TPD History in 1990's



After 42 years of service to the City, Chief Donald E. Nash retired in May of 1991. The search for a new Chief was extended outside the ranks of the Police Department and **Joseph C. DeLadurantey**, an LAPD Captain, was selected. Chief DeLadurantey was appointed in December of 1991 and introduced the Department to the Community Oriented Policing management philosophy.

The Department added a number of new programs during Chief DeLadurantey's tenure. The focus on community issues was reflected in the Community Lead Officer Detail, Citizen Volunteer, and Partners in Policing programs, and the addition of a substation in the historic downtown district. Emphasis on youth and schools was supported by the addition of School Resource Officers, Gang Resistance Education And Training (GREAT), and the Adopt-A-Cop program. Crime fighting efforts were furthered by the addition of Firearms Training Simulator (FATS), Precision Intervention Technique (PIT), and the approval of the Glock .45 pistol as the department's primary weapon. The Information Technology Team was established to provided training and support for the department's growing computer needs. The Department had grown to become the third largest police agency in Los Angeles County.



S.W.A.T Team



James D. Herren joined the Torrance Police Department as a police officer in September of 1974 and served in that capacity until October of 1986. He was promoted to police sergeant in October of that year serving in Patrol, Personnel, and Motors until December 1991. He was promoted to police lieutenant and served as Watch Commander until January 1994. In January of 1994, James D. Herren was promoted to police captain and served as bureau commander for Traffic and Emergency Services, and Administration. He was appointed acting Chief of Police from March 1997 to August 1997 and then appointed to his current position as the Chief of Police on August 19, 1997.