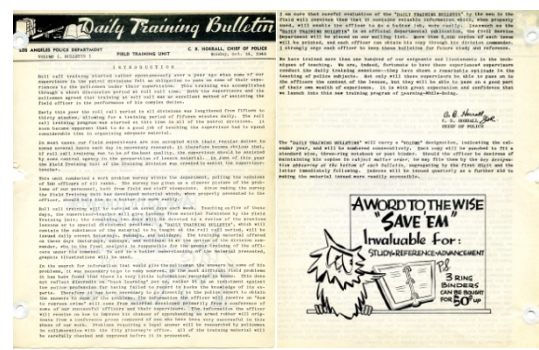




Entire Department taking the Loyalty Oath outside City Hall on December 13, 1948. Picture courtesy of Herald Examiner Collection / Los Angeles Public Library

In 1947, President Harry S. Truman, by executive action, ordered all government employees to take loyalty oaths and declare they were not, nor ever had been, communists. Every member of the LAPD complied with Truman's order and took the oath outside City Hall on December 13, 1948.

The first Daily Training Bulletin was published on October 18, 1948.



George Booker Mogle

In 1947, Stanley Ono was the first Asian Pacific Islander American officer hired in during the modern era.

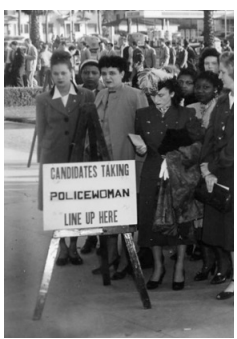
In 1945, Los Angeles became the first American city to furnish protection to car owners when the Police Commission imposed regulations and licensed all auto repair facilities. In 1971 this authority was shifted to the state's Department of Consumer Affairs.

First Reserve Officer Killed in the Line of Duty - Reserve Policeman George Booker Mogle was shot by a prowler suspect on July 31, 1946, and died of his wounds a week later on August 7, 1946.

The first policewomen uniform, adopted in 1948, was dark blue and based on those worn by the WAVES of the United States Navy. It consisted of a skirt, jacket and hat, complemented by a white blouse and a black tie. A required black leather purse had a custom holster for a 2-inch revolver sewn inside and also carried their handcuffs, a flashlight, keys, notepad, a street guide and spare ammo.

1944

In 1944 there was a shortage of men; 510 of our trained personnel were on military leave and there were 450 vacancies.



Josephine Serrano Collier

In 1947, one of the most infamous crimes in Los Angeles history occurs, the "Black Dahlia" murder. Members of the Detective Bureau investigated the murder of Elizabeth Short, who was also known as the "Black Dahlia."

Josephine Serrano Collier defied gender, ethnic and cultural traditions ingrained in the LAPD, becoming the Department's first female Hispanic officer in 1946. Out of 200 women who applied, Collier became one of only nine hired. She officially became an LAPD officer on Oct. 1, 1946, at the age of 24.



Elizabeth Short Aka The "Black Dahlia"

The first acknowledged class of Policewomen graduated from the Elysian Park Academy in 1946. Classes were generally small and segregated by gender; policemen trained separately. Graduating policewomen largely carried out their work without a formal dark blue uniform, until the policewomen's uniform arrived in 1948.