



## CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS STAFF REPORT

**Meeting Date:** November 19, 2013

**To:** Honorable Mayor and City Council

**From:** David L. Snowden, Chief of Police

**Subject:** Proclamation Honoring Lawrence I. Shapiro Memorial Award  
Honoree: Disaster Communications System Member  
Raymond Zakari

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The Shapiro Award, created in 2004 to recognize meritorious and dedicated service by Police Department volunteers, is named for the late Lawrence I. Shapiro, who served as an Auxiliary Police Officer and Civil Defense Worker beginning in 1942 and continued his volunteer service until his passing in 1999. To date, Mr. Shapiro is the only volunteer who has participated in each of the volunteer programs (Police Reserves, Disaster Communications System and Volunteers in Policing) whose members are eligible to receive this award.

Raymond Zakari joined the Disaster Communications System (DCS) team in May 2006. He has been a very active, loyal and integral part of our DCS program ever since. Ray participates in virtually every DCS special event. He has worked every Golden Globes Awards, every LA Marathon, every Halloween detail and every Great Shakeout drill where DCS was activated.

Ray is not one who seeks accolades for his volunteering. His actions are truly in the volunteer spirit as he generously donates his time and energy to make Beverly Hills a safer place to live.

Ray will be presented a Proclamation to acknowledge his volunteer service and selection as the Lawrence I. Shapiro Memorial Award recipient for 2012.

Capt. Mark H. Rosen, ACOP  
for Chief David L. Snowden

Approved By