



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

**Happy New Year!**

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**Happy 2010!**

We are expecting another action filled year. Though we ended 2009 with a very successful toy program, we don't expect much down time. This year, we're hoping to participate in several fire station grand openings, a golf tournament and other activities such as the March of Dimes Walk America, just to name a few. Each year we strive to improve our delivery to the community and make it an even better year.

We're looking forward to our Regional Convention in Reno, scheduled for April 29 through May 1, and the National Convention in San Antonio, to be held from July 29 - 31.

**LAFD Toy Program and the Spark of Love Toy Drive**

This year the Fire Department Toy Program opened for the public on Friday, November 27, 2009 and the closing date was set for Thursday, January 7, 2010. Some Fire Stations reported that toys were still being dropped off as late as January 5, 2010. A number of organizations held late "Holiday" parties. We have a number of toys stored for special events, and to help start the 2010 Toy Program.

Considering the economic state of our Nation, the year 2009 was very successful, as we were able to touch many children and put smiles on their faces.

Toy Operational Data:

Official Starting Date:	Friday, November 27, 2009
Closing Date:	Thursday, January 7, 2010
Grand Total (with Spark of Love)	
Charity Toys Distributed:	90,000 plus
Contact with Charity Agencies:	440
Toy Central Operation:	43 days
Total Number Volunteers:	101
Total Number Volunteers Hours:	12,301
Total Number of Miles Driven:	9,808

**P.O. BOX 4394 TORRANCE, CA 90510 - FEDERAL TAX ID GEN NO. 5904**

**Dates To Remember**

Wed., Jan. 6	Close Toy Central
Wed., Jan. 13	Regular Meeting
Wed., Jan. 27	Regular Meeting
Wed., Feb. 10	Regular Meeting
Wed., Feb. 24	Regular Meeting

**An Invitation**

The Los Angeles Police Academy Café continues to be a big hit as our volunteers are pleased with the menu selection. We meet every other Wednesday. Check our website [www.lafdsertoma.org](http://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 - LET FREEDOM REIGN**

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

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

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

**Los Angeles Sertoma**  
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818.716.8384

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

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

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

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

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

**Los Angeles Fire Department**  
Every other Wed. 8:00 a.m.  
Police Academy Café  
1880 N. Academy Dr. LA 90012  
[www.lafdsertoma.org](http://www.lafdsertoma.org)