## **COMPTON HOMICIDES 1991-2010**

In January 2009, the City of Compton received national acclaim when its homicide rate for 2008, was made public. The all too familiar Compton story about gang violence and murders was for the first time in many years overshadowed by a story of hope and progress. Compton reported the lowest homicide rate in over two decades. News outlets such as Newsweek and the Chicago Tribune suddenly published stories on the positive changes Compton has undergone since the turbulent decades of the eighties and nineties.

Again in 2010, Compton enjoyed yet another year of unprecedented success when the murder rate dropped even more. This is largely due to the professionalism and dedication of the men and women of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department who have volunteered to serve the community of Compton since the fall of 2000, and the partnerships we have nurtured with the many community organizations and civic leaders in the city.

