

Volunteers Sought for Homeless Count

The City of La Mirada is seeking volunteers to assist with the 2018 Homeless Count. Each year, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) coordinates a count of homeless persons in the region to estimate the homeless population in Los Angeles County. This year's Count will be held on Wednesday, January 24 from 8 to 11 p.m.

The Homeless Count involves volunteers canvassing predetermined areas and tallying homeless and transient persons from a distance. Volunteers are not allowed to engage with the homeless.

Volunteers will receive training at a briefing prior to the Count and should expect to assist in La Mirada from 8 to 11 p.m. on Wednesday, January 24. Volunteers are needed to participate as drivers using personal vehicles, navigators, team leaders, and counters. Participants must be over 18 years of age.

For more information or to sign-up, contact the La Mirada Resource Center at (562) 943-7277.

Supervisor Hahn Presents New Mobile Stroke Unit

On Monday, January 8, Los Angeles County Fourth District Supervisor Janice Hahn hosted a

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ribbon cutting ceremony at LA County Fire Station #30 in Cerritos to mark the launch of a Mobile Stroke Unit in the southeastern region of the county.

The Mobile Stroke Unit is equipped with a portable CT scanner that allows UCLA medical professionals to diagnose and treat stroke victims. The Mobile Stroke Unit was developed to eliminate delays in treatment and meet the specialized needs of stroke victims in the fields. Mobile Stroke Units can save lives and prevent or reduce the long-term brain damage and disability associated with strokes. The technology is new and this particular unit is the first in the Western United States.

The Mobile Stroke Unit is part of a pilot program launched by UCLA Health and funded by both the philanthropic efforts of the Arlene and Henry Gluck Foundation and the County of Los Angeles. Six months ago the county Board of Supervisors agreed to fund the pilot program by passing a motion authored by Supervisor Hahn to provide \$1.5 million to fund and expand this pilot program.

This Mobile Stroke Unit is now available to respond to stroke-related emergency calls in the cities of Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Hawaiian Gardens, Lakewood, La Mirada, Norwalk, Paramount, and Signal Hill, as well as the area of unincorporated Whittier.

La Mirada Offers AARP Tax Assistance Program

The City of La Mirada offers residents the opportunity to receive free tax assistance with the AARP Tax Assistance Program at the La Mirada Activity Center. With this program, free federal and state income tax assistance is offered to seniors and low-income community members.

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Taxpayers are asked to bring driver's license or California ID, records of income and deductions including forms W-2, W2P, and 1099's, statements showing interest and dividends, a copy of last year's return, affordable health care statements, and any other pertinent records.

Income tax assistance for seniors will be held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to noon in the Activity Center and low-income tax assistance will be held on Fridays from 9 a.m. to noon. This program will begin on February 6 through April 13.

Appointments are highly encouraged. Walk-ins are taken on a first-come, first served basis. Space is limited. The Activity Center is located at 13810 La Mirada Boulevard.

For additional information, call the La Mirada Activity Center at (562) 902-3160.

La Mirada Welcomes LA County Sheriff's Lieutenant Jeff Dusky

The La Mirada City Council recently introduced Los Angeles County Sheriff's Lieutenant Jeff Dusky, who will serve as the new La Mirada Service Area Lieutenant.

Lt. Dusky is a 31-year veteran of the County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department. He has worked on a variety of assignments at Norwalk, Firestone, and Lynwood Sheriff's Station and Field Operations Support Services from 1989 to 2000. During those years in Field Operations, he was a member of La Mirada's Special Assignment Officers (SAO) team for four years.

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Since 2000, Lt. Dusky has held the ranks of Narcotic Detective, Sergeant, Chief's Aide, and Lieutenant, which he promoted to in 2015. Lieutenant Dusky is looking forward to continuing to enhance law enforcement in La Mirada.

"I am proud and honored to return to the City of La Mirada as the Service Area Lieutenant and serve its residents once again," said Dusky. "La Mirada has a team of dedicated deputies working together to keep the community safe and the City Council and residents are supportive of the team's efforts."