We have the unique situation that we support 2 stations, San Dimas & Walnut / Diamond Bar. Originally DCS was assigned to the old San Dimas Station and then were reassigned to the Walnut / San Dimas Station in 1987. When Walnut / San Dimas Station opened, San Dimas Station was downgraded to a sub station. In 2000, Sheriff Baca decided to upgrade the San Dimas Station to a full service station again. At that point in time, the Walnut / San Dimas Station was renamed as the Walnut / Diamond Bar Station. It was a natural fit for our DCS team to support both stations. In 2006, the current San Dimas Station opened which included a dedicated DCS radio room to compliment the one that we already have at the Walnut Station.
We’ll start off with a brief overview the San Dimas Station.
San Dimas Sheriff’s Station is located in the eastern portion of Los Angeles County, adjacent to the cities of La Verne and Pomona. The station serves the City of San Dimas and the unincorporated communities of Covina, Azusa, Glendora, La Verne, and Claremont. The station also provides law enforcement for a large portion of the Azusa Canyon and Mount Baldy areas of the Angeles National Forest (State Route 39, Glendora Mountain Rd. & Glendora Ridge Rd.).
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The station captain of San Dimas Station is Capt. Joseph S. Hartshorne
Here is a photograph of the San Dimas Station DCS Radio Room. This photo was taken during a training exercise with the City of San Dimas and LASD.
On to a brief overview of the Walnut / Diamond Bar Station.
Walnut / Diamond Bar Station service area is spread out over 45.2 square miles, encompassing the contract cities of Diamond Bar and Walnut, and the unincorporated area of Rowland Heights. This station provides law enforcement services, including all patrol, investigative and custodial operations, to more than 148,000 residents. This station opened in 1987.
The station captain of Walnut / Diamond Bar Station is Capt. David Halm.
Here is a photograph of the Walnut / Diamond Station DCS Radio Room during one of our Monday night nets.
Hospitals / Medical centers near San Dimas:
San Dimas Community Hospital – San Dimas
East Valley Hospital Medical Center – Glendora
Foothill Presbyterian Hospital – Glendora
Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center – Pomona

Hospitals / Medical centers near Walnut:
Charter Behavioral Health System of Southern California – Covina
Citrus Valley Medical Center – Inter-Community Campus – Covina
Citrus Valley Medical Center – Queen of the Valley Campus – West Covina
Nearby Superior Courthouses in our service areas are:
West Covina Courthouse and the Pomona Courthouse
Emergency communications groups in our service area are:

Azusa Amateur radio Communications Emergency Services – AACES
Diamond Bar Amateur Radio Society – DBARS
Claremont Amateur Radio Disaster Service – CARDS
Glendora Emergency Amateur Radio Service – GEARS
On to the DCS communications van affectionately known as 80-Henry. Our DCS team was assigned this 2001 Ford E-350 van by Fleet Services in December 2006 as a replacement to our original DCS communications vehicle, which was known as 290-Henry, which was retired by Fleet due to parts availability and emissions issues.

Other DCS teams that have communications vehicles assigned are Industry Station (14) and Lost Hills Station (22).
We started with a clean slate which enabled us to take a fresh look at how to setup the equipment and make improvements along the way. We started by evaluating our needs and goals, solicited donations where needed and installing the equipment. We got much needed support from the San Dimas and Walnut / Diamond Bar Sheriff’s Boosters Clubs. This is still an ongoing project and we are still adding equipment as needs and/or funds allow.
Left hand picture: One of our work parties with the installation of the last of six antennas on the roof.
Right hand picture: This is the overall view of the inside of the van. It’s Spartan but functional.
Upper left picture: DCS provided relay communications at the MRA Recertification supporting SDMRT at Malibu Canyon State Park in 2010.

Lower right picture: Some of our radio gear installed. Our capabilities includes 2-meter, 220, 440, HF and Sheriff's 480 MHz.
Frequently, the San Dimas Mountain Rescue Team (SDMRT) calls upon DCS for relay communications and other tasks deemed necessary during extended searches. DCS has also assisted the team during many of their training sessions along with maintenance and programming the team radios.
Upper left picture: DCS was asked to clear a landing zone (LZ) for Air 5 at Cow Canyon Saddle in the Angeles National Forest during a recovery near the Mt. Baldy area.

Lower right picture: This was a training exercise with SDMRT and search dog handlers at Bonelli Park.
Upper left picture: One of the “Dry Run” training sessions with SDMRT at Malibu Canyon State Park in the spring 2010

Lower right picture: The Command Post during a Mountain Rescue Association (MRA) Recertification two weeks later. DCS was heavily used for relay communications during this recertification exercise. Search and rescue teams from all over the state participated in this event.
Upper right picture: During a slow moment shortly after sunrise, this picture was snapped at the end of Shoemaker Rd. in the Angeles National Forest. DCS was called out by SDMRT in the middle of the night to provide relay communications between the Command Post and the teams in the field.

Lower left picture: DCS was invited to observe a SDMRT “Dry Run” swift water rescue training.
DCS is frequently called upon to display the DCS Communications Van at community events. This photo was taken at the San Dimas Sheriff’s Boosters Annual Car Show.
Upper left picture: 80H on display at the San Dimas Station open house in 2007.
Lower right picture: DCS was on hand for the San Dimas Fiftieth Birthday Party along the station volunteers and posse.
Both the San Dimas and Walnut / Diamond Bar stations have very active Boosters Clubs. These organizations provide financial support to the volunteer services at their respective stations. They help fund equipment purchases not provided by the Sheriff's Department.

Both the San Dimas Sheriff's Booster Club and the Walnut / Diamond Bar Sheriff's Booster Club conduct several fundraisers throughout the year ranging from Golf Tournaments to Car Shows.

DCS gratefully acknowledges the San Dimas and Walnut / Diamond Bar Sheriff's Boosters Clubs for their support over the years.
This concludes this brief overview of the San Dimas and Walnut / Diamond Bar Station DCS team.