occurring. This is accomplished through literature, community events and speaking at events. At the core of crime prevention is the Neighborhood Watch Program. This joint program between the community and the police builds a partnership to report suspicious activity and for neighbors to look out for each other.



## CRIME ANALYSIS/CRIME PREVENTION

Expansion of the Neighborhood Watch Program is always challenging as the program cannot succeed without the community.

The Public Safety Commission has greatly assisted in attempting to expand the Neighborhood Watch Program in the City.

Block Captains are essential for the Neighborhood Watch Program. Each Block Captain represents their neighborhood and helps forward and share crime information to their groups. Many Block Captains have volunteered for over 20 years.

A Block Captains meeting was held to honor Block Captains for their years of service. An appreciation certificate was presented to witnesses that called police when they saw suspicious activity which led to the arrests of the suspect. The meeting also allowed Block Captains to meet other Block Captains from around the city.

To honor Neighborhood Watch Block Captains and Neighborhood Preparedness Volunteers (which are members of the Community Emergency Response Team and Ham Radio Operators), members were invited to walk in the Fourth of July Parade. This helped raise awareness in all three programs.

Crime Prevention participates in numerous community events to raise awareness of crime and provide crime prevention material to the residents. Detective Lee served as a panelist at the "Senior Scam Stopper" sponsored by Assembly Member Chris Holden and the California State License Board.

The Crime Prevention Unit also coordinates the annual Police and Fire Open House which is one of the City's biggest events. The event is held in conjunction with the South Pasadena Tournament of Roses Classic Car Show.

This year's theme of Emergency Preparedness and perfect cool weather saw a massive crowd of over nearly 10,000 people. This year's attractions included four helicopters, police and fire demonstrations, a Force Options simulator, guided tours of the police station and many emergency preparedness information.





## TRAFFIC UNIT



The Traffic Unit is comprised of two motorcycle officers (Jeffrey Holland and Bill Earley) whose primary responsibility is to enforce traffic laws, investigate traffic collisions and provide traffic education to the community.

In addition, the Traffic Unit provides escorts at various events, Tournament of Roses Classic Car Show, Special Olympics Torch Run, Tiger Run and Fourth of July Parade.

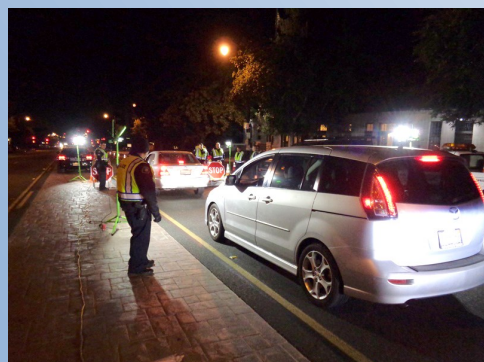
To investigate fatal traffic collisions, the Traffic Unit uses state-of-the-art electronic surveying tools and three-dimensional computer programs to reconstruct accident scenes.

The motorcycle officers respond to citizen's concerns of speeding vehicles, or stop sign enforcement in their neighborhoods. The radar trailer is also used to help remind motorists to slow down.

The Traffic Unit works closely with neighboring and state agencies to conduct mutual traffic enforcement, especially on commercial vehicles. Commercial vehicles must stay on certain streets (truck routes) as their weight can damage residential streets.

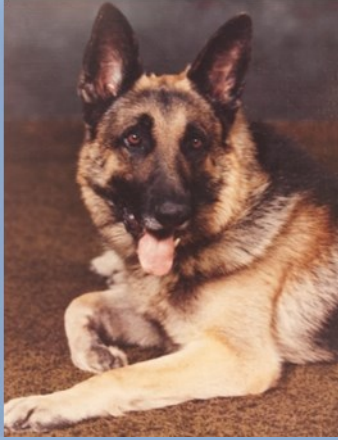
In 2017, the Traffic Unit received a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety that was used for DUI Checkpoints, saturation DUI patrols and various traffic enforcement operations (i.e., distracted driver, motorcycle enforcement, pedestrian/bicycle enforcement).

Both motorcycle officers trained throughout the year with neighboring departments to better their riding skills. They attended training at the Streets Of Willow Springs that was taught by AMA Superbike champions on how to handle motorcycles at high speed.





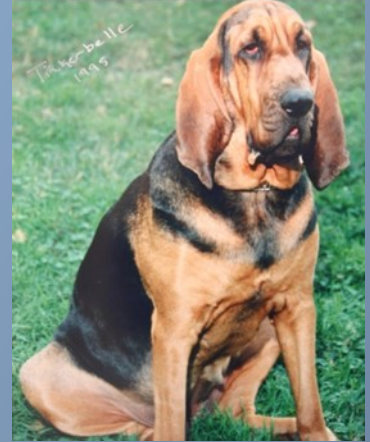
## SOUTH PASADENA POLICE CANINES



**"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 - 2016



**Officer Sandoval  
and "Lisu"**  
2014 - Current



**Officer Perez and  
"Barry"**  
2016 - Current



## CANINES

The South Pasadena Police Department Canine (K9) team is supervised by Sergeant Shannon Robledo and has two handlers, Officer Fernando Sandoval and Officer Christopher Perez. Both K9 handlers and their K9 partners (“Lisu” and “Barry”) have assisted on over 70 call outs in 2017. They also assist neighboring agencies when requested.

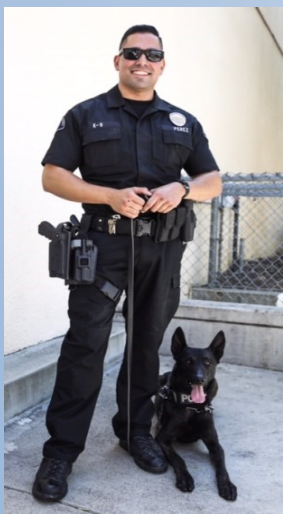
Being a K9 officer entails a great deal of dedication, teamwork, and responsibilities. Both K9 Teams are part of the San Gabriel Valley K9 Association which provides for mutual aid and training for San Gabriel Valley cities.

K9 “Lisu” specializes in human scent and explosives detection. With the assistance of K9 “Lisu”, felony suspects have been apprehended in South Pasadena and in neighboring agencies. Officer Sandoval keeps “Lisu” well trained and well prepared to respond to large scale events to check for explosives. Some of these events include United States Presidential candidates, high profile concerts, parades, sporting events and celebrity award shows.

Officer Perez and his K9 partner “Barry” have provided numerous outside agencies assist; this includes neighboring agencies as well as local and federal narcotic task force. K9 “Barry” specializes in narcotic detection, as well as articles searches that pertain to evidence. In the course of almost one year not only narcotics have been located but also a large amount of cash. In 2017, Officer Perez and “Barry” retrieved over \$1,000,000.00 cash, 79 pounds of methamphetamine, 20 kilograms of cocaine, and eight kilograms of heroin.

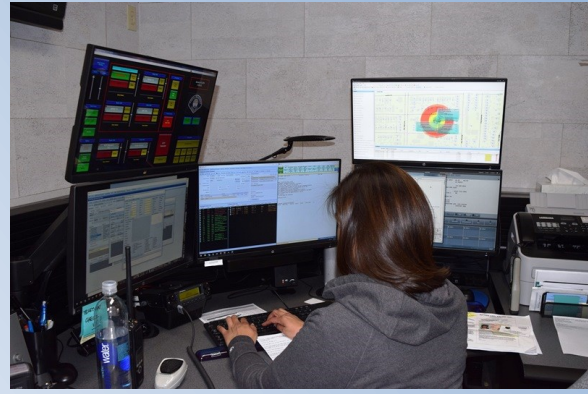
Both K9 officers assisted the Long Beach Veterans Affairs Hospital Police and the San Gabriel Police Department with implementing their own K9 programs.

Our K9s are also a great public relations tool. Both K9s are popular with children and often participate at community events like the Police and Fire Open House, Doggy Day, National Night Out and other special events throughout the year.





## POLICE ASSISTANTS



Police Assistants are non-sworn employees and are at the heart of the police department. Their primary responsibilities are as “Dispatchers,” but they also assist with custody duties involving female arrestees.

“Dispatchers” handle vital communications between officers in the field and the police station. They handle incoming telephone calls for service, including 911 emergency calls. During non-business hours, they also service the front counter. In 2017, dispatchers in our Communication Center handled 60,953 inbound/outbound calls for service.

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.

Additionally, Police Assistants monitor station security and the jail holding area through surveillance cameras, enter all calls for service into the Computer Aided Dispatch system and enter various crime information into the Records Management System.



Before



After

### Notable events in 2017:

- Communications Center remodeled on grant from the CA State 911 Office. Dispatch positions upgraded from 2 to 3 based upon call volume.
- The Communications Center started accepting and processing 911 calls for service via text message.



## BICYCLE UNIT

The South Pasadena Police Department's Bicycle Unit is a volunteer unit that is open to both Regular and Reserve Officers. The Bicycle Unit is supervised by Sergeant Matthew Ronnie and currently comprised of twelve trained officers.

The use of bicycles on patrol allows officers to be more visible and respond more quickly in congested foot areas where a vehicle is not practical like the Farmers Market, the business district, Gold Line Station and community events.

The Bicycle Unit is used extensively during the holidays to provide high visibility for the businesses of the city, and during the summer months for community events such as concerts in the park, as well as National Night Out.

While officers still conduct foot patrols around the business district, bicycles allow officers to cover a much larger area, not easily accessible by car or foot, such as the wilderness areas of the city. The biggest asset of using bicycles is stealth. Bicycles are very quiet and can quickly catch a thief by surprise. Officer conducted annual bicycle registration events to help curb bicycle thefts throughout the city and return stolen bicycles to their owners.

Bicycles have also been a great community relations tool. Officers on bicycles can still patrol a large area and at the same time contact residents and business owners on a friendly basis. This has helped foster a positive relationship between the police department and the community.

Currently, the department is exploring new technologies in the way of electric assisted bicycles for better service area needs such as the Altos de Monterey.



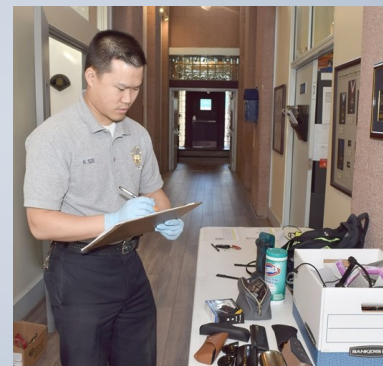
## CADETS

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

Cadet 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, vehicle maintenance, assist in dispatch and language translation for officers.

Cadets are assigned to the Detective Bureau where they assist with Crime Analysis/Crime Prevention and the processing of evidence.

The Cadet program is primarily intended as an apprenticeship towards a career in law enforcement. The Cadets are a valuable and integral part of the Department.



## RECORDS

The Records Section is an essential part of the police department it is the repository for all police reports which is supervised by Sergeant Tony Abdalla.

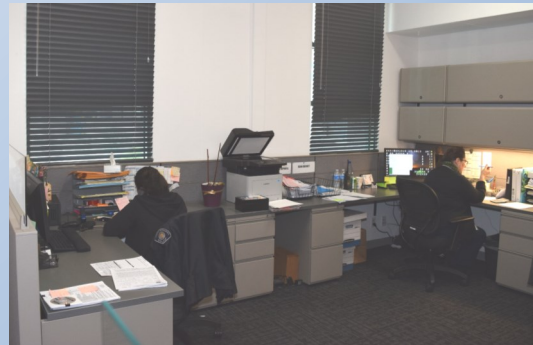
All police reports and crime photos are scanned and stored digitally in a secured server. This helps reduce filing space for paper reports.

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

Additionally, they 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 the public.



Before



After

### Notable events in 2017:

1. Remodeled existing workspace with installation of new carpet and office furniture
2. One records clerk retirement and 2 new records clerks hired
3. Hired 3 Parking Control Officers upon approval of the City Council to handle all parking control services in-house.

## PREDICTIVE POLICING

To assist in the allocation of patrol officers, the South Pasadena Police Department contracts with Crime Reduction & Information Management Experts (CRIME) to provide predictive policing strategies to help forecast and prevent crimes from occurring.

Interactive maps are provided by CRIME each week, which predicts where crimes may occur. Officers can also follow predetermined routes to help direct patrol to areas of the city where crimes may occur.

The department has been using CRIME for the past three years and has helped reduce crime each year.





## SUPPORT SERVICES

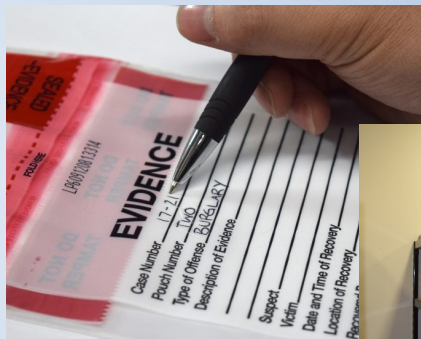
Peggy Grangetto is the Support Services Assistant (SSA), which is a non-sworn position that provides valuable support to the department and operates under the Office of Professional Standards.

The SSA has three primary and important responsibilities, which include Recruitment, Property/Evidence and Department Training.

The SSA recruits new police employees, processes the applications, arranges job interviews, administers written and physical fitness exams, coordinates background investigations, psychological and medical testing and distributes all required equipment.

Maintaining and processing evidence is vital to ensure the successful prosecution of criminals. The SSA must ensure the proper chain-of-custody of evidence collection as well as the safe storage of found property. The SSA also releases property and evidence as well as arranges the proper disposal of unclaimed property and narcotics.

The SSA also reviews each employee's training and schedules mandated training for each employee that is required by the California Peace Officers Standard and Training, as well as coordinating outside department training requests by police employees.



## HONOR GUARD

The South Pasadena Police Department's Honor Guard is a ceremonial unit that serves to escort the US and State flag in local, special and memorial events.

The Honor Guard is supervised by Corporal John Salcido and is comprised of volunteers that represent and promote the professionalism and positive image of the police department.





## SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT TEAM

The South Pasadena Police Department's Special Enforcement Team (SET) is a cadre of officers trained in special weapons and tactics and serve on the team as a collateral duty assignment. Together with officers from the San Marino Police Department, the team provides tactical solutions to incident commanders for complex problems in both communities.

SET members are highly trained and also serve as a training resource for our department and other regional "Area C" law enforcement agencies. SET is the only resource that teaches tactical medicine to regional police officers. Under the direction of Dr. Nicholas Greco, a South Pasadena resident, who is a practicing emergency room physician and the team's only volunteer member, the team has trained over 380 regional police officers in pre-hospital trauma care for austere environments known as Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC). In December of 2017, the tactical medicine training cadre of the Special Enforcement Team took the program on the road and taught a hemorrhage control class to SWAT officers from the Western United States at the California Association of Tactical Officers (CATO) annual conference in San Diego.

SET members train an extra two days a month to remain proficient in their core competencies such as high-risk warrant service, breaching, barricade operations, tactical emergency medical support, active shooter response, precision long rifle, etc. SET enjoys close working relationships with other regional SWAT teams who meet, train and share resources together on a regular basis. By working together, our region maintains a very high level of proficiency and operational readiness.

SET is lead and supervised by Sergeant Tony Abdalla.





## FOOTHILL AIR SUPPORT TEAM



The Foothill Air Support Team (FAST) is a regional air support partnership that was founded in 1999 by then Pasadena Chief of Police Bernard Melekian to provide a regional law enforcement helicopter air support program to enhance public safety services in the San Gabriel Valley. FAST also assists Homeland Security by providing air support at major sporting events.

When called upon, FAST can assist ground units in locating suspects with its aerial view of the ground. FAST airships are equipped to see at night through its Forward Looking Infrared system, which detects body heat, as well as Night Vision Goggles that allow the pilot and observer to see in low light conditions. The airships also have a Video Downlink System that allows a live feed of an aerial view for ground units.

FAST “eyes in the skies” has helped with extra patrol and burglary suppression details throughout the year.

South Pasadena along with the cities of Alhambra, Arcadia, Covina, Glendora, La Verne, Monrovia, Pasadena, Pomona, San Marino and Sierra Madre participate in the FAST program.



## HOMELESS OUTREACH PROGRAM

The South Pasadena Police Department’s Homeless Outreach Program (HOPE) was created to assist the city’s homeless population in “breaking the cycle” of homelessness.

The department works closely with several service providers to help connect the homeless with resources in finding housing. Social workers, volunteers and other staff works closely with our department.

Service providers include the LA County Mental Health, Pasadena Union Station, Los Angeles Homeless Authority and Holy Family Church.

In 2017, the city was awarded a \$30,000 Homeless Planning Grant. This grant which will enable our city

to be strategic and proactive in identifying ways that we can implement Measure H strategies locally and make strong linkages within the region and other resources to combat homelessness.



## WEST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MENTAL HEALTH EVALUATION TEAM

The West San Gabriel Valley Mental Health Evaluation Team (WSGV MET) will again partner with a LA County Clinician to handle mentally ill related calls for service.

Detective Arthur Burgos has been assigned to the task force and will work with our assigned LA County Clinician.

WSGV MET will be available to assist patrol officers with on-duty evaluations, reports and transportation for any commitments.

One of the goals of the task force is to minimize the time patrol officers are impacted with related calls for service.

## OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

The Office of Professional Standards (OPS) is managed by Sergeant Robert Bartl and is responsible for the oversight of all personnel related issues, including recruitment, hiring and processing of new employees, risk management, department training, court discovery compliance, conducting and coordinating personnel complaints and investigations. Other responsibilities include promotional testing, maintenance of employment records, overseeing the department's Reserve Program and the City's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and Emergency Management. The EOC is the command center for the city in the event of an emergency or disaster.



The OPS constantly evaluates each employees record to make sure they are in compliance with their mandated annual training. Sgt. Bartl also serves as the departmental liaison with the City Attorney's Office and the Human Resources Department on personnel related matters.

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

Regular training within the "Area C" cities is conducted to allow officers from the different cities to become familiar with one another, practice standardized procedures and to respond in a cohesive manner.



In 2017, to maintain accountability with Department guidelines and to the public, each officer was issued a Axon body camera. The cameras are an excellent tool for the successful prosecution of cases as well as ensuring professional conduct of officers.



"Area C" Agencies assisting in Santa Monica



## VOLUNTEERS

The police department has two volunteers that provide a valuable service to the Department and community with their special skills.

### Police Chaplain

Dan Bricker has been with the Department since 2002 and is the department's Chaplain.

As a Police Chaplain, Dan Bricker's role is the ministry of presence. The primary duty of a Police Chaplain is to provide support, guidance, counseling and encouragement for all employees of the department. This includes counseling as well as any religious functions that might be deemed necessary. A Police Chaplain helps bring comfort, assurance, encouragement, and support to those in need.

Chaplain Bricker rides with officers, offering assistance when needed to those in the community, assist with death notifications, give invocations at city, police and special events. In addition, Chaplain Bricker assists at DUI checkpoints and participates at community events interacting with residents and explaining his role to the community.

He is also Assistance Coordinator for the Los Angeles County "Area C" Police Chaplains Association. Previous ministry experience includes working as a pastor at two different churches. For the last 20 years he has taught in the Biblical and Religious Studies Department at Azusa Pacific University.



### Physician

Dr. Nicholas Greco is the Special Enforcement Team Physician and Medical Director of the Department's Tactical Medicine Program.

Dr. Greco is an emergency room physician with a background in trauma. He serves as a resource for high level medical support during Special Enforcement Team training and operations. In addition, Dr. Greco provides training, oversight and quality control for the department's Tactical Medicine Program.

Since the inception of the Tactical Medicine Program in 2014, Dr. Greco has assisted in the training of over 300 regional police officers in the principles of Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC), a highly effective system of pre-hospital trauma care in austere environments.

Dr. Greco also assisted in teaching TCCC to SWAT officers at the 2017 California Association of Tactical Officers conference in San Diego.



## RESERVES



### *Celebrating 75 years of the Police Reserves*

On May 17, 2017, the City Council recognized the South Pasadena Police Reserves with a Proclamation honoring 75 years of volunteer service to the city. The South Pasadena Police Reserves are also the second oldest reserve organization in the State of California.

Originally called “Auxiliaries”, when they were created in 1942 as part of the South Pasadena Department of Civilian Defense, the Reserves were armed with only a “Billy Club” and flashlight. They were created to help supplement the full-time officers that were drafted or enlisted into the armed forces to fight in the Second World War.



In 1968, with the passing of City Ordinance 1519, the “Auxiliaries” were changed to “Reserves” with powers to enforce laws and were fully autotomized with their own rank and organizational structure. They even had their own Reserve Police Chief.

Throughout the years, California’s Peace Officers Standards and Training became stricter with training and in-line with the requirements as full-time officers. Despite these strict requirements, Reserve Officers continue to train with full-time officers while maintaining their daily occupation. One notable South Pasadena Police Reserve Officer was former Los Angeles County Board of Supervisor Michael Antonovich.



Many South Pasadena Reserve Officers have gone on to become full-time police officers. Nearly 29% of the current full-time officers with the South Pasadena Police Department were former Reserve Officers with the department.

Today, the South Pasadena Police Reserves continue to augment the department by working patrol, riding bicycles, or assisting with special assignments.

The Reserves also coordinates and staffs specialized events such as the Fourth of July Parade and Firework show, Tiger Run, Arts Crawl, Concerts in the Parks and high school sporting events. The Reserves have also assisted with department emergency “call-outs” and mutual aid operations with neighboring agencies.

The South Pasadena Police Reserves have volunteered more than 500,000 hours to the City and are a valuable asset to the community.



# RESERVES

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2017





## TRAINING

New employees are assigned a training officer and must complete a rigorous training program before they can operate alone. In-field training for Police Officers is approximately four months long and seven months long for Police Assistants.

All employees of the police department receive continuous training each year. While the California Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) mandates a level of training each year, the police department exceeds that minimum level to keep all employees proficient.

Police officers (both full-time and Reserves) must qualify each month with their duty pistol and quarterly with the shotgun and the M4 rifle.

Police Assistants and Records Clerks must also go through updated training throughout the year.

In addition to the mandatory training, each employee may request to attend training outside of the department to further their skills.

In 2017, each officer went through a mandated POST Perishable Skills Program on Firearms Training with emphasis on Vehicle Close Quarter Combat. Officers also completed a tactical communication class and received a re-certification on the Taser.

The five officers that make up the Range Staff have a diverse background in firearms training from SWAT tactics to competition shooting. This enables officers to learn from a variety of instructors. Each Range Officer is also a certified armorer in the Glock pistol, so duty pistols can be maintained and repaired in-house.

All employees completed a mentally ill training class which taught each employee how to communicate with a mentally ill person.

The Special Enforcement Team and Dr. Nicholas Greco continue to teach Tactical Combat Casualty Care to outside agencies and also at the California Association of Tactical Officers Conference.





## SERVICE PINS



Service Award Pins are awarded to city employees as recognition of years of dedicated service to the city.

The Pins are awarded for every five years of service (5, 10, 15, etc.) with the employee's milestone anniversary years on it. The service pins are awarded annually at the City's employee recognition luncheon.

In 2017, the following police employees were recognized for their years of service:



Officer Jose Corney



Police Assistant Sharae Rodriguez

**10**  
*Years*



Detective Arthur Burgos



Sergeant Tom Jacobs

**15**  
*Years*



K9 Officer Fernando Sandoval



Motor Officer William Earley

**30**  
*Years*

## POLICE AWARDS

Awards are presented to employees for outstanding service and who have excelled in work performance. The employee has also carried out additional responsibilities beyond their regular job assignments and made exceptional contributions to the police department throughout the year.

The South Pasadena Police Department is proud to recognize the following personnel as Employees of the Year:



**Sergeant of the Year**  
*Sergeant Shannon Robledo*



**Officer of the Year**  
*Officer Jeffrey Holland*



**Civilian Employee of the Year**  
*Support Services Assistant  
Peggy Granetto*



**Part-time Employee of the Year**  
*Cadet Issac Gutierrez*



**Unit Citation**  
*Sergeant Jim Valencia, Corporal Mike Sanchez, Corporal Joe Johnson*



## LIFESAVING AWARD



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



**Corporal John Salcido**

On May 8, 2016, at 6:10 PM, Corporal John Salcido was dispatched to the Prospect Avenue overpass, for a report of a suicidal subject threatening to jump off the bridge onto the 110 freeway.

Upon his arrival, Corporal Salcido saw the female subject sitting on the ledge of the overpass. The female was hysterical, yelling and talking on her cell phone. Seeing that she was distracted, Corporal Salcido rushed in and grabbed the young woman by her waist and quickly pulled her from the ledge.

The woman struggled with Corporal Salcido, yelling at him to leave her alone while inching back toward the edge of the overpass.

Corporal Salcido was eventually able to gain control of the woman and moved her away from the ledge and to safety, ultimately saving her life.

Corporal Salcido's heroic actions are in keeping with the highest traditions of the South Pasadena Police Department of selfless service, honor, and personal courage.

For his quick and decisive actions, Corporal John Salcido was awarded the Life Saving Medal.



**Officer Patrick Zamora**

On July 4, 2016, at about 8:30 PM, Officer Patrick Zamora was on patrol when he was flagged down by a citizen reporting a suicidal woman at the York Bridge overpass.

As the officers arrived, Officer Zamora ran to the woman, who was standing on a narrow ledge above the freeway. Through his calm and reassuring demeanor, Officer Zamora was able to quickly establish a rapport with the woman.

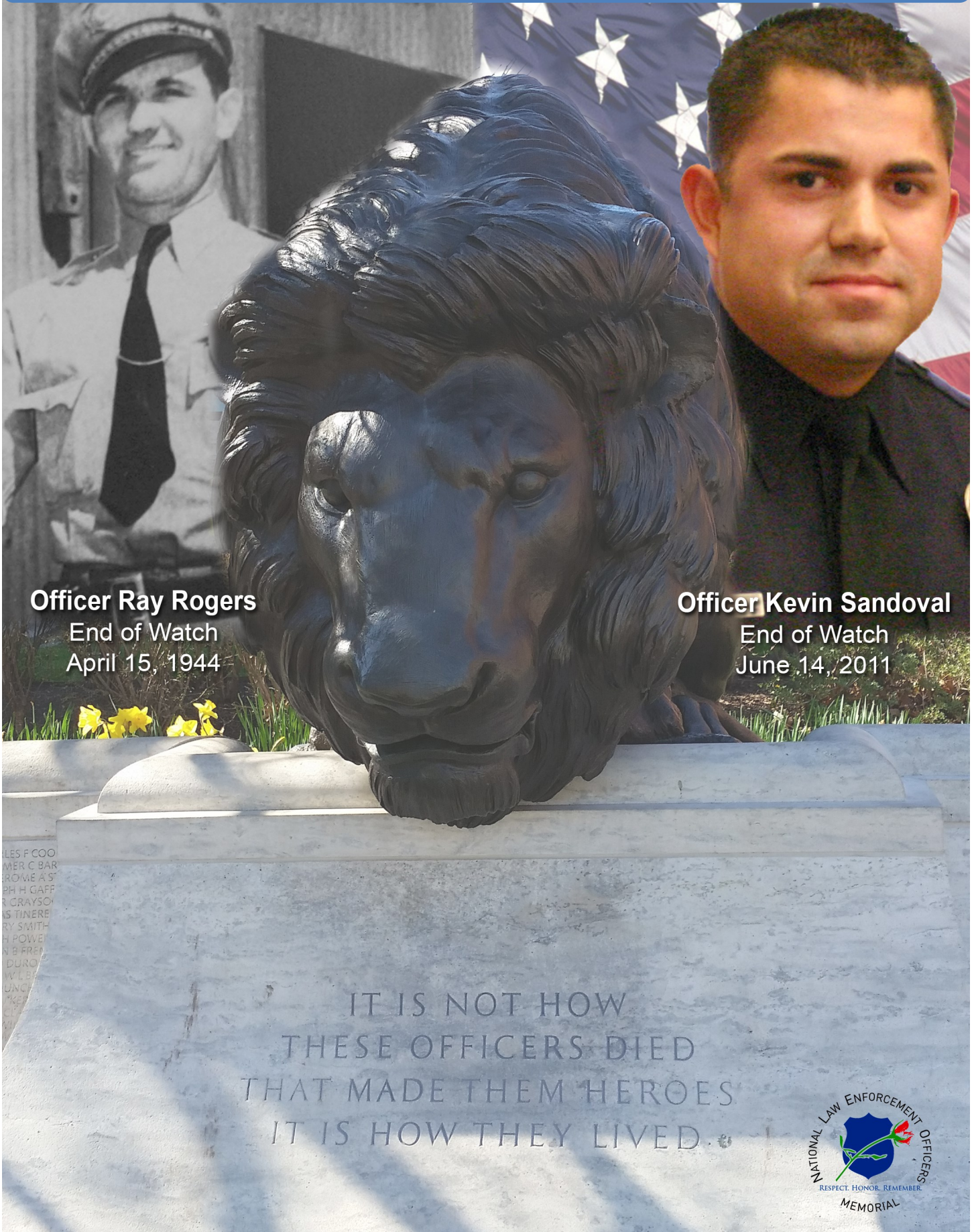
Relying on his experience and training, Officer Zamora continued to speak with the woman and gained her trust. With disregard for his own safety, Officer Zamora reached out and offered his hand to the woman. Seeking comfort, she grabbed Officer Zamora and said she was scared and needed his help. Officer Zamora pulled the woman back over the railing to safety.

Officer Zamora stayed with the woman the entire time until she was transported to a local hospital.

His heroic actions are in keeping with the highest traditions of the South Pasadena Police Department of selfless service, honor and personal courage. For his quick and decisive actions, Officer Patrick Zamora was awarded the Life Saving Medal.



## IN MEMORY



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

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

IT IS NOT HOW  
THESE OFFICERS DIED  
THAT MADE THEM HEROES  
IT IS HOW THEY LIVED.





# SOCIAL MEDIA



Social media continues to be an important tool in getting information distributed and interacting with the community quickly. The department uses a variety of different social media platforms, Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Nixle, Pinterest and Connect South Pasadena.

With over 8,000 Twitter, 5,900 Instagram followers and 2,800 Facebook likes, the police department's social media continues to grow, reaching not just residents of the city, but residents nationwide.

In addition to using the various social media platforms, the police department also offers many of its services online through its website. These "e-policing" online services include making crime reports, pay or contest a parking citation, request for extra patrol and vacation checks, the ability to purchase overnight parking permits and obtain crime and traffic accident reports.

E-policing services allows officers to be free to respond to crimes that are in progress.



## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

### High School Scholarship

Each year, the South Pasadena Police Officers' Association (SPPOA) awards scholarships to deserving South Pasadena High School seniors.

The SPPOA believes in education and investing in our youth.

We are proud to announce that Nour Khaddaj Mallat was the recipient of the SPPOA Scholarship Award, Matthew Yuen was the recipient of the Officer Ray Rogers Scholarship and Nadira Jamerson was the recipient of the Officer Kevin Sandoval Scholarship.



### Holy Family's First Responders Blessing

The South Pasadena Police and Firefighters were invited to Holy Family Church to attend a First Responders Blessing.

The blessing was a way of thanking both police and firefighters in dealing with the daily challenges in protecting the community. Holy Family also presented a certificate of appreciation to both the fire and police departments.



### Read Across America

Officers of the South Pasadena Police Department participated in the nationwide "Read Across America" campaign that commemorates the birthday of Dr. Seuss.

Officers read Dr. Seuss books to children at the elementary schools to encourage children to read.



### Operation Cookie

The Women's Club of South Pasadena holds an annual cookie drive called "Operation Cookie" to support hospitalized and homeless veterans for Memorial Day. For over 75 years, members of the community has donated cookies to help support their cause.

Besides donating cookies to the Women's Club each year, the South Pasadena Police Officers' Association (SPPOA) also makes a monetary donation to help with costs. The SPPOA is proud to support our veterans through this worthy event.



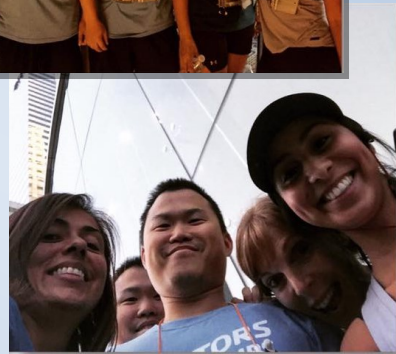
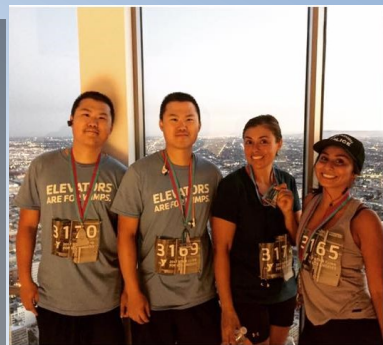
# COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

## YMCA Stair Climb

The Ketchum-Downtown YMCA Stair Climb for Los Angeles is an annual fundraising event held at the U.S. Bank Tower.

Participants run or walk up 75 stories (1,664 steps) to raise money for YMCA programs and scholarships in Los Angeles. These programs help strengthen the community by targeting childhood obesity and closing the education achievement gap experienced by families.

Participants from the South Pasadena Police Department included Police Assistants Catalina Valdez and Jeanette Zavala along with Police Cadets Gary Sze and Ricky Sze. Over 3,000 participants raised a total of \$765,214 in 2017.



## Honorary Police K9

The South Pasadena Police Department welcomed "Lucy" as a honorary K9 Team member. Lucy, a 12 year-old German Shepherd, suffers from the degenerative disease Degenerate Myelopathy, which effects the use of her hind legs.

Lucy is equipped with a special wheel chair that enables her to maneuver by herself.

Lucy's K9 handler is 8 year-old Sofia Angelats, who adopted Lucy from a German Shepherd Rescue shelter.

Both Lucy and Sofia became honorary members of the police department and were given ID badges.





## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

### Woman's Self-Defense Training

The Women's Self-Defense class was conducted by the South Pasadena Police Departments Defensive Tactics staff six times in 2017. Four classes were taught to the adult women of the city, and two classes were taught to High School age girls. In all, 150 women participated in this resource to the community. The women's self-defense class has been presented to the community, at no cost to all participants, since May of 2014.

The program continues to incorporate basic fundamentals of self-defense techniques. It provides the skills to improve the student's awareness to dangerous situations. It teaches key techniques for the participant to stop a physical confrontation and escape. The techniques are easily learned and retained for future use. It is the simplicity of the system that allows our community women to gain a sense of empowerment and confidence to escape altercations.

The instructional staff are current South Pasadena Police Officers who are experienced instructors in Arrest and Control procedures. They include; Detective Michael Palmieri, Corporal John Salcido, Officer Elias Giron-Garrido, School Resource Officer Detective Arthur Burgos, and Sergeant Tom Jacobs. Our civilian coordinator is Dawn Muench.



### 626 Golden Streets

The "626 Golden Streets" was a 18-mile closed street event that ran from South Pasadena to Azusa. About 100,000 people walked, rode bicycles, skateboarded and even ran the route.

South Pasadena Police Officers provided security and traffic safety to all participants in the 626 Golden Streets event.





# COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

## Pink Patch Project

The South Pasadena Police Department along with over 80 other law enforcement and fire departments, participated in the annual “Pink Patch Project”.

The Pink Patch Project was a collaborative effort between the Los Angeles County Police Chiefs’ Association, law enforcement and fire departments from across the nation to help raise awareness in the fight against breast cancer.

During “Breast Cancer Awareness Month” in October, participating agencies replace their department patch on their uniforms with a specially designed pink colored department patch. The patches are also sold to the public with all proceeds benefiting breast cancer research and education.

This year, the South Pasadena Police Department sold specially designed Pink Patch t-shirts, in addition to Pink Patches. Nearly \$4,000.00 was raised, but patches and shirts can still be purchased at the lobby of the police department.

By the end of the program in 2017, the Pink Patch Project help raise over \$700,000.00 nationwide to help fund breast cancer education, research, and treatment programs across the country.

The South Pasadena Police Officers’ Association contributes to the Pink Patch Project by funding the design costs and purchase of the department’s pink patches. Officers purchased their own pink patches and had them sewn on their uniforms.



## Farmer’s Market

The South Pasadena Chamber of Commerce Farmer’s Market is a weekly event held every Thursday and attracts a large audience.

Participation in the Farmer’s Market allows visitors to interact with officers while shopping for fresh produce and food. Visitors can also pick up crime prevention material and learn about recent crime trends.

During the Farmer’s Market “Bicycle Clinic” event, the police department provided free bicycle registration and safety tips.



## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

### Foothill Air Support Air Operations Toy Drive

South Pasadena Police Officers along with officers from the Foothill Air Support Team participated in the 13th Annual Pasadena Police Department's Air Operations Toy Drive.

Each participating agency helps raise funds to purchase toys that are distributed to children in the pediatric ward of Huntington Memorial Hospital to help brighten their holiday.

Children are brought to the roof of Huntington Memorial Hospital to watch Santa Claus fly-in. Santa Claus along with his helpers (officers) then distribute the toys to the children.

The South Pasadena Police Officers' Association makes a monetary donation to the toy drive.



### Prescription Drug Take Back

The South Pasadena Police Department is pleased to continue its participation in the Drug Enforcement Agency's (DEA) National Take Back Initiative.

The National Take Back Initiative is an annual nationwide campaign to collect expired or unused prescription drugs so they can be properly disposed of. Every year expired or unused prescription drugs are improperly disposed of either by throwing it into the trash or flushing them down the toilet. Drugs thrown in the trash can be found and illegally used, and drugs that are flushed down the toilet can contaminate the water system.

The goal of the program is to educate the community about the proper way of drug disposal and also collect them for safe disposal.

Over 140 pounds of prescription drugs were collected at the event.



### Spark of Love Toy Drive

For the 25th year, the South Pasadena Fire Department along with ABC7, Southern California Firefighters and the US Marine Corps Reserve participated in the "Spark of Love Toy Drive".

The "Spark of Love Toy Drive" has collected more than nine million toys for underserved children and teens.

The South Pasadena Police Department is happy to participate in the toy drive each year as being a designated collection center along with the fire department and city hall. The toys collected in the city are distributed locally to children.





# COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

## National Night Out

The 2017 “National Night Out” was a hot and humid evening, but that didn’t distract from the large crowd that attended the event held at Orange Grove Park.

Known as a nationwide campaign to promote a positive partnership between the police and neighborhoods with the goal of making the community safe, “National Night Out” also helps to create awareness and participation in the Neighborhood Watch Program.

Residents came out to learn about various crime prevention topics, meet officers and K9 team, and also had a chance to support the “Pink Patch” program by purchasing a patch or shirt. This year, Ring was a major sponsor of “National Night Out” and donated a Ring video doorbell that was raffled-off.

Besides learning about crime prevention, residents had a chance to obtain information on all the city services (fire, parks and recreation, public works, city manager’s office, etc.). Children had the opportunity to play carnival type games and climb the rock wall, as well as eating from a variety of food trucks.



Acting US Attorney Sandra Brown and Director of External Affairs for the US Attorney’s Office Tracy Webb both stopped by to support the event.



## Safe Deal Zone



The South Pasadena Police Department has partnered with Safe Deal Zone and designated the police station’s lobby as a location where residents can come and conduct e-commerce transactions in a safe environment.

The police station lobby is an ideal place to make transactions, as it offers 24-hour video surveillance and an emergency phone that connects directly to the police dispatch center.

Other safe deal locations can be found at the safe deal zone website, [www.safedeal.zone](http://www.safedeal.zone).



## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

### Secure the Call

We continued to partner with the “Secure the Call” program as a collection site, where residents can drop off unused/old cell phones.



The phones are refurbished and provided to victims of domestic violence and senior citizen centers, as well as victims of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. The phones are for emergency 9-1-1 calls only.

All donated phones are tax deductible as the “Secure the Call” program is a 501(C)(3) charitable organization.

### McGruff



McGruff the Crime Dog made several appearances at elementary schools in 2017. McGruff helped teach students various crime prevention tips.

### Torch Run for Special Olympics

Councilmembers Robert Joe, Michael Cacciotti, family, friends, and other city employees joined Chief Miller and the South Pasadena Police employees and Firefighters in the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics.

Each year, more than 3,500 officers and Special Olympic athletes carry the “Flame of Hope” over 1,500 miles through 200 communities to help raise awareness for the Special Olympics of Southern California. The Torch Run is represented not only in the United States, but Canada and 46 other nations.

The South Pasadena Police Officers’ Association also donates funds to help support the Special Olympics.

The “Flame of Hope” was received by officers of the Alhambra Police Department, where it began its three mile run through the city before Chief Miller passed the torch to the Los Angeles Unified School Police at the York Bridge.

Residents and commuters helped cheer on the runners as they ran through the city.





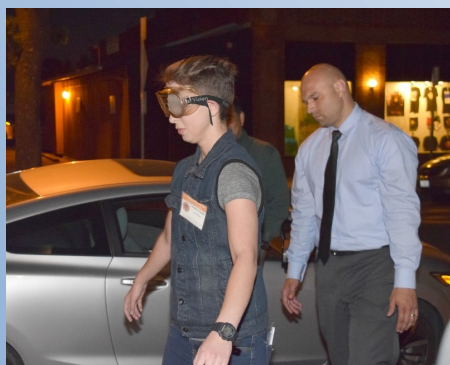
## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

### Citizen's Academy

The first Citizen's Academy was held in 2017. Each Tuesday evening for ten weeks, the 12 students came to learn about how the police department operates.

Students learned patrol procedures, laws of arrest, traffic investigations, dispatch, crime analysis, K9s, crime scene investigations, Special Enforcement Team and Air Operations. There was plenty of hands-on training as students used the Force Option Simulator and had to make split-second decisions. Students also had a chance to use Lidar and determine the speed of vehicles along Mission Street.

The class was a great success and helped residents gain a better understanding of their police department.



### Woman's Club Appreciation Breakfast

The Woman's Club of South Pasadena graciously hosted an appreciation breakfast for first responders.

South Pasadena Police and Firefighters were guests of the Woman's Club as they provided a delicious pancake breakfast. It was also a great opportunity to meet each other and speak about a variety of topics. The officers and firefighters were very appreciative for their support.





## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

### World Police and Fire Games

During the week of August 6-16, 2017, the City of Los Angeles hosted the World Police and Fire Games.

Held every two years in different countries, the World Police and Fire Games bring together police and firefighters from all over the world to participate in a Olympic type sporting events over eleven days. More than 10,000 police and firefighters representing over 60 countries competed in over 65 sporting events.

The games help promote physical fitness and camaraderie through spirited competition among officers and firefighters. The games also provide an opportunity to bring diverse cultures from around the world and communities together.

Officers and firefighters from across the United States not only represented their department but also “Team USA” against the world.

Detective Richard Lee represented the South Pasadena Police Department and won a Gold and Silver medal in pistol competition in his division, adding to Team USA’s medal tally.

Detective Lee enjoyed meeting and speaking with the various officers from throughout the US and world, with trading of department patches and collectibles constantly going on.

In 2019, the World Games will be held in Chengdu, China followed by Rotterdam, Holland in 2021 and Winnipeg, Canada in 2023.



Detective Lee  
Gold and Silver Medalist



Royal Hong Kong Police



Toronto Police



Go Team USA!



Russian Police



Luxembourg Police



Team USA entering the Coliseum  
during Opening Ceremonies



### Operation Chill



The Police Department continued its participation in 7-Eleven’s “Operation Chill”.

Developed by 7-Eleven, the program rewards children for doing good deeds with a free child-size Slurpee coupon.

“Operation Chill” continues to help build a positive interaction between police officers and children.



## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

### Serving Thanksgiving and Christmas Lunch to Seniors

Chief Arthur Miller and the South Pasadena Police Officers' Association continued its tradition of sponsoring Thanksgiving and Christmas lunch to seniors.

Senator Anthony Portantino joined Chief Miller, Police Department Personnel, City Manager, Councilmembers and volunteers in serving seniors a holiday lunch.

During lunch, seniors and officers have a chance to speak to each other while being entertained by a live band. The event helps build a positive rapport between the police, city and the senior community.



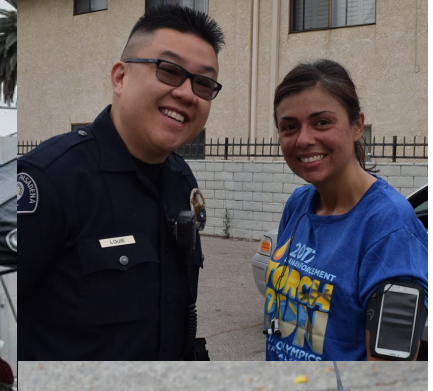
### Doggy Day with Cats Too

The South Pasadena Police K9 team participated in the city's annual "Doggy Day with Cats Too" event. The event brings awareness and knowledge to pet owners of animal resources within and outside the city. Children had a chance to meet the K9s and residents had a chance to speak to K9 Officers.





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