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Press Release

**SHERIFF LEE BACA REACHES GOAL OF GRADUATING
1,000 DEPUTY SHERIFF TRAINEES FOR YEAR 2007**

Thirteen female and sixty-three male Deputy Sheriffs, as well as two female and ten male Police Officers from the Burbank, Glendale, Pasadena, San Fernando, and Simi Valley Police Departments, graduated from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Training Academy in Santa Clarita during ceremonies held on Thursday, December 20, 2007, at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium.

Los Angeles County Supervisor Gloria Molina delivered inspirational remarks to the graduates and their guests, and commended members of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for meeting their goal of graduating 1,000 Deputy Sheriff Trainees for the calendar year 2007, an accomplishment few law enforcement agencies in the country have attained. Sheriff Baca acknowledged that meeting this goal would not have been possible without the full support of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

The Department has additionally remained committed to the recruitment of women in law enforcement. In the year 2006, the Department hired 251 women for the position of Deputy Sheriff Trainee and are on a current pace to hire more than 300 women this year.

Candidates desirous of becoming Deputy Sheriffs with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department base their decision on the Department's reputation for caring about their employees and the communities they serve. The cornerstone of this attraction is the Department's Core Values, Mission Statement, and partnerships with schools, businesses, community leaders, and military installations.

In a special segment of the ceremony, Officer Brian Young of the Glendale Police Department, a resident of Los Angeles, was named the Honor Recruit for Class #366. This award is given to the recruit who achieves the highest numerical average based upon leadership qualities, social relations and personal traits, practical performance, academics, marksmanship, and physical performance throughout the training period. Additionally, Deputy Benjamin Matthews of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, a resident of Port Hueneme, was acknowledged for graduating with the highest academic score.

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Photos available upon request.