

Juan J. Carrillo took the office of City Marshal on December 10, 1874, after receiving 569 votes defeating Los Angeles Star Newspaper favorite E. Harris. Carrillo served as Marshal and later as Chief of Police for the City until June 8, 1876, when he was appointed to the Board of Police Commissioners of the Los Angeles City Council.

Although initially elected as City Marshal, Carrillo was the first to work under the newly enacted city ordinance #322 and # 323, which, for the first time, gave the Chief of Police the power to suspend or discipline his officers. Carrillo's term as Marshal ended at this point and he became the first working full time Chief of Police for the City of Los Angeles. This change would give the officeholder an ability to focus his attention on the crime in the city and not have to worry about fund-raising and campaigning for office each year. In addition, collecting taxes would also be removed from the list of responsibilities, which occupied most of the Marshal's time. Carrillo was the last to serve with both titles of City Marshal and Chief of Police. Thereafter, City Marshal was removed and the title "Chief of Police" was assigned to the top position of the Los Angeles Police Department.



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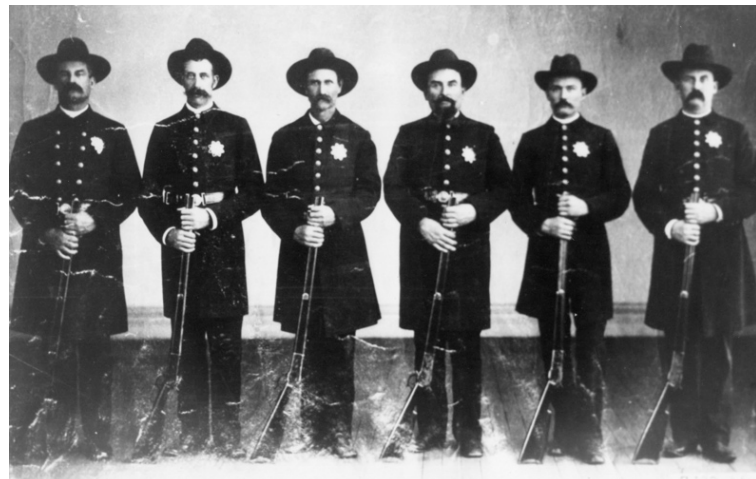
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In June 1874, citizens and merchants requested that the City Council organize and appoint a detective force of not less than two, whose duties it shall be to ferret out crime and watch suspicious persons. This was referred to the Police Commission. Under the Carrillo administration, the first change to take place was the addition of a Detective position. With the support of Mayor Beaudry, Carrillo successfully lobbied the city council for a detective position and in December 1874, the unit was established. Emil Harris and George E. Gard were appointed the first detectives on the Los Angeles police force. The newly appointed detectives would have dual status, as they would be required to perform regular police duties from time to time.

In 1875 the first horse patrol trotted down the unpaved streets.



The creation and design of the uniform and badge occurred on January 21, 1875, when the City Council directed Chief Juan Carrillo to adopt a uniform for the police officers and instructed him to work on the size and design of the badge which they wanted to be a uniform size. On January 28, 1875, the City Council directs Chief Carrillo to contact the San Francisco Police Department and design a badge and uniform of similar design. As a result, the first uniform and badge for the Los Angeles Police Department was designed.



Officers wore uniforms which included frontier type felt hats and hip-length blue serge coats. An eight-point silver star was the official badge.