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Events Honor the 10th Anniversary of LAXPD Officer Tommy Scott's End of Watch

Los Angeles airport associations recently joined forces to host two events commemorating Officer Tommy Scott, the first LAXPD officer killed in the line of duty, on the 10th anniversary of his tragic death. In partnership with LAAPOA, Los Angeles World Airports and the Association of Airport Employees, the nonprofit Los Angeles Airport Police Athletics & Activities League hosted the First Annual Ride & Shine Memorial Ride and Car & Truck Show on Saturday, April 25, and organized the Saturday, May 16, Tommy Scott Memorial 5K/10K LAX Run. Proceeds from both events benefit the Tommy Scott Memorial Scholarship Fund.

"This year, we wanted to memorialize Tommy in a bigger, more celebratory way, by creating annual community events and growing the scholarship fund that bears his name," says LAAPOA President Marshall McClain.

Officer Scott died heroically on April 29, 2015, while protecting the aviation community from a man intent on crashing a vehicle into an airplane on the LAX airport runway. He was 35 years old, and had served for four years with the airport police. Physically fit and widely known as the kindest officer on the force, Scott was a role model highly dedicated to public safety and service. The former lifeguard and Red Cross volunteer worked for 15 years at the L.A. County Parks and Recreation Department before joining the Los Angeles Airport Police Department, and saved two children from drowning while working for the



County. As an LAXPD field training officer, he was known for the thorough and caring attitude he displayed toward his trainees, as well as his contagious smile and positive energy.

The Ride & Shine Memorial Ride departed from the USS *Iowa* in San Pedro and ended at Westchester Park just north of LAX, where the car and truck show took place from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The annual Tommy Scott run has been transformed into a full-fledged, USATF-certified 5K and 10K event expected to draw at least 1,000 runners, city leaders, public safety agencies and supporters from across L.A. County, and members of the Westchester community and beyond.

The ride, car show and run are intended to be family-friendly, festive occasions that build community spirit, while also paying homage to Officer Tommy Scott's sacrifice and encouraging the

public get to know the other dedicated LAXPD officers who work to keep LAX and the surrounding areas safe.

"Tommy's loss continues to be felt by all of us many years later," says McClain. "Through these yearly events, we want to honor Tommy's memory by expanding upon the strong relationship already enjoyed by the Airport Police Department and Westchester residents and businesses to include other fire and law enforcement agencies, as well as the broader community. That, along with supporting the educational efforts of young people, is something that would make him very proud."

Canine Unit: Unique Partnerships Protect and Deter

For many passengers at LAX and Ontario airports, Canine Unit officers and their four-legged partners represent a highly visible and memorable component of the Los Angeles Airport Police Department's security presence as they patrol the bustling terminals to sniff out danger. One of the largest explosives-detection canine units in the nation, this specialized team plays a crucial part in enhancing LAXPD's law enforcement services, increasing the safety of police personnel as well as the traveling public and the surrounding community.

The Canine Unit was created in 2001, in response to the tragic events of September 11. A handful of LAPD canine teams had previously worked at LAX, but the renewed focus on aviation security in the wake of the 9/11 terrorist attacks made it clear that Los Angeles' own dedicated airport police force needed the capability to consistently search for explosive materials and rapidly respond to potential threats such as unattended luggage or vehicles. Beginning with three pairs of dogs and handlers, the unit grew exponentially as it proved successful, with 25 teams currently assigned to LAX and ONT.

The unit's members serve a variety of roles. Some of LAXPD's dogs are provided by the TSA for the single purpose of detecting explosives, through a federal terrorism-deterrence program that has deployed more than 800 canine teams at major airports nationwide to support security and screening operations. The rest of the unit's canines belong directly to LAXPD and are part of a dual-trained program that combines explosives detection with tasks that support the Department's other units.

To read the full story about the Canine Unit, visit www.laapoa.com.



PO III/K-9 Handler Gardea and K-9 Jerry



PO III/K-9 Handler and Trainer McLeod with K-9 Cookie



PO III/K-9 Handler Denniston and K-9 Whiskey



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2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

National Police Week

www.nleomf.org/programs/policeweek
Police Unity Tour Arrival Ceremony: May 12
27th Annual Candlelight Vigil: May 13

Tommy Scott Memorial 5K/10K LAX Run

www.laapoa.com
May 16

Special Olympics Los Angeles

www.specialolympics.org/los-angeles-2015.aspx
July 25 to August 2

Westchester Park Back-to-School Night

August 29

LAAPAAL Charity Cruise

October 24

Christmas Party

December 12 (tentative)

APIIC Provides Real-Time Intel

With facilities as large, prominent and uniquely challenging to patrol and monitor as Los Angeles' airports, officers in the field need additional eyes and ears to assist them in their jobs. That role is filled by the LAXPD's Airport Police Information Intelligence Center, which provides real-time, 24/7 intelligence.

Dignitary Protection Unit Guards City's High-Profile Visitors in Transit

Besides being one of the planet's top travel destinations and connection points, Los Angeles is also one of the most important global economic and cultural centers, and is the frequent host city to world leaders conducting international business and diplomacy. When world leaders travel through LAX, the important role of facilitating their safe and efficient transit through the airport is handled by the Los Angeles Airport Police's Dignitary Protection Unit.

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