

## **Congratulations to Unit 12 Member Jorge Lopez from Metro State Hospital – April 11, 2019**

Each year, law enforcement officials from the United States and foreign countries around the world compete in a 120-mile relay race from the City of Baker, California to Las Vegas, Nevada. This year, there were approximately 286 teams competing. Each team is comprised of 20 runners who all run a “stage” of the race. The stages vary in difficulty, depending on the elevation and distance.

This race is considered the largest law enforcement relay race in the world and is hosted by the Los Angeles Police Revolver and Athletic Club. The purpose of the race is to promote camaraderie, physical fitness, pride, and teamwork. The grueling, non-stop competition demonstrates the need for superior physical fitness and teamwork.

Preparing for the race took approximately 10 months of preparation, coordinating, planning, and training. Since it was their first year, it was estimated that team #276 (Department of State Hospitals - Metro State Hospital) would take approximately 20 hours to complete the 120-mile course.

Unit 12 Building Maintenance Worker, Jorge Lopez ran Stage 18 which was 5.7 miles downhill beginning with a 2,800-foot elevation.

Team #276 was able to complete the race in 19 hours and 49 minutes, with no penalties. This success allowed the Team to move up 20 spots and secure the title of Team #256 for next year’s race.

Again, congratulations to Jorge and his team for a job well done.

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