Message & Welcome from Chief Downing

It has been an extremely busy and productive 2010 for the Los Angeles Police Department. Chief Charlie Beck recently attended his first LAPD Muslim Community Forum and was deeply impressed by the company, the food and the conversation. It is the "conversation" that I would like to focus on, in this, the first of many E-Newsletters we intend to distribute via our growing address book.

Over the last three years, community outreach has been the priority for me and my command, so that we can build a stronger relationship between L.A. Muslim communities and the LAPD; a relationship that continues to develop into an active partnership based on trust and cooperation.

The current international and national political climate and the nature of police work admittedly can make relations, in this context, strained at times. The true test of a partnership is the ability to maintain dialogue and communication (conversation) in difficult circumstances.

Friends, marriages, businesses, teams, and every other kind of positive relationship depend on meaningful conversations of expectations and concerns, if they are going to survive and thrive. Through on-going dialogue misunderstandings can be resolved, disagreements can result in compromise, and mistakes can be forgiven.

We must never let the few extreme voices come between YOUR local law enforcement and the citizens of Los Angeles. My staff and I are always committed to being open and forthright, and can be contacted anytime, day or night, if you need our help. If you have questions or concerns, please call or e-mail us directly. Together, we can fight rumor-mongering and deceit and maintain the strong, positive, personal partnership.

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RAMADAN KAREEM

On the Behalf of the Los Angeles Police Department, we would like to congratulate the Muslim community with the Upcoming Holy month of Ramadan

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RAMADAN MUBARAK
From The Los Angeles Police Department
LAPD MUSLIM COMMUNITY FORUM

The LAPD Chief’s Muslim Forum was held at the IMAN center, headed by Dr. Sadegh Namazikhah on June 23, 2010. The event gave community members an opportunity to engage with LAPD Police Chief Charlie Beck and Deputy Chief Michael Downing in a continued effort to strengthen local partnerships. It was remarked by many in attendance that the food was good and the company was great! (www.iman.org)

Pakistani – American Festival Day

The LAPD CTCIB Liaison Section is participating in the 63rd Pakistan Independence Day Festival, which is scheduled for Saturday, August 7, 2010, 5:00 p.m. at Exposition Park located at 3980 Menlo Avenue, Los Angeles.

The event will be hosted by the COPAA (Council of Pakistan American Affairs). LAPD Liaison Section will coordinate the Color Guard, the LAPD Band, LAPD Mounted Unit, a recruitment booth and a fly over from the LAPD Air Support Division.

Additionally, there will be a crime information booth that will be located at the event, to enhance community awareness.

For more information please contact COPAA at:
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Fullerton, CA 92831
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Arab – American Festival

The 15th Annual Arab American Festival is on September 24–26, 2010. LAPD will be present for recruiting and community liaison.

The Arab American Festival encourages the Arab American Community to become more involved in their community and helps bring together Arab communities from all ethnic, cultural, and religious backgrounds in order to advocate for respect and awareness among all Americans.

Youth Leadership Day at the LAPD Academy

The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) hosted its 3rd Annual “Youth Leadership Day” at the Elysian Park Academy on July 13th. Members and young people from the Islamic Center of Southern California were in attendance.

Assistant Police Chief Earl Paysinger told the large crowd that “public schools in the City work in partnership with the LAPD Cadet program recruiting youngsters from throughout the Southland.”

Muslim youth from the Islamic Center of Southern California joined cadets to see the various units that comprise the LAPD. The first booth they visited was the underwater dive unit. While there, they learned the about the equipment needed for the underwater dive team to successfully complete their mission. They also met officers in the Mounted Unit. Mounted Unit officers explained the training required to ride police horses and why it was more fun than being in a patrol vehicle. Everyone enjoyed petting the horses.

Finally, the kids were excited to use the Force Options Simulator, which is a computer video simulation of interactive scenarios that police officers may encounter in the field. They were able to understand the complexity officers face on a day to day basis while making life saving decisions. All in all, the kids had an enjoyable day and were excited about the prospects of becoming LAPD cadets in the future.

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The event united more than 200 teenagers from throughout Los Angeles with members of the leadership team from the LAPD. This event gives LAPD cadets, students, and young people from the community the opportunity to act in the capacity of a “commanding officer” for a day. Participants “shadow” a commanding officer for the day, tour facilities, get a chance to meet officers from specialized units, and see static displays throughout Elysian Park Academy.

The hundreds of students who participated in this event have consistently demonstrated their courage and commitment to make a difference in their communities, despite significant peer pressure in the schools they attend and the neighborhoods in which they live. The LAPD Cadet program is a part of the Youth Programs Unit of the LAPD’s Office of Operations. To apply to be an LAPD Cadet, present a written recommendation from a teacher, religious leader, or other responsible, non-related adult and obtain a medical examination (to qualify for insurance).
The Pakistani Ambassador to the United Nations, Abdullah Hussain Haroon, recently visited the United States to meet with various law enforcement agencies. On July 14, 2010, the Ambassador met with LAPD’s CTCIB Liaison Section to learn about the unit’s activities and functions. The Ambassador was also able to meet with Assistant Chief Earl Paysinger and Ms. Mary Grady, LAPD’s Public Information Officer, who made a presentation on LAPD’s iWatch program.

Later that evening LAPD officers enjoyed a dinner hosted by the Council of Pakistan American Affairs (COPAA), where the Ambassador was among the honored guests.

This is the (CTCIB) Liaison Section’s first newsletter. We would like to share the news about our activities and community outreach programs throughout the City of Los Angeles. If you are interested in being a member of our e-mail list, please send a request to CTCIB@LAPD.LACITY.ORG with your full name and email address, and you will be added to our list. If you wish to be removed please send a removal request and you will be deleted from the list.

We look forward to keeping you updated!