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One major crisis after another greeted Daryl F. Gates as the new Chief. Not least among them was the passage of Proposition 13 and the resultant slashing of the Department's budget. By 1985, authorized sworn personnel had been reduced to 6,900. During the same time period, New York had 28,700 officers and Chicago had 12,399. Doing more with less became mandatory at a time when the City's population surpassed Chicago's to become the nation's second largest, and when Hispanics and Asians by the hundreds of thousands were relocating to Los Angeles.

The Chief assumed the responsibility of directing two events of international importance. In July and August of 1984 the City was to host the XXIII Summer Olympic Games, and in September 1987, Pope John Paul II was our guest for two days. On each occasion, the response of the Police Department in anticipation of terrorist activity, traffic jams, and crowd control was exemplary.

In the war against narcotics, Chief Gates contributed a concept and program of historic significance to law enforcement through his creation of the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program. DARE was based on his contention that the present generation had already surrendered to drug dependency and that the country's future lies with the readiness of our children to resist involvement. It is to this end, that DARE has been activated at home and abroad.

The Chief took equal pride in his origination of Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) teams, which he pioneered in 1972 while in a command position. The LAPD since then has scrupulously selected and trained all specialists assigned to SWAT operations.

In doing more with less, Chief Gates turned to the residents of Los Angeles by recruiting volunteers to assist the Department. The old and young responded by the thousands, permitting sworn personnel to meet more pressing duties. They ranged from uniformed line reservists to youngsters enrolled in Deputy Auxiliary Police activities to clerical workers. They constituted 94 different groups with 55,305 members not including about 3,000 Block Club captains attached to Neighborhood Watch programs. Volunteers contributed 172,210 hours of time in 1987 or more than 21,500 8-hour days.

From the day he took office, Daryl F. Gates won the solid support of the people of Los Angeles by virtue of his patience, dedicated leadership, and perseverance in meeting and solving enormous problems.

Through the generosity of Propertyroom.com, CAPE is able to award \$500 to assist an agency with the travel expenses to the annual training seminar. In order to be considered for this award, you must be registered for the seminar by the early registration deadline. A drawing will be held from these early registrations. The winner will be given the \$500 award at the annual training seminar. There is no need to apply for this award, as all early registrations are included.