

**34th Annual Challenge Cup  
Challenge Cup/Baker to Vegas Relay  
March 17-18, 2018**

Third Team Captain's Meeting, December 14, 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  
Natalie Nahas & Salvador Ortega.

Others present

Enterprise Rentals      Mats Hellstrom (310)890-3802

LAPRAAC Store      Purchase all items B2V related

Mobile Relay Associates      Joyce Peters (714) 697-6844 radio rentals

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

National Life

Run to Remember      Mark Kirunchyk 424-262-1286

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

The 2018 Team T-shirts began distribution 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.

Deadline for T-shirt order form January 3, 2018

Special thanks to RV Support crew who came in to issue Team T-shirts and shout out to Ray & Janet Best past coordinators who are very ill.

## **Entry Fee Refund Policy**

The following is the Refund Schedule:

December 1, 2017 thru January 1, 2018	\$2000.00
January 2 thru January 21, 2018	\$1200.00
January 22 thru February 9, 2018	\$900.00
February 10 thru February 28, 2018	\$700.00
After March 1	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](mailto: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 December 28, 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.

## **Hotel Information**

The Westgate Resort Hotel is on the web site. This is the OFFICIAL race hotel. Deadline for “Early Bird” special pricing January 31, 2018. Click on web site for direct link

## **Radio Rental**

Contact: Omni Communications West (702) 362-8245 or  
(702) 296-7984 Attn. Karen Whisenhunt  
Bear Com (702) 740-2828 Attn: Perri Chura  
Mobile Radio Associates Joyce Peters (714) 697-6844

All 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:

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 January 26, 2018. Go to the web site “Web Links” to make the connection. The link becomes operational on January 2, 2018. Every team must complete a form, no exceptions.

## **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 Mats Hellstrom (310) 258-7640 or cell # 310-890-3802

## **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](mailto:rcrane@lapraac.com) by phone (323) 221-5222 ext**

204. Crowds of approximately 6000 to 8000 attend the awards ceremony that Sunday evening.

**Assistant Race Coordinator**

Tony Adler was introduced and spoke about the issue of the Follow Vehicle; selection of type, function, crew and rotation of personnel.

**Follow Vehicle Inspection**

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

A mandatory Follow Vehicle inspection will be held on Friday March 16 at the Westgate Hotel at 4:00 PM 5:30 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**

**2017 TEAM ESTIMATED TIME ERRORS**

CONGRATULATIONS TO TOP 3 TEAMS ON THE LIST LESS THAN ONE MINUTE OFF THEIR ESTIMATE. Best was only 15 seconds off!

[DEA Southwest](#)

THE CHART BELOW SHOWS THE ESTIMATED TIME ERRORS

NUMBER OF TEAMS	ESTIMATED TIME ERROR HH:MM	Comments
108	>00:00 < 00:15	EXCELLENT
61	>00:15 <	VERY

	00:30	GOOD
127	>00:30 < 01:00	AVERAGE
34	>01:00 < 02:00	NOT GOOD
3	>02:00 < 02:58	AWFUL

PLANNING RACE START/FINISH TIMES DEPENDS HEAVILY UPON TEAM ESTIMATES. FROM THE ABOVE CHART, IT IS OBVIOUS THAT 274 TEAMS DID A GOOD JOB OF CALCULATING THEIR TEAMS ABILITY. THE REMAINING 37 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.” This choice may affect the category the team can enter.

**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. It is for timing and delay of the runner. B2V Office has a limited supply of watches for sale \$5.00 each.

### **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](mailto: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 Saturday 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.

New item for runners: reflective “roll on” best used on the legs and arms. Visit: [safetyskinproducts.com](http://safetyskinproducts.com) recommend for all night time runners to place this on their arms and legs front and back.

### **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 Smitty’s Sign Works in El Monte (626) 442-2164 [www.smittyssignworks.com](http://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.

<b>Team T-shirts</b>	<b>January 3</b>
<b>Category Form</b>	<b>February 1</b>
<b>Communication Form</b>	<b>January 26</b>
<b>Volunteer Form</b>	<b>February 17</b>
<b>Estimated Time</b>	<b>February 26</b>
<b>Preliminary Run Plan</b>	<b>March 12</b>

**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**

January 25, 2018

**Bring your FRS Radio to this meeting!!**

**Running Events monitor the web site**

February 24 Palm Springs 5K \$500 prize money to 1<sup>st</sup> male and 1<sup>st</sup> female law enforcement.

**NYPD Team**

Our great friends from the “Big Apple” are in need of Support personnel and equipment. If you can assist let me know.

**Web Site links & Team Photos**



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

*Check out WEB site*

[www.bakervegas.com](http://www.bakervegas.com)

Sincerely,

Chuck Foote

Race Coordinator