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News Release

SHERIFF LEE BACA HONORS FALLEN PEACE OFFICERS

Sheriff Lee Baca presided over the 41st Annual Los Angeles County Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremony on Wednesday, May 26, 2010, to commemorate the lives of those peace officers who died in the line of duty while serving the residents of Los Angeles County. Attending the memorial ceremony were numerous federal, state, and local dignitaries, in addition to family members, friends, and co-workers of the fallen officers. Held in the beautiful Memorial Park at the Sheriff's Training Academy and Regional Services (STARS) Center in Whittier, the ceremony included musical performances by members of law enforcement and the Verdugo Hills Showtime Chorus, a chapter of the Sweet Adelines International vocal group, and the release of white doves on behalf of the fallen officers.

Thankfully, no peace officers were killed in the line of duty in Los Angeles County since the last Memorial service. However, historical research determined that the following peace officer, previously killed in the line of duty, was deserving of his place on the Memorial Wall:

Deputy Marshal Samuel Blundell, Vernon Police Department, died on June 21, 1919.

A bronze plaque with Deputy Marshal Blundell's name now joins the other 476 law enforcement officers whose names are inscribed on the Memorial Wall to honor their dedication to duty and the ultimate sacrifice they made.

As part of the ceremony, Sheriff Baca accepted a torch delivered by members of various law enforcement agencies following a three-day Memorial Torch Relay Run totaling 339 miles. The relay run commenced at the Sherman Block Sheriff's Headquarters Building and traveled to each mainland Sheriff's Station. The Memorial Flame at the Los Angeles County Peace Officers' Memorial Wall was ignited in tribute to the fallen officers.

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