

# 25<sup>TH</sup> Annual Challenge Cup Baker to Vegas Relay

September 10, 2008

First Team Captain's Meeting  
Los Angeles Police Academy Lounge

The meeting was brought to order by the Race Coordinator Chuck Foote;

The following were introduced:

2009 Race Committee: Co- Race Directors Jim Katapodis & Danny Roman, and committee members George Beck, Kathy Meek & Steve Estrada.

LAPRAAC President Ruben Holguin

## **2009 Race Rules Committee:**

Sergeant Jim Katapodis, Race Director (LAPD)

Chuck Folkes, Analyst

Frank Reilman, (Retired Burbank PD)

Rogelio Maldonado, (LA Dist Att. Office)

Linda Diaz, (DEA)

Kevin Baxter, (CHP)

Andrew Lee, (LASD)

Race Consultant Co-Founder: Chuck Foote, (Retired LAPD)

New LAPRAAC Athletic Department

Athletic Director: Tom Jones

Assistant Athletic Director: Randy Yang

Special Guests: Brad Grieder of Western Frontier Sales, Inc. representative for Under Armor and Don Tenney of The Tenney Company who has manufactured specialty T-Shirt for the race for many years.

## **Review of 2008**

- 242 teams started & all 242 finished the race. This was 15 more than the previous year
- Major change to running course and the Finish Line. FL was moved to inside the Convention Room at the Las Vegas Hilton. Not without some problems: F/V, parking at the hotel, last catcher....
- Here are a few statistics: 6000+ runners; 3500+ support personnel; 5000 vehicles

- To support this effort: 850 Race Support staff. Close to 100 on duty law enforcement from California Highway Patrol, San Bernardino County Sheriff, Nye County Sheriff, Nevada Highway Patrol and the Las Vegas Metro Police Department.
- 147 different police agencies competed
- Injuries: 23 treated; 4 transported to the hospital in Pahrump by helicopter. There were no serious injuries and all were released the next day. One runner was taken from the Finish line to a local Las Vegas hospital for dehydration.
- CHP and NVHP both reported only a small number of problems.
- Only major violation: one speeder cost the team a 2-hour penalty
- Party flyers on the race course
- Trash: Very good year. Stages # 19 & 20 were new and on private property. We received compliments on the cleanliness on Monday after the race.
- **RV Support** reported the “new” exchange points worked without too many problems.
- **Motor Support** Vehicle speed and parking continue to be problems. Several teams’ Follow Vehicle lost their Rotating light. No back up. The Lighted Vest added a great deal to the safety of the runners. FRS radio: Teams purchased a re-chargable FRS radio and many failed.
- **Radio Communications.** Deployed 275 hams. The Ham’s continue to act as our back-up timing. Chip timing failed to register 16 individual times out of a possible 5082 chances. The race required the coordination of: 164 Ham Frequencies, 65 Business channels, 46 FRS channels, 5 GMRS channels, 10 MURS channels, 11 CB channels and 97 department radio frequencies.
- Special Bib Numbers did cause some confusion
- Volunteer’s officers were great especially those who were used as the OIC at stages
- Chip Timing. There will be a new system for 2009. The chip is disposable and should work at a greater distance in the Chute
- On-line registration of team runners. Great success.
- Czarnowski Exhibit Services was a great host for the Tailgate parties. Parking was easy.

- Check for information on the Official Web Site; [www.bakervegas.com](http://www.bakervegas.com)

### **Race History**

Twenty-four years ago Larry Moore and I took an idea of teamwork, comradeship and good tough running to the remote Mojave Desert. Those 19 teams are here today. The steady growth has taken us to its maximum. The roadway and the hours the support personnel must work have brought us to this point.

### **Race Date for 2009**

The race date is March 14-15, 2009. The date is set by availability of the Convention Room and sleeping rooms at the Host Hotel Las Vegas Hilton.

### **LAPRRAC Team Sales**

Don Baroni, the LAPRAAC Store Manager spoke to the teams about the purchase of any Under Armor gear.

### **LAPRAAC Trademark**

Chuck Foote addressed the group regarding the issue of the trademark. Teams are allowed to use the logo for team shirts and other items as long as they are used for team use and not for public sale. There is a form on the web site for those who wish to use the logo in this fashion.

### **Chuck Foote-Race Consultant**

Introduction of the Lead Volunteers: RV Support, Ray and Janet Best; Medical, Dr. Julie Cameron and Mark Komins; Race Motors, Gary Krystof; Race Communications, Joy Matlack; Light Tower coordinator, Matt & Aida Kuckowicz

Chuck spoke about the necessity of PLANNING and setting a Team Goal. How to be a great team captain: What are the key features of success: Aggressive, insistent and decisive on the organization of the team. Administrative duties: fund raising, establish a budget, support team, vehicles, uniforms, etc. Training: how to get people to run? Time trials, road races or just run with them. Enthusiasm: posting times, involve the entire department, barbeque, and cookie sales. These are just a few ideas that keep the team together.

With the Internet today, no one should be uninformed. Keep the communications wide open.

### **International Team(s)**

Returning in 2009 will be Queensland Police Service Australia, Berlin Police Germany, a new Women's team from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, RCMP Edmonton Detachment, and our friends from Calgary Canada have indicated their return to the race.

### **Entry Fee**

- The entry fee for this year's race is \$ 1600.00
- Make check payable to the Los Angeles Police Revolver and Athletic Club (LAPRAAC)  
Mail to: Baker to Vegas 2009, LAPRAAC, P O Box 861148, Los Angeles CA 90086-1148
- Entry Fee due no later than December 31, 2008.

### **Rule Book 2009**

- The Rule book for the upcoming race will be updated and ready for the October meeting
- Cut-off date for new employees will be December 31, 2008
- Cut-off transfer date for LAPD will be DP# 13 December 7, 2008
- There will be some adjustment to the rules, but if you are on the web look at the Rule Book for general guidelines

### **Start Times**

- In order to assure the safety of the race participants and the users of the highways in Nevada, the race will continue to use a staggered format
- 10 Starts beginning at 0900
- California Highway 127 will **not** be closed to other traffic during our event

### **Volunteer Officer**

- Each team will submit one of their personnel to work on behalf of the overall race as an official
- This assignment will last anywhere from 7-8 hours
- The priority of the assignment will be given in the order of the paid entry fee

### **Trash**

- Everyone did an excellent job of picking up after himself or herself. The racecourse was as clean as it was prior to our run.

### **Race Categories**

- **Open Division** any gender /any age

- **Mixed Division** a minimum of (5) female runners
- **Women "Elite" Division** *all female runners; pick from entire agency*
- **800 years Division** ages of runners must total 800
- **1000 Division** agencies with less than 1000 sworn personnel
- **300 Division** agencies with less than 300 sworn personnel
- **150 Division** agencies with less than 150 sworn personnel
- **99 Division** agencies with less than 99 sworn personnel
- **Station Division** Geographic Stations (LAPD and LASD) can use only those personnel assigned to the Station and **cannot exceed 500 assigned personnel**
- **Federal Station** Geographic offices or Stations of Sworn federal law enforcement officers not to exceed 500 assigned personnel
- **Inv Division** any combination of sworn and civilian personnel who are full time employees of that agency
- **Mixed Inv** any combination of sworn and civilian personnel with a minimum of (5) female runners who are full time employees of that agency
- **Guest Division** an invited team with unknown ability, may or may not be eligible to win the Challenge Cup trophy

### **Special Team Numbers**

Any team wishing to have a "Special" number should contact Chuck Foote by e-mail to make the request. (Refer to the web site for e-mail address)

### **Team Composition**

Any team interested in combining with any other agency or unit MUST write the Rules Committee with a justification. This should include the numbers of sworn personnel, chain of command and why it is necessary. A combined team may use up to a maximum of (4) contiguous agencies.

### **Retired Personnel**

Teams are welcome to use retired Sworn or Civilian personnel. The rule is as follows:

1. They must have retired from that agency, Division or Station
2. Must have retired in Good Standing
3. A letter must accompany the request from Personnel Officer or Chief of Police indicating the above

### **Race Communications Seminar**

Dates will be set and invitations will go out. I encourage you to come to the seminar and bring your Communications team with you. Points of discussion will be options to use:

Ham radio; CB radio; Department equipment; Cell phones; Rental radios or APRS systems.

### **Suggested Training races**

Chuck pointed out the need to take the key members of your running team to as many races as possible. If you know of races please make me aware so I can notify all team captains.

### **First training race**

- Sunday, February 1, 2009, Bonelli Park in San Dimas. 6 person 30 miles relay call 818-515-2285 [www.scorpionrelay.com](http://www.scorpionrelay.com)
- First LASD Mug Run, Walnut Station, Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> call (909) 595-2264
- Lupus Run, Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> La Mirada Park

The Race Rules Committee meets as often as necessary to review the rules and improve the race. If you have any suggestion please forward them to:

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**The official web site is under construction, so until I notify you please wait to monitor and use the site.**

**Next meeting: October 21, 2008, LAPD Academy 11:30-1:00**  
Teams must submit their Team Entry Form. If you get an e-mail from me please respond ASAP.

Sincerely,  
Chuck Foote  
Race Consultant