

THE SACRAMENTO POLICE FOUNDATION PRESENTS THE
SACRAMENTO POLICE DEPARTMENT'S

2010 Commendation
Awards
DINNER AND CEREMONY



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On behalf of the Sacramento Police Foundation, John Kay, immediate Past President, and I extend the warmest of welcomes to you at tonight's annual Commendation Awards Dinner and Ceremony!

We would like to congratulate and express our most heartfelt "thank you" to tonight's honorees for their sacrifice and commitment to the community. John and I also send our sincere appreciation and thanks to the men and women of the Sacramento Police Department who help keep our community safe every day.

As the current president, I am very proud to be a part of the Sacramento Police Foundation Board. The Police Foundation raises funds to enhance the Police Department's ability to provide special programs and services that fall outside of the city's budget. Some of these programs include the Criminal Justice Magnet School Academy, the Holiday Giving Program, and various officer and employee teambuilding and recognition events. These programs build social capital in the community and allow our officers to go beyond the call of duty.

I would also like to extend a special thank you to our sponsors and the Board of Directors who take the time to support our mission and programs. I encourage you to be a part of making our community strong by supporting the Sacramento Police Department and the Sacramento Police Foundation.

Enjoy the evening!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sandra M. Kataoka". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Sandra Kataoka, President
Sacramento Police Foundation

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Dear Family and Friends:

Welcome to the 2010 Commendation Awards Dinner and Ceremony! This annual event is an important tradition because it gives us the opportunity to recognize the men and women who have gone above and beyond their call of duty. I am especially grateful to tonight's honorees who have demonstrated their continued commitment and dedication, not only to this organization, but also to the community which they so proudly serve.

Tonight, we are honoring the extraordinary efforts of 22 individuals. Their actions exemplify the excellent service we seek to deliver every day.

Thank you for joining us this evening as we celebrate and congratulate these remarkable individuals. And, to our evening's honorees, I commend you on a job well done!

Sincerely,

Rick Braziel
Chief of Police

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The Sacramento Police Foundation and Sacramento Police Department would like to acknowledge the assistance of the following for their role in helping to make this evening's event a success!

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GOLD MEDAL OF VALOR

This medal shall be awarded only in exceptional cases when a hazardous act is performed by employees who risk their lives. The act must be of such extraordinary nature that the employees expose themselves to peril above and beyond the call of duty.

SILVER MEDAL OF VALOR

This medal shall be awarded for outstanding service and conspicuous bravery in the line of duty. This award would be considered when the circumstances do not fall within the provisions required for a Gold Medal of Valor.

BRONZE MEDAL OF VALOR

This medal shall be awarded for bravery in the line of duty when the circumstances do not fall within the provisions required for a Gold or Silver Medal of Valor; however, bravery was of such magnitude that the recipient is worthy of the Bronze Medal of Valor.

PURPLE HEART MEDAL

This medal shall be awarded when employees sustain a serious wound or great bodily injury by a hostile person.

LIFE SAVING AWARD

This medal shall be awarded to employees who were directly responsible for the saving of a human life or for the performance of emergency medical aid to prolong a human life.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

This medal shall be awarded to personnel who have performed effective, efficient, and valuable service to the Department. Such service may be a specific instance or it may be an outstanding performance of general duties over an extended period of time.

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SILVER MEDAL OF VALOR

RICHARD KAWASAKI
MATT SUEHOWICZ

BRONZE MEDAL OF VALOR

KENNETH COLLIER
NICHOLAS FOX

PURPLE HEART AWARD

TYSON BUTLER

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MICHAEL BRIGGS
D. PAUL CURTIS
RANDY LOZOYA
HELEN MORTLOCK

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

MIKE BAKER
SCOTT BLYNN
COREY BRANT
MICHAEL COOPER
JOSHUA DOBSON
BEN GOMEZ
PRISCILLA GOMEZ
LISA HINZ
COREY MORGAN
STEPHEN QUINN
RAY VILLEGAS
DOUG VOSKA
MARK ZOULAS

AWARD RECIPIENTS

BEN GOMEZ

DOUG VOSKA

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Sergeant Ben Gomez and Sergeant Doug Voska are being recognized for their dedicated and valuable service to the Sacramento Police Department and for their contributions to the Hostage Negotiation Team (HNT). Sergeant Gomez joined the HNT as an ancillary assignment in 1995 and Sergeant Voska joined in 1997. They have both since gone to extraordinary measures to develop and professionalize the team. These two sergeants have become experts in hostage negotiations and have enthusiastically dedicated themselves to improving the team through training, teamwork, and leadership.

Sergeants Gomez and Voska have made suggestions for policy and procedural change, many of which were incorporated to improve the overall efficiency and effectiveness of the team. For many years, these two sergeants, on a team of three lieutenants, three sergeants, and 12 officers and detectives, have managed the training for the bi-monthly HNT meetings. Due to their extensive training and field experience, Sergeants Gomez and Voska have also provided training at various events at the local, state, and national level.

In addition to their commitment to training, these sergeants were also instrumental in acquiring critical equipment to improve the efficiency of the team. This included a video throw phone, a negotiations recording and control command system, and a surplus bread truck that was converted into an HNT van that is still in use today.

With their experience and knowledge, both Sergeant Gomez and Sergeant Voska have served as the HNT Commander on critical incidents, and on many occasions, their input and recommendations at critical incidents have been instrumental in successful resolutions. Thanks to their efforts, the Sacramento Police Department's HNT has better trained members, a more structured organization, and better equipment.

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AWARD RECIPIENTS

MICHAEL COOPER

MARK ZOULAS

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Officer Michael Cooper and Officer Mark Zoulas are being recognized for their dedicated and valuable service to the Sacramento Police Department. For almost 10 years, from 2000 to 2009, Officers Cooper and Zoulas were assigned to the Central POP team's Homeless Detail. Although this Detail is not a highly sought after assignment, these officers embraced the challenges that came with this job and forged meaningful professional relationships with both the homeless community and the service providers in the area.

The close working relationships these officers developed with the homeless population allowed them to provide individualized services to those who were in need. It also enabled them to establish a trusting bond with a group of people who historically distrusted law enforcement. Because of their firm, yet empathetic approach, the homeless population nicknamed these two officers "Batman and Robin." Although these officers would cite or arrest people for illegal camping and ensure they served their community service in cleaning up the camps, Officers Cooper and Zoulas would often provide them transportation to fulfill their obligations, knowing they had no other means of transportation.

While assigned to this Detail, Officers Cooper and Zoulas achieved many successes that include: developing a search mechanism within our computer systems to quickly locate transients and homeless persons; meeting monthly with service providers to connect them with persons in need; providing training on homeless issues and enforcement tactics to officers in the Central Command; organizing camp clean-ups and work crews to remove tons of garbage and debris; managing the Return to Residency program; and coordinating with City, County, and faith-based organizations for homeless services and shelter. In addition, because of the trust these officers have earned with the homeless campers, they have served as principal negotiators between this community and the Police Department during tense times.

STEPHEN QUINN

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Lieutenant Stephen Quinn is being recognized for his dedicated and valuable service to the Sacramento Police Department. Lieutenant Quinn was assigned to the Sacramento Police Academy from October 2006 to October 2009. During this assignment, Lieutenant Quinn performed an invaluable service to our organization. He managed and coordinated the Sacramento Police Academy and Joint Powers Authority's (JPA) construction of two additional new range facilities, along with the rehabilitation of an out building now serving as a student briefing facility, known as Building 712.

Prior to Lieutenant Quinn's arrival at the Academy, plans were in place to build two additional firing ranges at the JPA Small Arms Firing Range facility. However, this project sat stagnant for almost a year with environmental concerns and permit issues. As soon as Lieutenant Quinn arrived at his new assignment, he wasted no time in getting this project back on track by bringing the stakeholders together to work through the issues and holding partners accountable. Lieutenant Quinn arranged for "in-kind" work to be completed at the range facility resulting in little to no cost to the Department or the JPA. It was common for Lieutenant Quinn to hold "work parties" at the range facility on the weekends and after work hours, enlisting other members of the Department in moving dirt, cutting boards, and hammering nails to bring the project to completion.

In addition to revitalizing and completing the range project, Lieutenant Quinn improved and increased our ability to recover Los Rios American Disabilities Act fees by doing outreach throughout the Department to document ongoing and new training that was taking place. He also worked with the City's Risk Management Department to bring wellness to the Department by coordinating health screenings for our employees.

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MIKE BAKER

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Media Specialist II Mike Baker is being recognized for his dedicated and valuable service to the Sacramento Police Department. Mr. Baker has shown great initiative and intuitiveness in taking his position to great heights in the area of forensic video. He first demonstrated his passion for forensic video when he scavenged surplus video components from another City department. Over the years, he has created a very usable forensic video laboratory where he can transform unviewable video footage technology into usable, successful criminal prosecutorial material. His overall dedication to his position is shown through his willingness to respond at a moment's notice, regardless of the day or time.

Being a "MacGyver" in his position, Mr. Baker has created and maintained technological equipment through very difficult budgetary times. His skill at saving money was also evident in a 2008 high profile homicide case. This particular complex case required extensive video analysis to place the suspect at the crime scene days before the murder. Mr. Baker spent countless hours testing, preparing, and setting up equipment for a renowned forensic video expert who was contracted to conduct the necessary reenactments to verify the original video footage. All of his prep work saved the Department a significant amount in expert fees by virtually eliminating the experts' set-up time and allowing him to complete his work within one day.

In another recent homicide case, Mr. Baker's technical ability and expert testimony were demonstrated when he took an extraordinary amount of video from various locations and compiled it into a chronological scenario in "true time" to make it easier for the jury to understand the timing and context of what occurred just prior to and after the homicide. Mr. Baker was adept at explaining the theory and science behind what he did to his supervisor, the defense, and the jurors in the case. The technical work performed in this case was extensive and the results critical in the guilty verdict.

COREY BRANT

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Officer Corey Brant is being recognized for his dedicated and valuable service to the Sacramento Police Department and for his contributions to the Mobile Data Computer Information Technology (IT) Sustainment Team. Working since 2007 as the IT liaison between Patrol, Communications, Records, and Public Safety IT, Officer Brant's efforts in 2009 resulted in major improvements in police business processes, training, information gathering, and collaborating with outside agencies.

Officer Brant worked directly with the Patrol Division to configure, develop, train, and implement the Mobile Report Entry software upgrade used by officers and sergeants in the field. Their improvements resulted in greater efficiency and ease of use by officers. He worked relentlessly with the command staff at the Sacramento Sheriff's Department to streamline the jail booking process and allow for the use of standard white paper which will ultimately save the Department \$15,000 per year. Officer Brant also played an instrumental role in the Department's implementation of the new County Web Known Persons File. And, in 2009, his work on the Vehicle Stop Data Form study resulted in a compliance of 99.2%, which is the highest in the Department's history.

JOSHUA DOBSON

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Officer Joshua Dobson is being recognized for his dedicated and valuable service to the Sacramento Police Department. A respected SWAT officer for eight years, Officer Dobson dedicated much of his time in 2009 to providing training for officers so that they would be better prepared in the event of an Active Shooter incident.

Officer Dobson has become one of the Department's subject matter experts in the field of Active Shooters. He worked countless hours with the Professional



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Standards Unit, providing the language and illustrations needed to depict the various team formations and movements, to create the Department's first ever Active Shooter Manual. After many revisions, this manual was officially signed by the Chief of Police and put into effect in May 2009.

Officer Dobson created a 3-hour Active Shooter presentation for the 2009 Continued Professional Training (CPT) and instructed a majority of the sessions. Based on the positive feedback from this class, Officer Dobson developed a 5-hour training for the 2010 CPT. Additionally, he offered patrol and detective teams additional training specifically based on their individual needs.

When the SWAT team was approached by the FBI and the Alameda County Sheriff's Department to provide Active Shooter and other scenario trainings for events they were hosting, Officer Dobson took the lead. He created extensive scenarios and lesson plans, much on his own time, facilitated the scenarios on the training/competition day, and gave briefings and evaluations to the multitude of other agencies that participated.

PRISCILLA GOMEZ

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

On March 21, 2009, the Northern California law enforcement community suffered a loss of historic proportions when four Oakland Police Officers were shot and killed by a lone gunman. As soon as she received a call regarding the officers' deaths from a friend at the Oakland Police Department, Dispatcher III Priscilla Gomez extended an offer to help, which the Oakland Communications Center accepted. Dispatcher Gomez initiated a call for assistance through her network of dispatcher contacts and on her Facebook page. Working with another member of the California Tactical Dispatchers Association, Dispatcher Gomez organized and coordinated relief efforts for staffing the Oakland Police Department Communications Center so personnel could attend the funeral on March 27, 2009.

More than 500 dispatchers, representing 45 agencies, responded to the plea for help. Over 100 dispatchers were assigned to assist the Oakland Communications Center, run errands, and perform other duties. The staffing relief began on Wednesday, March 25, at 0600 hours and continued through Saturday, March 28, at 1500 hours.

Dispatcher Gomez and another dispatcher conducted every roll call and coordinated training for all the volunteers during the relief effort. Dispatcher Gomez was also assigned to manage the Oakland Communications Center on Thursday night so the Oakland managers could go home early in preparation for the funeral the next morning. As a result of Dispatcher Gomez's efforts in initiating the call for volunteers and coordinating them during the week, the Oakland Police Department did not need to request Mutual Aid during this difficult time.

SCOTT BLYNN

COREY MORGAN

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Officer Scott Blynn and Officer Corey Morgan are being recognized for their dedicated and valuable service to the Sacramento Police Department. Problem Oriented Police Officers Blynn and Morgan were the lead officers on the Natomas Burglary Project that was in effect from March 31, 2009, to April 17, 2009. During this three-week period, patrol officers were rotated onto the team to assist with the project which successfully resulted in the reduction of residential burglaries in the entire North Area due to the efforts of Officers Blynn and Morgan.

The entire operation resulted in 16 felony arrests, 9 misdemeanor arrests, 18 probation searches, 7 parole searches, 8 theft-related arrests, and one search warrant. In addition, this project yielded information gained by Officers Blynn and Morgan which resulted in ongoing narcotic-related arrests. They also developed contacts with a neighborhood business where much of the stolen property was being sold.



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Officers Blynn and Morgan conducted follow-up on burglary reports in the Natomas Area through searches, worked plain clothes, and were tireless in their efforts to reduce burglaries in this area. During the final week of the project, three subjects were arrested and charged with five counts of burglary and conspiracy. Officers Blynn and Morgan worked over 20 hours straight booking evidence and conducting follow-up on this case. Their efforts on this project not only reduced burglaries in the Natomas Area, but helped reduce burglaries by 30% in the entire North Area for the first half of the year.

RAY VILLEGAS

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Officer Ray Villegas is being recognized for his dedicated and valuable service to the Sacramento Police Department and for his contributions to the SWAT team. In 2009, a sergeant from Santa Rosa, attending training in Sacramento, had his unmarked police vehicle broken into and his automatic M-4 police rifle stolen. This incident prompted our SWAT teams to take a closer look at how their equipment was being stored inside their vehicles. At the time, the SWAT vehicles were secured with a standard audible alarm if there was an intrusion in the trunk, but nothing to prevent a thief from stealing items within. After much research and experimentation with commercially produced devices, it was found that they were cumbersome and provided minimal protection.

With this dilemma, Officer Villegas volunteered to design a system to fit our needs. After much thought and planning, Officer Villegas created a conceptual design. He networked with several employees working in the City's Corporation Yard, presented his design, and asked for assistance with the metal work. Using metal remnants from street signs, several prototypes were created. After numerous hours of his own time, Officer Villegas created a final design. Based on Officer Villegas' specifications, enclosure plates were created. Once these were completed, he installed all of the locking devices on each of the SWAT officer's vehicles, again much of it on his own time.

As soon as the installations were completed, a video surfaced depicting how a person could easily compromise the trunk area of Crown Victorias in less than one minute. To address this issue, Officer Villegas studied the video and quickly came up with a solution. He returned to the Corporation Yard with his prototype and the employees helped him create his reinforcement plates, which he also installed on all of the SWAT vehicles. Currently, each vehicle has the ability to lock the rear shelf/deck area where SWAT officers can secure firearms and other equipment.

LISA HINZ

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Sergeant Lisa Hinz is being recognized for her dedicated and valuable service to the Sacramento Police Department and for her contributions to Sacramento Kops-N-Kids Camp. The Kops-N-Kids Camp provides students the opportunity to participate in sports while interacting with positive law enforcement and community role models. In addition, the Camp features leadership skills, gang resistance, drug awareness, and violence prevention curriculum and activities.

After years of working at the Kops-N-Kids Camp, Sergeant Hinz assumed the responsibility of President of the 2009 Camp which was held from June 15 through June 19. Sergeant Hinz volunteered numerous hours of her own time to fulfill this role. Her work not only involved the day-to-day activities of running the camp, but also fundraising and activity planning throughout the year. Sergeant Hinz was responsible for the coordination of over 100 people who worked at the camp from numerous law enforcement and fire agencies. Due to her fundraising efforts, the Camp was able to charge only \$25 per camper, making it one of the lowest cost for a summer camp. Sergeant Hinz's hard work in providing a quality and very affordable Camp resulted in the 2009 Kops-N-Kids Camp being the most attended in its history by providing a great experience to over 300 kids.

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MICHAEL BRIGGS

LIFE SAVING AWARD

On the evening of March 28, 2009, officers were behind a driver who they suspected was driving under the influence. The driver was driving without headlights and was weaving between lanes on the freeway. The driver continued to weave and speed up until he finally pulled over at Franklin Boulevard and 11th Avenue. Officers ordered the driver out of his vehicle, but there was no response. The driver appeared slumped over the steering wheel and his vehicle was still in reverse. The driver took his foot off the brake, causing it to ram the front of a patrol vehicle. Officers then removed the driver from the vehicle and placed him on the ground as they attempted to handcuff him.

Officer Michael Briggs immediately recognized that the driver was having a medical issue and was not under the influence. The driver was unconscious, not breathing, and Officer Briggs could barely locate a pulse. Officer Briggs quickly took charge of the scene. He requested a CPR mask as other officers elevated the driver's feet and loosened his clothing. Once he received the mask, Officer Briggs began giving the driver breaths. The driver regained his pulse and opened his eyes. The Fire Department arrived shortly after and transported the driver to the hospital. Apparently, the driver had a pace maker and his heart had stopped while he was driving home from work. The pace maker had to start his heart 13 times to keep it beating. Without the quick thinking of Officer Briggs, he most likely would have died or suffered severe injuries.

RANDY LOZOYA

LIFE SAVING AWARD

On the afternoon of June 30, 2009, Officer Randy Lozoya and another officer responded to a home regarding a suicidal subject who had just shot himself. They were directed to the upstairs bathroom where they found the subject fully clothed

in an empty bath tub. He was reclined against the wall of the tub and his head was tilted down with blood dripping from his forehead.

Officer Lozoya located a pulse on the subject's left wrist. He repositioned the subject's body and head to maintain an open airway and to prevent him from choking on his own fluids and tongue. A pistol was located inside the tub which was rendered safe and secured. While the other officer left the room to take care of an upset child, Officer Lozoya continued to monitor the subject's pulse and held him in a position where he could still breathe until paramedics arrived. After the Fire Department arrived, they advised that Officer Lozoya's efforts helped to sustain the subject's life.

**D. PAUL CURTIS
HELEN MORTLOCK
LIFE SAVING AWARD**

On the evening of August 20, 2009, Officer D. Paul Curtis and Officer Helen Mortlock were approaching the intersection of Mack Road and Franklin Boulevard when they noticed a large amount of smoke in the intersection. They saw a vehicle stuck on the center median with the driver still in the vehicle. The under carriage of the vehicle was on fire and the rear tire was spinning rapidly. Officer Curtis opened the driver's side door and yelled for the elderly driver to get out. The driver was incoherent to the officer's directions and did not move. Officer Curtis removed the driver's seatbelt and both Officer Curtis and Officer Mortlock removed the driver from the vehicle to safety.

Officer Curtis then used the fire extinguisher from his vehicle to put out the fire. The driver was found to be highly intoxicated and registered a blood alcohol level that was nearly four times the legal limit. In his intoxicated state, the driver was oblivious to the fact that his vehicle was on fire and also lacked the physical ability to exit on his own.

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TYSON BUTLER

PURPLE HEART AWARD

On the afternoon of May 24, 2009, Officer Tyson Butler made a traffic stop at 3700 Business Drive. As Officer Butler approached, the driver of the vehicle shot Officer Butler twice through his open window. Officer Butler was hit in his right arm causing serious damage and shattering his humerus bone which rendered his right arm useless. The second bullet hit Officer Butler in the upper left thigh. Officer Butler was unable to draw his weapon and return fire due to the severity of his injuries, but kept his mind clear and took cover behind his patrol vehicle.

Officer Butler displayed professionalism and courage as he called for Code-3 cover. Knowing that information was critical to the safety of his fellow officers, Officer Butler began to broadcast the suspect's description and direction as the suspect fled. Despite the gravity of his situation and the serious wounds he had sustained, Officer Butler continued to broadcast critical information to the responding units.

KENNETH COLLIER

NICHOLAS FOX

BRONZE MEDAL OF VALOR

On the evening of August 7, 2009, officers initiated a vehicle stop in the Meadowview neighborhood. Shortly after initial contact was made, the driver sped off to flee from the officers. Soon after the officers began chasing the fleeing suspect, Officer Kenneth Collier and Officer Nicholas Fox also engaged.

A short time later, the suspect vehicle ran a red light at Amherst Street and Meadowview Road, causing a violent collision with another vehicle. Both vehicles spun clear of the intersection and the suspect vehicle impacted a utility pole. This impact damaged the pole significantly and caused a live wire to come down

between the vehicles. Both vehicles were beginning to smoke and fluids leaking from each vehicle were starting to flow toward the arching, downed power line.

Officers began shouting for the suspect to show his hands but he refused, claiming to be pinned in his vehicle. As this chaotic scene was playing out, the occupants of the innocent vehicle, a family with a child, were slowly starting to exit their vehicle. They were shaken up and appeared to be confused as to what to do. Given the potential for fire or electrocution from the downed wire and their proximity to the felony stop where the suspect was not showing his hands, Officers Collier and Fox were fearful for the safety of these occupants. Officers Collier and Fox ran from their position of cover and across the downed power line to the occupants. Officer Collier safely directed the adults away from the vehicle and Officer Fox picked up the child and carried him to safety.

RICHARD KAWASAKI
MATT SUEHOWICZ
SILVER MEDAL OF VALOR

In the early morning hours of December 22, 2009, Officer Richard Kawasaki and Officer Matt Suehowicz were dispatched to a call of a vehicle that had hit a sound wall on Riverside Boulevard and was on fire. Upon Officer Suehowicz's arrival, he observed the vehicle's front end and passenger compartment completely engulfed in flames. He grabbed his fire extinguisher and ran toward the vehicle. The right rear passenger door was open and he could see the driver lying back between the front driver's and passenger's seat. He discharged his fire extinguisher into the vehicle's interior around the driver and reached into the vehicle in an attempt to pull the driver out. The driver's legs were apparently pinned and Officer Suehowicz was unable to pull him out. At this point, Officer Kawasaki arrived. Together, Officer Kawasaki and Officer Suehowicz tried to extract the driver from the burning vehicle as the fire was intensifying in both heat and size. The officers grabbed under the driver's arms and were able to pull



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him out of the right rear passenger door. They pulled the driver about 40 feet away from the vehicle and onto the sidewalk.

As they laid the driver down, Officer Suehowicz observed the driver's shirt was on fire in his chest area. He used his duty jacket and put out the flames as they awaited the arrival of the Fire Department.

IN MEMORY

OF THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN THE LINE OF DUTY

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JOSEPH SCOTT	December 12, 1878
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ARNOLD GAMBLE	February 15, 1963
EUGENE MCKNIGHT	July 23, 1963
BERNARD BENNETT	May 13, 1970
ANDREW COLLINS	April 19, 1972
DOYLE POPOVICH	August 3, 1974
RODNEY BUTTS	October 15, 1975
WILLIAM WARNER	June 1, 1981
MICHAEL GARTRELL	April 25, 1991
EMILY MORGENROTH	October 17, 1997
WILLIAM "BILL" BEAN, JR.	February 9, 1999

May They Rest In Peace



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