



HAWTHORNE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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MEMORIAL SERVICES SCHEDULED FOR HAWTHORNE POLICE OFFICER



Hawthorne Police Officer Andrew Garton (1967 – 2011)

The Hawthorne Police Department is saddened to confirm that Officer Andrew Garton, a seven and a half year veteran of the Hawthorne Police Department, was killed in an on-duty traffic collision, on Thursday, May 26, 2011. Officer Garton was on a police motorcycle assisting in the funeral escort duties of a Manhattan Beach police officer, who had passed away earlier this month. The collision

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occurred near the intersection of 227th Street and Hawthorne Blvd., in the city of Torrance. The collision is being investigated by the California Highway Patrol.

Officer Garton was married, and had two sons, ages 12 and seven. The outpouring of assistance and support for Officer Garton's family and the Hawthorne Police Department is greatly appreciated.

The Hawthorne Police Officers Association has established a trust fund for Officer Garton's family. Anyone wishing to make a donation can do so at the:

***Western Federal Credit Union
14500 South Aviation Blvd.
Hawthorne, CA 90250
(877) 254-9328***

Donations should be made out to:

***HPOA c/o Officer Andrew Garton's Family
Account Number 654404-006***

Services have been scheduled as follows:

Viewing:	Thursday, June 2, 2011 4 PM – 9 PM Seacoast Grace Church 5100 Cerritos Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630
Memorial:	Friday, June 3, 2011 12:30 PM (early arrival is recommended) Seacoast Grace Church 5100 Cerritos Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630
Burial:	Friday, June 3, 2011 Immediately following conclusion of the Memorial Forrest Lawn 4771 Lincoln Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630

Updates on the services will be posted on the Department's Facebook and Twitter pages at intervals throughout the afternoon.

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