



Time for your LAPPL directors, delegates and the rank and file to work together. Time for the good of the common whole to be our only priority. Time for facts — not rumors or conjecture — to reach all LAPPL members. Time for a new sense of optimism and involvement to permeate throughout our membership.

Thank you for voting and conveying your trust in my ability to express your needs and concerns. I hope my actions will earn your long-term, collective support. As *one* voice, we can be very powerful; divided, we have much to lose.

I've been married to my beautiful wife, Lois, for 25 years, and together we have two children, Zachary (19) and Hailey (16). Prior to joining the LAPD, I was a police officer in Washington state. All told, I've been in law enforcement for over 20 years, 12 as a motor cop. I proudly put on the uniform each day, living the challenges of our Department and the community. I embraced working "the streets," interacting with the public and adapting to the political winds of change and ever-changing policies of the LAPD, just as you've had to do. To that end, many of your needs and concerns are the same as mine.

To address those issues that impact our lives, I'd like to remind everyone that your Board of Directors needs your input. That's where the importance of League delegates comes in. The League can't function without motivated and involved delegates.

"A delegate should be informed as to the rights of the members pertaining to Workers' Compensation benefits, pension benefits, sick pay benefits, MOU and other fringe benefits granted by the employer. The Delegate should represent his/her delegation members of the geographical Area, Division or Section level. The Board of Directors may request a Delegate to serve in an advisory investigatory capacity during investigations at the Delegate's geographical Division or as a representative during negotiations or grievance procedure hearings. Being the main source of information regarding League business and activities, the Delegate must stay abreast of all issues and keep their Area, Division or Section informed as to all pertinent issues" (bylaws of the Los Angeles Police Protective League).

One of the functions of delegates is to allow for the frequent *two-way* flow of information and conversations between your League and the membership. Delegates are vital to getting your needs and concerns heard.

The 2012 director division assignments have been posted. I have been assigned to Hollenbeck, Newton and Valley Traffic divisions. Delegates, please invite me to your roll calls and

detective/supervisor team meetings. My door is always open. I have already reached out to *all* Department commanding officers.

The 2012 director committee assignments have also been posted. I am the committee chair for the following committees: Community Outreach, Retirees and Reserve Officer Members.

I have also been assigned to assist with the following committees: Police Commission, Workers' Comp, Golf Tournament, Scholarships, Audit, Bylaws, Membership Communication/*Thin Blue Line*/Websites/Etc., City Unions and Eagle & Badge.

There is much work to do, and I look forward to working alongside you. I am motivated and respectfully humbled by the sense of responsibility associated with this elected position. I want to assure you that I will do everything within my power to follow the mission of the Los Angeles Police Protective League: "to vigilantly protect, promote and improve the working conditions, legal rights, compensation and benefits of Los Angeles police officers."

Together, we can accomplish so much. I can be reached at (661) 510-6129 or [markcronin@lappl.org](mailto:markcronin@lappl.org).

It is time...