



The 2017 Year In Review

It was another Big Year for our Foundation Board and our Sheriff's Station. With the Promotion of Captain Roosevelt Johnson to Commander, we were excited to welcome Robert J. Lewis as Captain of the SCV Station, and as Foundation Chairman.

Captain Lewis wasted no time and jumped right in with enthusiasm and support to lead our Sheriff's Foundation to new heights. He has raised the bar in terms of the way he sees the Foundation supporting the station and he has pledged his commitment and leadership in accomplishing our growth.

Our fundraisers for the year included a Gatsby Event at the Newhall Mansion, where our guests dressed in 1920's outfits and enjoyed live music, dancing, and an all-around amazing evening under the stars. We also held our 11th Annual Search & Rescue/Sheriff's Foundation Golf Tournament. This was a record year with 112 golfers and several long-term sponsors. Together, the events raised over \$30,000 in net proceeds for the Foundation. We also had a wonderful invitation from the Human Ummah Foundation (HUF) Muslim organization to participate in a fundraising dinner they hosted in honor of First Responders. The SCV Sheriff's Foundation and the SCV Fire Department were the honorees, and both received a very generous \$10,000+ donation. Attendees had a stellar evening at their event, and the HUF group is already looking to repeat the event in 2018. We also did a mailing at the end of the year that drew in about \$1,800 in additional donations.

In terms of our financial performance, we started 2017 with a bank balance of \$81,701, and ended the year with \$94,981. The Foundation's income was \$88,991, and the total expenditures were \$75,377, for a net profit of \$13,614. Of the expenditures, \$36,772 was spent on fund raising support costs, with \$3,661 spent on Foundation expenses such as insurance, credit card fees, etc. The Balance of \$34,944 was spent on specific Station support expenses that are detailed below. The significant funds spent on fundraising events were for the Newhall Mansion event and the Golf Tournament. Nevertheless, the Foundation was able to continue its support of the station and the personnel who protect our city.

The Capital Fund continues to grow. This is a fund of approximately \$25,000 that our Foundation keeps in an investment account and adds to each year for unexpected larger expenditures that may arise. Long term investments being considered are for a memorial garden and fitness gym to be built at the new station when it is ready.

Our financial support of the station was among one of our largest expenditure years in the history of our Foundation, and the HUF involvement went a long way in making our Foundation, and our mission, much better recognized and supportive in our community.

We currently have 19 Board members, 2 Honorary Board members, and 1 LASD Advisor.

- **Current Board Officers:**
Captain Robert J. Lewis, Chair / Lt. Justin Diez, Alternate – Ken Wiseman, President – James Biscailuz, Vice President – Neil Fischer, Treasurer– Cookie Diaz, Secretary
- **Directors:**
Moe Hafizi, Mike DeLorenzo, Todd Stevens, Tony Demma, Donald Spiller, Jerry Cain, Jessica Lee, Steve Leach, Jimmy Lifton, Brandan Stein, Cliff Wong, Bruce Fortine, Murray Wood, Russ Briley
- **Honorary Members:**
Jerry Buckley, Gloria Mercado Fortine
- **Advisor:**
Deputy Kevin Duxbury

The Board funded several initiatives for our station that included the following:

- Station Volunteer Dinner
- Baker-To-Vegas Law enforcement "team Building" competition
- \$500 Scholarships for **four** of our extraordinary Explorers
- Holiday shift dinners for Deputies on patrol during Christmas and Thanksgiving 2nd and 3rd shifts
- Purchased five surveillance cameras with batteries and memory cards
- 'Simulation' Ammunition used for training
- Training Conference for Public Information Officer
- Uniform shirts for YAL Basketball team (used year after year by team)
- Station hosted North Patrol Meeting - Foundation provided food
- Station hosted Divisional Meeting - Foundation provided food
- Co-Sponsored with station the Civilian Sheriff's Academy
- Police Unity Tour – Foundation funded participation
- Equipment and supplies for CPR and First Aid Training
- Anticipating purchase of a second AED Trainer, along with an infant and juvenile manikin
- Coloring books for Community Relations
- Traffic and Burglary Scene Camera and Technology which allows 80-90% faster processing of Accident and Crime Scenes

Below are some of the highlights accomplished at our station in 2017

- Arrests of crime violators increased, a total of 1149 more suspects were arrested in 2017 versus 2016.
- Santa Clarita Valley Station personnel were provided training in "Narcan", a medicinal inhalant which could help reverse the overdose effects of Heroin.
- Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff's Station held one community academy.
- Two VIDA academies.
- Two explorer graduations which netted us 6 new explorers.

- Crime Prevention Deputies conducted numerous crime reduction operations to locate suspects victimizing the community.
- Santa Clarita Valley Station added 3 more motor units and aggressively worked on reducing traffic related fatalities, accidents and speeding violations.
- Continued partnership with the City to help address homeless issues.
- Zone Crime Prevention Deputy Program; providing residents direct contact for neighborhood issues and weekly crime prevention reports.
- Santa Clarita Valley Y.A. L. program serviced more youth than in any prior year.
- Santa Clarita Valley Station saw an increase in the patrol car fleet which enabled the deployment of more patrols.
- 2017 Holiday party saw the most attended and most diverse group of station personnel attend, which included patrol personnel and included many foundation members.

It always seems it is at the point when we reflect on our activity of the year, and share it all in one document, that we can best appreciate all that our Board has accomplished in the past year. Thank you, **everyone**, for all your hard work and dedication to our Board, and your generous support of your time, donations, and resources in the support of our Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff's Station, and the amazing professional and volunteer staff that are dedicated to protecting our community.

Most sincerely,

Ken Wiseman

President, SCV Sheriff's Foundation