

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

Meeting: February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Sponsors**

**LA Police Federal Credit Union**

The LAPFCU Title Sponsor for the Baker to Vegas Relay Race. Don't forget to pick up your gift courtesy from the Los Angeles Police Federal Credit Union at the March meeting.

**Radio Rental**

Mobile Radio Associates <https://mra-raycom.com/B2V/> 323-636-5202

**National Life Group**

Fundraising made easy. Contact Javier Rodriguez 562-237-3683

**Enterprise Car Rental:** Mats Hellstrom - Cell # 310-890-3802

**Vendors**

- Smitty Signs: Reflective team numbers & Caution Runner Sign: 626-442-2164

**Team T-shirts**

- Only 1/3 of the Team T Shirts have been picked up. March will be the majority of T Shirts to be handed out. Teams interested in purchasing additional t-shirts can contact the LAPRAAC Store or can order on-line at <https://www.thelapara.com/shop/>. Cost is \$16.00 per shirt.

**Categories**

- Listed in the rule book under Chapter 1.
- Top 10 categories are sworn only
- Invitational – Minimum of 2 non sworn full time employees (must start and finish with at least 2 non sworn). Reserve is non sworn
- Mixed – Minimum of 5 females (must start and finish with at least 5 females)
- Retired – Can run for your team and are considered sworn

Changes to the categories:

- Can be made if necessary with notification to us
- Once the order of the mugs has been placed no way to change that order even though the number in each category may change by race time

## **Construction on Highway 160**

- We will determine the final layout of the course when we inspect the race course on February, 27<sup>th</sup>. We will announce the decision at the March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Plan A:** Unobstructed course

**Plan B:** As in 2019, road construction may cause a pause at the end of stage 16 and restart at stage 17. This will cause the following to occur:

1. A new stage (approx. 5 miles) to be added to the beginning of the race to make up the distance.
2. This will cause a renumbering of the stages from the start through stage 16
3. At the end of stage 16 the runner and baton will get into the follow vehicle and proceed to stage 17. **NO TEAM CATCHER AND SUPPORT VEHICLE AT THE END OF STAGE 16**
4. The drive time to Stage 17 **DOES NOT MATTER**. Drive within the construction zone speed limit. It will be strictly enforced
5. At stage 17 the baton from the Follow Vehicle is given to the Official in the exchange chute. The new runner will get the baton and a manual start will commence.

See the attached file for further details

## **Stage 20**

- The map and instructions have been posted to the website and attached to this email

## **Medical**

- The medical app system we used last year is being redesigned. More information to follow

## **Drones**

- **All drones are expressly forbidden!!!! They are a danger to the helicopters that are involved with the race.**

## **Entry Fee Refund Policy**

- February 6 thru March 4           \$900
- March 5 thru March 27           \$700

- March 28

No Refund

### **Due Dates**

- Communications Form - Feb 14<sup>th</sup> Every team must complete a form.
- Volunteer - Feb 19<sup>th</sup>
- Estimated Time - March 4<sup>th</sup>

USE THE FORMS ON THE WEBSITE. [www.bakervegas.com](http://www.bakervegas.com) under the Team Captains button

### **Runner Registration**

All team captains have been issued their password by e-mail.

- If you see the following on the Form Status list it means the following:
  - Blank – Done nothing
  - r – You have looked/started to fill it out
  - X – Completed (you can still edit/update it until March 30<sup>th</sup> )
- If you have not received the password, contact me immediately.
- This can be found on the website [www.bakervegas.com](http://www.bakervegas.com) under the Team Captains button.
- Do not send me a copy of the Runner Registration.

### **Special Numbers on the Running 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.
- Send me their name and number.

### **Bib Number**

- I will place a photo on your bib number of the "Fallen Officer" send the photo on a jpg file. All teams will have their name placed on the Bib number. Review the Cross Reference List to be certain the name is correct.

### **Awards Ceremony Special recognition**

- Teams who have lost an officer since the 2019 race will have an opportunity to have a "special recognition" at the Awards Ceremony.
- This year we will again be observing the memorial during our Awards Ceremony. If you would like to submit an entry go to the website to fill out the information.

### **Hotel Information**

The Rio Hotel is **Sold Out**.

### **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.

### **Estimated Time – Due March 4<sup>th</sup>**

- If you do not know how to calculate the Estimated Time, take the ability of the 20 runners in Min per Mile then add 20-30 seconds look at the results from 2019 leg # 20. This will give you a good idea of what they should run.

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 CHAPTER 3 # 13. TEAMS MUST BE PAST STAGE # 18 BEFORE 0700 HOURS OR DQ.

BASED ON TEAM CAPTAIN ESTIMATES, THE PREDICTED CLOSE TIME OF THE FINISH LINE IS 0900 HOURS.

### **Finish Line announcement**

- Our Official Announcer, Pete Demetriou will read a short blast about your # 20 finisher. Keep in mind he has about 1 minute to spot them and read it.
- Send me the copy.

### **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 vests

### **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) \$5.00 per digit for “Yellow” 6 inch Reflective Numbers. Review the Updated Follow Vehicle Check List.

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

- **Sworn 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. Get in the form now if you can.

- Review the Forms status list if your **TV column** does not have an “X” on the form. I do not have the info. Due date February 19.

### **VIP Receptions**

On Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM there will be a VIP Mixer at the Rio Hotel for your agency head. An invitation will be sent directly to them, if you have had a change e-mail me their name.

### **Meeting Date**

**Last meeting: Wednesday, March 5, 2020 (11:30 AM Lunch, 12:00 PM Meeting). IN PERSON MEETING. PLEASE PICK UP YOUR T SHIRTS AT THIS MEETING**

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