

**33 rd Annual Challenge Cup
Challenge Cup/Baker to Vegas Relay
March 25-26, 2017**

Third Team Captain's Meeting, January 4, 2017

Teams assembled at 11:30 hours at the Los Angeles Police Academy Gym. The meeting began at 1200 hours with the instructions given by Race Coordinator Chuck Foote.

Intro Guests:

Title Sponsor Los Angeles Police Federal Credit Union
Angela Denerson, Sponsor Relations Officer addressed to Team Captains. Each team received a knit beanie or ear warmer as a gift.

Others present

Enterprise Rentals DJ Bayan (310) 918-0584

LAPRAAC Store Purchase all items B2V related

Mobile Relay Associates Joyce Peters (714) 719-0133 radio rentals

Smitty Signworks Smitty (626) 442-21764 reflective numbers
& signs

Team T-shirts & price for extra shirts at \$16.00

The second distribution of the 2017 Team T-shirts were handles by the B2V Rver's. Twenty-five (25) official race T-shirts are included with each paid entry. Extra Team Shirts are available from LAPRAAC.

I am about to place the last order for T-shirts. The deadline to submit your T-shirt is 1-9-17 or you will be issued 10 large 15 ex-large

Entry Fee Refund Policy

The following is the Refund Schedule:

January 1, 2017 thru January 6, 2017	\$2000.00
January 7 thru January 25, 2017	\$1200.00

January 26 thru February 17, 2017	\$900.00
February 18 thru March 11, 2017	\$700.00
After March 12	No Refund

There will be a \$350.00 charge for the Official Race T-shirts not returned.

Please fax or e-mail your refund request to chuckfoote@bakervegas.com or Fax the letter to LAPRAAC Board of Directors at (323) 222-0629. Please include:

To whom the Refund check is payable

The address the check should be mailed

Preliminary Run Plan

All team captains will be issued their password by e-mail January 9, 2017. Before you go any further, go to the web site Team Captain Button click on “Run Plan Procedures” print and read. With your Team Number and Password, on the web site, and select the Runner Registration Button. Follow the instructions and begin to complete a Preliminary Run Plan on-line.

You are encouraged to work with the program. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Summary of Rule Violations 2016

Below is a list of the rule violations from the 2016 race. Pay special attention to violations that you can easily avoid. There were 26 for Downed runner.

Key Violations were discussed.

Summary of Rule Violations

<u># Violations</u>	<u>Rule section</u>	<u>Description</u>
<u>Penalty</u>		

26 4.3a Downed Runner had to sub an Alternate

3 4.14 Runner failed to wear lighted vest in Prescribed hours

Hotel Information

The Westgate Resort Hotel is on the web site. This is the OFFICIAL race hotel. All others are imposters!!!

Pahrump Area:

Pahrump Nugget (775) 751-6500

Best Western & RV Park (775) 727-5100

Saddlewest & RV Park (800) 433-3987

Holiday Inn Express

Radio Rental

Contact: Omni Communications West (702) 362-8245 or (702) 296-7984 Attn. Karen Whisenhunt

Bear Com (702) 740-2828 Attn: Perri Chura

Omni Communications and Bear Com will deliver to the Convention Center of the Westgate Hotel on Friday and pick up at the same location on Sunday. Cell phone service will **not** work along the majority of the race course. It is strongly suggested that you rent radios for your communication needs. Here are additional companies:

Mobile Radio Associates (714) 719-0133

Hi Desert Communications (760) 243-2332 cazcom.org

J & R Productions (818) 845-6440 Burbank

Vision Communications (800) 778-2275 Long Beach

Bear Com – LA (800) 546-2327 LA

Bear Com – Sacr (916) 441-2327

Bear Com – SD	(800) 585-2159
PCI Race Radios	(562) 427-8177 Long Beach
McIntosh Communications	(702) 253-5390 Las Vegas

Communication Form

The Comm Form is Due February 3rd. Go to the web site “Web Links” to make the connection. **The link becomes operational on January 3, 2017.** Every team must complete a form, no exceptions. <https://b2v2017.wufoo.com/forms/baker-to-vegas-communications-form/>

Official Vehicle Rental

Enterprise Rent-a-Car has been selected as the official car rental for this year’s race. Go to the link on the web site for a direct connection to the Las Vegas office. 15- Passenger vans are available by calling **Darren Bayan** (562) 997-6262 or cell # 310-918-0584.

Vendor Operation (Awards Ceremony)

Ruben Crane will coordinate the vendor operations. If you know of anyone who is interested, have them contact Ruben directly at his **email address: rcrane@lapraac.com by phone** (323) 221-5222 ext 204. Crowds of approximately 6000 to 8000 attend the awards ceremony that Sunday evening.

Follow Vehicle Inspection

Attention: **NEW TEAMS** and those not yet sure.

A mandatory Follow Vehicle inspection will be held on Friday March 24 at the Westgate Hotel at 4:00 PM. Inspection site is located just in front of the Convention Center off Paradise.

Additionally, ALL Follow Vehicle Crew Members SHALL ATTEND their respective meetings. At least one (1) person from each team SHALL ATTEND the meeting. **For instance:** if your agency has a total of 3 Follow Vehicle Crew Teams, then at least one (1) person from each team SHALL ATTEND the meeting.

Estimated Time

2016 TEAM ESTIMATED TIME ERRORS

CONGRATULATIONS TO TOP 3 TEAMS ON THE LIST LESS THAN ONE MINUTE OFF THEIR ESTIMATE. Best was only 37 seconds off!

US Dept of Labor

THE CHART BELOW SHOWS THE ESTIMATED TIME ERRORS

NUMBER OF TEAMS	ESTIMATED TIME ERROR HH:MM	Comments
77	>00:00 < 00:15	EXCELLENT
66	>00:15 < 00:30	VERY GOOD
72	>00:30 < 01:00	AVERAGE
39	>01:00 < 02:00	NOT GOOD
6	>02:00 < 02:58	AWFUL

PLANNING RACE START/FINISH TIMES DEPENDS HEAVILY UPON TEAM ESTIMATES. FROM THE ABOVE CHART, IT IS OBVIOUS THAT 215 TEAMS DID A GOOD JOB OF CALCULATING THEIR TEAMS ABILITY. THE REMAINING 45 TEAMS NEED TO IMPROVE THEIR ESTIMATES BY BETTER CALCULATING ABILITY, CONDUCTING MORE TIME TRIALS OR WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS CALL ME.

TEAMS THAT *RUN FASTER THAN THEIR ESTIMATE* CAN CAUSE THE RACE COORDINATOR TO TEMPORARILY HALT

TEAMS ON THE COURSE IN ORDER TO ASSURE THAT THE UPCOMING STAGES ARE MANNED AND OPERATIONAL.

TEAMS THAT *RUN SLOWER THAN THEIR ESTIMATE* CAUSE THE STAGES TO REMAIN IN OPERATION PAST THEIR PREDICTED CLOSING TIME. REVIEW RULEBOOK
Race Closes at 0900 hours Sunday.

Runner without a Team

Pertaining to large agencies the eligibly rules state “A runner may run with their last area of assignment so long as their current assignment does not have a team.”

Invitational Category

To be eligible to run in any of the Invitational Categories you must have a minimum of (2) NON-Sworn runners.

Line # 1 and Line # 2 Reserves are eligible to run in this race in the *Invitational* categories.

Civilian employees are eligible to run so long as they are Full-time and must work for the **Agency**.

Combination Teams

If you intend to combine with anyone other than your agency, division, station, etc., it has to be in writing and contain why it is necessary along with any other critical information that might be useful. Please FAX your letter to Chuck Foote at (323) 222-0629. Read the category description carefully when choosing to combine with another agency, as some categories have stipulations that affect combined agency teams.

Stopwatch

Each team will need a least (1) stopwatch to time any potential delay. This is not to time the runner.

Remembrance on Bib Number and Baton

For those teams who have lost a member of their agency since the last race, we will place that person's name and "special" number on the running baton.

In addition a picture of the officer can be placed on the running number of the team. The photo needs to be in color, shoulders on up, best quality possible.

Awards Ceremony Special recognition

Each year Baker to Vegas honors all fallen participants, agency representatives and support staff from around the world. This year we will again be observing the memorial during our Awards Ceremony. If you would like to submit an entry, please follow the below procedure.

Only use the supplied form and follow all procedures as listed. The B2V Memorial Slideshow form must be completed in its entirety. All photos should be in a JPEG format. All submissions must be done electronically at **least 8 hours** prior to the ceremony.

The form must be saved with the team number in the title. Please observe the example. *B2V Memorial Slideshow 123*. 123 would be the team number.

We only accept honorees in which their End of Watch occurred since the last B2V race.

All forms must be sent to rcrane@lapraac.com

For more information, please contact Ruben Crane at 323-221-5222 x204.

Flashing Reflective Running Vests

All night time runners will wear a "flashing vest." 1900 hours on Sat. to 0700 hours Sunday. No other device will be acceptable.

The LAPRAAC Gift Store has a supply of the "New" style & old version vests. Approval is required for any other style of Flashing Vest.

Caution Runner Ahead Sign/Team Numbers

Each team will provide their own “Caution Runner Ahead” sign along with their Team Number in reflective tape as per F/V rules. A good reference to purchase your sign is Smithy’s Sign Works in El Monte (626) 442-2164 www.smittyssignworks.com for “Yellow” 6” Reflective Numbers.

FRS Hand Held radio

The FRS radio is used in the Follow Vehicle to communicate between the Motor officers and the F/V driver also F/V to F/V. Start bringing in your radio for inspection by the Ham Comm. team

Due Dates:

Check the Form Statuses List off the web site. This will indicate what forms have been submitted.

Team T-shirts	January 3
Category Form	February 1
Communication Form	February 3
Volunteer Form	February 17
Estimated Time	March 3
Preliminary Run Plan	March 20

Sworn/Civilian Volunteer assignment

the assignment of your volunteer is based on the date in which you paid your entry fee. All contact will be directly between the volunteer and me. I will cc you the T/C all information sent out. Make sure I have their correct e-mail and cell number.

Next Meeting Date

February 1, 2017

Bring your FRS Radio to this meeting!!

Running Events monitor the web site

Long Beach PD hosting a Murph Style workout

Norwalk Station Mug Run 1-7-17

Russ Miller 5K February 4

Special Thanks to Glendale PD

They brought their Follow Vehicle to the Academy for a demonstration.

Aussie Team

They are bringing exactly 20 runners and need (2) will runners to be their Alternates let me know if you are interested

Team Photos

Send me a Team Photo for posting on the web site.

Check out WEB site

www.bakervegas.com

Sincerely,

Chuck Foote

Race Coordinator