



October 1, 1971, the Police Memorial which stood at the entrance of Parker Center was dedicated. The Police Memorial stands in timeless granite as a tribute to those officers killed in the line of duty. At the time of the dedication, 130 officers were revealed on the black granite base.



In 1973, civilian specialists were placed in command of Property and Supply Divisions.

In 1973, all sworn officers began bearing the designation Police Officer and females who successfully completed the academy became eligible for patrol duties and the same promotional opportunities offered to males. The classification of Policewoman and Policeman were eliminated.

On June 5, 1968, Robert F. Kennedy, brother of the late President John F. Kennedy, former U.S. Attorney General, then U.S. Senator from New York and Democratic Presidential candidate, was fatally shot by an assassin at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles.



Officers outside Good Samaritan Hospital, where Senator Kennedy was taken after being shot and later died.

(↑) The LAPD Seal was adopted in 1971. It was designed by Officer Rolph Lucke.

In 1972, the Department acquired two explosive detection K-9s assigned to the airport.



Devonshire Station ←

Devonshire became the 17th geographical patrol area in 1968. Devonshire Division began as nothing more than a storefront station in a shopping center before formally opening the doors of its permanent station in December 1973.

On December 9, 1969, police served search warrants for illegal weapons at the Black Panther Headquarters at 41st and Central. The Black Panthers resisted with vigor as more than 5,000 rounds were exchanged during a four hour standoff. This was the first major, televised event of its kind in the history of American policing and infamously known as The Black Panther Shootout.

In 1970, the ambulance service was transferred to the Los Angeles City Fire Department.



K9-1 Hans & K9-2 King

1973

In 1969, the Basic Car Plan was a method by which the Department sought to bring the police officer and citizen closer together. It was a modern version of the age-old "friendly neighborhood policeman" system of law enforcement.



Basic Car Plan lit up on Parker Center



February 9, 1971, a 6.6-magnitude earthquake centered in Sylmar causes 65 deaths and \$505 million in damage.

January 1973, the Office of Operations decentralized and each Operation Bureau was headed by a Deputy Chief exercising supervision over several divisions.

The Manson murders' investigations began in 1969 by members of the Detective Bureau. Cold Case Detectives are still investigating unsolved case, possibly tied to the Manson Family in 2019.



In 1971, the Neighborhood Watch Program was launched.

In 1971, the Police Career Plan, better known as the "Jacobs Plan," created four pay grade positions for Policemen and what formally was eight basic ranks was subdivided into 18 classifications including the new Civil Service Class of Police Investigator. This gave officers the opportunity to advance in position and salary.

In 1973, a Child Abuse Detail was implemented.



The Manson clan scribbled "Death to Pigs" using the blood of one of the victims.

The Memorial Foundation was established in 1972 to provide emergency financial assistance, not available from other sources, to officers injured in the line of duty or to spouses and dependent children of officers killed in the line of duty. A primary concern was funding of funeral costs and educational expenses for dependents of these Officers. In 1984, non-sworn employees of the Department were included as being eligible for grants for catastrophic circumstances. This was the origin of the often-used term, "LAPD Family."

In 1969, the LAPD was the first in the nation to assign officers to labor relations.