

The Long Beach Police Historical Society's
SALUTE TO THE
CHIEF of POLICE CENTENNIAL
1908 ~ 2008



ONE HUNDRED YEARS
of
Long Beach Police Department
Chiefs of Police

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Long Beach, California*

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PROGRAM

Opening Remarks -Salute to the Long Beach Chief of Police Centennial

Gary Morrison, *Executive Director, Long Beach Police Historical Society*

Remarks

Bob Foster, *Mayor, City of Long Beach*

Remarks

Anthony W. Batts, *Chief of Police, Long Beach Police Department*

Presentation of the Chief of Police Centennial Badges

Gary Morrison, *Executive Director, Long Beach Police Historical Society*

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Bob Foster, Mayor

Pat West, City Manager

Conclusion

Gary Morrison, *Executive Director, Long Beach Police Historical Society*

The Long Beach Police Department's Chiefs of Police



The First Chief of Police

Thomas W. Williams - 1908 to 1910
Williams served as an elected City Marshal and an appointed City Marshal before becoming the first Chief of Police.

The Second Chief of Police

Clarence E. Moyer - 1910 to 1912
Clarence Moyer was Chief of Police when the Department's first "killed in the line of duty" death occurred.



The Third Chief of Police

Dr. Albert Bennett Austin - 1912 to 1914
Before becoming Chief of Police, Dr. Austin was a dentist practicing in the First National Bank building in Long Beach.



The Fourth Chief of Police

Charles Cavender Cole - 1914 to 1919
At age thirty-six, Chief Cole was the youngest man ever to be appointed Long Beach Chief of Police.



The Fifth Chief of Police

Ralph A. Newell - 1919 to 1920
Prior to his appointment as Chief of Police, Ralph Newell had served as a Deputy Constable during Chief Moyer's Administration.



The Sixth Chief of Police

James I. Butterfield - 1920 to 1920
James Butterfield had been instrumental in instituting the City Manager form of government in the City of Long Beach.

The Seventh Chief of Police

Ben W. McLendon - 1921 to 1922
Prior to coming to Long Beach, Ben McLendon served as a police officer and constable in El Paso, Texas.



The Eighth Chief Of Police

James Selwyn Yancy - 1922 to 1933
James Yancy was the first Chief of Police to authorize department personnel to use the .45 automatic handgun.

The Ninth Chief of Police

Joseph Henry McClelland - 1933 to 1939
In 1934 Chief McClelland ordered all officers to obtain home telephones so they could be contacted if needed.





The Tenth Chief of Police

William Cyrus Wright - 1939 to 1941
Chief Wright developed the first police pistol range on city land at Wardlow and Palo Verde and rode with the Mounted Police in their first Rose Parade, 1940.

The Eleventh Chief of Police

Joseph Henry McClelland - 1941 to 1943
Joseph McClelland was the first man to be appointed to two distinct terms as Long Beach Chief of Police.



The Twelfth Chief of Police

Walter H. Lentz - 1943 to 1944
After leaving office, Chief Lentz became a private detective and chief special agent for the California Attorney General.

The Thirteenth Chief of Police

Alvin Frank Slaight - 1944 to 1949
After leaving the Department, Al Slaight moved to Ellsworth, Kansas where he became a cattle rancher and farmer.



The Fourteenth Chief of Police

William H. Dovey - 1949 to 1960
As a young soldier, Chief Dovey was awarded the Purple Heart after being wounded in the battle of Argonne Wood during World War I.



The Fifteenth Chief of Police

William John Mooney - 1960 to 1975
With nearly fifteen years in office, Chief William Mooney was the longest serving Long Beach Chief of Police.

The Sixteenth Chief of Police

Ralph Glen Kortz - 1975 to 1977
Ralph Kortz, eligible to retire in 1955, was appointed Chief of Police after serving forty-one years on the Long Beach Police Department.



The Seventeenth Chief of Police

Carl J. Calkins - 1977 to 1979
Chief Calkins was the first "outside" Chief to be appointed, having been a Captain with the Los Angeles Police Department before coming to Long Beach.

The Eighteenth Chief of Police

Charles B. Ussery - 1979 to 1986
Charles Ussery was the Long Beach Police Department's first black Chief of Police.



The Nineteenth Chief of Police

Lawrence L. Binkley - 1987 to 1992
Chief Binkley had been a Los Angeles Police Department Commander before he became Chief of Police in Long Beach.



The Twentieth Chief of Police

William C. Ellis - 1992 to 1996
Chief Ellis made Community Policing a department-wide practice; he implemented a five-year Strategic Plan, and increased the number of sworn officers on the Department.

The Twenty-First Chief of Police

Robert M. Luman - 1996 to 1999
Chief Luman approved the Long Beach Police Millennium badge and authorized its use by all Department personnel.



The Twenty-Second Chief of Police

Jerome E. Lance - 1999 to 2002
During his time of service, from the 1970s on, Chief Lance brought the Long Beach Police Department into the computer age.

The Twenty-Third Chief of Police

Anthony W. Batts - 2002 to Present
Anthony Batts is the "Centennial Chief of Police" and the first Long Beach Chief of Police to earn a PhD.



Long Beach City Marshals

Prior to the appointment of a Chief of Police, an elected City Marshal administered the Long Beach Police Department

Horatio Albert "Jake" Davies 1888 to 1890
E. A. Benefield 1890 to 1892
Nate T. Kinman 1892 to 1896
Disincorporation of Long Beach 1896 to 1897
John C. Baker 1898 to 1902
Thomas W. Williams 1902 to 1904

Jay Conklin April 1904 to August 1905
George Neece August 28, 1905 to August 31, 1905
Thomas W. Williams Aug. 31, 1905 to Sept. 30, 1905
George Neece Sept. 30, 1905 to April 9, 1906
George W. "Husky" Young April 9, 1906 to Jan. 16, 1908