Captain Kathleen Burns



Angeles was experiencing the strongest winds in LA history. With winds hitting 100 MPH the worst case scenario happened. A fire broke out in the Pacific Palisades area of the City.

As the Los Angeles Fire Department began to realize the disastrous potential of this fire requests were sent to all fire stations, and the Los Angeles Police Department was put on what is known as city-wide Tactical Alert. That means all officers working at that moment would not be relieved of their normal duties for at least 12 hours.

The Devonshire Division immediately activated our staff to send additional units to the fire area and to have all sworn personnel (Detectives, Administrative staff etc.) put on their uniforms and join with SLO's and be prepared for assignment.

As units left Devonshire, we allocated some of our SLO's and staff to work patrol functions for the interim. Within just a few hours half of all Devonshire personnel were assigned to the Palisades Fire.

To complicate an already difficult situation the Hurst fire broke out in Sylmar. This drew all officers in Foothill and Mission Divisions into that fire management. Now that the Foothill and Mission Divisions were unmanned it fell upon Devonshire and Topanga to fill those patrol areas.

This effectively left Devonshire Division with only 2 patrol vehicles while we normally field 12 cars.

These conditions continued for many weeks and exhausted our officers and the impact felt by their families. *I could not be prouder of officers!*

Devonshire Division has always been extremely proud of the volunteer support it receives from our community. No division in LAPD has more support than Devonshire. And in fact, with over 300 civilian volunteers, we are larger than all valley divisions combined.

When the January 7, Pacific Palisades fire broke out our patrol functions were severely hindered. Without fail, our volunteers came to help. Our particular gratitude goes out to Reserve Officers Richard Badger, Gary Hall and Steve Fazio came to work and were sent to the Palisades where they worked 12-hour shifts next to our full-time officers. They worked for many days on the lines. And particularly thanks to Steve Fazio who worked for 10 days.

In addition to the work of the Sworn Reserves, our volunteer community patrol (VCP) showed up and took our surveillance vehicles to the Palisades to assist with traffic control.



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\$15 per person for the pancake breakfast (kids 3 and under eat free)

All other activities are free!

Tickets will be available at the event.



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Every dollar raised goes directly towards providing essential resources and support for our dedicated law enforcement heroes!

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DEVONSHIRE Cigar Night

Join us for a night of <u>Cigars</u>, <u>Great Food</u> and <u>Raffle Prizes!</u>
at the

VFW: 17522 Chatsworth Street, Granada Hills, CA 91344 \$50 per person pre-paid / \$60 at the door

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Thursday - June 5, 2025

(5 p.m. to 9 p.m.)

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