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Bob Vernon started on the streets as a foot beat officer on Skid Row and worked his way up the ranks as a narcotic officer, field sergeant, detective and then through the leadership ranks. He finished as Assistant Chief of Police and Director of operations over ten thousand officers and civilian support personnel.

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