

LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT



**Response to the
Merrick Bobb Report**

2011

SUMMARY OF REVIEW

OF THE

MERRICK BOBB REPORT

We have reviewed Merrick Bobb's 30th Semiannual Report and identified several areas which appear fundamentally flawed. We focused on three specific segments of the report that Merrick Bobb identified as areas of concern, they are as follows:

1. In his report, Mr. Bobb indicates that there are a disproportionate number of minorities, specifically Latinos, being shot by Sheriff's deputies. Mr. Bobb used out dated census data, statistically flawed arrest statistics and ratios, and general (countywide) racial and demographic statistics to justify his conclusions which were isolated to a specific policing jurisdiction, Century Sheriff's Station.
2. The characteristics of our deputy-involved shootings are questioned by Mr. Bobb wherein he concludes that too many of our shootings are "State of Mind" or "Waistband Reaching" type shootings. His report offers the opinion that our deputies justify their actions in a conspiratorial manner by "Invoking" the justification of fear.
3. In the report Mr. Bobb alleges Departmental firearms training is inadequate, with members failing to meet the standards established by policy, then he concludes this shortfall in proficiency is somehow related to deputy-involved shootings.

Our response is divided into five section which incorporate the above areas of concern. Each section begins with Mr. Bobb's assertions. We then provide the Sheriff's challenge to the report's methodology, and concludes with data to validate our response.

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I

DEMOGRAPHIC STATISTICS

Merrick Bobb's report claims that "***The majority of officer-involved shooting cases, about 61 percent, involved Latino suspects. Approximately 29 percent of incidents involved black suspects, and ten percent involved white suspects. When these rates are compared with overall LASD arrests rates, we see that Latinos and blacks are over represented and white suspects are under represented.***"¹

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's response:

- Merrick Bobb's report used blanket arrest statistics County wide, and doesn't account for arrests that are traditionally linked to violence and weapons. LASD's contention is that the arrests of gang members and other suspects commonly associated with weapons is a more accurate measuring tool for this type of comparison.
- Merrick Bobb's report used Census statistics from the year 2000 which is different than the 2010 Census. The number of Latinos accounted for in LASD's jurisdictions rose approximately 21% between the years 2000 and 2010.
- Attached in this section is a break down of the number of Hispanic gangs in Los Angeles County and more specifically, the number of Hispanic gangs in the Century, Compton and South Los Angeles Station areas. There are 61,096 documented gang members in Los Angeles County, but approximately 30% or 16,968 of them reside in the above three station areas.

Special Note:

In Merrick Bobb's letter to the Sheriff, he specifically states:

"It would be a serious error for anyone to conclude from this report that LASD deputies intentionally shot at any individual because that individual was black or Latino."²

¹ Merrick Bobb's 30th annual report, Page 3, 1st paragraph; Page 10, 2nd paragraph

²Merrick Bobb's letter to the Sheriff Baca, page 2, 1st paragraph

2000 Census Population by Sheriff's Station

| REGION | Sheriff's Station | Total Census Population | White alone | African American alone | Native American alone | Asian alone | Pacific Islander alone | Other Race alone | Two or More Races | Hispanic or Latino |
|--------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|------------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| I | Altadena | 43,667 | 17,606 | 13,513 | 222 | 2,149 | 67 | 746 | 602 | 8,762 |
| I | Crescenta Valley | 40,295 | 27,859 | 265 | 196 | 8,108 | 27 | 557 | 159 | 3,124 |
| I | East Los Angeles | 162,840 | 3,689 | 532 | 426 | 1,251 | 39 | 335 | 98 | 156,470 |
| I | Lancaster | 142,492 | 79,517 | 19,699 | 1,840 | 5,241 | 342 | 845 | 1,073 | 33,935 |
| I | Malibu / Lost Hills | 86,283 | 72,813 | 1,296 | 388 | 5,693 | 110 | 605 | 286 | 5,092 |
| I | Palmdale | 157,279 | 75,239 | 19,112 | 1,532 | 5,688 | 304 | 1,074 | 994 | 53,336 |
| I | Santa Clarita Valley | 200,907 | 133,880 | 6,983 | 1,451 | 13,128 | 372 | 1,400 | 912 | 42,781 |
| I | Temple | 185,900 | 41,643 | 4,313 | 681 | 60,081 | 153 | 989 | 1,181 | 76,859 |
| | Region I TOTAL | 1,019,663 | 452,246 | 65,713 | 6,736 | 101,339 | 1,414 | 6,551 | 5,305 | 380,359 |
| II | Avalon | 3,696 | 1,908 | 15 | 41 | 49 | 13 | 23 | 8 | 1,639 |
| II | Carson | 113,221 | 18,026 | 25,889 | 500 | 25,810 | 3,007 | 475 | 1,594 | 37,920 |
| II | Century | 182,440 | 3,461 | 32,430 | 288 | 710 | 325 | 240 | 436 | 144,550 |
| II | Compton | 113,580 | 1,261 | 44,780 | 216 | 265 | 1,150 | 192 | 593 | 65,123 |
| II | Lennox/SLA | 115,349 | 14,568 | 29,751 | 433 | 6,215 | 791 | 829 | 862 | 61,900 |
| II | Lomita | 74,428 | 45,549 | 2,032 | 364 | 16,139 | 210 | 633 | 449 | 9,052 |
| II | Marina del Rey | 25,984 | 8,322 | 14,746 | 64 | 1,139 | 31 | 194 | 473 | 1,015 |
| II | West Hollywood | 36,358 | 29,317 | 1,415 | 174 | 1,554 | 76 | 421 | 183 | 3,218 |
| | Region II TOTAL | 665,056 | 122,412 | 151,058 | 2,080 | 51,881 | 5,603 | 3,007 | 4,598 | 324,417 |
| III | Cerritos | 51,488 | 11,040 | 3,470 | 153 | 30,509 | 105 | 298 | 564 | 5,349 |
| III | Industry | 182,013 | 26,272 | 3,094 | 735 | 30,014 | 266 | 748 | 899 | 119,985 |
| III | Lakewood | 240,322 | 76,107 | 23,939 | 1,558 | 26,395 | 1,727 | 1,497 | 2,083 | 107,016 |
| III | Norwalk | 214,812 | 60,450 | 6,410 | 1,331 | 21,349 | 638 | 1,168 | 948 | 122,518 |
| III | Pico Rivera | 93,766 | 9,517 | 491 | 377 | 2,584 | 80 | 338 | 165 | 80,214 |
| III | San Dimas | 80,697 | 37,018 | 2,734 | 604 | 6,800 | 132 | 559 | 393 | 32,457 |
| III | Walnut/Diamond Bar | 138,887 | 31,647 | 5,330 | 373 | 68,012 | 272 | 889 | 1,574 | 30,790 |
| | Region III TOTAL | 1,001,985 | 252,051 | 45,468 | 5,131 | 185,663 | 3,220 | 5,497 | 6,626 | 498,329 |

2010 Census Population by Sheriff Station

| Region | Sheriff Station | Total Census Population | White alone | African American alone | Native American alone | Asian alone | Pacific Islander alone | Other Race alone | Two or More Races | Hispanic or Latino |
|--------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|------------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| I | Altadena | 44,106 | 18,182 | 9,889 | 85 | 2,373 | 65 | 187 | 1,681 | 11,644 |
| I | Crescenta Valley | 41,440 | 25,189 | 254 | 50 | 10,576 | 17 | 81 | 1,067 | 4,206 |
| I | East Los Angeles | 190,519 | 3,322 | 630 | 285 | 1,267 | 42 | 246 | 283 | 184,444 |
| I | Lancaster | 187,985 | 69,334 | 33,263 | 869 | 7,046 | 354 | 672 | 5,260 | 71,187 |
| I | Malibu / Lost Hills | 89,170 | 71,997 | 1,414 | 151 | 5,818 | 68 | 209 | 2,617 | 6,896 |
| I | Palmdale | 196,799 | 61,677 | 23,443 | 687 | 7,045 | 256 | 484 | 4,304 | 98,903 |
| I | Santa Clarita Valley | 268,706 | 143,379 | 11,099 | 658 | 27,648 | 339 | 717 | 7,376 | 77,490 |
| I | Temple | 189,591 | 29,861 | 3,202 | 271 | 79,337 | 88 | 239 | 2,534 | 74,059 |
| | Region I TOTAL | 1,208,316 | 422,941 | 83,194 | 3,056 | 141,110 | 1,229 | 2,835 | 25,122 | 528,829 |
| II | Avalon | 4,096 | 1,813 | 12 | 7 | 53 | 10 | 4 | 46 | 2,151 |
| II | Carson | 116,011 | 12,362 | 24,639 | 246 | 29,851 | 2,600 | 323 | 2,798 | 43,192 |
| II | Century | 187,494 | 2,579 | 24,860 | 196 | 643 | 247 | 372 | 631 | 157,966 |
| II | Compton | 118,425 | 1,038 | 37,167 | 197 | 294 | 804 | 176 | 955 | 77,794 |
| II | Lennox | 117,224 | 11,630 | 25,539 | 209 | 6,085 | 757 | 443 | 1,772 | 70,789 |
| II | Lomita | 74,941 | 39,947 | 2,245 | 146 | 17,534 | 163 | 183 | 2,778 | 11,945 |
| II | Marina Del Rey | 26,694 | 8,033 | 14,366 | 50 | 1,200 | 15 | 104 | 1,096 | 1,830 |
| II | West Hollywood | 35,106 | 27,063 | 1,377 | 48 | 1,842 | 32 | 92 | 962 | 3,690 |
| | Region II TOTAL | 679,991 | 104,465 | 130,205 | 1,099 | 57,502 | 4,628 | 1,697 | 11,038 | 369,357 |
| III | Cerritos | 48,666 | 8,044 | 3,261 | 51 | 29,952 | 119 | 83 | 1,309 | 5,847 |
| III | Industry | 181,793 | 18,060 | 2,193 | 267 | 31,008 | 189 | 239 | 1,445 | 128,392 |
| III | Lakewood | 243,724 | 56,384 | 24,133 | 635 | 30,948 | 1,738 | 491 | 5,086 | 124,309 |
| III | Norwalk | 220,989 | 44,997 | 5,906 | 579 | 23,512 | 567 | 366 | 2,748 | 142,314 |
| III | Pico Rivera | 93,689 | 6,473 | 604 | 204 | 2,264 | 47 | 113 | 416 | 83,568 |
| III | San Dimas | 81,374 | 29,457 | 2,237 | 228 | 7,113 | 82 | 174 | 1,549 | 40,534 |
| III | Walnut / Diamond Bar | 137,522 | 21,653 | 3,875 | 140 | 77,421 | 183 | 171 | 2,790 | 31,289 |
| | Region III TOTAL | 1,007,757 | 185,068 | 42,209 | 2,104 | 202,218 | 2,925 | 1,637 | 15,343 | 556,253 |

Source: 2010 Census SF1 (Table P5)

Race percentage Statistics

Century Station total Census: 187,494

White: 1.4%

**African
American: 13.3%**

**Native
American: .1%**

Asian: .3%

**Pacific
Islander: .1%**

**Other
Race: .2%**

**Two or
more Races: .1%**

Hispanics: 84.3%

Los Angeles County Gangs

Los Angeles County

Gang(s) 1,151
Subject(s) 103,245

LASD - Century

Gang(s) 125
Subject(s) 18,562 18%

LASD - Compton

Gang(s) 89
Subject(s) 8,042 7%

LASD - South LA

Gang(s) 64
Subject(s) 10,846 10%

LASD - East LA

Gang(s) 44
Subject(s) 4,881 5%

Los Angeles County Hispanic Gangs

Los Angeles County

| | | |
|--------------------|---------|--|
| Total Gangs | 1,151 | |
| Total Gang Members | 103,245 | |

Los Angeles County Hispanic Gangs/Members

| | | |
|-----------------------------|--------|-----|
| Total Hispanic Gangs | 592 | |
| Total Hispanic Gang Members | 61,096 | 59% |

Century Station Hispanic Gangs/Members

| | | |
|-----------------------------|-------|----|
| Total Hispanic Gangs | 54 | |
| Total Hispanic Gang Members | 8,721 | 8% |

Compton Station Hispanic Gangs/Members

| | | |
|-----------------------------|-------|----|
| Total Hispanic Gangs | 31 | |
| Total Hispanic Gang Members | 3,770 | 3% |

South LA Station Hispanic Gangs/Members

| | | |
|-----------------------------|-------|----|
| Total Hispanic Gangs | 20 | |
| Total Hispanic Gang Members | 4,557 | 4% |

East LA Station Hispanic Gangs/Members

| | | |
|-----------------------------|-------|----|
| Total Hispanic Gangs | 44 | |
| Total Hispanic Gang Members | 4,881 | 4% |

SECTION

II

ARRESTS AND GANG RELATED CRIME STATISTICS

The Merrick Bobb's Report claims that "***When arrests statistics are taken into account, blacks and Latinos are significantly more likely to be shot than are whites and other groups such as Asians.***"³

The same report also claims "***That there is no clear correlation between the number of shootings and crime or arrests in general or for Part I crimes in particular. Nonetheless, we found that shootings statistics did rise and fall somewhat in tandem with the criminal homicide rates.***"⁴

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's response:

- The two above quotes from Merrick Bobb's report contradict their premise that arrests statistics are related to officer-involved shootings. The first quote states they do and the second quote states they do not.
- LASD's arrest statistics show that there is a correlation between violent and gang related felony arrests and officer-involved shootings. Merrick Bobb's report used County wide Part I arrest statistics that included crimes that traditionally do not involve weapons and/or violence.
- Gang members, both Latino and black, make up more than 88% of all documented gangs in Los Angeles County. There are 1,151 gangs and 103,245 gang members in Los Angeles County, but over 40% reside in the Century, Compton, and South Los Angeles station areas. The Merrick Bobb report failed to acknowledge or report this statistic in his conclusions.

³ Merrick Bobb 30th Annual report; Page 1, 2nd paragraph

⁴ Merrick Bobb's 30th annual report, Page 8, 1st paragraph

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
VIOLENT CRIME ARRESTS**

| YEAR | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | TOTAL |
|---------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| DEPARTMENT VIOLENT CRIMES | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| HOMICIDE | | | | | | 254 | 203 | 280 | 244 | 231 | 196 | 1,408 |
| RAPE | | | | | | 191 | 170 | 169 | 182 | 201 | 201 | 1,114 |
| ROBBERY | | | | | | 1,850 | 1,964 | 2,046 | 2,248 | 2,105 | 2,041 | 12,254 |
| AGGRAVATED ASSAULT | | | | | | 5,250 | 5,275 | 5,571 | 5,713 | 5,594 | 5,943 | 33,346 |
| TOTAL DEPARTMENT | | | | | | 7,545 | 7,612 | 8,066 | 8,387 | 8,131 | 8,381 | 48,122 |
| CENTURY STATION VIOLENT CRIMES | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| HOMICIDE | | | | | | 28 | 24 | 21 | 30 | 33 | 20 | 156 |
| RAPE | | | | | | 16 | 15 | 15 | 17 | 16 | 24 | 103 |
| ROBBERY | | | | | | 207 | 208 | 275 | 253 | 264 | 302 | 1,509 |
| AGGRAVATED ASSAULT | | | | | | 441 | 460 | 552 | 686 | 577 | 634 | 3,350 |
| TOTAL CENTURY STATION | | | | | | 692 | 707 | 863 | 986 | 890 | 980 | 5,118 |
| CITY OF LYNWOOD VIOLENT CRIMES | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| HOMICIDE | | | | | | 12 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 7 | 33 |
| RAPE | | | | | | 8 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 5 | 7 | 38 |
| ROBBERY | | | | | | 67 | 73 | 80 | 82 | 85 | 81 | 468 |
| AGGRAVATED ASSAULT | | | | | | 121 | 139 | 153 | 214 | 168 | 187 | 982 |
| TOTAL CITY OF LYNWOOD | | | | | | 208 | 219 | 241 | 309 | 262 | 282 | 1,521 |

% of Overall Arrests
 11%
 9%
 12%
 10%
 10%

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
VIOLENT CRIME ARRESTS**

| YEAR | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | TOTAL |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| DEPARTMENT VIOLENT CRIMES | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| HOMICIDE | 165 | 207 | 224 | 232 | 228 | 254 | 203 | 280 | 244 | 231 | 196 | 2,464 |
| RAPE | 205 | 220 | 204 | 213 | 178 | 191 | 170 | 169 | 182 | 201 | 201 | 2,134 |
| ROBBERY | 1,562 | 1,735 | 1,724 | 1,795 | 1,868 | 1,850 | 1,964 | 2,046 | 2,248 | 2,105 | 2,041 | 20,938 |
| AGGRAVATED ASSAULT | 5,374 | 8,432 | 5,745 | 6,365 | 5,312 | 5,250 | 5,275 | 5,571 | 5,713 | 5,594 | 5,943 | 64,574 |
| TOTAL DEPARTMENT | 7,306 | 10,594 | 7,897 | 8,605 | 7,586 | 7,545 | 7,612 | 8,066 | 8,387 | 8,131 | 8,381 | 90,110 |
| CENTURY STATION VIOLENT CRIMES | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| HOMICIDE | 19 | 24 | 30 | 35 | 22 | 28 | 24 | 21 | 30 | 33 | 20 | 286 |
| RAPE | 24 | 21 | 26 | 27 | 14 | 16 | 15 | 15 | 17 | 16 | 24 | 215 |
| ROBBERY | 234 | 271 | 232 | 248 | 289 | 207 | 208 | 275 | 253 | 264 | 302 | 2,783 |
| AGGRAVATED ASSAULT | 557 | 773 | 530 | 571 | 500 | 441 | 460 | 552 | 686 | 577 | 634 | 6,281 |
| TOTAL CENTURY STATION | 834 | 1,089 | 818 | 881 | 825 | 692 | 707 | 863 | 986 | 890 | 980 | 9,565 |
| CITY OF LYNWOOD VIOLENT CRIMES | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| HOMICIDE | 6 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 7 | 12 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 7 | 61 |
| RAPE | 8 | 14 | 10 | 12 | 0 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 5 | 7 | 82 |
| ROBBERY | 80 | 105 | 80 | 97 | 79 | 67 | 73 | 80 | 82 | 85 | 81 | 909 |
| AGGRAVATED ASSAULT | 190 | 295 | 210 | 217 | 159 | 121 | 139 | 153 | 214 | 168 | 187 | 2,053 |
| TOTAL CITY OF LYNWOOD | 284 | 419 | 306 | 330 | 245 | 208 | 219 | 241 | 309 | 262 | 282 | 3,105 |

LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
VIOLENT CRIME ARRESTS

| YEAR | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | TOTAL | % |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|-----------|
| DEPARTMENT VIOLENT CRIMES | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| HOMICIDE | 165 | 207 | 224 | 232 | 228 | 254 | 203 | 280 | 244 | 231 | 196 | 2,464 | |
| RAPE | 205 | 220 | 204 | 213 | 178 | 191 | 170 | 169 | 182 | 201 | 201 | 2,134 | |
| ROBBERY | 1562 | 1735 | 1724 | 1795 | 1868 | 1850 | 1964 | 2046 | 2248 | 2105 | 2041 | 20,938 | |
| AGGRAVATED ASSAULT | 5374 | 8432 | 5745 | 6365 | 5312 | 5250 | 5275 | 5571 | 5713 | 5594 | 5943 | 64,574 | |
| TOTAL DEPARTMENT | 7306 | 10594 | 7897 | 8605 | 7586 | 7545 | 7612 | 8066 | 8387 | 8131 | 8381 | 90,110 | |
| CENTURY STATION VIOLENT CRIMES | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| HOMICIDE | 19 | 24 | 30 | 35 | 22 | 28 | 24 | 21 | 30 | 33 | 20 | 286 | 11% |
| RAPE | 24 | 21 | 26 | 27 | 14 | 16 | 15 | 15 | 17 | 16 | 24 | 215 | 10% |
| ROBBERY | 234 | 271 | 232 | 248 | 289 | 207 | 208 | 275 | 253 | 264 | 305 | 2,783 | 13% |
| AGGRAVATED ASSAULT | 557 | 773 | 530 | 571 | 500 | 441 | 460 | 552 | 686 | 577 | 634 | 6,281 | 9% |
| TOTAL CENTURY STATION | 834 | 1089 | 818 | 881 | 825 | 692 | 707 | 863 | 986 | 890 | 980 | 9,565 | 7% |

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
CENTURY SHERIFF'S STATION
FELONY ARRESTS BY RACE
2006-2010**

| YEAR | BLACK | HISPANIC | WHITE | OTHERS | TOTAL |
|--------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| 2006 | 1,341 | 2,417 | 69 | 18 | 3,845 |
| 2007 | 1,794 | 3,080 | 85 | 23 | 4,982 |
| 2008 | 2,649 | 4,274 | 135 | 39 | 7,097 |
| 2009 | 2,499 | 3,816 | 130 | 61 | 6,506 |
| 2010 | 2,392 | 4,094 | 181 | 55 | 6,722 |
| TOTAL | 10,675 | 17,681 | 600 | 196 | 29,152 |

Numbers from AJIS BCS File, CAP# 11-057-LS

TOTAL NUMBER OF GUNS CENTRAL PROPERTY AND EVIDENCE RECEIVED
FROM CEN, CPT, AND LNX FROM
JANUARY 1, 2006 - DECEMBER 31, 2010

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 |
|-----------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| CENTURY STATION (CEN) | 641 | 799 | 1139 | 664 | 662 |
| COMPTON STATION (CPT) | 571 | 672 | 778 | 720 | 562 |
| LENNOX STATION (LNX) | 484 | 567 | 842 | 522 | 375 |
| TOTAL | 1696 | 2038 | 2759 | 1906 | 1599 |

DEPARTMENT'S TOTAL OF GUNS CENTRAL PROPERTY AND EVIDENCE
RECEIVED FROM
JANUARY 1, 2006 - DECEMBER 31, 2010

| 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 |
|------|------|------|------|------|
| 6128 | 6988 | 7859 | 5965 | 6413 |

SECTION

III

CHARACTERISTICS OF DEPUTY-INVOLVED SHOOTINGS

“Unarmed or State-of-Mind shootings are on the rise and deputies are invoking the justification of shooting suspects who reached for their waistband.”

Merrick Bobb's report claims ***“That all but two of the suspects shot that were unarmed were Latino (62%) and black (34%).”*** The report also claims ***“That deputies invoke the justification that they perceived the suspect was reaching for his waistband.”***⁵

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's response:

- An audit of the (43) 2010 deputy involved shootings where 15 of the shootings were determined to be unarmed was conducted. All of the 15 unarmed shootings involved suspects who were engaging in activity that was criminal in nature, non-compliant, or both.
- The 2010 Deputy-Involved Unarmed shootings involved the following stations:

| Station | Total number | Percentage of unarmed |
|----------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| East LA | 4 | 26% |
| Century | 2 | 13% |
| Compton | 2 | 13% |
| Lakewood | 2 | 13% |
| Carson | 2 | 13% |
| West Hollywood | 1 | 7% |
| Santa Clarita | 1 | 7% |
| Altadena | 1 | 7% |
| | | |

DEPARTMENTAL FIREARM TRAINING

⁵Merrick Bobb 30th Annual report. Page 3 2nd paragraph.

State of Mind Shootings

Merrick Bobb's report states there were 260 Deputy Involved Shootings (DIS) between 2005 and 2010 and 21% of those shootings were considered unarmed or state of mind shootings.

Merrick Bobb's report also states in the year 2010, there were 43 Deputy Involved Shootings and that 1/3 (or 15 out the 43) of those shootings they considered unarmed, or "State of Mind" shootings.

We concur with Merrick Bobb's assessment that 15 of the 2010 shootings were unarmed.

8 of the unarmed shootings were Hit shootings and 7 were Non-Hit shootings.

The following is a summary of the actions by the deputies and the suspects during the confrontations that were considered "State of Mind" shootings:

| DATE | STATION | CONTACT REASON | ACTIONS BY SUSPECTS |
|---------|---------|---|---|
| 1/14/10 | Carson | Observation stop of a suspicious person possibly involved in narcotics activity | Suspect in a high gang area fled on foot as the deputies approached to investigate. |
| 3/24/10 | East LA | Attempt suicide call | The suspect was bloodied and reached for his waist band in front of deputies. |
| 4/13/10 | East LA | Gang Disturbance call | Suspect fled when deputies arrived and tossed a bag of narcotics. Reached for a gun. Gun never recovered. |

| | | | |
|----------|----------------|---|---|
| 5/7/10 | Lakewood | Burglary in Progress Call | Suspect fled on foot from the house he was burglarizing and jumped several fences attempting to evade deputies. |
| 6/16/10 | Lakewood | Shots fired call | Suspect near the shooting was uncooperative and reached for waistband after deputies tried to detain him. |
| 7/9/10 | Santa Clarita | Family disturbance call | Suspect uncooperative and had cell phone in hand. He was uncooperative when told to raise hands. |
| 7/27/10 | Century | Stolen Vehicle/LoJack hit. | Suspect fled from stolen car and on foot. |
| 7/27/10 | Century | Observation stop of a suspicious person | Suspect was looking into cars, saw deputies and fled on bike. Then fled on foot for several blocks and reached into fanny pack. |
| 10/3/10 | West Hollywood | Robbery In Progress Call | Clerk exited store, matching the suspect description and was mistakenly shot |
| 10/19/10 | East LA | Observation of a Stolen Car | Suspect was driving a stolen car, in hotel parking lot known for drug and prostitute activity. |
| 10/28/10 | Century | Burglary in progress call. | Suspect was seen jumping out of victim's house window, and fled on foot. |
| 10/28/10 | Altadena | Car jacking in-progress call. | Suspect was detained in stolen car, was uncooperative and would not stand still, and approached deputy in aggressive manner. |

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|----------|---------------------|---|---|
| 11/17/10 | Compton | Observation of suspicious person | Suspect fled from deputies. Hiding behind car & uncooperative toward deputy's orders. |
| 12/1/10 | East LA | Observation detention re: a gang member gathering with possible alcohol and drug activity | Suspect with group of gang members, he had a gun fled on foot and was later detained. |
| 12/1/10 | Safe Streets Bureau | Domestic Violence Incident follow-up investigation | Suspect who was a known gang member per OSS and fled from deputies as they contacted him. |

SECTION IV

DEPARTMENTAL FIREARM TRAINING

LASD deputies involved in Deputy-Involved shootings weren't sufficiently trained in Firearms Training within mandated time frames before the shooting incident."

Merrick Bobb's report claims that "***Each LASD deputy working patrol shall attend eight hours of training every two years provided by Tactical and Survival Training Unit (TAS.) We found that one third of all deputies involved in shootings between 2006-2010, had not been to TAS training within the two year requirement."***

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department response:

- LASD counters Merrick Bobb's contention that if deputies don't attend Laser 1 training every two years, they are not in compliance. LASD's policies allow for the below listed training cycles to meet the firearms training requirements.
- Pursuant to POST requirements, LASD has three courses that fulfill those requirements:
 - TRS II #9300 (PSP - Formerly known as PPC)
 - TRS II #2010 (Patrol School)
 - TRS II #2910 (Laser 1 - Laser village)

Attached is a memo from the Chief of the Leadership and Training Division explaining the 3 training cycles in more detail.

SECTION V

DEPUTY INVOLVED SHOOTING DATA AND RECORD KEEPING

“LASD lacks basic internal integrity when it comes to keeping records of Deputy-Involved shootings.”

The Merrick Bobb report claims that our record keeping and data collection process in that area is flawed. LASD acknowledges that the areas that need improvement is in data entry and the Department will focus on remedies. LASD also acknowledges the P.P.I. data base was developed in 1992. This system requires an upgrade. A committee is being assembled to develop upgrades and protocols.