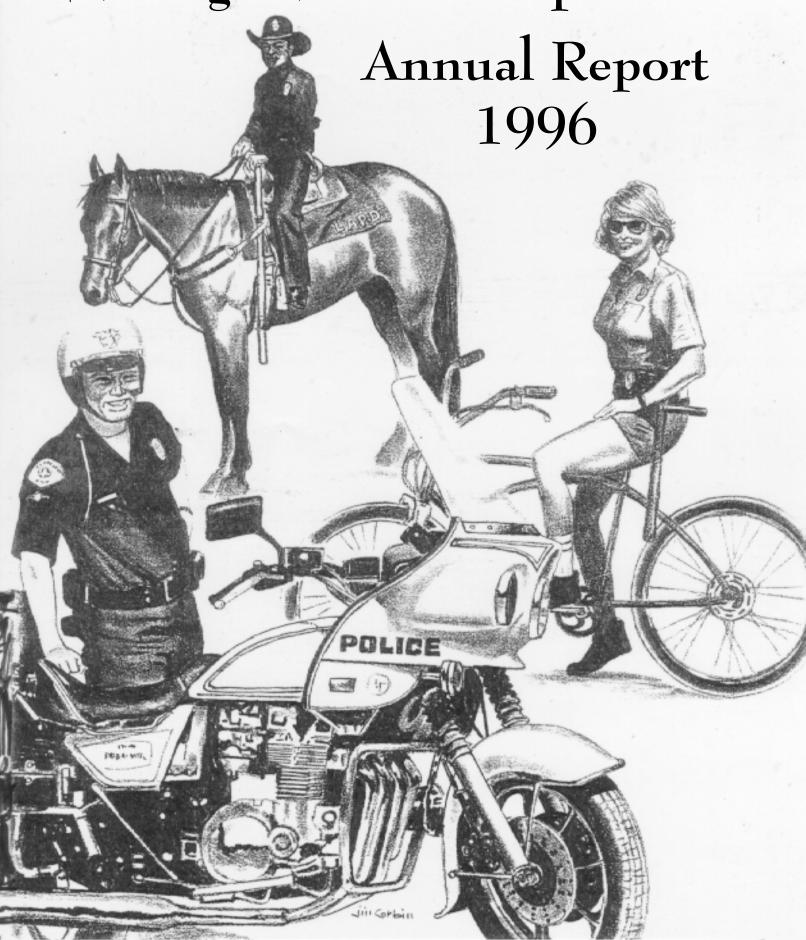
Los Angeles Police Department



Mission Statement





Mission Statement of the Los Angeles Police Department

Our mission is to work in partnership with all of the diverse residential and business communities of the City, wherever people live, work, or visit, to enhance public safety and to reduce the fear and incidence of crime.

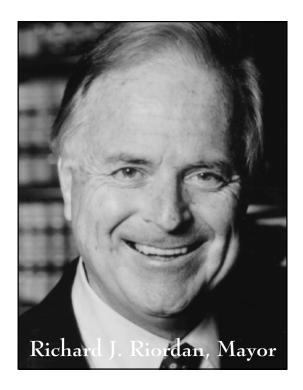
By working jointly with the people of Los Angeles, the members of the Los Angeles Police Department and other public agencies, we act as leaders to protect and serve our community.

To accomplish these goals our commitment is to serve everyone in Los Angeles with respect and dignity. Our mandate is to do so with honor and integrity.



Los Angeles Mayor and City Council



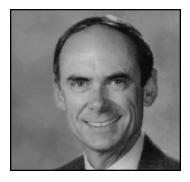




Back Row (left to right): Nate Holden, 10th District; Rudy Svorinich, 15th District; Rita Walters, 9th District; Richard Alarcón, 7th District; Laura Chick, 3rd District; Hal Bernson, 12th District; Michael Feuer, 5th District; Mark Ridley-Thomas, 8th District; Jackie Goldberg, 13th District; Richard Alatorre, 14th District Front Row (left to right): Ruth Galanter, 6th District; Joel Wachs, 2nd District; John Ferraro, President, 4th District; Mike Hernandez, 1st District; Marvin Braude, President Pro-Tempore, 11th District

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The year 1996 was a year of progress for Community Policing with both the Department and the Commission dedicating considerable resources to building this important police-community partnership. While our work is not done, we accomplished the following: (1) members of Community Police Advisory Boards (CPAB's) from all over the City met together in February for the first annual Community Police Advisory Board Summit; (2) the Police Commission created a full time Community Policing Coordinator and staff members served as Commission. liaisons to each of the 18 CPAB's; and (3) Department management, supervisors and field officers continued to participate on a regular basis in Advisory Board and subcommittee meetings. Through the development of these positive working relationships, the Department is becoming increasingly aware of and responsive to community needs.

This was also the year that the Police Commission was able to fully implement the Inspector General's Office. Originally proposed by the Christopher Commission in 1991, the position of Inspector General was greated through Charter amendment in 1995, and the first full time Inspector General was appointed in July 1996. Although fully operational for only six months, the Inspector General's Office is already immersed in a broad range of activities, including monitoring complaints, overseeing the disciplinary system by identifying trends and problems, and conducting special investigations as directed by the Commission.

Sadly, this was also a year in which the Department lost a promising young police officer, Officer Mario Natividad, who, while investigating a theft, was gunned down by an armed suspect. Most officers will never be called upon to make this ultimate sacrifice; however, it is this selfless dedication that has always distinguished and continues to distinguish the men and women of the Los Angeles Police Department.

This has been a year of progress and growth. It is with pride, appreciation and a commitment to further achievement that we submit the 1996 Annual Report.

Respectfully, BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

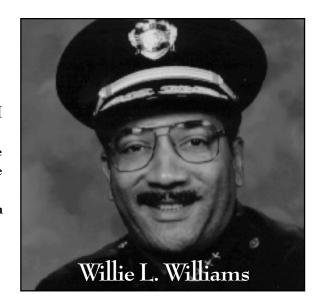
EDITH R. PEREZ

AN EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - ADVIRGATIVE ACTION EMPLOYED



Chief's Message

As I review the past year, the most significant finding is that for the fourth straight year crime in the City of Los Angeles is down. Although statisticians cite that crime is down on a national level and Los Angeles is benefiting from the trend, I believe that the men and women of the Los Angeles Police Department are ultimately responsible for the great strides we have made in reducing the incidence of crime for the residents of this city. The residents of Los Angeles have also played an important role in crime reduction, illustrating the mutually beneficial relationship of the Community-Police partnership.



The Community-Police partnership yielded additional benefits in 1996. Resident generated

personnel complaints continue to drop, and are down 40 percent over the past five years. This is a prime example of the variety of results attainable through innovative and collaborative efforts.

Further progress was made to improve police facilities during 1996. Three new stations, 77th Street Regional Facility, Newton, and North Hollywood Area Stations are scheduled to open in 1997. These are the first new stations for the LAPD in more than 20 years. Additionally, 1997 brings with it the possibility of two additional geographic divisions, including stations, in the San Fernando Valley and West Los Angeles.

Ground was broken in August for the new 44-acre Emergency Vehicle Operations Center (EVOC), in Granada Hills. This multipurpose training facility will combine vehicle, firearms, and tactical training for officers and recruits and is expected to be completed in 1998.

The Department was fortunate to have representation at the National Association of Police Organizations annual awards ceremony in Washington D.C. Officer Mike Grasso received the national "Top Cop" award, for rescuing a seven-year-old boy from the sweeping current of the Pacoima Wash. Officer Grasso also received the Department's Medal of Valor earlier in the year.

I he installation of the Department's new computer system is approaching completion. This new network will enable officers to spend less time in the stations doing manual administrative tasks and more time out on patrol. This system is being funded by the Mayor's Alliance for a Safer Los Angeles.

I hanks to the men and women of the Los Angeles Police Department, great strides have been made in 1996. Though the early 1990s have been particularly difficult with earthquakes, trials, and civil unrest, the City of the Queen of Angels is returning to its reigning glory. I look forward to continuing our successes in 1997.



Police Commission Inspector General hired in 1996

Back in 1991, the Christopher Commission recommended that an office within the Police Commission be created with the "responsibility to oversee the Los Angeles Police Department's disciplinary process and to participate in the adjudication and punishment of the most serious cases."

Residents of the City of Los Angeles passed Charter Amendment 3, in April 1995 which officially created the position of Inspector General. This position reports directly to the Board of Police Commissioners. The Charter's description of the Inspector's duties are to "audit, investigate, and oversee the Police Department's handling of complaints of misconduct by police officers and civilian employees and perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Board." The first Inspector General was hired on July 1, 1996.

The primary objectives and major responsibilities include:

- 1. Receiving and monitoring the processing of complaints from the public and police employees;
- 2. Reviewing use-of-force incidents, officer-involved shootings, and issues of discipline and training arising from such incidents;
- 3. Analysis of trends in the areas of complaints, use-of-force, civil litigation, and employee discipline;
- 4. Conducting specific investigations at the request of the Police Commission;
- 5. Ensuring overall fairness and objectivity in the disciplinary system.

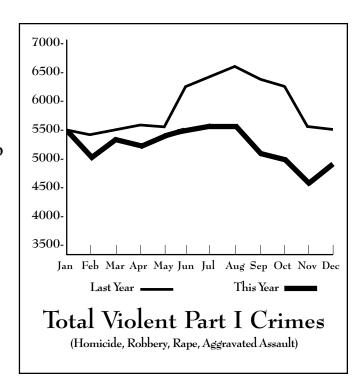
In 1996, the Office of the Inspector General has looked into the citizen complaint system, the Internal Affairs investigation process, the resolution of complaints (adjudication), and special projects such as the Detective Mark Fuhrman investigation, the proposed merger between the Department and the Metropolitan Transit Authority, and revised Anti-Terrorist Division guidelines.

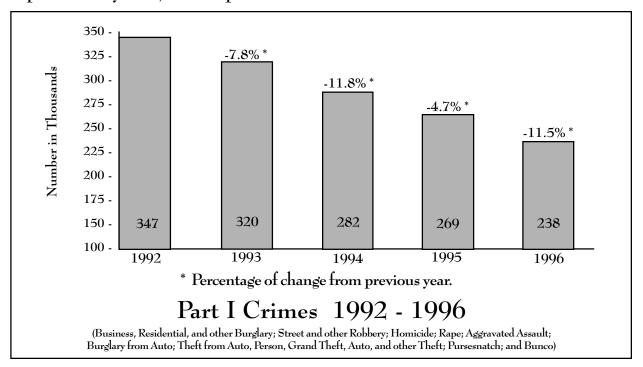


1996 shows additional reduction in crime

The rate of crime is one of the standards by which city residents judge their police department. The reduction of crime is an integral part of the mission of the Los Angeles Police Department. The close of the year 1996 brought the welcome news that again, for the fourth straight year, crime is down in the City of Los Angeles.

The incidence of violent crime, which includes homicide, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault, dropped an average of 11 percent. In some eastern areas of the City, violent crime is down 30 percent. City-wide, over the past



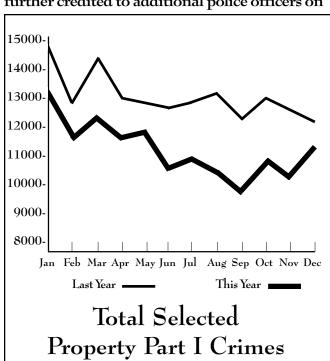




Fourth straight year of improvement

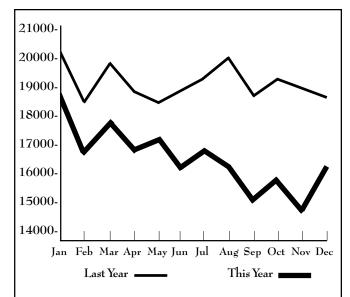
four years, the homicide rate has plunged 34 percent, this year alone dropping 15.6 percent over last year. Burglary, larceny, and vehicle theft are also down considerably this year with more than a 10 percent reduction in each category.

Although nationally, serious crime is on a downward trend, Los Angeles has shown decreases in larger percentages. Riding on the momentum of demographic theories of aging of baby-boomer males passing through the ages when they are most likely to commit crimes, the drop of crime in Los Angeles can be further credited to additional police officers on



(Theft from Person, Burglary, Auto Theft,

Burglary-Theft from Auto)



Total Selected Part I Crimes

(Burglary-Theft from Auto, Homicide, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assult, Burglary, Auto Theft, Theft from Person)

the streets, and community policing activities such as citizen surveillance teams, volunteer academies, Community-Police Advisory Boards, and curfew enforcement teams.

Locally, according to preliminary figures from the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Uniformed Crime Reporting Program, Los Angeles ranks fifth in crime reduction of Los Angeles County's 15 most populated cities, those of 100,000 or more residents, outdone only by Pasadena, Santa Clarita, Long Beach, and Glendale.

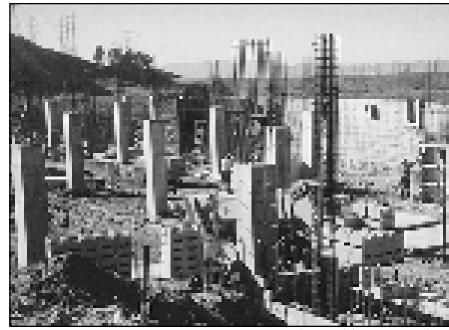
> Graph information from the Los Angeles Police Department Information Resources Division's 1996 Statistical Digest



Police Facilities update

Police facilities improvements surged forward in 1996.
Through funding provided by Proposition 2, the Police Facilities Bond Measure, approved by voters in 1989, current projects under construction include two training sites, three stations, and one regional facility. An additional regional facility is in the planning and design stage.

Highlighting an active construction year was the ground breaking of the Emergency Vehicles Operation Center in Granada Hills. This new 44-acre state-of-the-art training complex will include offices; classrooms, vehicle maintenance and storage facilities, driver training areas for vehicles and



Emergency Vehicle Operations Center-Building #1 ground level formwork for vehicle storage area.

→ 77th St. Regional Facility - Front entrance looking northeast from Central and 77th street.

motorcycles, and firearms and tactics facilities, including shooting ranges. It is estimated to be completed in early 1998. Currently, firearms training is located at the Police Academy in Elysian Park, and the Department's driver training facility located at Ontario Airport.



Work continued on the Recruit Training Center in Pacific Area. Primary interior modifications have been completed for interim training as design and construction work for long term needs and seismic upgrading continues. When completed, this training center will include a television studio and food service facilities.



Three new stations in progress

The 77th Regional Facility moved closer to its April 1997 completion date. This new facility will include an administration building, a vehicle maintenance facility, a 178 bed detention center, and a 450-car parking structure.

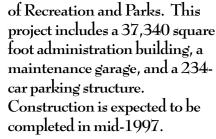
Construction is 98 percent complete on the new Newton Area Station. Constructed on a new site, this station will include a 38,359 square foot administration building, a maintenance garage, and a 230-car parking structure.

The replacement of North Hollywood Station is being constructed on property that was exchanged with the Department

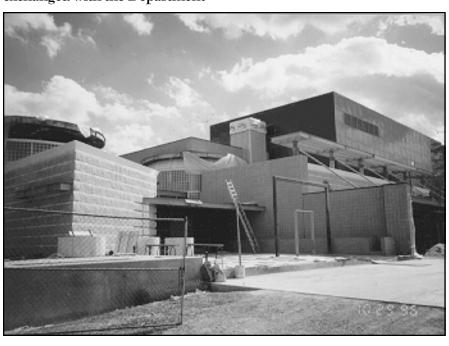


Newton Station - Installation of windows and framing at front entrance, as viewed from Central Avenue.

North Hollywood Station -Nearing completion, front entrance with installation of sandstone walkway.



The Wilshire Area Regional Facility expansion is in the design stage. Construction is expected to begin in mid-1997. This 36,000 square foot building will serve as an administration facility and will house the staff of Operations West Bureau, West Traffic Division, and units from Wilshire Division. This is the only facility funded by the 1989 Police Facilities Bond Measure, to be designed entirely "inhouse." The project architect, from the Department of Public Works, will also serve as the construction project manager.





Ordinary People, Extraordinary Events

Everyday the men and women of the Los Angeles Police Department routinely perform heroic and life-threatening feats along with heartwarming and tender acts of kindness. All are equally important and remain in the hearts of those who benefitted from them, yet only a few are captured on film or preserved in print. Of those captured, we will never forget...

When Officer Michael Grasso fearlessly dove into the cold, rushing currents of the Pacoima Wash and saved the life of a 7-year-old boy and a man after a long and arduous struggle in the violent waters. This incredible act of heroism not only earned Grasso the Department's highest honor, the Medal of Valor, but it also made him one of the few prestigious recipients of the "Top Cop" award presented by the National Association of Police Organizations in Washington D.C.

When Officers Peter Vanderburgh and Michael Gutilla participated in an unbelievable act of heroism after noticing a vehicle speed by them with an unconscious driver on the Ventura Freeway. Without hesitation, they sped up and placed their patrol car in front of the runaway vehicle, locked bumpers, and gradually brought the vehicle to a safe stop. Their quick thinking saved not only the life of the unconscious driver, but also countless other motorists on that freeway.

When Officer Robert "Red" Falconer participated in a tedious Easter morning rescue of six ducklings that had fallen down a storm drain. Falconer helped devise a short ramp for the ducklings to waddle up and then extended his arm into the drain and let the ducklings crawl into his hand when they reached the top of the makeshift ramp. One by one, he lifted the ducklings out of the drain. They were then transported to a safe future with a professional licensed to raise wild birds.

The Los Angeles Police History Museum

A Step Forward...into the Past

Groundbreaking ceremonies added to the growing excitement and anticipation for the Los Angeles Police History Museum and Community Education Center located at a historic Police Station in the Northeast Area. Scheduled to be open to the public in 2000, the renovated facility will feature the colorful and exciting history of the Los Angeles Police Department, along with serving as a round-the-clock Police Substation.



Magnets Attract Future LAPD Officers

In collaboration with the Los Angeles Unified School District, the Department implemented the Police Academy Magnet School, a model program designed to identify public safety leaders and begin their training at an early age. Initiated in three Los Angeles high schools, more than

100 students enrolled in the inaugural year and were exposed to a realistic idea of the training and job requirements associated with a law enforcement career. The goals of this program are best summed up by one of its students who believes this will help him become a "good police officer and a role model for kids."

The Big Graffiti Cover-Up

Plagued by serious graffiti problems blanketing the freeway underpasses in their community, members of the Devonshire Area Community Police Advisory Board came up with a great plan: have neighborhood kids paint murals on the walls instead of tagging them.

Benefits of this plan resulted in beautiful walls depicting various California themes for the community, boosted self-esteem for the kids, and greatly reduced tagging in the area. This is yet another example of community participation making the difference.

A Diverse Community... A Diverse Police Department

Cultural Diversity Training for all members of the Los Angeles Police Department continued throughout 1996. More than just a review course, this eighthour workshop delved into tough topics to reveal each person's unknown biases. The rapidly changing community of Los Angeles requires more than a Police

Department that knows the customs of various ethnicities, it also needs a Department that understands how to work effectively with the nuances, beliefs and preferences of all Angelenos. Cultural Diversity Training provided the bridge to understanding.

Automated Teller Machines in Police Station Lobbies

In an effort to provide the public with a safe location for Automated Teller Machine (ATM) transactions, in the wake of several highly publicized robberies at these machines, the Los Angeles Police Department and the Los Angeles Police Federal Credit Union installed cash machines in the lobbies of 14 police facilities throughout the City in 1996. These ATMs are available to the public seven days a week, 24-hours a day, giving the residents of the City a positive reason to visit a police station.

Los Angeles Municipal Court Judge
Michael Luros was among the first public
official to cite the need for safer ATMs a
few years ago after a disturbing rise in
violent ATM crime. A coalition of
officials from the City of Los Angeles, the
Los Angeles Police Department, and the
Los Angeles Police Federal Credit Union
joined together to launch the "Safety
Net" program. Los Angeles City
Councilmembers Hal Bernson and Laura
Chick took an active role in this effort.

The ATMs are connected to the PLUS system and the STAR system, so virtually everyone with an ATM card can use these machines. As of the close of 1996, ATMs were up and running at the Police Academy, the Recruit Training Center,

Parker Center, South Traffic Substation in the Crenshaw Plaza Mall, Central Station, Devonshire Station, Foothill Station, Harbor Station, Hollywood Station, Pacific Station, Rampart Detectives, 77th Street Station, Southeast Station, Southwest Station, Van Nuys Station, West Valley Station, and Wilshire Station.

Future ATM locations will include Northeast Station, Newton Station, North Hollywood Station, Hollenbeck Station Rampart Station, and West Los Angeles Station.



In Memoriam





On December 22, 1996, Officer Mario Navidad and his partner were called to a theft at a convenience store. Upon arriving at the scene of the crime, Officer Navidad and his partner were confronted by an armed shoplift suspect. A gun battle ensued in which Officer Navidad lost his life, and became the 187th LAPD officer to be killed in the line of duty. Officer Navidad was appointed to the Los Angeles Police Department on March 20, 1995. He will be fondly remembered by those he worked with at Wilshire Area, and at Rampart Area where he completed his probationary training, as a caring law enforcement professional.

He is survived by his wife and two children.



Medal of Valor







Ofcr. Michael Grasso



Ofcr. Theodore Hammond



Ofcr. James Panek



Ofcr. Felix Pena

Above and beyond the call of duty...

Since 1925, the Los Angeles Police Department's highest honor has been the Medal of Valor. This award recognizes heroism, bravery, and selfsacrifice in actions taken by officers which are above and beyond the call of duty.

This year, ten officers were recognized at the 37th Medal of Valor Awards Luncheon on September 11, 1996, at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel. Medals were presented to Officers Adam Gauba, Michael Grasso, Theodore Hammond, James Panek, Felix Pena, Ray Robinson, and Armen Sevdalian; Sergeants Melvin Patton, and Peter Zarcone; and Detective Tony Alvarez.

Chief of Police Willie Williams presented the medals to the recipients at the ceremony as Dodger Vice President Tommy Lasorda read their stories of heroism. More than 600 prominent representatives from local business and governmental organizations, and family members of the recipients attended the luncheon, hosted for the thirty-seventh year by the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce.

With the addition of ten Los Angeles Police Officers honored this year, 443 have received this prestigious award since its inception.



Ofcr. Ray Robinson



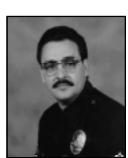
Ofcr. Armen Sevdalian



Sgt. Melvin Patton



Sgt. Peter Zarcone



Det. Tony Alvarez

Recognition Day





Police Commission Vice President Art Mattox presents the Distinguished Service Medal to Reserve Officer Paul Butler with Chief of Police Willie L. Williams at the 17th Annual Recognition Day ceremonies.

For meritorious and distinguished service...

The Department also honored 395 sworn and civilian employees at the 17th Annual Recognition Day ceremonies held on November 20, 1996. The event took place at the Police Academy Gymnasium in Elysian Park.

Medals and citations were presented to the recipients by Chief Williams, acknowledging acts of outstanding bravery and service.

Assistant Chiefs Bayan Lewis and Frank Piersol read the narrations. Police Commission Vice President Art Mattox presented the Police Commission Distinguished Service Medal. This was the largest Recognition Day in the history of the Department.

Awards presented included the Police Medal, the Department's highest award after the Medal of Valor; the Police Star; the Police Distinguished Service Medal; the Police Meritorious Service Medal; the Police Meritorious Unit Citation; and the Human Relations Medal. The Human Relations Medal is presented to employees who have shown great compassion to fellow human beings during the course of their day-to-day activities.

More than 600 friends and family members attended the ceremony.



1996 - Part 1 Crimes and Attempts

Reported to the California Bureau of Criminal Statistics and Uniform Crime Reporting Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Type of Crime	Number Reported	Crimes Unfounded/ Reclass. *	Actual 1995	Actual 1996	Percent Change
Homicide **	732	23	849	709	-16.5
Forcible Rape	1,536	71	1,590	1,465	-7.9
Robbery	25,387	192	29,134	25,195	-13.5
Aggravated Assault	35,674	199	38,945	35,475	-8.9
Burglary	36,031	168	41,325	35,863	-13.2
Larceny (except Vehicle Theft)	95,619	545	108,149	95,074	-12.1
Vehicle Theft	41,818	311	46,212	41,507	-10.2
TOTAL	236,797	1,509	266,204	235,288	-11.6

^{*} Reflects follow-up actions received after the close of a statistical month.

^{**} Under Uniformed Crime Reporting Rules, criminal homicides prosecuted under California's Felony-Murder doctrine must be statistically reported as either accidental or justifiable deaths. Therefore, the count of criminal homicides reported to State and FBI will occasionally be lower than the count reported internally.

Population*, Size, and Police Cost**



	Area	Population	Street Miles	Square Miles	Population/ Sq. Mile	Cost/ Sq. Mile	Cost/ Capita
C e n t r a l	Central Rampart Hollenbeck Northeast Newton CB Total	40,020 265,581 196,457 247,390 141,885 891,334	92 152 256 443 196	5.1 7.9 15.2 28.5 8.9	7,847 33,618 12,925 8,680 15,942 13,587	9,066,307 6,196,519 2,281,100 1,440,194 4,572,076 3,225,616	1,155.37 184.32 176.49 165.91 286.79
S o u t h	Southwest Harbor 77th Street Southeast SB Total	163,715 170,991 174,629 127,333 636,668	233 314 258 207 1,012	9.8 25.7 11.9 10.2 57.6	16,706 6,653 14,675 12,484 11,053	4,512,859 1,463,704 3,795,809 4,335,884 2,972,905	270.14 219.99 258.66 347.33 268.96
W e s t	Hollywood Wilshire West L.A. Pacific WB Total	192,819 232,839 214,648 200,096 840,402	288 320 515 375	18.9 14.5 64.3 24.1 121.8	10,202 16,058 3,338 8,303 6,900	2,369,661 3,308,482 527,671 1,848,571 1,405,906	232.27 206.04 158.07 222.65 203.76
V a 1 1 e y	Van Nuys West Valley N. Hollywd Foothill Devonshire VB Total	254,667 294,687 218,286 261,943 240,114 1,269,697	456 749 432 552 634 2,823	29.8 51.9 25.1 61.1 53.9 221.8	8,546 5,678 8,697 4,287 4,455 5,725	1,630,821 827,240 1,564,753 617,694 660,795 920,493	190.83 145.69 179.93 144.08 148.33
	Grand Total	3,638,101	6,472	466.8	7,794	1,624,346	208.42

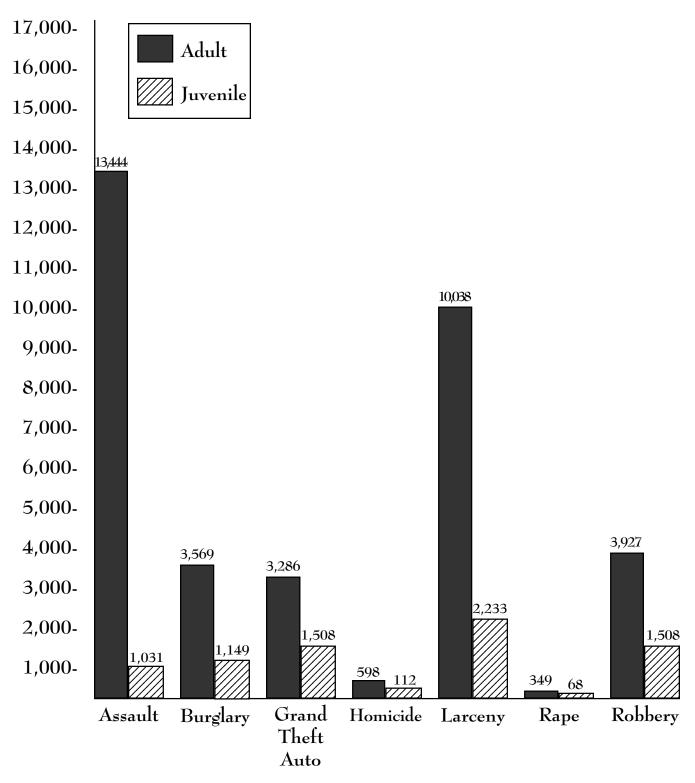
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Number of Arrests for Part I Crimes

1996



Distribution of Department Personnel



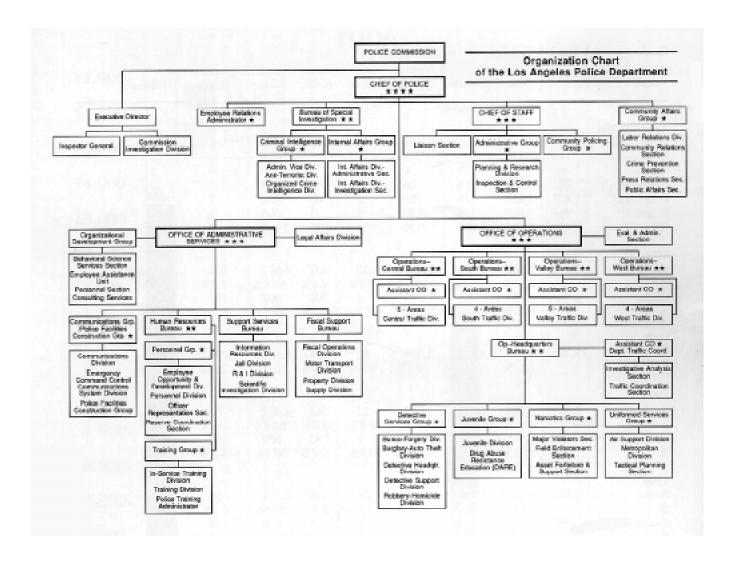
by Rank, Sex and Ethnicity

Rank	Total	Gender	Ethnici African	ty Amer.	Asian			
Sworn		Male Femal		Indian	Amer.	Cauc.	Filipino	Hispanic
Chief	1	1	1					
Assistant Chief	3	3	1			2		
Deputy Chief	7	7	1			4		2
Commander	16	16	3			10		3
Captain	65	62 3			1	52		8
Lieutenant	223	209 14	28	1	$oldsymbol{4}$	163		27
Detective	1,473	1,261 212	185	5	40	901	7	335
Sergeant	945	840 105	135	5	33	605	3	164
Police Officer	6,459	5,204 1,255	921	31	329	2,940	98	2,140
1996*								
Sworn	9,192	7,603 1,589	1,279	42	407	4,677	108	2,679
%		82.7% 17.2%	13.9%	0.4%	4.4%	50.8%	1.1%	29.1%
Civilian	3,040	1,072 1,968	1,010	8	204	907	190	721
%	,	35.2% 64.7%	33.2%	0.2%	6.7%	29.8%	6.2%	23.7%
1996								
Total	12,232	8,675 3,557	2,289	50	611	5,584	298	3,400
%		70.9% 29.0%	18.7%	0.4%	4.9%	45.6%	2.4%	27.7%
1995								
Sworn	8,509	7,064 1,445	· ·	32	344	4,462	80	2,359
%		83.0% 16.9%	14.5%	0.4%	4.0%	52.4%	0.9%	27.7%
Civilian	2,852	1,001 1,851	964	7	192	859	166	664
%		35.1% 64.9%	33.8%	0.3%	6.7%	30.1%	5.8%	23.3%
1994								
Sworn	7,873	6,618 1,255	1,166	24	290	4,314	59	2,020
%		84.1% 15.9%	14.8%	0.3%	3.7%	54.8%	0.7%	25.7%
Civilian	2,695	969 1,726	908	8	178	828	154	619
%		36.0% 64.0%	34.0%	0.3%	6.6%	30.7%	5.7%	23.0%
1983**								
Sworn	6,993	6,562 431	678	18	92	5,209	20	976
%		93.8% 6.2%	9.7%	0.3%	1.3%	74.5%	0.3%	13.9%
Civilian	2,594	1,089 1,505	981	6	103	1,018	63	423
%		42.1% 58.0%	37.8%	0.2%	4.0%	37.3%	2.4%	16.3%

^{*} As of December 31, 1996
** The first year for formatting data in this manner. (rounded to the nearest tenth)

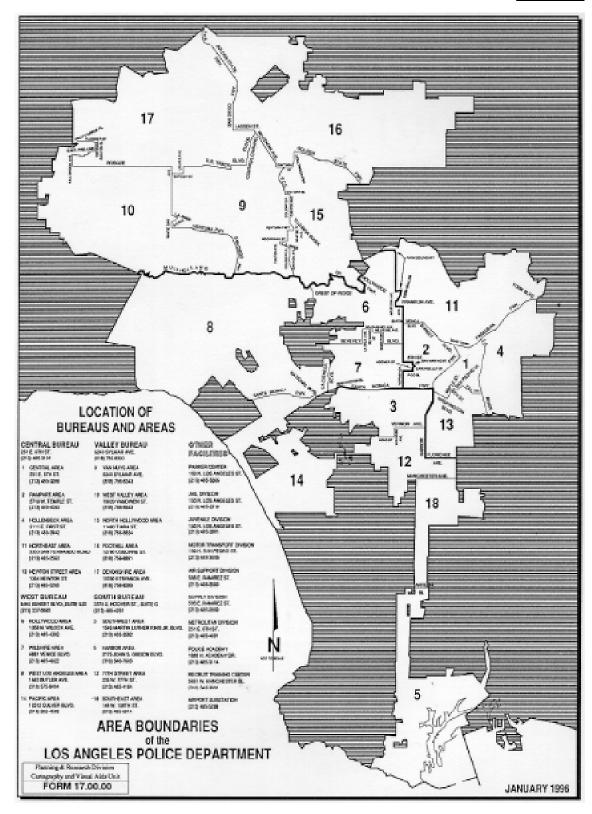


Organization Chart



Area Boundries







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