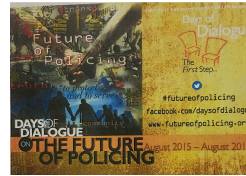


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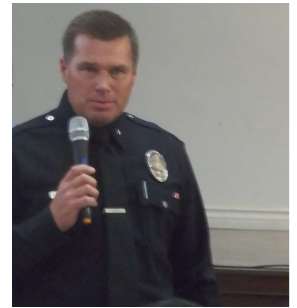
DIALOGUE

Used as a verb: *Take part in a conversation or discussion to resolve a problem*

Used as a noun: *A conversation between two or more people*



Kris E. Pitcher
Commander—Operations
Valley Bureau



Commander Pitcher started the evening off with a lively and warm welcome! The meeting was held from 6-8 pm and refreshments were made available.

August 25, 2016

Background: In 1995, as a result of the verdict in the O.J. Simpson trial that polarized many Los Angeles communities, then Los Angeles City Councilperson Mark Ridley-Thomas started Los Angeles' first city-wide discussion, "The Days of Dialogue." Now LA County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas (2nd District) remains committed to improving interactions between law enforcement and the communities they serve.

Since 1995 thousands of people, both locally and nationally, have participated in these community events. Over 100 people attended on Thursday to dialogue with LAPD officers from divisions throughout the San Fernando Valley.



Editor's Note: SLO Supervisor Sgt. Jose Torres (left) and SLO Sgt. Dario Del Core engaged with everyone at our table. They listened to our feedback and suggestions. They shared personal and professional stories about their lives as police officers. It was a very positive dialogue.

At the end of the day, we all want to go home to our family.



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AALO President Bob Winn, Retired LAPD SLO Stephanie Payne and Arthur Broadous.



Louis Stepter and Captain Beverly Lewis, Valley Traffic Division.



"How can interactions between police and people who are mentally ill, or in an emotional crisis, be improved?"



At each table LAPD officers sit with people in the community to discuss the issues. A series of questions are provided to start discussions.



"What personal experiences have you had that influence the way that you perceive policing?"
"Is there more police abuse today than there has been in the past?"
"What actions can law enforcement take to de-escalate potentially violent situations?"

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