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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

REPORT BACK FROM THE SHERIFF REGARDING THE SHERIFF'S RESERVE DEPUTY PROGRAM AND POLICIES FOR RESERVE DEPUTIES

On March 27, 2012, your Board requested that the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) report back on information relative to the policies for reserve deputies, including:

- How reserves are used, the breakdown of where reserves are used, what they do and how their duties are carried out.
- What kind of work the Homeland Security Division (HSD) reserve deputies perform, what their duties are, and what they accomplish on behalf of the Department while they are serving in that area.
- How many HSD reserve deputies are performing the same work in that area.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT RESPONSE

In understanding this response to the questions asked by your Board, it is important to note that although there are 223 reserves assigned to the HSD, the vast majority of them perform no functions associated with homeland security. They are listed under HSD because the bureau or unit they are assigned to is supervised by the HSD Chief.

Reserve deputies throughout the Department do not fill vacant full-time deputy positions. Instead, all reserve deputies supplement the manpower of the Department

and act as a force multiplier to provide additional services to the community. In some cases, they perform duties the Department would otherwise not be able to accomplish. Reserve deputies are used at nearly every unit in the Department. They are utilized as patrol deputies, detectives, training instructors, motorcycle officers, helicopter pilots, search and rescue team members, and more. The assignment of a reserve deputy depends, in great part, on their level of training and the needs of the individual unit of assignment. There are four distinct levels of reserve deputy, Level I-Designated (1-D), Level I-Non Designated (1-ND), Level II, and Level III.

The majority of deputies assigned to HSD are Level III. Level III reserve deputies do not perform general law enforcement duties; they perform limited support duties that are not likely to result in physical arrests, while supervised in the accessible vicinity by a Level I-D reserve or a full-time deputy. Generally, Level III reserve deputies possess specific expertise that they've developed through their primary career; this expertise supplements the talents of full-time Department members, as well as assisting the Department.

Attached is a chart listing the reserve units within HSD, the number of reserve deputies assigned, and the duties they perform.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Chief Michael Grossman at (323) 526-5756.

Sincerely,

LEROY D. BACA
SHERIFF

HOMELAND SECURITY DIVISION RESERVE COMPANIES		
Unit of Assignment	**Assigned**	**Duties**
Aero Bureau	6	Helicopter pilot, tactical flight officer and desk officer. There are no Level III reserves at Aero Bureau
Community College Bureau	6	General law enforcement duties and parking control. There is one Level III reserve at Community College Bureau who works at the front desk.
Community Liaison Unit	5	Sheriff's liaison with ethnic communities to disseminate information, educate the community on law enforcement procedures and coordinate special events. All reserves at this unit are Level III reserves.
Emergency Operations Bureau	38	Assist with dignitary protection, tactical planning, logistics, jail interviews, surveillance operations and static displays at community events. There are eleven Level III reserves at Emergency Operations Bureau. They are restricted from working dignitary protection and conducting jail interviews.
RFB/Headquarters Company	65	The primary mission of the Headquarters Company is to provide support to the Department based on the reserve deputy's unique or highly technical expertise. They possess expertise in the fields of legal, medical, education, financial, real estate, public relations, cinema, and many other technical areas. In addition, other duties include assisting with internal affairs investigations, acting as interpreters, and public relations. A large number of reserves at Headquarters Company are Level III reserves. None of them have duties that would require direct police action.
RFB/Media Company	5	Write articles, take photographs and design layout of the Reserve News magazine. There are two Level III reserves assigned to the Media Company. Neither of these reserves have duties that would require direct police action.
RFB/Reserve Executive Staff	31	All reserve executives holding the rank of Assistant Sheriff, Chief, and Commander who provide administrative supervision of the Reserve Program. Two of the Reserve Executive Staff are Level III reserves. Their duties are restricted to administrative tasks.
RFB/Mounted Enforcement Detail	6	General law enforcement on horseback. None of the Mounted Enforcement Detail reserves are Level III.
RFB/Pre-Employment Company	1	Pre-employment investigations. There are no Level III reserves assigned to Pre-Employment Company.
RFB Recruitment Company	10	Recruitment of new reserve deputies. There is one Level III reserve assigned to the Recruitment Company. This reserve's duties are restricted to public relations work only.
SEB/Medical Company	15	The Medical Company is comprised of physicians and other highly trained medical personnel who fly on the Air-5 rescue helicopter and Department rescue trucks and provide on-scene lifesaving emergency medical treatment to rescued victims. There are no Level III reserves assigned to the Medical Company.
SEB/Marine Company	7	Boat operator, boat maintenance, and underwater search and rescue operations. There is one Level III reserve assigned to the Marine Company. None of the reserves in this company have duties that would require direct police action.
Transit Services Bureau	25	Train security, general law enforcement, fare checks and public relations. There is one Level III reserve assigned to Transit Services Bureau who works at the front desk.
International Police Company	3	Analyze the policies and procedures of other police agencies both within the United States and internationally and advise the Sheriff concerning the adaptation of these policies for Sheriff's Department use. There are three Level III reserves assigned to the International Police Company. There are no duties at this company that would require direct police action.
TOTALS	**223**	

Statistics as of February 29, 2012