

# **DOWNNEY POLICE**

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## **ANNUAL REPORT**



*Dedication*



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Our Honor Guard is shown Presenting the Colors and performing a Flag Folding Ceremony at the dedication of our Fallen Officer Memorial on September 22, 2011.

The bronze hat pictured is part of the very detailed monument that now graces the City Hall Complex. The statue was created by Brodin Studios in Minnesota using what is known as the Lost Wax Process.

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# ***CITY COUNCIL***

***Roger C. Brossmer  
Mayor***

***David R. Gafin  
Mayor Pro-Tem***

***Mario A. Guerra  
Council Member***

***Fernando Vasquez  
Council Member***

***Luis H. Marquez  
Council Member***

***Gilbert A. Livas  
City Manager***

***John Oskoui  
Assistant City Manager***

***Rick Esteves  
Chief of Police***

# City of Downey

FUTURE UNLIMITED



January, 2012

Mr. Gilbert Livas  
City Manager  
City of Downey  
11111 Brookshire Avenue  
Downey California 90241

Dear Mr. Livas:

The year 2011 will be remembered as a year of great accomplishments and extreme challenges for the Downey Police Department. As we strive to improve all aspects of our operation, we understand that we must do so with fewer resources and funding; however, the safety of our community is our primary mission. We will not let obstacles deter us from protecting those who live and work in Downey.

The Governor's Parole Realignment has left municipal and county agencies responsible for released prisoners who were previously supervised by the California Department of Corrections Parole. The majority of these offenders are now under the direct supervision of local law enforcement, without the benefit of additional funding; this has placed a significant burden on resources. To meet the challenges during these drastic changes in the justice system, we are participating in a Southeast Regional Task Force, a collaborative effort with other police departments to conduct compliance checks on recently released inmates and ensure adherence to parole/probation conditions. The ultimate goal is to reduce the rate of recidivism and keep the public safe.

This year the Downey Police Department identified an uptick in property-related crimes, which negatively impacted our community. To address the increase, we implemented the "Crime Impact Team," a group of handpicked officers who utilize their unique talents and experience to focus on crime and quality of life issues. Their presence has resulted in a positive effect on crime. Our long-term goal is to sustain these reductions and use creative measures to fight crime through both traditional and non-traditional policing methods.

On September 22, 2011, the Department held an unveiling of our Fallen Officer Memorial, honoring Officer Wayne Presley. This emotional and beautiful piece of art commemorates the 30-year anniversary of Officer Presley's death at the hands of a drunk driver. Attending the ceremony were Officer Presley's widow, Linda, family members from the State of Missouri, as well as Wayne's partner retired Sergeant Steve Guthrie, who was critically injured that terrible night. The event, planned by the members of our staff, was awe-inspiring and memorable. This was the proudest moment of my police career.

In furtherance of the true law enforcement mission, "to protect and to serve," this Department is dedicated to continue to apply the highest level of professional service to all who live, work, and play in the City of Downey.

On behalf of the Men and Women of the Downey Police Department, I wish to express our sincere appreciation to you and the City Council for your continued support.

Sincerely,

*Rick Esteves*

Rick Esteves  
Chief of Police



# YEAR IN REVIEW



Early in the year, the *Special Enforcement Team (S.E.T.)* seized four electronic slot machines from two Downey businesses which were being used for *gambling* purposes.

In June, the *Special Enforcement Team* conducted a series of alcohol compliance checks at local bars and liquor stores resulting in arrests for selling alcohol to a minor, for selling narcotics, and for an establishment providing alcohol after hours. Later that month, follow-up

inspections resulted in an additional arrest for selling alcohol to a minor and a report of an establishment who had liquor bottles contaminated with insects.

In total, the SET team conducted 32 alcohol compliance checks at bars and liquor stores and 18 City park checks during 2011.

In January the Downey *Code Enforcement Unit's* continuing efforts against illegally posting signs on the public right-of-way resulted in a misdemeanor conviction of a habitual violator of City public nuisance laws. The violator was placed on 36 months summary probation, ordered to perform six days of CalTrans service and pay \$100 to the State Victim's Restitution Fund and \$6,800 to the City.

Through their diligent efforts, the *Code Enforcement Unit* ensured that a bank-owned, vacant property in the 12800 block of Downey Avenue was cleaned up. The property, which had been vandalized and occupied by squatters, is now well maintained.



In April and October, DPD personnel, Explorers and the Drug Enforcement Administration sponsored the *Prescription Medication "Take Back"* at the Discovery Sports Complex. These events offer community members a safe and convenient opportunity to rid their homes of potentially dangerous drugs and minimize the potential for misuse and abuse. The two days resulted in 773 pounds of drugs turned in along with a large number of used hypodermic syringes.







In April, *Neighborhood Watch*, together with Keep Downey Beautiful, hosted a Clean-up event at *Crawford Park*. Illegal park activities prompted residents to organize the event, which included shrubbery removal and trimming overgrown bushes creating better visibility. This great volunteer turnout of neighbors, a local church group, and Council Member Brossmer demonstrated the group's willingness to donate a little time and make a big difference in their community.

*Neighborhood Watch* held a meeting on *Elm Vista Drive* in June, with approximately 20 residents attending. Police and Code Enforcement officers provided crime prevention tips and addressed citizen concerns. Council Members Gafin and Guerra were in attendance.



The *Donovan Neighborhood Watch* group held its Annual Summer Barbecue in August. The Downey Police and Fire Departments provided some helpful tips on bicycle and fire safety. Council Members Gafin and Guerra joined the group in this wonderful community event.



Later in August, the *Dunrobin Avenue Neighborhood Watch* group hosted its 3rd Annual Barbecue. This group was established in 2008 and remains very active. Residents had the opportunity to meet Council members as well as members of the Police and Fire Departments.

Downey PD is pleased to report that on December 15th, the *100th Neighborhood Watch group* in the City was established at the Imperial Village Apartments.



# YEAR IN REVIEW

In March, the *Downey Emergency Preparedness Committee*, with assistance from CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) volunteers, Downey Police and Fire Explorers, and the Warren Red Cross Club, distributed 4,000 free plastic emergency water storage barrels to community members, all donated by the Downey Coca Cola facility.

Also in March, volunteers from the Police and Fire Departments, CERT, the *Emergency Preparedness Committee*, Warren High Red Cross Club and the Rio Hondo Chapter of the Red Cross, raised over \$25,000 for the American Red Cross to help the people of Japan recover from their earthquake and tsunami. Volunteers solicited donations from motorists at all the entrances to Stonewood Shopping Center.



Our *Emergency Preparedness Committee* participated in CERT Training on three consecutive Saturdays in April resulting in 20 community members earning their CERT certification.

On Wednesday, May 25, 2011, *Emergency Preparedness* hosted a training seminar for *Neighborhood Watch Block Captains* at the City Emergency Operations Center. Thirty block captains were educated on how to prepare their neighborhoods for a disaster.





Downey PD's **Special Response Team (S.R.T.)** participated in a multi-agency training this past March, hosted by the Pasadena Police Department and the L.A. County Sheriff's Department. The training was geared toward handling unruly crowds and acts of civil disobedience as well as providing evacuation plans during a natural disaster. Over 300 law enforcement officers from numerous cities and agencies attended.



The **S.R.T. (Special Response Team)** received training in August to prepare officers for response to wild fires, where officers would assist with emergency evacuations or area security.



In June, Downey PD, with assistance from South Gate PD, sponsored our first **Defensive Driver's Awareness Program** for police employees. The training included classroom lecture, as well as obstacle courses (located at the Downey Studios) designed to challenge driving skills.

In September, the **Range Staff** joined with the **Use of Force Staff** to provide "**Simmunitions**" training. Simmunitions consists of using duty weapons that are modified to only fire paint projectiles. Using this equipment enables officers to safely train in a variety of scenarios that closely match what they may encounter when responding to actual calls. The equipment also allows the officers to see firsthand the value of maintaining their critical skills and using good judgment during stressful encounters.



In the months of September and October the Downey Police Department **Defensive Tactics Unit** conducted perishable defensive skills training to all sworn staff. The training consisted of an 8-hour day for all sworn personnel. The class covered case law concerning use of force issues, handcuffing, searching, impact weapon defense, personal weapon defense and ground defense. At the conclusion of the class, all students participated in and completed a practical critical scenario.





# YEAR IN REVIEW

Five *Peer Support Team* members attended a Critical Incident Stress Management training course in Huntington Beach in October, which focused on tools that peer support members can use to facilitate debriefings after critical incidents.

The *Downey Police Department Communications Center* received 135,890 telephone calls, 41,398 via the 9-1-1- emergency telephone system during the 2011 calendar year. Additionally, 83,342 calls for service were handled by the Police Department.

During August, *Detective Kurtz and his partner, K-9 Duke*, made significant *narcotic seizures* leading to several arrests. The team has also been involved with investigating narcotics shipped through private companies, and K-9 Duke has located considerable amounts of Cocaine, Methamphetamine, Marijuana and over \$35,000 in US currency concealed in packages bound for shipment throughout the United States.



In November, *Detective Kurtz and K-9 Duke* assisted the Los Angeles Interagency Metropolitan Police Apprehension Crime Task Force (LA IMPACT) with a narcotics investigation at a Downey residence. Detective Kurtz and Duke searched the residence and two vehicles and discovered *60 pounds of marijuana* concealed in a hidden compartment. Duke also located narcotic paraphernalia inside the residence resulting in an arrest.

In total, during 2011, *K-9 Duke* recovered over 165 pounds of cocaine, 93 pounds of marijuana, 46 pounds of methamphetamine, and over 1.3 million dollars in U.S. currency.

Downey Police *Narcotic Detectives* conducted an undercover operation in December that involved suspects in a large scale marijuana distribution case. Their investigation ultimately led to a single family residence in the City of Los Angeles where a search warrant was served. During the search, Detectives located approximately *300 pounds of marijuana* and \$100,000 in US Currency.



In October, a concerned citizen found a cell phone at a local gas station and discovered it contained child pornography. The phone was turned in to the Department, and the **Hi Tech Crime Unit** initiated an investigation. Through a detailed forensic examination of the phone, the Unit was able to identify the owner. The suspect, who was residing in Los Angeles with family members, including small children, was arrested and charged with possession of child pornography.

In May Detectives Ron Gee and Tim Lau provided two 30-minute presentations on **Internet Safety** to almost 2,000 students at Warren High School and 2,000 students at Downey High. The presentations educate students regarding the safe use of "Social Networking" sites such as "Facebook" and "MySpace," along with the possible consequences of "Cyberbullying" and "Sexting." In addition, the Unit has spoken at Neighborhood Watch meetings and has educated over 9,000 adults and children on internet safety.



In early December, **Forensics Supervisor Ted Hiler** was honored to be a guest speaker at a Schengen European Counselor meeting at the Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in Los Angeles. Ted, who was born in Ledziny Poland, has extensive background and experience in his field, and he spoke to the group of European Ambassadors on the topic of Forensics Science and DNA Computer Forensics, sharing many stories of his years in law enforcement.

During 2011, Forensics Supervisor Ted Hiler attended over **280 hours of computer forensics software training** at the Guidance Software headquarters in Pasadena. In early 2012, Ted will be certified as a Computer Forensics Examiner with this software.





# DOWNNEY BY THE NUMBERS





# Crime / Arrests

## F.B.I. Index Crimes

<i>Homicide</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Rape</i>	<i>23</i>
<i>Robbery</i>	<i>204</i>
<i>Aggravated Assault</i>	<i>161</i>
<i>Burglary</i>	<i>766</i>
<i>Larceny / Theft</i>	<i>2,052</i>
<i>Motor Vehicle Theft</i>	<i>1,055</i>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>4,263</b>

# Traffic Information

## Collision Reports

<i>Fatal</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Injury</i>	<i>442</i>
<i>Property Damage</i>	<i>472</i>
<i>Hit and Run</i>	<i>195</i>
<b>TOTAL COLLISIONS</b>	<b>1,112</b>

## Traffic Citations

<i>Moving</i>	<i>17,691</i>
<i>Non-Moving</i>	<i>19,196</i>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>36,887</b>

## Arrests

<i>Adult</i>	<i>3,039</i>
<i>Juvenile</i>	<i>730</i>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3,769</b>

## Authorized Personnel

<i>Sworn</i>	<i>117</i>
<i>Non-Sworn</i>	<i>68</i>
<i>(Full Time)</i>	<i>(47)</i>
<i>(Part Time)</i>	<i>(21)</i>

*Chaplains* *4*

*Explorers* *30*

*Volunteers* *1*

## Reported Crimes And Incidents

*Reports* *12,262*

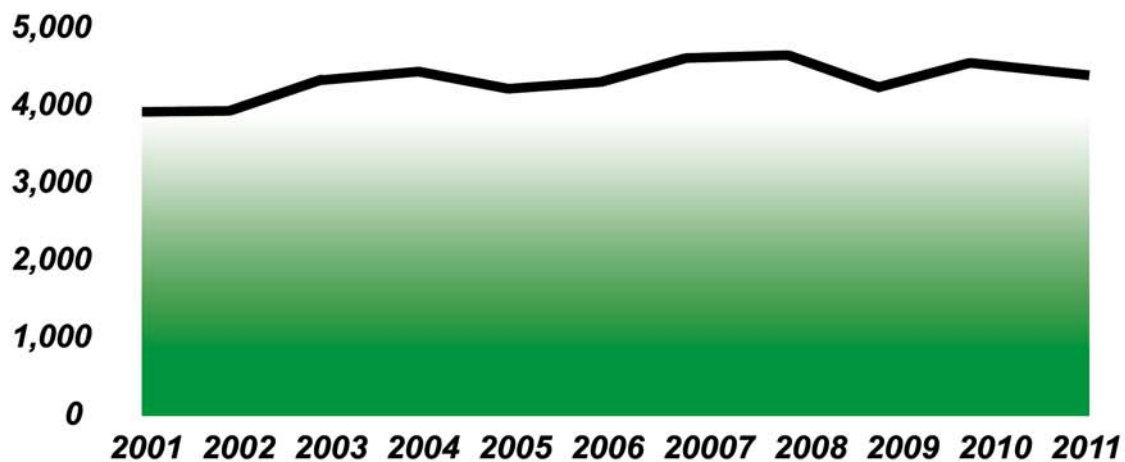


# F.B.I. INDEX CRIMES

2001 - 2011

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
<i>Homicide</i>	5	1	4	0	7	4	3	3	4	8	2
<i>Rape</i>	20	17	23	19	30	21	17	24	18	17	23
<i>Robbery</i>	208	195	216	238	250	248	288	252	234	199	204
<i>Aggravated Assault</i>	200	270	257	192	161	177	208	172	189	172	161
<i>Burglary</i>	490	556	589	548	579	584	669	711	524	656	766
<i>Larceny / Theft</i>	1,793	1,595	1,818	2,109	1,848	1,897	2,173	2,038	2,107	2,372	2,052
<i>Motor Vehicle Theft</i>	999	1,064	1,178	1,113	1,102	1,144	1,033	1,231	947	927	1,055
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3,715</b>	<b>3,698</b>	<b>4,085</b>	<b>4,219</b>	<b>3,977</b>	<b>4,075</b>	<b>4,391</b>	<b>4,431</b>	<b>4,023</b>	<b>4,351</b>	<b>4,263</b>

## F.B.I. Index Crimes





# STATISTICAL DATA

2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011

## Collision Reports

Fatal	9	3	2	3	5	9	6	3	4	9	3
Injury	477	458	469	489	489	469	488	504	440	472	442
Property Damage	415	400	566	882	829	689	665	638	505	447	472
Hit and Run			235	222	283	241	233	264	224	201	195
Total Collisions	901	861	1,272	1,596	1,601	1,408	1,392	1,409	1,173	1,129	1,112

## Reported Crimes and Incidents

Reports	13,891	12,297	13,933	14,129	14,139	13,665	14,271	14,625	13,410	12,961	12,262
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## Traffic Citations

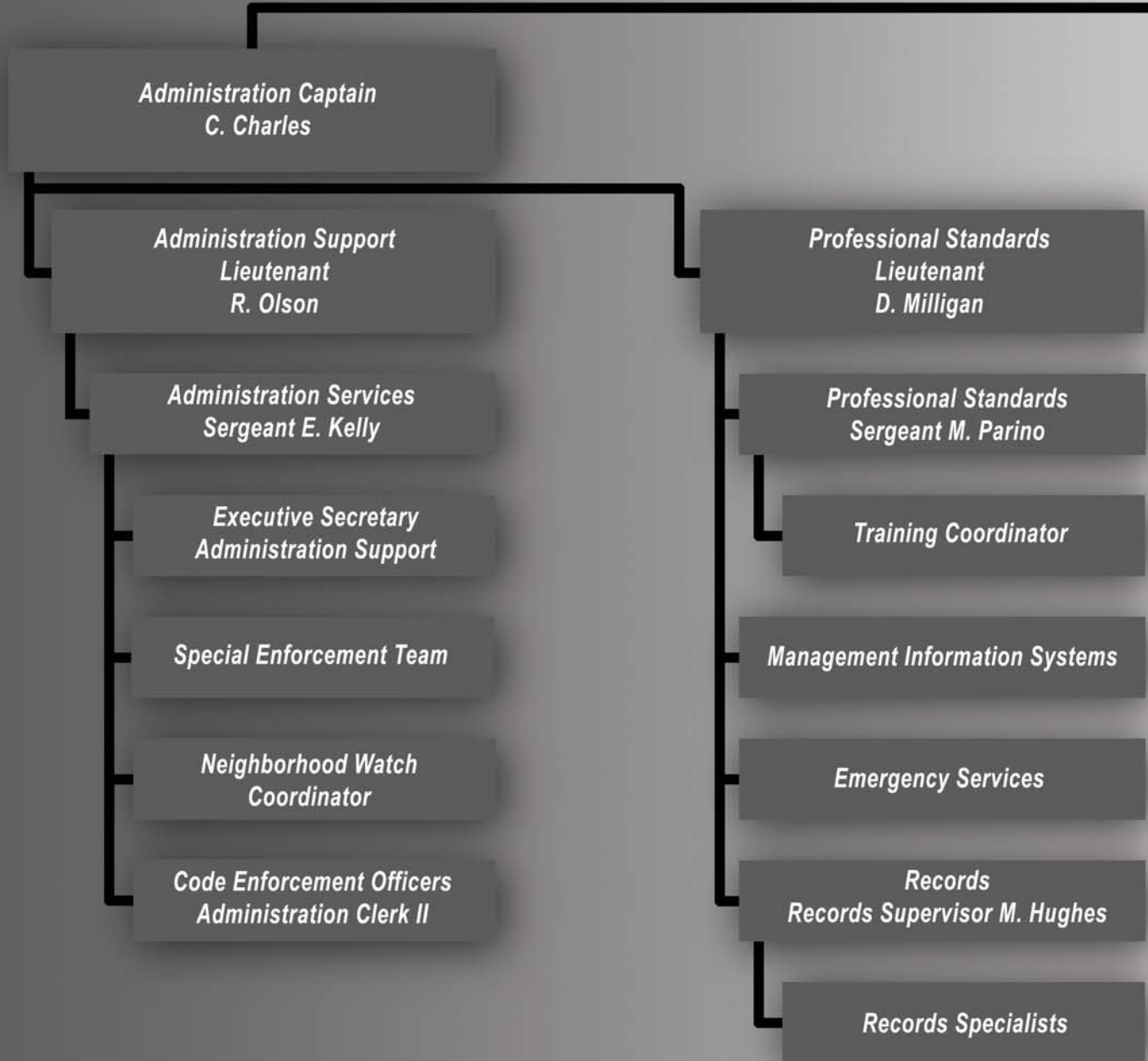
Moving	16,237	16,939	14,427	16,001	16,872	15,278	17,191	15,536	17,506	19,359	17,691
Non-Moving	24,504	31,042	31,184	26,478	24,627	28,997	28,630	25,867	25,026	19,396	19,196
Total Vehicle Citations	40,741	47,981	45,611	42,479	41,499	44,275	45,821	41,403	42,532	38,755	36,887

## Arrests

Adults	3,857	3,906	2,648	3,297	3,434	3,253	2,879	3,281	3,691	3,517	3,039
Juvenile	810	879	703	931	968	1,048	1,109	1,066	954	963	730
Total Arrests / Cites	4,667	4,785	3,351	4,228	4,402	4,301	3,988	4,347	4,645	4,480	3,769



# ORGANIZATIONAL CHART





**Chief of Police  
R. Esteves**

**Secretary to  
Chief of Police**

**Field Operations Captain  
J. Heckel**

**Secretary**

**Lieutenants  
M. McDaniel  
K. Mendoza  
L. Murray  
R. Wells**

**Sergeants**

**Police Officers**

**Special Operations  
Sergeant D. Murray**

**Motors / Traffic Detective  
Parking Enforcement  
Sweeper Enforcement  
Community Service Officer  
Police Aides**

**Communications  
Communications Supervisor H. Calhoun**

**Communications Operators**

**Detectives Captain  
S. Garza**

**Secretaries**

**Investigations  
Lieutenant  
P. Rego**

**Crimes Against Persons  
Sergeant A. Irizabal**

**Detectives**

**Crimes Against Property  
Sergeant B. Baker**

**Detectives  
Community Service Officer**

**Narco / Vice / Gang Detail / Canine  
Sergeant D. Zimmerman**

**Detectives**

**Forensics  
Forensic Supervisor T. Hiler**

**Forensic Specialists  
Property Evidence Technician**



# PERSONNEL

## ADMINISTRATION

### **Chief of Police**

Esteves, Rick

### **Secretary to the Chief of Police**

Wild, Patricia N.

### **Captain**

Charles, Carl D.

### **Executive Secretary**

Cervantes, Momi N.

### **Lieutenant**

Milligan, Dean R.

Olson, Ronald D.

### **Sergeant**

Kelly, Edward A.

Parino, Michael V.

### **Special Enforcement Team**

Doyle, Dustin R., Cpl.

Rosario, Vincent R., Cpl.

### **Neighborhood Watch**

#### **Coordinator**

Guzman, Jane\*\*

### **Training Coordinator**

Ehrenfeldt, John M. P/T

### **Systems Management**

Aldridge, David B.

Information Systems Officer

Parker, Craig D.

Network Engineer

Toussieng, Jeffrey B.

IT Technician

### **Records Supervisor**

Hughes, Marilynn C.

### **Police Records Specialist I**

Audelo, Patricia A.

Curtis, Deborah A. P/T

Duran, Lorena P.

Dutot, Margaret E. P/T

Gutierrez, Stacy M. P/T

Henson, Jessica W., P/T

Jimenez-Jones, Jessica M. P/T

Lizarraga, Denice R., P/T

Peña, Cynthia D. P/T

Preda, Jennifer\*\*

Ruiz, Jessica E.

Silveira, Linda D.

Wilson, Cheryl A.

### **Police Records Specialist II**

Christiansen, Patricia A.

Jaeger, Sheranne C.\*\*

Pungdumri, Viyarat

### **Volunteer**

Taylor, Bette

### **Police Officer Recruit**

Escobedo, Dominick A.\*\*

### **Administrative Clerk II**

Faulkner, Marie C.

### **Code Enforcement Officer**

Detterich, Mark V.

Reyes, Luz M.

Seib, Vicki E.

Travers, Christopher

Weinrich, Robert L.

Zia, Amir A.

### **Chaplains**

Denisac, Charles (Volunteer)

Guerra, Mario (Volunteer)

Kravig, Glenn (Volunteer)

Tran, Luan-Vu (Volunteer)

\*\*Promotions/Reclassifications in 2011

## **DETECTIVES**

### **Captain**

Garza, Stephen D.

### **Secretary**

Williams, Lynette M.

### **Lieutenant**

Rego, Phillip R.

### **Sergeant**

Baker, Brian D.

Irizabal, Alejandro M.

Toledo, Gilbert

Zimmerman, David K.

### **Investigator**

Aubuchon, Steven R., Cpl.

Chamberlin, Peter L.

Del Rio, Robert, Cpl.

Galindo, Mark A., Cpl.

Galindo, Michael H., Cpl.

Gatfield, Sam W., Cpl.

Gee, Rhonald E., Cpl.

Gutierrez, Rocio, Cpl.

Hernandez, Paul J., Cpl.

Hill, Jeffrey J., Cpl.

Klevos, Jason P., Cpl.

Kurtz, Christopher J., Cpl.

Lau, Timothy Y., Cpl.

Llamas, Jaime

Medina, Lorraine, Cpl.

Price, Jerry A., Cpl.

Renteria, Rolando

Roberts, Ethan L.

Sanchez, Javier G., Cpl.

Sherman, Boady L., Cpl.

Tscharanyan, Adriana

Weinrich, Nathan T., Cpl.

### **Forensic Supervisor**

Hiler, Ted

### **Forensic Specialist**

Anderson, Laurie M. P/T

Krueck, Deborah J.

Pominville, Jean M.

### **Forensic Intern**

Frausto, Jessica P/T

### **Community Service Officer**

Metoyer, Toshiba M.

### **Property/Evidence Technician**

Cole, Leisure L.

### **Police Aide I P/T**

Olivas, Carmen S.

### **Narcotics Canine**

Duke



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# PERSONNEL

## FIELD OPERATIONS

### **Captain**

Heckel, James M.

### **Secretary**

Miller, Darita P.

### **Lieutenant**

McDaniel, Mark C.

Mendoza, Kathleen M.

Murray, Leslie R.

Wells, Randy R.

### **Sergeant**

Cooper, Dwayne

Goeckner, Terence L.

Lacy, Leigh M.

Loughner, Scott R.

McCaster, Kevin D.

Miller, Perry S. \*\*

Patrick, Randall C.

Salazar, Raul

Samano, Daniel J.

Villegas, Maria A. \*\*

### **Traffic Detective**

Griffin, Jeffrey P., Cpl.

### **Special Operations**

Murray, Daniel R.

### **Motor Officer**

Haxton, Mark L., Cpl.

Maher, Christopher L.

McNeill, Rodney J., Cpl.

Nagel, Noah B.

Pelayo, Jaime J., Cpl.

Penrose, Sean P., Cpl.

Villegas, Angel

### **Patrol Officer**

Aguilar, Alberto

Barajas, Jose L.

Bassi, Matthew P.

Bejines, Carlos H., Cpl.

Boggs, Garth C., Cpl.

Castaneda, Susana

Castro, Eduardo

Caswell, Mark A.

Chaidez, Bryan

Clemann, Melissa K.

Daniel, John S.

Diaz, Jr., Ralph A.

Edwards, Douglas P.

Estrada, Jason R.

Flores, Mario R.

Galvez, Ricardo

Garcia, Michelle

Garcia Jr., Richard

Gilley, Steven D.

Gomez, Jose J., Cpl.

Greene, Michael L.

Hano, Edward F., Cpl.

Hernandez, Michael F.

Huang, Stanley

Kautz, William J., Cpl.

Kendall, Kevin L., Cpl.

Kroese, Kristopher F.

Lee, Benjamin S.

Lockwood, Todd M., Cpl.

Massie, Gerald W., Cpl.

McCullah III, Herbert E., Cpl.

Mendoza, Peter

Milosevich, Marko C.

Ortega, Damien E.

Pope, Michael R., Cpl.

Powell, Michael R.

Prentice, Justin E., Cpl.

Quint, Laura N.

Quintana, Francisco R.

Reyes, Blanca J.

Rodriguez, Alejandro M.

Rodriguez, Ivan H.

Romo, Enrique J.

Runyan, Scott I., Cpl.

Shockey, Richard S., Cpl.

Snow, Karl R.

Valenzuela, Blanca R.

Van, David A.

Villa, Gerardo M.

Ward, Robin L.

Weisenburger, Leandra M., Cpl.

Welander, Bernard A., Cpl.

Yarbrough, Joanne M.

Zamora Jr., Whinkler

### **Community Service Officer**

Medina, Luis

Perez, Alicia

Saenz, Citlalic M.

Smith, David A.

Tanori, Cathleen A.

### **Dispatch Supervisor**

Calhoun, Heidi H.

### **Public Safety Dispatcher**

Bruner, Jeana M.

Butler, Sheri Beth G.

Casados, Lisa M.

Coyne, James E. P/T

Diaz, Cerissa M. P/T

Felix, Terry A.

Flinn, Brian M.

Foster, Rhonda D.

Ruiz, Marisa F.

Salazar, Maribel

Villagrana, Crystal M.

Wells, Margarita M.

Ziemer, Melinda K. P/T

### **Parking Enforcement**

Bosquet, Sarai

Larson, Andrea L.

Melcarek, Mary A.

### **Data Entry**

Marmol, Diana C. P/T

### **Police Aide I P/T**

Andrade, Nicholas J.

Brito, Melissa L.

Otey, Michael S.

Spurlock, Mariah E.

Vuguin, Jessica R.

\*\*Promotions/Reclassifications in 2011

## **WELCOME / FAREWELL**

### **RECENTLY ONBOARD**

<i>LAURIE M. ANDERSON, Forensic Specialist P/T</i>	<i>August 1</i>
<i>JESSICA FRAUSTO, Forensic Intern P/T</i>	<i>August 1</i>
<i>MARIAH E. SPURLOCK, Police Aide</i>	<i>August 8</i>
<i>ROBIN L. WARD, Police Officer – Lateral</i>	<i>August 22</i>
<i>DOMINICK ESCOBEDO, Police Officer Recruit</i>	<i>September 6</i>
<i>JANE GUZMAN, Neighborhood Watch Coordinator</i>	<i>September 19</i>
<i>ENRIQUE J. ROMO, Police Officer – Lateral</i>	<i>September 19</i>
<i>WHINKLER ZAMORA – Police Officer</i>	<i>December 1</i>

### **RETIRED**

<i>ALLEN WAYNE RAYMOND, Corporal/Motor</i>	<i>May 4</i>
<i>JOSEPH F. EGGERT, Senior Code Enforcement Officer</i>	<i>June 30</i>
<i>CHRISTOPHER P. HANSEN, Detective/Corporal</i>	<i>August 2</i>
<i>PAUL J. KOPPES, Detective/Corporal</i>	<i>August 3</i>
<i>DANIEL R. MURRAY, Sergeant</i>	<i>December 30</i>

### **RESIGNED**

<i>LYNDSEY M. ALEXANDER, Code Enforcement Officer P/T</i>	<i>December 13</i>
<i>BARBARA A. DIERS, Community Service Officer</i>	<i>December 31</i>





# OUR COMMUNITY, OUR COMMITMENT

In February, fourth grader *Fausto Rojas*, pictured with Chief Esteves, asked the Chief to sponsor him in the “*Run Your Heart Out*” Jogathon to help raise money for instructional supplies, computers, books and field trips for Rio Hondo Elementary School. Fausto didn’t let us down and was the winner, also earning the honor of “Principal for a Day!”



Each year, *St. Raymond’s* invites community members to their *Community Breakfast* in appreciation for support and sponsorship of various projects and events throughout the year. The event is held in February during Catholic Schools Week and everyone is treated to entertainment provided by their wonderful school choir.

Pictured left to right are: Council Member Mario Guerra, Fire Chief Lonnie Croom, Assembly Member Lucille Royball-Allard and Chief Rick Esteves.

Just when we thought we knew everything about *Code Enforcement Officer Bob Weinrich*, we find yet another area of his expertise – Astronomy. Bob, a member of the Los Angeles Astronomical Society and the Orange County Amateur Astronomers, volunteers his time at the Columbia Memorial Space Center for their *Star Gazing* events.

In fact, Bob approached the Center back in 2010 with the idea of presenting these events and even brought his own telescopes. Bob has since donated one of his telescopes to the Center to the joy of many residents who have been able to benefit from his generosity. Bob also presents astronomy programs to Downey Unified and other local school districts. Another “can do” Downey employee, *Network Engineer Craig Parker*, also volunteers his time at the *Star Gazing* events and can frequently be found at Griffith’s Observatory with Bob, both sharing their equipment and expertise. Who knew???







This handsome group was onboard to proudly escort Downey's award winning 2012 Rose Float entry back into the City

### **IT'S A FAMILY AFFAIR**

For several years now, Corporal Kevin Kendall and his family have volunteered their time during the week after Christmas to decorate the Downey Rose Float entry. Their involvement began when daughter Jessica was crowned a Miss Downey Princess in 2010. Sarah and Kevin are now Rose Float Association Board Members and are involved in float construction decisions.

This year, the Downey Police Officers Association will sponsor Jessica in her quest for the Miss Downey Crown. Maybe we'll see her next year in the Rose Parade riding on the float her parents helped decorate!

Team Downey took to the streets in April to participate in the annual *Special Olympics Torch Run*.



Captain Steve Garza joined the City team for the annual *Arc Walk for Independence*, held Saturday, March 26th

Students from *Carpenter Elementary School's* campus newspaper, "*The Patriot Times*," interviewed Mayor Luis Marquez, Fire Chief Lonnie Croom, and Police Chief Rick Esteves. Their visit included a tour of City Hall and the police station.





# OUR COMMUNITY, OUR COMMITMENT

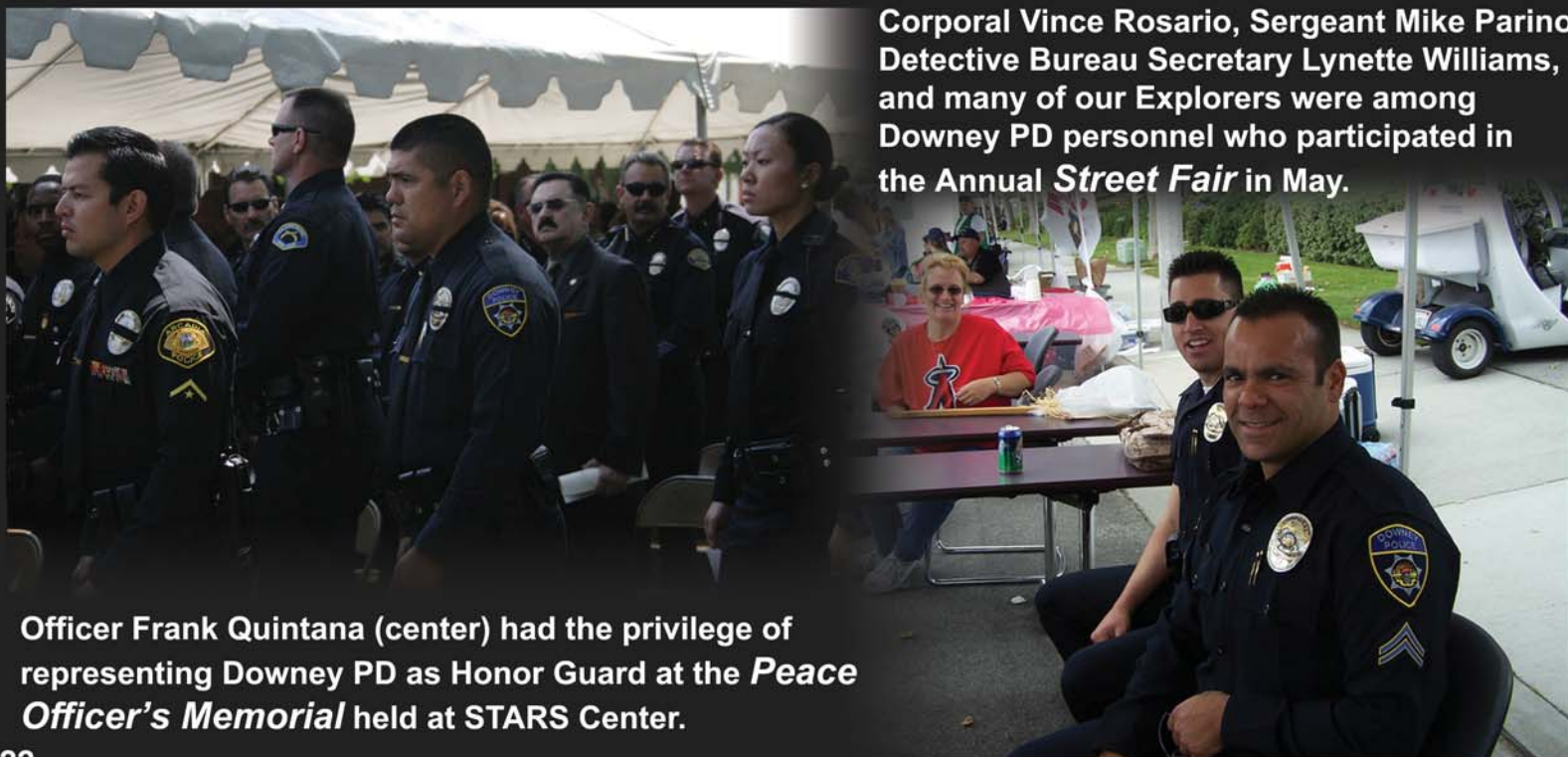
**Chief for a Day, Kimberly Arias** from Downey High School (shown here looking very capable and quite at home in Chief Esteves' chair) took on the role of Police Chief on *Youth in Government* day, April 26th. Students from Downey Unified School District assumed the roles of Department Heads and participated in a mock City Council Meeting. Staff assisted Kimberly in preparing a mock agenda report, which she presented before students assigned the roles of Council Members.



Police Chief Rick Esteves shared some of his favorite books with preschool children and their parents at a *Police Week Storytime* on May 10 at the Library. Officer Jaime Pelayo also read to children at the Library's Bilingual Storytime on May 11 and shared what it is like to work as a police officer.



Corporal Vince Rosario, Sergeant Mike Parino, Detective Bureau Secretary Lynette Williams, and many of our Explorers were among Downey PD personnel who participated in the Annual *Street Fair* in May.



Officer Frank Quintana (center) had the privilege of representing Downey PD as Honor Guard at the *Peace Officer's Memorial* held at STARS Center.



The Downey Community held several events in observance of the tenth anniversary of the lives lost on **September 11th, 2001**.

**Officer Joanne Yarbrough being welcomed at the Downey First Baptist Church**



**Furman Park**

**Annual "Blue Mass" at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church**



In October, Police Chief Rick Esteves had the pleasure of speaking to students enrolled in the **AVID Program at East Middle School**. The AVID program targets students in the academic middle – B, C and even D students, who have the desire to go to college. Many of these students will be the first in their family to attend college, and Chief Esteves shared his personal story and the rewards of hard work.



On Sunday, November 20th, The **Downey Police Officers Association held its annual Christmas Toy Drive softball tournament** at Rio San Gabriel Park. The event collects toys for distribution to needy families in the community. Teams participating included the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Bell Gardens PD, Huntington Park PD, South Gate PD and Downey PD.

The **Thanksgiving Turkey and Christmas Toy Distributions** are just two of the annual events sponsored by our **Downey Police Officer's Association**. Joining in the fun are Department members, Explorers and the Downey Princesses.





# WHAT'S NEW???

## Neighborhood Watch Program



In 2011, the Department assumed responsibility for the *Neighborhood Watch Program*, with *Jane Guzman* selected as the Coordinator. Jane was a volunteer Police Explorer for four years and a Police Aide for six years before taking over this new position. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and Criminal Justice from California State University in Fullerton.



The newly formed *Peer Support Team's* goal is to provide support for employees who have been involved in traumatic incidents through the use of debriefings. Three members of the Peer Support Team pictured are (from left to right) Lt. Leslie Murray, Officer Melissa Clemann, and Corporal Dustin Doyle.





In early 2011, a committee was formed within the Department to develop a design plan for a *Fallen Officer Memorial*. The Committee then collaborated with our Public Works Department who provided guidance and coordinated construction. The result is a beautiful recognition honoring officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty, and is also a beautiful enhancement to the City Hall complex.



The *Crime Impact Team* is a special problems workforce consisting of personnel from different divisions. Their goal is to address specific problems or problem areas through a variety of methods including community/business awareness, surveillance, warrant, parole and probation sweeps, code enforcement and zero tolerance actions.

Our police motorcycle officers now have the capability of being equipped with a video system with the purchase of *body-worn video cameras*. The cameras record both the audio and video of an incident and are invaluable from a liability and complaint reduction standpoint.





# THE USUAL SUSPECTS



Communications Operator Marisa Ruiz



Our fantastic *Records Bureau* crew hosted the always fun and ever festive *Christmas Potluck* on December 14th. We think it was our best ever! Pictured left to right are Records Specialist II Sheranne Jaeger, Volunteer Bette Taylor, Records Supervisor Marilyn Hughes, Records Specialists Denice Lizarraga, Jessica Ruiz, Cynthia Peña, and Patty Audelo.



On December 7th, Chief Esteves, the Captains, and Lt. Milligan thanked our *Records Division* for their dedication and hard work by treating them to a *Christmas breakfast* at Mimi's Café. This is an annual event, recognizing some of our hardest working "behind the scene" employees.

Detective Secretary Lynette Williams

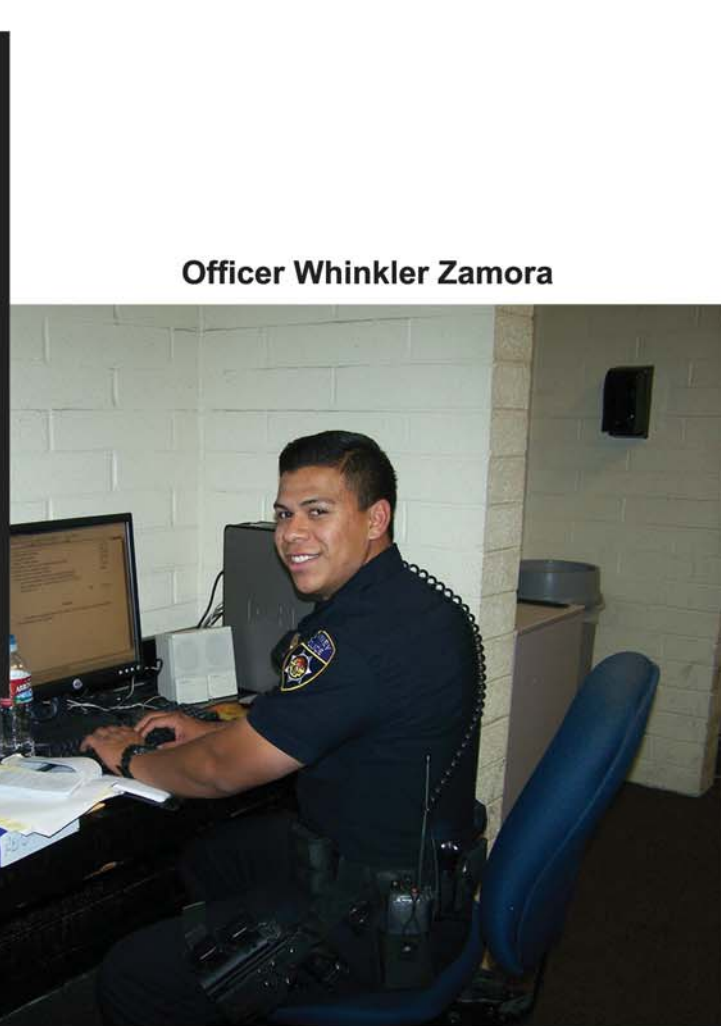


Detective Javier Sanchez





Detective Mark Galindo



Officer Whinkler Zamora



Three of our dedicated *DPOA Board members* (Sergeant Scott Loughner, Sergeant Ed Kelly, and Corporal Mike Pope) were honored and privileged to attend *Mr. Caton's retirement dinner* on December 8th.

## “BRAGGING RIGHTS”

After 16 years of volunteer coaching, Sergeant *Raul Salazar* took his Chino Hills Junior All American football team all the way to win the *Super Bowl* in the Southern California Junior All American Football Conference! This was Coach Salazar's 6th appearance in the Super Bowl with teams he has coached over the years, but this is his first Super Bowl win! Coach Salazar's 11-year-old son, Justin Dallas, plays nose guard and guard on the team, and Assistant Coach Captain Carl Charles' son, Jordan (who Coach Salazar describes as “hands down the best player in the Conference”) plays running back and safety. Downey PD congratulates the Coach and his team for an outstanding season!





# THE USUAL SUSPECTS



**Records Specialists  
Jessica Ruiz and Cynthia Peña**



**Detective Sergeant  
Alex Irizabal**



**Community Service Officer  
Alicia Perez**

## MOMI CERVANTES EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

If you think about it, *Momi Cervantes* holds the distinction of having a connection to every single person in our Department, as she is responsible for calculating payroll accruals.

Momi was hired as a Records Specialist in January 2003, where she mastered and excelled at her job. Three years later, Momi promoted to Executive Secretary in the Administration Division. In addition to her demanding and ever-changing payroll responsibilities, Momi is the System Administrator for the Everbridge Program, maintaining all employee records, and she is the TMS Manager, maintaining department equipment and inventory information. She also coordinates required grant information and documents, and her attention to detail and accuracy ensures we are in compliance with POST requirements. Two years ago, Momi earned a certificate as a Notary Public.



To say that Momi is an avid Laker fan is an understatement, and it is rare for her to miss a game. Her favorite place on earth is Hawaii, and someday she hopes to make the Aloha state her home. Many of us hope that she puts that wish on hold for a while!

Everyone who comes in contact with Momi knows her to be intelligent, helpful and always cheerful. In short, her efforts make everyone's life easier at the Downey Police Department, and we are so fortunate to have her!



# ON THE BEAT



Motor Officer Maher



Community Service Officer  
Sarai Bosquet



Corporal Pelayo



Corporal Massie



# A ROUND OF APPLAUSE



In 2011, Officer Peter Mendoza, Officer Michael Greene, and Corporal Jose Gomez excelled in their apprehension of recovering stolen vehicles, earning them the **California Highway Patrol's 10851 Award**.



In March, **MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving)** honored Officers Mark Caswell, Richard Garcia, Steven Gilley, Michael Greene and Marko Milosevich for their tenacity in apprehending drunk drivers during 2011.

During an awards luncheon hosted by the Glendale Police Foundation, **Corporal Garth Boggs** was honored with the **Community Service Award** for his contribution in identifying a suspect responsible for several thefts from churches in the Glendale area. While watching television news, Corporal Boggs recognized the suspect who resembled a subject he stopped in Downey on an earlier date. With the information provided by Corporal Boggs, Glendale Police Department's investigation resulted in the arrest and conviction of the suspect.



The Downey **Masonic Lodge** honored three of our dedicated Department members for their continued commitment and service. Receiving the award this past March were Stenographer Margo Watanabe, Corporal Chris Hansen, and Sergeant Alejandro Irizabal. Also pictured: Captain Jim Heckel, Chief Rick Esteves, Captain Carl Charles.



For outstanding service, Officer **Michael Hernandez** was chosen by his supervisors to be honored by **Metropolitan Lodge #352**, at their Constitution Observance Day Ceremony.







The **Downey Police Explorers** were recognized on June 23rd at **Arc's Annual Awards Banquet** with the **"Public Service" Award** for their participation in safeguarding walkers during the ARC Walk. The ceremony honors community members who support Arc's endeavors to help people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Additionally, the Police Explorers proudly and efficiently participate in other City functions such as KidsDay, the Street Fair and Keep Downey Beautiful.

***We got mugged - AGAIN!***

Congratulations to the **Downey PD Baker to Vegas** team who competed in the 120-mile, 27th annual Baker to Vegas relay race. The team finished 4th in their division winning a coveted "mug" for the second year in a row. The team finished 106th out of 260 teams, moving up 11 places in rank from the previous year, with the goal being to move up the ranks each year.



**Academy Graduation for Police Officer Whinkler Zamora on December 1st**

**EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER**



**Wayne Raymond**  
First Quarter



**Mike Ehrenfeldt**  
Second Quarter



**Maria Villegas**  
Third Quarter



**Jessica Ruiz**  
Fourth Quarter



# LOOKING BACK, MOVING FORWARD

## RETIREMENTS

**Detective / Corporal Chris Hansen**  
24 years of service  
Retired August 3

**Corporal / Motor Officer  
Wayne Raymond**  
25 years of service  
Retired May 4



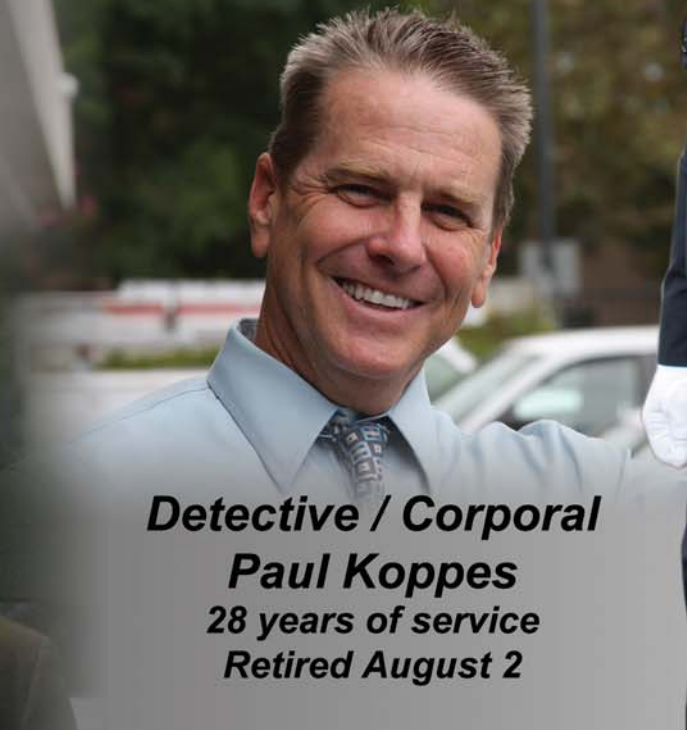
**Sergeant Dan Murray**  
29 years of service  
Retired December 31



**Code Enforcement  
Supervisor  
Joe Eggert**  
40 years of service  
Retired June 30



**Detective / Corporal  
Paul Koppes**  
28 years of service  
Retired August 2





**PROMOTIONS**



**Perry Miller**  
**Sergeant**  
*Promoted July 11th*



**Maria Villegas**  
**Sergeant**  
*Promoted December 19th*





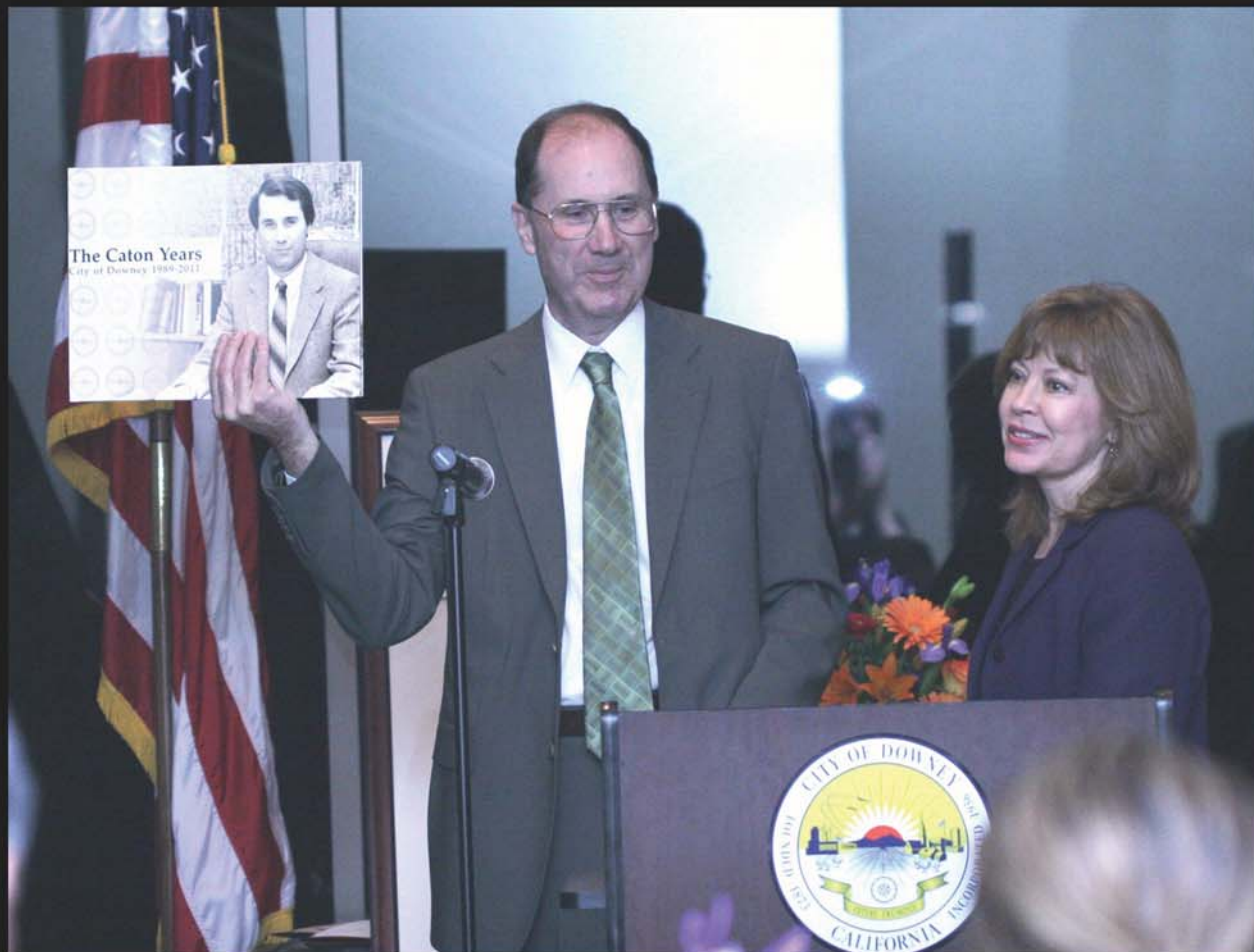
# MEMORIAL

On September 22nd, we proudly unveiled a Fallen Officer Memorial in honor of *Officer Wayne R. Presley*, the only Downey officer to be killed in the line of duty. This year marked the 30-year anniversary of the night Officer Presley was killed by a drunk driver and Sergeant Steve Guthrie was critically injured. The ceremony was attended by the entire Department, City leaders and Legislative representatives, City Hall co-workers, former employees, retirees, family who traveled from Missouri to attend, and Linda Ray, Officer Presley's widow. Our Honor Guard performed a moving flag-folding ceremony that included retired Sergeant Guthrie receiving the flag and placing it on the monument.





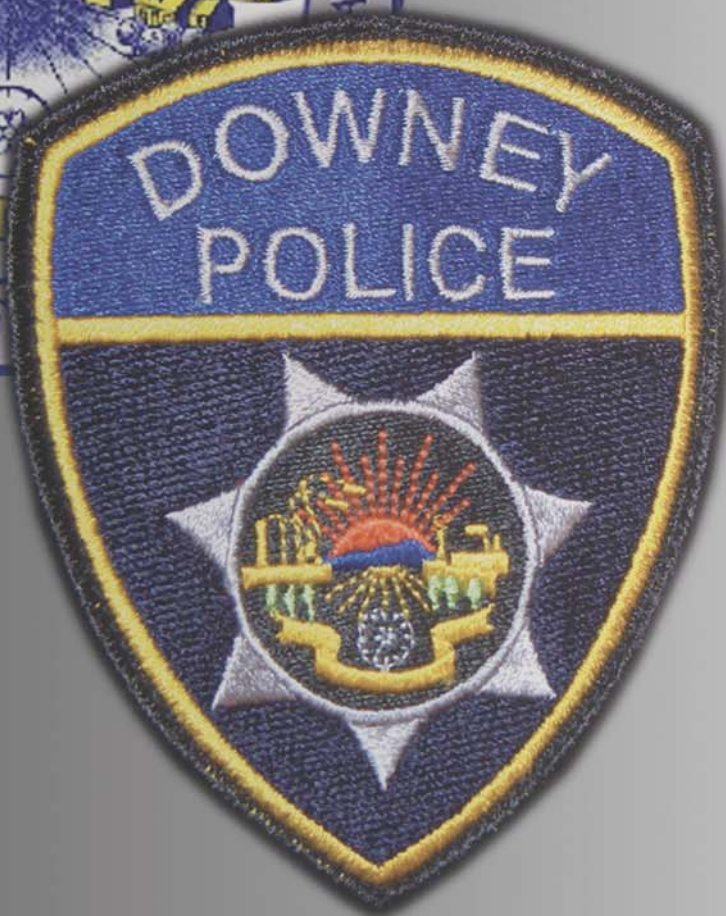
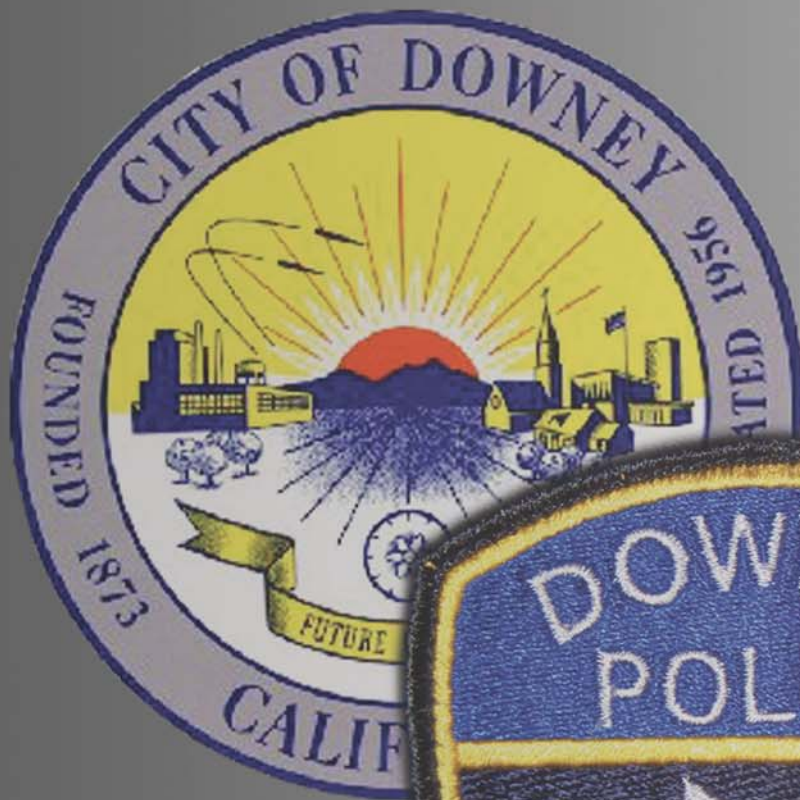
# TRIBUTE TO JERRY CATON



*Jerry Caton pictured with his secretary of 22 years, Barbara Hruden.*

On December 8th, colleagues, co-workers, friends and family honored City Manager Gerald M. Caton at a retirement dinner held at the Rio Hondo Event Center. Mr. Caton's 22-year legacy is evident throughout Downey, and his achievements and impact on the Downey Community, as well as the entire City of Downey employee family, will continue to benefit everyone for all future years to come. We thank Mr. Caton for his leadership and service, and we wish him a long and happy retirement.







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