In 1989, Federal agents seize 20 tons of cocaine and $10 million in cash from an unguarded warehouse, making it the largest U.S. drug seizure to date. In addition, Federal law enforcement officials declared Los Angeles to be the nation’s leading narcotics distribution center.

In 1990, Operation Cul-de-Sac is a bold innovative program that uses street barricades to restrict the flow of non-resident street traffic in crime-plagued areas.

Foot beats were reestablished in 1989 as a means of engendering goodwill and cooperation in troubled neighborhoods.

The Department contracted with a private firm to analyze the Department’s deployment practices and make recommendations. The recommendations resulted in the development of Patrol Plan, a computer model that determines a fair and efficient way of calculating the number of patrol units to deploy at any given time anywhere in the City. Patrol Plan was implemented widely in 1989 and the results were excellent.

In 1991, Operation Safe School made its debut in 1990 in Hollenbeck, Rampart and Newton Areas. The program’s goal was to effectively target criminal activity and truancy around the Areas’ schools.

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The Office of Operations joined with the Department of Recreation and Parks in September 1991 to establish a program known as Operation Safe Parks.

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