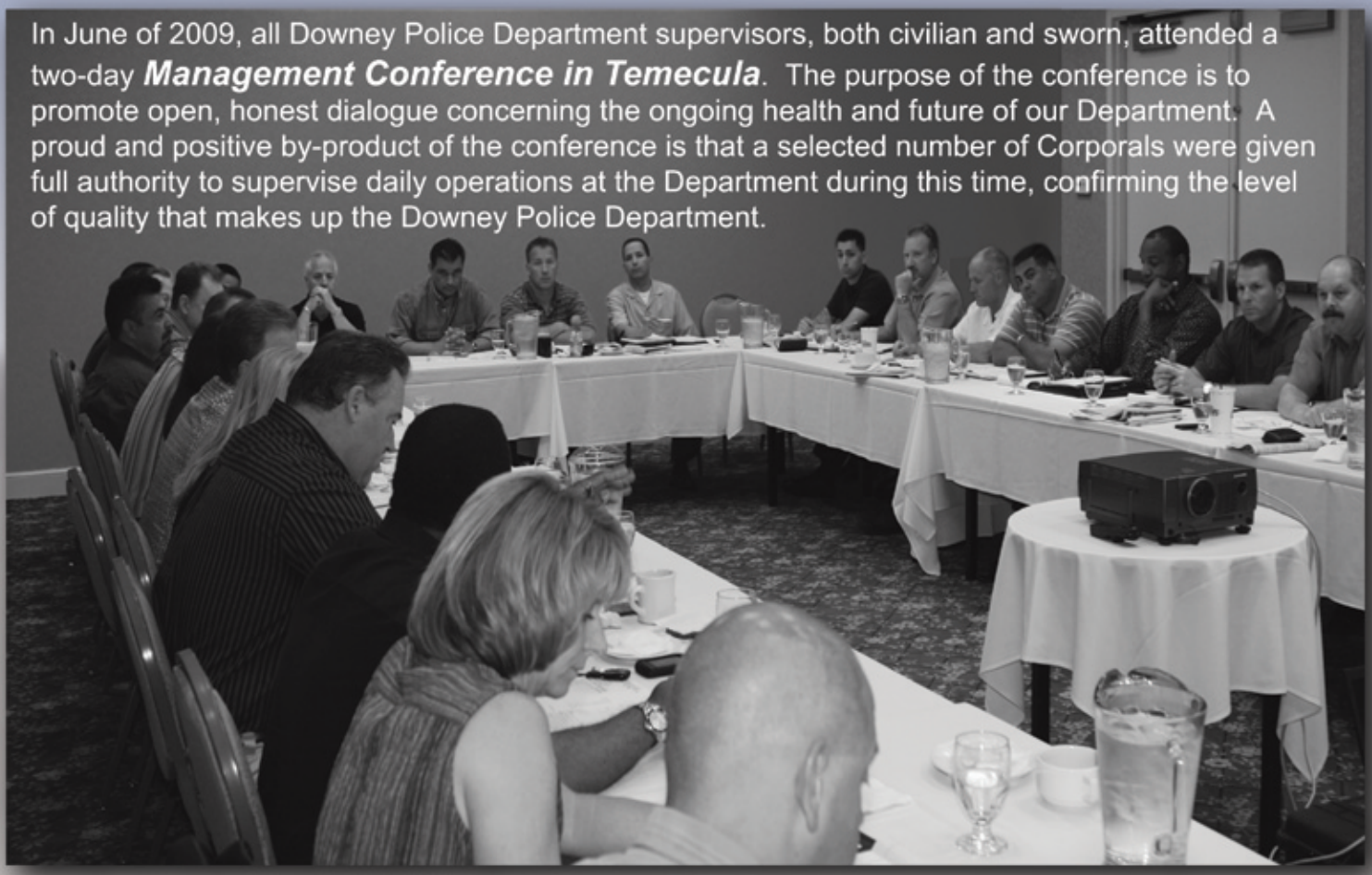
On March 27th, Sergeant Brian Baker and Corporal Ron Gee attended the ***Memorial Service*** for the four Oakland Police Officers who lost their lives in the line of duty. ***Sergeant Mark Dunakin*** and ***Officer John Hege*** were killed by an armed parolee during a traffic stop. Hours later, ***Sergeant Daniel Sakai*** and ***Sergeant Ervin Romans*** were also killed in a gun battle with the same parolee who had barricaded himself in a nearby apartment. The service was held at the Oracle Arena in Oakland. Over 20,000 citizens and police officers from as far away as Boston, New York and Canada were in attendance for this somber event honoring these fallen heroes.



In June of 2009, all Downey Police Department supervisors, both civilian and sworn, attended a two-day ***Management Conference in Temecula***. The purpose of the conference is to promote open, honest dialogue concerning the ongoing health and future of our Department. A proud and positive by-product of the conference is that a selected number of Corporals were given full authority to supervise daily operations at the Department during this time, confirming the level of quality that makes up the Downey Police Department.

On Saturday, July 11, the Department's Special Enforcement Team participated in the ***American Heroes Air Show*** at the Hansen Dam Recreation and Sports Complex in Lake View Terrance. Several police departments throughout Southern California participated in this event, showcasing their emergency preparedness and tactical equipment. The Downey Police Department's Mobile Command Vehicle (Chevrolet Tahoe) received praise and recognition from both the public and law enforcement officials alike.