

Marina Del Rey Station

Marina Del Rey Station, was restored to full service on July 1. The Station provides service to the unincorporated community of Marina Del Rey, home to the largest man-made marina in the world, with 6500 slips.

The Station commander, Captain Rod Lyons, was in a unique position, wearing the hat of the Harbor Master, as well as "Chief of Police" of the land side communities. Besides Marina Del Rey, deputies patrol the nearby unincorporated communities of Ladera Heights, View Park, and Windsor Hills. In addition to the law enforcement services on land, the Station personnel patrolled the harbor twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, using one or more of the Station's six patrol boats.

Marina Del Rey Station personnel practice problem-solving policing through an active involvement with the community. Patrol deputies work in concert with the Chamber of Commerce to visit businesses in the Marina. Specially trained boat deputies, all EMT-trained and scuba certified, patrol the water and walk the docks to provide quality services to the boating community. These specialists are the first responders to air-sea disasters off the coast of Los Angeles International Airport and in



Santa Monica Bay. The Station fields a bicycle patrol team during the summer in the Marina, as well as a year-round volunteer bicycle team.

Ladera Heights has a storefront community center, a Sheriff's satellite office which is home base for a Volunteers on Patrol Program, nuisance abatement team, community groups for crime prevention, and a C.O.P. (community oriented policing) team, all dealing with quality of life issues.

The COPS Team

The COPS Team has been responsible for handling many quality of life and public nuisance issues in the Marina and Ladera Heights areas. Highlights of COPS Team activities include:

The Team conducted truancy sweeps to deter children from cutting school. It was not uncommon to pick up two or more students a day, cite them, and return them to school.

In an effort to deter the number of daytime residential burglaries in the summer of 1998, the Team conducted burglary suppression operations on a regular basis. The Team was very successful in this endeavor because the number of burglaries dropped dramatically.

COPS conducted raids on three illegal after-hours clubs, with the assistance of the State's Alcoholic Beverage Control and other County agencies. The clubs' owners and employees were arrested for various violations, including narcotics, prostitution, County codes and ABC laws.

The Ladera Heights shopping center became a Sunday night site for low-rider car clubs to congregate, disrupting the businesses. COPS successfully encouraged the property manager to install anti-loitering signs. With the assistance of Station Reserve deputies, the COPS Team conducted saturation patrols. The low riders were cited for hydraulics and other violations and after about 6 weeks the problem went away.

In the Marina area, COPS did an unlicensed taxi cab sting which resulted in the arrest of 21 cab drivers and the impounding of their vehicles.

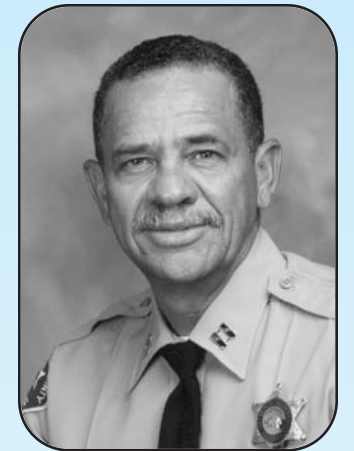
COPS issued citations for open container violations on almost a daily basis during the summer months in an effort to impact this major problem.

COPS enforced the County code requiring people who work on boats to have a County permit, in order to reduce the number of boating-related thefts.

The Team also focused its attention on known criminals who live in and frequent the Marina area citing and arresting them whenever possible.

COPS identified unseaworthy vessels for the purpose of eviction from the Marina for being a safety hazard.

Finally, COPS deputies and ABC conducted a sting, sending minors into various Marina area liquor stores and bars to buy alcohol.



CAPTAIN
Rodney L. Lyons
Marina Del Rey Station

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Summer Enforcement Team

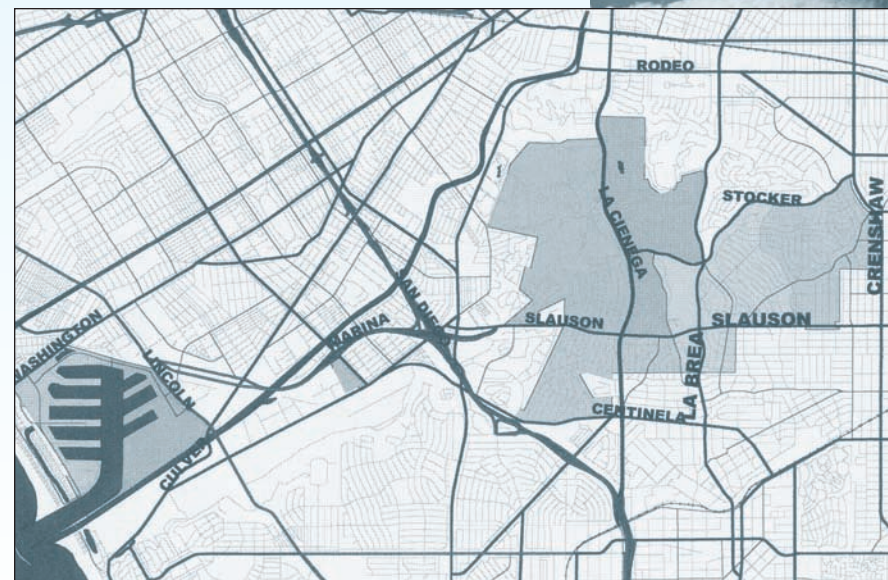
The 1999 Summer Enforcement Team (SET Team) consisted of eight deputies and one sergeant. Six deputies were assigned primarily to bike patrol in the Marina area, but could also work vehicle patrol or any special assignment. Two deputies were selected from the Harbor Patrol Unit and were assigned to work one-person patrol boats to boost patrol presence on the water. Both of the Harbor Patrol deputies were bike trained and could also work vehicle or bike patrol, as needed.

The 1999 SET roster was Sgt. James Ramsey, and Deputies Muawiya Abdeen, Rich Godfrey, Brandon Lenhart, Steve Long, Mike Marshall, and Derrick McNally. The Harbor Patrol deputies assigned to the Team were Alan Arinsberg and Brian Barre. The Team was highly flexible with deployment hours and techniques. Numerous hours were spent on directed patrol, using bikes, marked patrol cars, and in undercover vehicles related to crime suppression and narcotics activity. This resulted

in a positive effect on reducing the usual increase in summertime criminal activity. Auto thefts and burglaries from the area's parking lots and sub-garages were also reduced as a result of the directed patrol.

Some highlights included: arrests for warrants, narcotics possession, possession of stolen property, operating a vessel under the influence, assisting with containment and capture of a bank robbery suspect, locating a vehicle theft suspect that was responsible for multiple thefts in the

area, and searching for a rape suspect that turned himself in as a result of the pressure of the search. The Harbor Patrol deputies conducted over twenty vessel tow and/or rescue operations and made numerous stops to educate new boaters as to harbor rules. Team members were able to participate in surveillance training and went to Emergency Operations Bureau to learn the Emergency Management Information System. The SET Team's presence lowered the crime rate in the Marina to below that of the off-season.



Marina Del Rey's Summer Enforcement Team (Above) and Marina Del Rey Station's policing area (Left).

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August 6, 1999, celebrating Marina Del Rey's restoration to a full service Sheriff's station.

Team member responded to a vehicle in the water off of Via Marina with persons trapped inside. The diver entered the water, in uniform, within 5 minutes of the call. However, both persons were presumed dead from the impact of the collision. Additionally, they provided presentations about the Dive Team to various community groups, schools and other agencies.

Station Restoration

In March of 1999, the Operations staff of Marina Del Rey Local Station was given the task of preparing a plan to restore the Station to full service in ninety days. In eleven hours, a plan was in place to present to the Chief and his commanders. The green light was given and the make-over commenced. Personnel needs were submitted, and applicants were interviewed and hired in the subsequent weeks. The primary players were attending a constant stream of meetings while tending to their primary duties of running the day-to-day operations of the Station. Facilities Management, Data Systems Bureau, and Field Operations Region II Headquarters were responsive to our requests to have everything in place by the beginning of the new fiscal year. Modular furniture was installed to accommodate additional personnel, and a couple of computers were thrown in.

On August 6, 1999, a newly promoted Captain Rod Lyons was joined by Sheriff Lee Baca, Supervisors Knabe and Burke, as well as Field Operations Region II command staff, to cut the ribbon representing our break from Lennox Station and to once again operate as a full service Sheriff's station.

Harbor Patrol

The Harbor Patrol, in 1999, assisted boats valued in excess of \$5.5 million dollars. They logged over 200 reports of assistance, assisted over 300 citizens, provided over 80 assists to other agencies, wrote over 100 boating related citations, responded to 15 boat fires, towed over 150 disabled vessels, and provided emergency services to more than 250 boaters. The deputies assigned to the boats were actively engaged in community relations and "dock walks" to interact with the public. Throughout the year, they gave numerous presentations and tours to community groups, yacht clubs, schools, other agencies, and tourists. They have also been active in deck hand training for other deputies assigned to this station. Harbor Patrol Operation continued to be involved with State and local boating-related organizations including attending seminars and conducting training.

Dive Team

The Marina Del Rey Station Dive Team, as in past years, continued to train every month to maintain and improve upon the skills necessary to complete any diving-related incident that they might be called upon to perform, including annual re-certification, buoyancy control, deep diving protocols, enriched air diving, search patterns, recovery dives, night diving, diving supervisor duties and responsibilities, and underwater investigations. They also participated in the first ever Department-wide Diving Workshop where all SCUBA divers for the Sheriff's Department discussed public safety diving guidelines.

Dive Team members this year, assisted in the successful rescue of a kitten that was trapped underneath a dock! They recovered a SCUBA diver who had drowned off of El Segundo and various teams were involved in the search. One Dive