



LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT
Sertoma Club
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STRAIGHT FROM THE HOSE LINE -----

Happy New Year!

Old records have been broken! In 33 days, the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) was able to distribute 113,087 toys to disadvantaged children. This was an increase of 25+ percent over last year. This is indeed a high-water mark. KABC-TV gave the “Spark of Love” Toy Drive much exposure and our generous community responded in a most positive manner. The poor economics of our great country did not place a damper on the very generous attitude of our residents.

We give a great salute to all the members of the LAFD as they were most eager to help in all phases of the Toy Program. This was indeed a very successful venture. We’re recognizing the Explorer Scouts from Fire Station’s 34 and 64, as they made an unyielding commitment by working long hours ensuring that all toys were delivered timely and to the right charity organizations. Our Operations Officers Mike Marquez and Ray Topete, set a great example for the Explorers as they also worked long hours and made sure that all the toy requests were processed on time.

Good remarks were made by the volunteers, as meals both lunch and dinner, were provided in an orderly way. We give a great thank you to June and Amanda for seeing that all of the volunteers were fed. It was said long ago “The troops march on their stomach” and that was true here.

Please be aware that the Fire Department Toy Program also includes K-ABC Spark of Love Toy Drive. As a special note K-ABC requested the LAFD assume the role of lead agency by distributing over 80,000 toys to fire departments in five counties. This also included toy collection boxes, posters and banners. Our toy program was orderly, effective and most importantly productive. For your information, we’re providing data regarding the LAFD Toy Program.

Toy Operational Data:

Official Starting Date:	Fri., Nov. 28, 2008
Closing Date:	Wed., Dec.31, 2008
Charity Toys Distributed:	113,087
Contact with Charity Agencies:	416
Toy Central Operation:	33 days
Total Number Volunteers:	94
Total Number Volunteers Hours:	11,967
Total Number of Miles Driven:	10,611

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In our next newsletter we will provide the activities for the coming Sertoma Year. Our club meetings are held at the Los Angeles Police Academy Café every other Wednesday. Check our website www.lafdsertoma.org for our calendar of meetings and ongoing events.

For additional information contact: Chief Rey Rojo, LAFD (ret.) 310.508.6622 cell

GOD BLESS AMERICA

Downey 2nd and 4th Tues.
Baker's Square – 5:45 p.m.
7954 Imperial Highway
Downey, CA 90241

Los Angeles Sertoma
spccommand@aol.com
George Carter
818.716.8384

Torrance – Tues. 7:00 a.m.
Billy's - 5160 W. 190th St.
Torrance, CA 90503-1005

Las Vegas Paradise
Denny's
3801 Maryland Pkwy.
Las Vegas, NV 89109

North County
1st and 3rd Wed. – 6:30 p.m.
Sizzler – 1401 N. Harbor Blvd.
Fullerton, CA 92835

Westwood Village
Thurs. 12:15 p.m.
Rancho Park Golf Club
10400 Pico Blvd. WLA 90064

Los Angeles Fire Department
Every other Wed. 8:00 a.m.
Police Academy Café
1880 N. Academy Dr. LA 90012
www.lafdsertoma.org

Leona Valley
1st and 3rd Sat. 8:00 a.m.
Jackie's 90th St. & Elizabeth Rd.
Leona Valley, CA 93551

Orange Empire
Thursday 12:15 p.m.
Santa Ana Elks Lodge
Santa Ana, CA 92701-5011

Whittier – Fri. 12:15 p.m.
Friendly Hills Country Club
8500 S. Villa Verde Dr.
Whittier, CA 90605



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