



STRIKE UP THE BAND!



A Tradition of Service Through Music



By Dawn Anderson
Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Band

A tradition of service through music is our mission as the new Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Band. After a half century without an official Sheriff's Department band, it is my pleasure to introduce to you our musicians, who have committed themselves to bringing harmony, festivity and pride to the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department through music.

As a group, our band has played for presidents, kings and queens. We have played in venues as far away as Sweden, Mexico and Washington, D.C. But we are happiest playing in Southern California



The LASD Band has been an important part of our Department's history.

for school programs, patriotic events and law enforcement celebrations.

Your LASD Band is made up of professional musicians as well as avid amateurs. Our composition is diverse, hailing from all walks and stages of life, but we all have a common goal — a desire to serve our communities through music. It is

through music that we can communicate with each other and our audience, even when we don't speak the same language.

The LASD Band is governed by a nine-person executive committee voted on by the band members. We adhere to a set of bylaws and report to our LASD liaison, former Trojan Marching Band



The LASD has both swing and concert bands, made up of professional musicians and avid amateurs.

After a half century without one, the Department has an official band again, led by Dan Glass. We are honored to be the first band in decades to represent the LASD.

member Commander Keith Swensson.

The first member of the LASD Band I would like to introduce you to is Dan Glass. He is our leader. He began his affiliation with our band by playing the trombone, where his talent was soon noticed by Dr. Don Holcomb, conductor extraordinaire. Dr. Don put Dan in charge of our swing band, a 17-piece jazz-type band made up of players from within our concert band. The swing band plays for dances or for listening pleasure when the venue is too small for the entire concert band. Last May, Dan became the conductor of the concert band. Dan has dedicated himself to serve and does so with a smile and a wave of his baton.

An Officer and a Music Man

Originally from West Covina, Dan was a state champion drum major at West Covina High. Dan also studied trombone and eventually attended Cal State Long Beach, majoring in music. He participated in a variety of college bands, traveled to Europe with the American Youth Symphony and was a contract musician at Disneyland and Knott's Berry Farm theme parks, where he subbed in the Harry James Big Band.

But Dan caught the law enforcement bug and changed his major to criminal justice, ultimately joining the El Monte Police Department. The combination of music and law enforcement has made Dan a natural fit to be our leader.

Dan says that his goal in directing the LASD Band is to simply "play music that is challenging and enjoyable, basically fun for all." He is dedicated to serving the Sheriff's Department's communities and hopes that the newly formed LASD Band will help to build bridges between the citizens and deputies through the art of music. Our first performance as the LASD Band was at the Reagan Library for President's Day on February 20, 2017, where we performed in front of hundreds of cheering, patriotic families.

We are honored to be the first band in decades to represent the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, and we hope to see you all at an event soon.

If you play an instrument or previously played an instrument, it may be time to dust it off and join the LASD Band. If you would like to ask one of our bands to perform for an event, either the dance band or concert band (subject to Department guidelines), please contact me at Dawn.LASDBand@gmail.com. ☆