

2004 American Quarter Horse Association Equine Public Service Award Winner Texan Tom Nicks



From the time of his purchase in August of 1995 Texan Tom Nicks showed a great aptitude for police work. The Los Angeles, California Mounted Platoon is involved in a wide range of law enforcement activities including crowd control, crime suppression, search and rescue and various community functions.

Over the years, "Tom" has proven himself to be the best horse in the barn performing various duties in a quiet and efficient manner on a daily basis helping his human partners make hundreds of arrests and keeping large crowds under control at major demonstrations, labor disputes, street festivals and sporting events.

Not only has Tom aided in significantly reducing crime in specific high crime locations but he has assisted new officers joining the units, with little or no horse experience, learn to ride and to hit the streets after a five week school.

"Tom is one of those rare and honest horses that knows his job and will take care of the officers as they gain experience. Tom continues to be a strong, determined, and safe partner and we believe him to be the epitome of a police horse." states Patrick Kouri, Tom's trainer and LAPD mounted officer.