

**36th Annual Challenge Cup
Baker to Vegas Relay
April 4-5, 2020**

First Team Captain's Meeting, October 2, 2019
Race Coordinator: Tony Adler

The meeting was Live Streamed and can still be viewed on the website www.bakervegas.net

Introductions of the 2020 Race Committee:

- LAPRAAC Director Race Director - Ruben Gonzalez
- Race Rules Committee –
 - Frank Reilman, (Retired Burbank PD),
 - Rogelio Maldonado (LA Dist Att. Office),
 - Andrew Lee, (Ret. LASD),
 - Dave Miklos (Retired LASD),
 - Kathy Meek (LAPD)
 - Sam Zirky (analyst)
 - Patricia Larrigan (Retired Glendale Police Dept.)

LAPRAAC President

- Rick Santos thanked the Team Captains participation. He made an announcement of a law enforcement boxing event that will take place on Friday. It will be inside the Rio Convention room. More details to follow.
- There will be changes to the qualifications for some the categories and who will be eligible to win the Overall trophy. More details to follow and this information will be updated in the Rule book.

2020 Volunteer Coordinators

- Ham Communications - Joy Matlack, Margie Hoffman & Jeff Lee
- MRN Communications – Roozy Moaberry and Peter Benjamins
- RV Support - Lisa Villa
- Light Towers - Matt and Aida Kuckowicz
- Medical - Dr. Troy Pennington & Robert Sebree
- Motors - Larry Wehage
- Ham Safety Patrol – Blair Stephens
- Awards - Barbara Ginn

- Race Course Engineer - John Marnell
- Dave Welts – Start and finish line

Review of 2019

- 284 started and all finished the race.
- International teams: Queensland Australia, RCMP, and Calgary Police Canada, Belize National Police
- Statistics: 6800+ runners; 4000+ support personnel; 5600 vehicles
- 1000 Race Support staff including volunteers and 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.
- Summary of Rule Violations:
 - 3.3b (1) Sworn Volunteer did not report on time or left early
 - 3.4 a (5) No catcher at Exchange point
 - 3.7 (1) Failure to follow instruction
 - 4.3 a (26) Downed Runner more than double of last year**
 - 4.7a (1) Not carrying baton in hand
 - 5.4 b (1) Did not respond to FRS radio call
 - 5.13 (1) Unsafe pass on Highway 160
 - 5.14 (4) Vehicle Code Violation
 - 5.15 (1) Vehicle Unsafe passing
- **Injury report: 26 downed runners. Fifteen participants were transported to hospital: (10) by ground to Pahrump; and (5) flown to Las Vegas.**
- **RV Support:** The exchange points worked well without many problems.

- **Motor Support:** Reported very few problems. Escort and traffic enforcement are their primary responsibilities.
- **Radio Communications.** Deployed approx. 350 hams. The Ham's continue to act as our main source of Emergency Communications and as back-up timing. The race required the coordination of over 600 radio frequencies.
- **Ham Safety Patrol.** Over the first eight stages, sixteen Amateur Radio Operators were deployed to observe and report any medical problems involving the teams. This additional layer proved very successful in spotting problems and reporting to Medical Dispatch.
- **Medical Communications.** The MRN was established to provide entire race course communications. This was done in cooperation with AMR Las Vegas. A Medical Communications Dispatch Center was located at the Westgate Hotel next to the Race Command Post. Thanks Riverside Sheriff's Dispatchers & Alex Harris and LASD Dispatcher Chris Storey
- **Volunteer officers.** Were great especially those who were used as the OIC at stages
- **Race Timing.** The Overall team times were posted at the Awards Ceremony. The Individual times were completed in two weeks and posted on the web site.
- **On-line registration.** This procedure continues to be the best way to list the runners in the order in which they will run. After the race is concluded team captain must update their runners names in the order they ran.
- **Medical runner registration:** Worked very well for the 1st year. Almost 70% complied and signed up. We were able to monitor in real time how many were being treated/transported and allowed the medical team to better allocate its resources. Will try to improve on it for 2020

- **Light Towers.** Volunteer drivers did a great job. Follow up will be done to solve difficulties with the proper placement of the Light Tower at the Exchange points.
- **Start/Finish Line.** This operation ran without too many problems.

2020

The Rio Casino and Suites is the new Host Hotel.

- Suites – Anyone interested in discounted upgraded suite rates (above and beyond the rooms contracted) to please contact Jason Wilken in Group Reservations at 702-667-1749 and/or email him at jwilken@caesars.com.
- Last year the room block was gone early – Mid Jan.
- Finish line will be inside the Convention Room just like it was at the Westgate
- Sale of the hotel will not affect our race for the next 2 years
- Last leg – Still being finalized.

Entry Fee

- The entry fee for this year's race remains at \$2,200.00
- See refund schedule on the website
- Make check payable to the Los Angeles Police Revolver and Athletic Club (LAPRAAC)-Baker to Vegas
Mail to: LAPRAAC- Baker to Vegas, P O Box 861148, Los Angeles CA 90086-1148
- **Please put the team name and team number on the check**
- **Entry Fee due no later than December 4, 2019. Race has reached its maximum of 300 teams and we have teams on the wait list. Any teams not paid by the deadline will open up for New teams**

Rule Book 2020

- The Rule book for the upcoming race is updated and will be posted on the web site by next week

- Cut-off date for new employees will be January 1, 2020
- Cut-off transfer date for LAPD will be DP# 13 (12-22-19)
- All Invitational Categories will require at least (2) non-sworn runners
- All runners must be “Full-Time” employees Sworn or Non-Sworn or Reserves
- Must be finished by 0900 hours and must be through Stage # 18 by 0700 hours or team become un-official.
- All Catches will need to be wear a Team Bib Number pinned to a reflective vest. Green bibs will be issued to you but any color will do
- Size of Follow Vehicle. No larger than standard 15- Cargo Van

Race Categories

The following all Sworn Personnel

- **Open** Any Gender - Any Age
- **Mixed** A minimum of 5 Female Runners
- **Women** Only Female Runners; pick from entire agency
- **800** Ages of Runners must total 800 years or more
- **500** Agency with 500 or less sworn personnel - NEW
- **300** Agency with 300 or less sworn personnel
- **150** Agency with 150 or less sworn personnel
- **99** Agency with 99 or less sworn personnel
- **Station** Geographic Station or Office not to exceed 500
- **Station Mix** Same as Station category and a min of 5 female runners – NEW

Note: These new categ. Must have at least 6 teams in them otherwise we will cancel it. Please email me and let me know that you intend to run in one of them.

The following are Sworn/Non Sworn

- **Invitational** Full Time Civilian & Sworn members Criminal Justice Sys minimum (2) non-sworn
- **Invitational Mix** Same as Invitational but with a min. of 5 Females & min. (2) non-sworn
- **Guest** An Invited Team with Unknown Ability and all foreign teams

- **500Inv** Agency with 500 or less - Civilian & Sworn minimum (2) non-Sworn:

Road Construction Hwy 160

The road construction east bound from Pahrump to the top on Mountain Springs Pass will be finished before the 2020 race. The roadway from the top on the pass to Stage # 17 will not be completely finished before our race. I will be monitoring the progress and have been assured by the construction manager that we will have a lane to run in....TBD

T Shirt distribution

- At the January Team Captain meeting
- At a date in February TBD
- At the March Team Captain meeting
- Deadline to submit T shirt order is on February 5th

LAPRAAC 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. All events using the trademark must secure prior approval. There is a form on the web site for those who wish to use the logo in this fashion. Please send in your proposed artwork or other requested use of the Trademarks to: Ruben Crane by Fax (323) 222-5949 or email at Rcrane@lapraac.com

LAPRAAC hosted Boxing event

- LAPRAAC will be hosting a boxing event on Friday, April 3, 2020 inside the Rio Convention room
- If someone is interested in being a boxer they can register at <http://bakervegas.net/b2vb-application/>
- If you want to purchase tickets to the event go to <https://lapraac.org/tc-events/boxing/>

Link to your Department Website

- If you submit a team or department logo with a url link to your website we will post on our web site.

Volunteer Officer

- Each team will submit one of their personnel to work on behalf of the overall race
- Do not submit an individual who is working the race from a Volunteer Group
- This assignment will last anywhere from 7-9 hours 10 hours at the first few stages.
- The priority of the assignment will be given in the order of the paid entry fee

Start Times

- 10 Starts beginning at 0800 through 1700
- California Highway 127 will **not** be closed to other traffic

Running Baton

- We will continue to list “End of Watch” race related personnel and their special numbers on the Race baton. We will also place an EOW photo on your Bib Number.

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 number 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

New Team Captains Seminar

December 4, 2019 from 0800-1130 at the Academy Lounge. This is geared for new teams and new team captains.

Topics will include: Team composition, transportation of runners, communication, Follow Vehicles and other topics.

RSVP with your team number and how many will be attending. Space is limited so preference will be given to new teams, and new team captains.

Meetings

- December 4th, 2019 – Live Stream only
- January 8th, 2020 – In person and we will Live Stream it as well
- February 5th, Live Stream only
- March 4th, In person and we will Live Stream it as well

Training Races

<https://www.copline.org/copline-events/run-for-the-call-2020> in New Jersey

Vendors

For radio rentals you can contact

1. Omni Communications West: Karen Whisenhunt & Ann-Marie White 702-362-8245. Her email is kwhis@cox.net

Radio Rentals www.omni-west.com

2. Joyce Peters & Mark Abrams
Mobile Relay Associates 323-636-5202 ext. 116 joyce@mra-raycom.com

The Race Rules Committee meets as often as necessary to review the rules and improve the race. If you have any suggestions please email me

Good luck,

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