

On behalf of the Russian Advisory Board of the City of West Hollywood, we would like to extend our warmest congratulations to **Dimitry Starkov** as the recipient of the **Outstanding Police Officer** in the Russian-speaking community of the Greater Los Angeles area. This award recognizes an individual or organization that has devoted a significant amount of time, energy and/or resources to be in the front line during the pandemic and help people.

The Russian Advisory Board of the City of West Hollywood decided to recognize Dimitry Starkov and his work because he has demonstrated an outstanding level of service to the community, and is, in short, a great example to many. Dimitry Starkov's dedication to his work and helping people is exemplary and inspiring.

Dimitry Starkov

is a Russian-speaking police officer for the Beverly Hills Police department. He has been serving the city and its residents for many years but last year was exceptionally challenging. Dimitry was patrolling the streets during the protests, while looting, violence and outrage was the common denominator for many parties involved. Many police officers and their family members received death threats from the unruly public, but it did not stop the police officers from serving and protecting us. The pandemic made the service challenging in many ways, not just the constant wearing of a mask which became part of the uniform. During the last year, as often referred to as unprecedented times, every day in the uniform, could have been the last day.