

THE SACRAMENTO POLICE FOUNDATION PRESENTS THE
SACRAMENTO POLICE DEPARTMENT'S

2008 Commendation
Awards
DINNER AND CEREMONY



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On behalf of the Sacramento Police Foundation, Steven Moore, immediate Past President, and I extend the warmest of welcomes to the 2008 Commendation Awards Dinner and Ceremony! Congratulations and a most heartfelt thank you to tonight's honorees for their sacrifice and commitment to the community. We would also like to thank all 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, 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 "John C. Kay". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John Kay
President, Sacramento Police Foundation

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Dear Family and Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the 2008 Commendation Awards Dinner and Ceremony. This annual event gives us an opportunity to show our gratitude to the men and women who have gone above and beyond their call of duty. I would especially like to thank tonight's honorees for their continued commitment and dedication to both this organization and the community in which they serve.

Tonight, we have the honor of recognizing 31 individuals. Their unparalleled courage, valiant life-saving efforts, and innovative contributions exemplify the excellent service we strive to deliver each day. Thank you for joining us this evening as we celebrate and congratulate these extraordinary 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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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.

SACRAMENTO POLICE DEPARTMENT

2008 AWARD RECIPIENTS

SILVER MEDAL OF VALOR

DARIN MILLER

BRONZE MEDAL OF VALOR

ANDREW DAVIS

MARCUS FRANK

GREGORY GALLIANO

MATTHEW HUBBARD

CALEB PECKINPAUGH

LIFE SAVING AWARD

ERIC AVE-LALLEMANT

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RODERICK BYRON

WILLIAM CONNER

JOSHUA DOBSON

SHANNON GUNNISON

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MARK PHILLIPS

GEORGE SINGEWALD

TOBIAS WILLIAMS

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CHAD AUGUSTIN (SFD)

GREG BROWN

JACOB CASELLA

VANESSA CIARNELLI

MICHAEL FEYH (SFD)

JAMES GLASS (SFD)

GEORGE MARTINEZ

MATTHEW MEHLHAFF

AL MILLER

MICHAEL NICHOLS

STEVEN OLIVEIRA

GEORGE SINGEWALD

MICHAEL SMITH

DOUG VOSKA

STEVE WINTON

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

MICHAEL SMITH

Sergeant Michael Smith is being recognized for his many years of dedicated and valuable service to the Sacramento Police Department and for his contributions to the Department's Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC). Since 1975, Sergeant Smith has been involved with the design and development of EVOC, both as an instructor and supervisor. Over the decades, EVOC has evolved from a small, part-time operation to a fully operational and permanently staffed EVOC team, led by Sergeant Smith.

EVOC became a full-time unit in 1997 and within two years, the Department saw a significant reduction in its Accident Frequency Rate—almost half the national average for all law enforcement agencies nationwide. Sergeant Smith originally took it upon himself to start compiling statistics associated with officer involved accidents, pursuits, and Code 3 driving. Through his analysis and recommendations, he developed the basic framework that is currently used by the City of Sacramento to track accidents and to identify problem areas that need to be addressed through training.

The effectiveness of Sergeant Smith's EVOC program has also carried over into civilian personnel. Risk Management began to see the benefits of drivers training and now every city employee who drives a vehicle must go through EVOC. In addition to the training that has been provided, Sergeant Smith has created training videos to combat specific problems that have surfaced within the Department, thus addressing the need to revisit current policies and procedures and helping to positively influence the attitude and actions of all sworn personnel.

DOUG VOSKA

Sergeant Doug Voska is being recognized for his dedicated and valuable service to the Sacramento Police Department and for his contributions to the Regional Transit Police. Through the leadership and direction of Sergeant Voska, the Regional Transit (RT) Video Project has come into fruition and has greatly enhanced the safety and security of our community. The RT Video Project contains a series of projects all designed to install remotely accessible video surveillance cameras at

each of RT's 47 light rail stations and selected facilities. This Project also included the design and construction of a Video Control Center where all of the cameras can be monitored and real-time information can be provided to personnel.

Although Sergeant Voska started managing this Project in 2004, its completion occurred in 2007. To accomplish this monumental task, Sergeant Voska became not only the project manager, but became an expert in the technical aspects as well. In addition, he secured funding for this Project by acquiring over \$1 million in grant monies to cover the design, purchase, and construction of the Project.

Sergeant Voska successfully completed this Video Project while continuing to provide his usual supervisory duties as a Regional Transit Police Sergeant. The positive effects of this project have just begun to materialize. Sacramento Police Officers and Sacramento Sheriff's Deputies have used video from this Project to obtain images of many violent criminals, including capturing images that were pivotal in identifying a homicide suspect at the 47th Avenue Light Rail Station.

STEVE WINTON

Sergeant Steve Winton is being recognized for his dedicated and valuable service to the Sacramento Police Department and for his contributions to providing training opportunities to our employees. Assigned to the Training Division in 2006, Sergeant Winton, while completing his regular duties, took it upon himself to develop and implement several new training programs to take Sacramento Police Department employees professionally to a higher level.

First, he completely revamped the Training Orientation Program for Sergeants that consisted of a streamlined format with contemporary content that included challenges the new supervisors initially faced, a leadership component, critical incident table top exercise and practical scenarios for counseling sessions. In 2007, Sergeant Winton developed, organized, and presented, a new first-line civilian supervisors training course. In addition to in-house instruction, this five-day course included outside professional instruction, leadership book reviews, and practical live scenarios for participants.



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Also in 2007, Sergeant Winton took the lead on another significant project by developing a frontline leadership course for line level employees, both civilian and sworn. He spent a tremendous number of hours of his own time developing and refining various components of the course content and facilitator training content. He executed the facilitator training course and worked out the logistics for the actual program. This 11-day training program, modeled after the POST Supervisory Leadership Institute format, spans over a five month period and launched its first course in March 2008.

GEORGE MARTINEZ

Officer George Martinez is being recognized for his dedicated and valuable service to the Sacramento Police Department and for his contributions to the Gang Resistance Education and Training (GREAT) program. Assigned as a School Resource Officer at Goethe Middle School during the 2006/2007 school year, Officer Martinez decided to take his GREAT program one step further.

Officer Martinez developed a mountain biking club and team that incorporated the component of the GREAT curriculum as its foundation. He created this program to include both his assigned school and nearby Burbank High School. This innovative program gave inner-city students an opportunity to participate in a non-traditional and exciting sport, while at the same time, developing themselves as individuals. Officer Martinez formed the mountain biking piece as part of a holistic approach to preventing youth delinquency.

In addition to learning how to ride mountain bikes, the participating students received academic assistance, exposure to the GREAT curriculum, mentoring, and physical fitness training. The students at the high school level were able to compete against other teams, often from more affluent schools, throughout Northern California. This opportunity gave a tremendous boost of self-esteem to all the students that participated. Utilizing numerous resources (bicycles from Property, equipment donations from other schools, donations from the business community, and police officer and CSO volunteers), Officer Martinez ensured the success of this program without impacting the Department's budget.

GREG BROWN, AL MILLER, MICHAEL NICHOLS, JAMES GLASS (SFD), CHAD AUGUSTIN (SFD) & MICHAEL FEYH (SFD)

Sergeant Greg Brown, Sergeant Al Miller, Officer Michael Nichols, Fire Battalion Chief James Glass, Fire Captain Chad Augustin, and Firefighter Michael Feyh are all being recognized for their dedicated and valuable service to the Sacramento Police Department and for their contributions to the Tactical Emergency Medical Support (TEMS) program. In 2007, these three SWAT officers and three firefighters were instrumental in working together collaboratively in developing the TEMS program. The concept of this program is to use specially trained Fire Department Paramedics to provide medical support to anyone in need during critical incidents, such as high-risk tactical entries and crisis situations, or at major public events.

These six members formed a working group that participated in a series of meetings to develop operational guidelines for the introduction of TEMS into SWAT operations. This team worked hundreds of hours conducting research and developing recommended policies for the safe operation and integration of services between police and fire personnel. Sergeant Brown, Sergeant Miller, and Officer Nichols developed the curriculum and taught a 3-day classroom and scenario-based training program to introduce the selected TEMS personnel to SWAT operations and tactics, equipment, munitions, and their capabilities. As a result of all their efforts, TEMS personnel are now available to medically assist when a situation arises.

JACOB CASELLA

Officer Jacob Casella is being recognized for his dedicated and valuable service contributing to the update of the Sacramento Police Department's Redi-Ref in its portable and paper form. For several years, many officers were challenged in using the electronic version of the indispensable reference guide for conducting their daily work. Officers working in assignments with limited or no access to the electronic version were left using outdated Redi-Refs or relying on simple notes.

Officer Casella brought the issue to the attention of his lieutenant and a committee was formed to study the feasibility of the project. Officer Casella spent a considerable amount of his own time researching areas that officers needed in



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the Redi-Ref, refining and proofreading sections of the guide, conducting research and attending committee meetings. The result of Officer Casella's initiative was an extensive new Redi-Ref that includes current and relevant information for every officer to use in the field in a format that is easily updated.

VANESSA CIARNELLI

Supervising Forensic Investigator Vanessa Ciarnelli is being recognized for her dedicated and valuable service to the Sacramento Police Department. Faced with the need to hire and train six new Forensic Investigators, Ms. Ciarnelli volunteered to create, design, and manage a new and formal Crime Scene Investigations (CSI) Academy that would facilitate the expedited training of new personnel in an organized and comprehensive manner. Prior CSI training was individualized for new employees as needed. This new Academy would provide for consistent training for all future employees.

In embarking on this project, Ms. Ciarnelli first identified the technical and practical subject areas required for a new employee to succeed. Then she contacted the appropriate individuals who were qualified and capable of teaching these classes. She then sought certification of the Academy from the Los Rios Community College District. This certification process entailed her submitting comprehensive lesson plans for each hour of the course curriculum. The result of Ms. Ciarnelli's hard work and effort was a 392 hour certified CSI Academy which included subjects such as Latent Fingerprint Examination, Evidence Lab Processing, Field Scene Processing Techniques, Self-Defense Training, and a variety of practical, scenario-based exercises that a Crime Scene Investigator would face in the field. This Academy graduated its first class in February 2008.

MATTHEW MEHLHAFF

Officer Matthew Mehlhaff is being recognized for his dedicated and valuable service to the Sacramento Police Department and for his contributions to the students of Kit Carson Middle School. Assigned as a School Resource Officer at this school since 2006, Officer Mehlhaff has become a mentor, advisor, and role model to the students.

In September 2007, in an effort to divert his students from potential delinquent behavior and to give them alternative afterschool activities, Officer Mehlhaff started two student clubs on campus: The Avid Readers Club and the Student Watch Club. Choosing books that were both engaging and fun for his students, the Avid Readers Club was aimed at improving literacy and giving students an incentive to read. Working with the school principal, he was able to gain funding through the school's literacy fund to help offset the cost of the books for this club. In addition Officer Mehlhaff developed a partnership with Doubleday Books and was able to acquire a 20% discount on books for his students.

The Student Watch Club was created by Officer Mehlhaff to teach his students basic life skills and to better prepare them in the event of an emergency. This Club covered basic crime prevention techniques, basic emergency preparedness, and anti-bullying. He brought in outside public safety agencies to help with training and set up CPR and first aid training for the members who became certified in both.

In addition to his efforts at Kit Carson Middle School, Officer Mehlhaff started the Sacramento City Unified School District's only Gang Resistance Education and Training Families Program at Bret Harte Elementary School. During this six-week program, he provided valuable training to these families on communications skills within the family, basic safety and violence prevention, and family bonding skills.



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STEVEN OLIVEIRA

Sergeant Steven Oliveira is being recognized for his dedicated and valuable service to the Sacramento Police Department and for his contributions to the K-9 Unit. Sergeant Oliveira has supervised the K9 Unit since 2006. By his participation in daily activities and regional trials as a canine handler, he sets an example of individual participation and the need for continual training for his team.

As training was his focus for the team last year, Sergeant Oliveira was instrumental in researching and recommending the hiring of a full-time trainer to improve training for his Unit. He established a Unit directive that each canine handler participate in at least one canine trial during the year. Sergeant Oliveira further improved his Unit by researching and recommending an automated K9 Activity Tracking System database to track the activities of individual canine handlers including use of force application, search results, and individual training records.

In 2007, Sergeant Oliveira assumed personal responsibility for the development of the Sacramento Regional Law Enforcement K9 Training Facility, adjacent to the Sacramento Police Academy. Along with members of his team, he spent countless hours working with Academy staff in developing the site, creating a design, and physically preparing the property. Through personal contacts and community outreach, Sergeant Oliveira raised \$20,000 in public donations for the sponsorship of canines for the Unit and for the development of this training facility. At over one acre in size, this facility includes a 15,000 square foot training field; a large paved area for canine training involving driving; and an area for a new challenging agility and obstacle course that is yet to be built. Once totally complete, this training facility will be available to all participating public safety K9 Units in the region for relevant training.

GEORGE SINGEWALD

Officer George Singewald is being recognized for his dedicated and valuable service to the Sacramento Police Department and for his contributions to the SWAT Team.

As a member of the SWAT team for the last four years, Officer Singewald is a specialist in the deployment of less than lethal munitions. Tasked with the maintenance of all Sacramento Police Department inventory of less than lethal munitions, Officer Singewald, on his own initiative, created and developed a computer program that accounts for all less than lethal munitions by serial number, date of purchase, and date of deployment or use. This program has allowed the Metro Division's Special Operations to function more efficiently and cost effectively by maintaining proper inventory levels. This computer program was so efficient that Officer Singewald was asked by our Property Management Section to develop the program for all department supplies.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, Officer Singewald is an excellent teammate and ambassador of good will in the community. Recently, Officer Singewald came to the aid of a young child who was struck by a vehicle. In the days and weeks following this accident, Officer Singewald went to see the child in the hospital and provided whatever assistance he could to the family as they grieved over the recovery of their child. As the child's condition improved, Officer Singewald arranged for his fellow officers to visit the boy in the hospital to assist in his recovery.

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SHANNON GUNNISON

On the evening of March 18, 2007, Officer Shannon Gunnison, along with other officers, responded to the old Globe Mills Building regarding a call of a female who had threatened to jump from the building. The building was under remodel to convert to a condominium complex and the windows and doorways to this seven story building were completely open to the outside. The Sacramento Fire Department was already on scene and trying to locate the female subject with spotlights. The female would sit on the edge of one window, then disappear into the building and reemerge at another location. This continued until Officer Gunnison located the subject about 20 minutes later on the seventh floor, sitting at a large opened door that was exposed to the outside and a seven story fall.

Officer Gunnison engaged the subject in a conversation that went back and forth as to whether or not the subject was going to jump and end her life. At one point, the subject stopped talking, stood up, and looked down. Officer Gunnison was able to persuade the subject to step away from the opening and begin to surrender. After 15 minutes of negotiations, Officer Gunnison finally felt that the subject would soon surrender. However, due to her unstable state of mind, the subject decided to run toward a second open window on another side of the room and climb a metal bar barrier to try to go over it. Officer Gunnison, fearing that the subject would succeed in going over the bar and out the window, immediately ran to the subject and grabbed her to prevent her from falling to her death. Other officers, who were standing by, also assisted in grabbing and holding the subject until she was taken into custody.

ERIC AVE-LALLEMANT & RODERICK BYRON

On the evening of July 3, 2007, Officer Eric Ave-Lallemant and Officer Roderick Byron were hailed by a citizen in the K-Mart parking lot regarding an unresponsive female in a vehicle. The officers located the female and immediately checked for a pulse, but found none. The officers removed the female from the vehicle, placed her on the ground, and checked again for a pulse. Unable to detect neither a pulse nor breathing, the officers began CPR on the female. Officer Ave-Lallemant performed rescue breathing while Officer Byron applied chest compressions. The

officers performed CPR on the female for nine minutes before Sacramento Fire Department personnel arrived and transported her to the UC Davis Medical Center.

JOSHUA DOBSON & DAVID NASCA

On July 22, 2007, Officer Joshua Dobson was off-duty and with his family getting his vehicle serviced at the William J. Kinney Police Facility when a driver pulled into the back parking lot area, frantically honking her horn to get attention. Officer Dobson contacted the driver and saw a bloody passenger in the vehicle who was bleeding from her neck and arm and from numerous stab and slash wounds all over her upper body. This victim had just been viciously attacked by her husband with a razor knife and was driven to the station by the Good Samaritan.

Officer Dobson immediately requested Code 3 Fire and Ambulance on his radio and grabbed a towel from the trunk of his car. He applied direct pressure to the venous bleeding coming from the victim's neck. While holding direct pressure on what appeared to be the most serious wound, Officer Dobson kept the victim awake, maintained dialog with her as a distraction, and began to collect investigative information on her attacker. Sergeant David Nasca happened to be inside of the station when he heard Officer Dobson's call for assistance. Sergeant Nasca immediately ran outside and jumped into the vehicle with the victim and applied direct pressure to the victim's neck while Officer Dobson moved over to apply pressure to the massive wound on her arm. Both Officer Dobson and Sergeant Nasca maintained constant dialog with the victim to prevent her from going into shock until Sacramento Fire Department Medics arrived and transported her to the UC Davis Medical Center.

There were blood stains all over the vehicle's interior and on the headliner which was evidence that the victim was literally bleeding to death in front of the officers. The attending physician at the emergency room estimated that the victim was stabbed and slashed over 20 times and lost over two and a half liters of blood. The physician stated that the officers' efforts in stopping or slowing the victim's blood loss "absolutely saved her life."



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GEORGE SINGEWALD

On the evening of September 14, 2007, Officer George Singewald was off-duty when he came upon a vehicle accident at the intersection of Banfield and North Park Drives. As he approached the accident, he discovered that a small child had been struck by the vehicle and was lying in the street with his head resting on a large metal storm drain cover. Officer Singewald immediately activated the emergency lights and siren on his unmarked car to clear the intersection and to block vehicles that were continuing to drive past the young boy.

As Officer Singewald approached the scene of people surrounding the child, he saw that the child's injuries were serious and appeared life threatening. He called for Code 3 Fire and Ambulance on his police radio. Although the child first gave a few cries of pain, after several minutes of trying to talk to the child with no response, the child's eyes rolled to the back of his head and his arms went limp. In the chaotic scene of bystanders, Officer Singewald began emergency aid to the child. He secured an airway and kept the child from moving to prevent further injury as he continued to monitor for a pulse. Officer Singewald continued to talk to and comfort the child as he updated and waited for Sacramento Fire Department personnel to arrive for transportation to the UC Davis Medical Center. Unbeknownst to Officer Singewald at the time, the child had slipped into a coma due to the swelling in his brain.

The next day, and subsequent weeks after, Officer Singewald went to the hospital to check on the child's condition. After a few days, the child came out of the coma and his condition began to improve. After about a week's time, the child became completely coherent and was able to begin to move. In addition to the head trauma, the child's injuries included a broken leg, broken clavicle, facial and skull fractures, and a broken nose.

SARA BUTLER & TOBIAS WILLIAMS

On the afternoon of October 13, 2007, Officer Sara Butler, Officer Tobias Williams, and other officers responded to the scene of a hit and run accident where there were multiple people injured. One of the accident victims was a 15-month-old toddler who had been ejected from the vehicle. Upon arrival at the scene, Officer Butler found the toddler's distraught father cradling her in his arms. The father was kneeling on the ground, screaming, and shaking the toddler from side to side. Officer Butler could see that the toddler had lacerations on her head as well as blood coming from her nose and mouth. Fearing that the father may cause more harm to the child, Officer Butler took the toddler from her father. Upon picking up the child, the family began to run at Officer Butler in attempts to see and touch the baby. Officer Butler took the child and ran across the street in order to begin administering aid.

Officer Butler drained the toddler's mouth of pooling blood. While attempting to clean the blood and stop the bleeding on her head, the toddler stopped and regained breathing six or seven times. When a Sacramento Fire Department Engine unit arrived, Officer Tobias Williams obtained an "AMBU bag" and began using it on the toddler. Officers Butler and Williams used the bag numerous times to force air into the toddler's lungs each time she stopped breathing. Officers Butler and Williams provided first aid to the toddler for 11 minutes before Fire Medic units arrived and took over.

STEPHEN LAU

On November 10, 2007, Sergeant Stephen Lau was off-duty and having lunch with his family at a local restaurant when he realized that another patron appeared to be choking on his food. As he instructed his wife to call 911, Sergeant Lau approached the patron and determined that he was indeed choking. Sergeant Lau began performing the Heimlich Maneuver on the patron who still had a large amount of food in his mouth. Sergeant Lau was able to clear most of it as he performed the upward thrusts on the man.

The choking victim lost consciousness, stopped breathing, and lost his pulse. Sergeant Lau laid the man on his side and tried to clear out the rest of the food. As



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he was attempting to dislodge the remaining food, another citizen came to assist. They laid the man on his back. Sergeant Lau tilted the victim's head to open his airway as the citizen performed compressions on the man's abdomen. Both Sergeant Lau and the citizen continued life saving efforts until Sacramento Fire Department personnel arrived. The medics pulled a long piece of meat out of the man's throat by using forceps before transporting him to the hospital in critical condition.

WILLIAM CONNER & MARK PHILLIPS

On the night of December 31, 2007, Officer William Conner and Officer Mark Phillips were deployed on the Sacramento River for the New Year's Eve Celebration event in Old Sacramento. About a half an hour before midnight, Officers Conner and Phillips received the call of a subject who had jumped off the Tower Bridge and was quickly floating down the river. Within one minute, the officers located the subject swiftly floating south of the bridge. According to the police vessel instruments, the water was approximately 44 degrees with a three knot current.

Officer Phillips positioned the police vessel next to the subject as Officer Conner attempted to grab hold of him. The subject pushed himself away from the boat and yelled, "Just leave me alone. Just let me die." Realizing that the subject had in fact intended to commit suicide, Officer Conner deployed an extension pole toward the subject who refused to grab the pole or the floatation cushion. As the officers tried to reason with the subject and for him to take hold of a rescue device, Officer Phillips was forced to continually reposition the vessel so that they would not lose contact with the subject's continual changing position due to the changing current. After repeated attempts and constant urging, the subject, who was still in strong current, finally took hold of a floatation cushion. Officer Conner opened the dive door as Officer Phillips closed the distance between the vessel and the subject. Once the vessel was close enough, Officer Conner leaned out of the open door and grabbed the still struggling subject by the shoulders of his jacket and pulled him into the boat.

BRONZE MEDAL OF VALOR

MATTHEW HUBBARD

On the evening of August 30, 2007, Officer Matthew Hubbard responded to a call of a kidnapping that had just occurred. The suspect had armed himself with a gun and forced his way into his ex-wife's residence, kidnapping her and their four-year-old son. While enroute to the call, responding officers located the suspect vehicle traveling southbound on Power Inn Road.

Officer Hubbard moved into position behind the suspect vehicle as officers prepared to perform a felony vehicle stop. After officers activated their emergency lights and sirens, the suspect vehicle came to a stop. Officer Hubbard exited his vehicle and could hear the suspect vehicle engine revving. The suspect vehicle was rocking back and forth with what appeared to be a struggle inside. Two faint popping sounds were then heard.

A few seconds later, the rear passenger door opened and a four-year-old boy inside the vehicle was screaming and crying. Officer Hubbard yelled for the boy to come toward him. The boy jumped out of the vehicle, but was too scared to move further. The boy was now in the line of fire between the officers and the suspect vehicle. Fearing for the boy's safety, Officer Hubbard left the safety of his patrol vehicle, ran up, and grabbed the boy out of harm's way.

MARCUS FRANK

In the early morning hours of September 26, 2007, Officer Marcus Frank was on patrol in the area of Glen Hall Park when he saw what appeared to be a large structure fire. As he drove toward the smoke, he saw that it was a house on fire. Officer Frank immediately advised dispatch to contact the fire department.

The garage was on fire and it was spreading quickly to the living quarters of the home. Officer Frank attempted to alert the occupants of the residence by pounding on the front door and windows, but was unsuccessful. Fearing for the safety of the occupants, Officer Frank attempted to gain entry. The front door of the house was secured by a locked wrought iron metal security door. Using a technique that



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BRONZE MEDAL OF VALOR

he had learned from prior contacts with the Sacramento Fire Department, Officer Frank grabbed hold of the metal security door and after several attempts, was able to pull the security door open. He then forced the front door open and began yelling for the occupants to exit the burning residence. There was no response.

Officer Frank entered the smoke-filled home and searched every room of the residence, finding no one in the home. After clearing the residence, Officer Frank began notifying the adjacent neighbors to prevent any possible injuries and to inquire about the homeowner. Captain Scott Williams of the Sacramento Fire Department stated that they would not have responded in time to save a life if the occupants were in fact home. Per Captain Williams, Officer Frank's actions by entering the smoke-filled and burning residence would have saved the life of the occupants if they were inside.

ANDREW DAVIS, GREGORY GALLIANO & CALEB PECKINPAUGH

On the evening of November 1, 2007, Officer Andrew Davis and Officer Caleb Peckinpaugh were in the Joseph E. Rooney Police Facility when they heard the broadcast of a vehicle that had just crashed into a building located right next door to the police station on Franklin Boulevard. Officers Davis and Peckinpaugh, along with other officers, ran out of the police station to the building next door. Other officers had already arrived and were trying to manage the scene.

The victim's truck had crashed into the front door of the business and was quickly becoming engulfed in flames. The driver was trapped in the driver's seat and was non-responsive. Officer Gregory Galliano had broken out the passenger door window and opened the passenger door in an attempt to access the driver and rescue him. Flames were beginning to encircle the cab of the truck, and the building above the officers' heads was completely engulfed. Officer Peckinpaugh climbed into the cab of the truck and grabbed onto the driver's right arm. The driver was a very large male and his lower extremities were pinned. Officer Davis assisted Officer Peckinpaugh by pulling on the driver, but they were only able to get his upper torso to move toward the door. The officers were beginning to feel the effects of the smoke, but did not give up their efforts to save the victim. At

this point, the front windshield had burst and the fire was entering the cab of the vehicle and beginning to burn around the driver. The officers briefly backed away, but then re-entered the cab. As the fire was now an immediate threat to the officers who were trying in vain to extricate the driver, their sergeant ordered them to cease their efforts. These officers reluctantly complied. Officer Peckinpaugh made one last attempt to stop the fire from reaching the driver when another officer arrived with a fire extinguisher. He tried to extinguish the flames, but was unsuccessful as the fire was not too intense and fuel-fed.

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SILVER MEDAL OF VALOR

DARIN MILLER

On the evening of October 31, 2007, Officer Darin Miller was dispatched, along with other officers, to the Rite Aid store at 1125 Alhambra Boulevard. Initially, the incident was described as a robbery in progress. However, while the officers were still enroute, updates were given stating that the suspect was still on scene and had stabbed one store employee. A subsequent update stated that the suspect had also taken a store employee hostage.

When Officer Miller arrived, he was directed by store personnel to the pharmacy, located in the far corner of the store. As Officer Miller approached the pharmacy area, he encountered a chaotic scene. He observed one victim, the pharmacist, bleeding from his head immediately outside the pharmacy. Officer Miller looked into the pharmacy and observed the suspect holding one of his arms around the neck of a store employee and a large knife with his other hand. The suspect had the end of the knife pushed into the victim's neck with such force that the officers could not see the tip of the knife.

Officer Miller entered the tight quarters of the pharmacy and moved within eight feet of the suspect who was trying to use the victim as his shield. Officer Miller gave commands for the suspect to drop his weapon, but the suspect gave no response. Knowing that the victim's life was in imminent danger, Officer Miller waited until the suspect moved his head slightly to the side, allowing a clear sight picture of the suspect. Without hesitation, Officer Miller fired a single round at the suspect, striking him in the face. The suspect fell to the ground, allowing the victim to escape without further injury.

IN MEMORY

OF THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN THE LINE OF DUTY

JOSEPH SCOTT	December 12, 1878
ERSKIN FISH	August 11, 1935
FRANK MELLO	June 30, 1951
FRANCIS REA	January 3, 1954
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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