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MALIBU/LOST HILLS, CENTURY AND LAKEWOOD SHERIFF'S STATIONS ATTAIN INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION.
SHERIFF'S OFFICIALS ACCEPT AWARD IN NIGERIA

In October of 2009, during "Police Station Visitors Week", 5000 members of Altus Global Alliance and the Vera Institute of Justice fanned out and visited 211 police and Sheriff's patrol stations throughout 20 different countries on five continents. Altus members rated the policing services at each station for Community Orientation, Physical Condition, Equal Treatment, Transparency and Accountability, and Detention Conditions. The scores, released in late March, showed the top three highest scoring patrol stations in the United States to be the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Malibu/Lost Hills Station, Century Station and Lakewood Station. In addition, Malibu/Lost Hills Station was the highest rated patrol station in North America with a score of 96/100.

Commander Thomas Martin, the Captain of Malibu/Lost Hills Station at the time of the survey, traveled to Abuja, Nigeria as a guest of the alliance to speak at a conference on "Community Oversight of Policing: Experiences from the Field" and accept the honor at an awards ceremony.

"Police Stations Visitors Week" is a unique global event organized by Altus to assess the quality of services delivered in the participating police departments, identify some of the best practices in use by police, strengthen the accountability of police to the local citizens whom they serve and promote human rights.

Commander Martin, Agoura Hills Mayor Denis Weber and other members from Malibu/Lost Hills Station will be available for interviews by appointment. Please contact Sergeant Rich Pena at (323) 267-4810 or the Watch Commander at Malibu/Lost Hills Station, (818) 878-1808, for more information. Pictures of the event can be found in the "Sheriff's News" section at www.lasd.org.