

## PORT OF LOS ANGELES POLICE OFFICER SHAQUILLE O'NEAL STARS IN NEW PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT AIMED AT ATTRACTING NEW PORT POLICE RECRUITS



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**SAN PEDRO, Calif. – Aug. 23, 2005** – With the help of its largest supporter (literally), the Port of Los Angeles this week initiated a new public service announcement (PSA) campaign encouraging capable men and women to consider a career in law enforcement with the Los Angeles Port Police.

The 20- and 10-second [PSAs](#) feature former Los Angeles Laker Shaquille O'Neal, who has served as a reserve officer on the Los Angeles Port Police force for the last three years. O'Neal, beside a life-size cutout photo of himself in uniform, stands on a dock opposite the Port's Main Channel, one of the Port Police's principal patrol areas.

As one of the nation's only police forces dedicated exclusively to port activities, the Los Angeles Port Police are responsible for enforcing all the laws and ordinances within the jurisdiction of the Port of Los Angeles, including its commercial operations, docks and marinas, recreational, residential and neighboring areas.

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## **Shaquille O'Neal Featured in Port Police PSAs 2-2-2**

The starting annual salary for a Port Police Officer is \$50,571, with job benefits including paid vacations, holidays, medical and dental plans, sick leave, a retirement system, a pay bonus for an Intermediate and Advanced Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) Certificates, hazardous materials pay and a paid uniform allowance.

To apply as a Port Police Officer, candidates must be a high school graduate or equivalent, at least 21 years old at the time of hire, have U.S. citizenship or citizenship application in process, and possess a valid California driver's license. After acceptance, they must satisfactorily complete a basic police recruit school approved by POST, complete a qualifying swimming test at the time of appointment and must pass a yearly medical examination.

**For more information on Port Police recruitment, call (866) PORT-PD1, or the Port of Los Angeles Human Resources Division at (310) 732-3480.**

The Port of Los Angeles is America's premier port. As the leading container port in the nation and a critical hub in the international supply chain, the Port generates thousands of stable jobs and billions of dollars in annual wages and tax revenues. The Port of Los Angeles also places a high priority on responsible growth initiatives combined with high security, environmental stewardship and community outreach. The Port of Los Angeles is a proprietary, self-supported department of the City of Los Angeles. The Port of Los Angeles. . . Anchoring a bright future.

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