

Executive Clergy Council

Year in Review 2011



Los Angeles County
Sheriff's Department

Leroy D. Baca, Sheriff





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Our Core Values

As a *leader* in the
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department,
I commit myself to
honorably perform my duties with
respect for the dignity of all people,
integrity to do right and fight wrongs,
wisdom to apply *common sense*
and *fairness* in all I do and
courage to stand against racism,
sexism, anti-Semitism, homophobia
and bigotry in all its forms.

Our Mission

Lead the fight to prevent
crime and injustice.
Enforce the law *fairly* and
defend the rights of all.
Partner with the people we
serve to secure and promote
safety in our communities.

Our Creed

My goals are simple.
I will always be painfully *honest*,
work as hard as I can,
learn as much as I can
and hopefully
make a difference in people's lives.

Deputy David W. March,
End of Watch April 29, 2002
(killed in the line of duty during a traffic stop)



Message From Sheriff Leroy D. Baca

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and the Executive Clergy Council are extremely proud of the collective accomplishments achieved through our spirit of unity and cooperation in 2011.

The Executive Clergy Council continues to be an integral and invaluable part of the Department's mission to provide exemplary service to all residents of Los Angeles County. Through our partnership, we have established meaningful relationships that are built on trust, respect and unyielding commitment to the Department's Core Values.

There were numerous accomplishments celebrated in 2011. They included the annual Multi-Faith Prayer Breakfast, Community Day, Unity Day, Food Drive, and the "Angel Tree Ministry" Toy Drive, to name just a few. The Executive Clergy Council also participated in the Department's Education-Based Incarceration train-the trainer program as well as the Narcotics Awareness training sponsored by the Church of Scientology. There were many other equally important and significant events we mutually shared that helped further strengthen our relationship with the faith-based community and communities at large. As we move forward, our goal will be to explore various ways to better serve humanity!

I thank you for your faithful service to the Sheriff's Department and compassionate commitment to those men, women and children who are in need of your continued support!



God Speed,

Leroy D. Baca, Sheriff

SHERIFF'S EXECUTIVE CLERGY COUNCIL

Mission Statement

As a body of volunteer clergy and lay leaders, we are unified and dedicated to our faith.

It is our mission to assist and support our community, in collaboration with the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department and to intercede with spiritual guidance in crisis situations. We aspire to improve the quality of life by identifying and addressing important community issues and concerns, by raising the level of communication between the Sheriff's Department and the citizens of our community and its surrounding areas.



Message from Bishop Edward R. Turner

It has been my distinct pleasure serving the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and the faith-based community. As the Director of the Executive Clergy Council, this partnership speaks volumes to the vision of Sheriff Baca to foster relationships that lead to effective community policing that I believe is unprecedented.

January 1, 2011 marked a decade of a newfound relationship between law enforcement and the faith-based community in Los Angeles County. Interaction between these partners built public trust and reinforce our Core Values.

The Executive Clergy Council has engaged in many worthwhile programs that have benefited families throughout Los Angeles County. I, along with Sheriff Baca, want to encourage each of you to continue your support for the Executive Clergy Council. We must continue moving forward strengthening respect between the Sheriff's Department and the communities we serve. We will not allow anything to deteriorate the relationships we have built together.

God Bless

Edward R. Turner,
Director Executive Clergy Council



Code of Ethics

As a Law Enforcement Officer, my fundamental duty is to serve mankind; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation, and the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the Constitutional rights of all men to liberty, equality and justice.

I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all; maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed in both my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the laws of the land and the regulations of my department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided to me in my official capacity will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty.

I will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, animosities, or friendships to influence my decisions. With no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals, I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or violence and never accepting gratuities.

I recognize the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust to be held so long as i am true to the ethics of the police service. I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession - Law Enforcement.





LASD Executives



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History of the Executive Clergy Council

Sheriff Lee Baca was sworn in as the Sheriff of Los Angeles County in 1998 and one of his first actions as Sheriff was to work in bridging strong partnerships with religious leaders throughout the county. Sheriff Baca has always been an advocate for community policing and he saw a need for religious leaders to partner with the members of his Department to address concerns and complex issues affecting our communities. Sheriff Baca met with Bishop Edward R. Turner and a group of ministers in South Los Angeles, he briefed them of his vision of a partnership between religious leaders and the Sheriff's Department, it was well received. Some early positive results were made and Sheriff Baca's vision was further expanded to include other ethnic faith-based leaders and the Executive Clergy Council was established. The formation of the Executive Clergy Council established a need for strong leadership comprising of volunteer positions of clergy president, vice-president, treasurer and general volunteer membership from each of the Sheriff's 23 patrol stations. The council leadership conducts quarterly meetings at Sheriff's Headquarters where they discuss and network on the following:



- Share ideas to assist the Sheriff's Department
- Community Day coordination
- African American and Latino Conference
- Literacy Awareness for families
- Day of Information with Political leaders in Sacramento
- In times of emergencies assemble volunteers from the patrol stations to assist the community

To foster strong and sustainable community relations within our local faith groups the Executive Clergy Council was formed. The council has a membership of more than 300 clergy, representing multiple religious faiths and ethnic groups serving throughout the County of Los Angeles. Their focus was to embrace the concept of Community Orienting Policing promoting community empowerment and building public trust within the faith-based communities. With more public participation, we can see more public trust evolving creating sustainable community engagement efforts. Along with the addition of over 4000 volunteers within the Sheriff's Department we are committed to the youth centers, intervention programs for at-risk-youth, and working as a partner with our local schools. These efforts provide the Sheriff's Department with more out-of-the-box solutions in addressing problems within our neighborhoods.

Education-Based Incarceration

Education-Based Incarceration (EBI) is a component of the criminal justice system that is focused on deterring and mitigating crime by investing in its offenders through education and rehabilitation.

MISSION

To create a culture and system of incarceration in the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) Jail System that encourages short-term and life-long learning, and reduces recidivism by increasing the educational, civic, social, economic, and life skills and engagement of participants.

GOALS

The main goal of Education-Based Incarceration is to increase the number of inmates achieving high school equivalency certificates or making progress toward the completion of a G.E.D, to increase access to traditional and nontraditional educational opportunities for all inmates, and to reduce the recidivism of program participants.



Education-Based Incarceration *and* the Executive Council Clergy

Director Richard Weintraub (EBI) and Director Edward R. Turner (Executive Clergy Council) mutually agreed the Executive Clergy Council members would receive comprehensive training to facilitate life skills classes to inmates housed at Twin Towers Correctional Facility, Century Regional Detention Facility and Men's Central Jail. On June 7, 2011, 125 Clergy Council members received certificates of completion to facilitate classes. The program has about 2,000 inmates participants.

Once incarcerated, individuals are given academic evaluations. Correctional personnel then create a personalized curriculum, which ranges from basic reading and writing skills to core subjects like science and history. It's a mixture of classes and reading materials, plus newer learning tools like MP3 players with pre-loaded lectures.

Sheriff Baca wants inmates to accomplish more than academic achievement. He wants Education-Based Incarceration to equip inmates for a better life out of jail. Courses like leadership and decision making give time in jail a constructive purpose. The variety enhances participants' quality of life beyond the walls of the correctional facility and gives them focus while incarcerated.

Sheriff Baca's ultimate goal of Education-Based Incarceration is to prepare inmates for a crime-free life, so they don't land back behind bars. California has the highest recidivism rate in the country, 67.5 percent in 2011. He views Education-Based Incarceration as a way to reduce that number in the long run.

"Our goal is to create a life worth living by eliminating fear and fostering a life-long desire to learn."

~ Sheriff Lee Baca



Executive Clergy Council

The **Executive Clergy Council** is the liaison between the Sheriff's Office and the clergy council attached to each Sheriff's station and other religious organizations. The Executive Clergy Council is made up of more than 50 religious leaders representing numerous denominations. They meet regularly in order to create forums and opportunities for people to come together to help ease potential tension in the community. It is an effective partnership that is clearly working for law enforcement and religious organizations. The communities of Los Angeles County are the benefactors of their efforts.



Acting as an ad hoc body, religious leaders provide input, suggest various projects, and interact with senior management of the Sheriff's Department. The Executive Clergy Council meets regularly as a forum and provides an opportunity for people to come together, communicate and share their mutual concerns. It is a partnership between the law enforcement community and the clergy. Designated members of a clergy attached to a Sheriff's Station may serve on the **Executive Clergy Council**.

With the establishment of the Executive Clergy Council, community awareness and involvement are heightened. This will ensure that communication during critical incidents is both timely and accurate. For example, potentially volatile community incidents can often be diffused by clergy members before they become a problem. This is possible because the clergy live in the community and they already have an established bond of trust with the residents.



Multi-Faith Prayer Breakfast

The 2011 Multi-Faith Prayer Breakfast was hosted at Power of Love Ministries. Guests were treated to scrambled eggs, hot grits, country fried potatoes, sizzling bacon, tender cooked sausage, fresh orange juice and hot buttery biscuits. The guests included the Sheriff, Department Executives, Elected Officials, Clergy from the surrounding regions, and most importantly members of the community. All enjoyed the food and each other's company.



The breakfast was hosted by the Executive Clergy Council. The Council is a large assembly of dedicated leaders from the clergy community who volunteer their time and service by partnering with various Sheriff's Department personnel in order to identify, understand and help with the unique needs of their community. The Executive Clergy Council has become an invaluable resource; it draws from its community members, which have a significant amount of influence towards improving quality of life.

The following community groups were a part of the large coalition that organized and coordinated the Multi-Faith Prayer Breakfast:



- Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
- Power of Love Christian Fellowship
- Church Of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints
- Seven Day Adventist Church
- Latin University of Theology,
- Church of Scientology
- Church of God In Christ
- Church of Christ
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Drug Enforcement Administration
- California Highway Patrol
- Los Angeles Police Department
- Los Angeles County Fire Department
- Increase The Peace Foundation
- Elected Officials

Reflections on Community Day

The Executive Clergy Council held its annual Community Day on January 15, 2011. This event was hosted at Power of Love Ministries in Los Angeles. Special guests included Congresswoman Maxine Waters, Mayor James Butts of the City of Inglewood, and Los Angeles City Councilwoman Jan Perry.



This festival included a job fair, business expo, live music, food and clothing give-away, youth empowerment activities and "Camp Can Do" for the younger children. In addition it provided information on literacy awareness, health screenings; free food distribution to needy families and a forum to hear young adults concerns. Thousands of Angelenos participated in "Community Day 2011."

The highlight of the day was the distribution of free back packs to neighborhood children who were in attendance. Furthermore, a car donated by a local businessman was also raffled and won by a single mother of three. She traveled by bus to the event with very little money. She was so excited, she tearfully wept when she thanked the crowd.

Sheriff Baca cheerfully greeted community members and thanked them for attending. Numerous guests requested to have their pictures taken with him. He patiently accommodated each individual. The Sheriff wanted Community Day to bring together representatives of all faiths to improve the quality of life in Los Angeles County communities. At the event, speakers represented leaders of Protestant, Christian, Islamic, Sikh, Greek Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Buddhist, Scientologist and Mormon faiths. The event would not have been successful if not for the outstanding volunteers from the community and from the Sheriff's Department.

A great thank you goes out to all of the volunteers that day!



Reflections On Unity Day

The Executive Clergy Council decided to move the Unity Day festivities to Whittier Narrows Park. Our traditional venue, El Dorado Park, was used for a civil war reenactment. The change in venues was a blessing that everyone thoroughly appreciated. The park offered an abundance of attractions and amenities, not to mention a forest of shady trees. There was a recreation complex where people enjoyed a number of activities including family and group picnicking, fishing, hiking, jogging, biking, tennis, soccer and softball.

The Unity Day guests enjoyed a host of culinary dishes such as BBQ ribs and chicken, corn on the cob, potato salad, gumbo and much more.

Chief James Lopez and Chief Tom Laing, along with Commander Eric Hamilton, joined in the festivities and had a great time talking with the guests and sharing ideas on how the Clergy and the Department could continue this great partnership.



The Unity Day far exceeded everyone's expectations. There was a great turnout with lots of fun and games, extraordinary fellowship and meaningful discussions between the diverse groups. The most intriguing and enjoyable part of the celebration was putting it all together and watching families, friends, clergy, and law enforcement leaders join forces to ensure a successful day. We are hopeful that next year's event will achieve even more participation by department members and valued community partners.



Helping Families in Need Canned Food Drive



Most people are in the giving spirit during the holiday season. Many food drives occur between Thanksgiving and Christmas. But what happens during the rest of the year? Food scarcity is a year round issue facing many families and individuals across the country. Unfortunately, 18 million children face a greater risk of hunger during the summer due to a lack of development and funding for summer meal programs.

The Executive Clergy Council has worked on this concern for the past ten years. With the assistance of the Sheriff's Department personnel, the Executive Clergy Council members have worked year around to collected food that would otherwise been thrown away. During the 2011 campaign, canned goods were collected and distributed to approximately 2000 families on Community Day.

The Executive Clergy Council Canned Food Drive is from November 1st - January 10th each year in preparation for Community Day. We look forward to Department personnel's support in this most worthy cause.



LASD and "Angel Tree" Ministries

Sheriff Baca, in his continued support of realignment and greater community outreach, supported the collaboration with "Angel Tree Ministries," a national organization that collects new toys and gives them to the children of incarcerated inmates who would otherwise not receive gifts during Christmas. The Department assisted with 500 new toys in support of this effort.



The Executive Clergy Council with support from personnel assigned to Men's Central Jail, Twin Towers Correctional Facility, Century Regional Detention Facility, and North County Correctional Facility, collected approximately 4500 applications from inmates housed in the aforementioned facilities. Once the applications were processed, families were directed to local churches where they received gifts for their children. The inmates were very grateful for the opportunity to send their children gifts.

The partnership with "Angel Tree Ministries" benefited everyone. The inmates felt the dignity of providing something special for their children and the children experienced the joy of knowing their parent had not forgotten them.

"Angel Tree Ministries" normally provide service to prison population inmates. This year was the first time applications were distributed to Los Angeles County Jail inmates. During this most joyous of holiday season, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department remembered the children.



Narcotics Awareness Training

Every 12 seconds another school-age child experiments with illicit drugs for the first time. This is a grim reminder of just how pervasive drug abuse is among young people.

To combat this epidemic, Sheriff Baca requested that the Executive Clergy Council receive training in narcotic awareness. The Church of Scientology taught the classes and trained clergy members to teach drug-free curriculum to their congregations. There were approximately 125 clergy members from various denominations who responded to the request and enrolled in the two-week course. Every clergy member successfully completed the training. The Church of Scientology offered the training free of charge and they had a large participation.

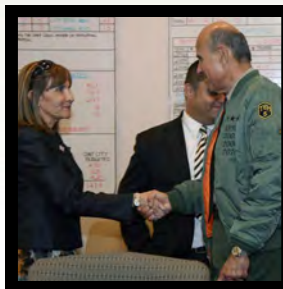
According to the curriculum it has been conclusively proven that when young adults or teenagers are provided with factual information on what drugs are and how they impact an individual's life, usage rates drop commensurately. By statistical survey, the "Drug-Free World" campaign has thus far prevented some 500,000 young adults or teenagers from recreational drug use or worse.



Sheriff Baca hosts Central American Congressman

On May 10, 2011, Sheriff Lee Baca hosted Guatemalan Deputy Congressman Jaime Martinez Loayza and a 12 member government delegation to discuss community police initiatives to help decrease police corruption and deter the rise of organized crime in Guatemala.

Of special interest to the dignitaries was the Department's successful implementation of public trust policing, clergy council involvement and community organizing. Dr. Manuel Tigerino, a member of the Executive Clergy Council, arranged the meeting. The delegation met with Sheriff Baca with the expectation to start similar programs in Guatemala.



Resource Information

The information listed provides various resources for the community.

- Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department..... www.lasd.org
- Community / Law Enforcement Partnership Program (CLEPP) (323) 526-5015 clepp@lasd.org
- Community Oriented Policing Bureau (COPS) (323) 981-5300 cops@lasd.org
- Sheriff's Youth Foundation (323) 526-5120 syf@lasd.org
youthfoundation@lasd.org
- Success Through Awareness and Resistance (STAR) (562) 946-7263 star@lasd.org
- Vital Intervention and Directional Alternatives Program (VIDA) (323) 981-5300 vida@lasd.org
- Los Angeles Regional Crime Stoppers (800) 222-8477 www.lacrimestoppers.org
- Los Angeles County Fire Department www.fire.lacounty.go
- Los Angeles Police Department (877) 275-5273 www.lapdonline.org
- Los Angeles Fire Department (213) 978-3820 www.lafd.org
- California Highway Patrol (800) 835-5247 www.chp.ca.go
- Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) (800) 225-5324 www.fbi.go



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