

THE SACRAMENTO POLICE FOUNDATION PRESENTS THE  
SACRAMENTO POLICE DEPARTMENT'S

2011 Commendation  
**Awards**  
DINNER AND CEREMONY



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THE COMMITMENT

BRAVERY





On behalf of the Sacramento Police Foundation I welcome you to tonight's annual Commendation Awards Dinner and Ceremony.

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

As the current president, I am very proud to be a part of the Sacramento Police Foundation Board. The Commendation Awards Ceremony is our primary fund raising event and we appreciate the sponsorship support from our business and community leaders. The Sacramento Police Foundation raises funds to enhance the Police Department's ability to provide special programs and services that fall outside the city's budget. Some of these programs include the Criminal Justice Magnet School Academy, the Holiday Giving Program, and various office 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 the Board of Directors who volunteers their time to support the Foundation 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.

Sandra Kataoka, President  
Sacramento Police Foundation

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Dear Family and Friends:

Welcome to the 2011 Commendation Awards Dinner and Ceremony! Tonight, we are honored to recognize the extraordinary efforts of 16 individuals. These employees have demonstrated their continued commitment and dedication to this organization and the community to which they so proudly serve. Their actions exemplify the excellent service we seek to deliver every day.

Thank you for joining us this evening as we continue the annual tradition of recognizing those in our organization who have gone above and beyond their call of duty. Please help me celebrate and congratulate these remarkable individuals who we will be honoring this evening.

To our honorees, I commend you on a job well done!

Sincerely,

Rick Braziel  
Chief of Police

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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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!

MR. ED CRANE, NEWSTALK 1530 KFBK

MS. AMY LEWIS, NEWSTALK 1530 KFBK

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MISS CHRISTINA BOURNE

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**WELCOME**

Mr. Ed Crane, Master of Ceremonies  
Ms. Amy Lewis, Mistress of Ceremonies  
NewsTalk 1530 KFBK

**PRESENTATION OF COLORS**

Sacramento Police Honor Guard

**NATIONAL ANTHEM**

Miss Christina Bourne

**OPENING REMARKS**

Mayor Kevin Johnson  
Ms. Sandra Kataoka, President Sacramento Police Foundation

**INVOCATION**

Father Mike Kerrick  
Retired Sacramento Police Officer

**DINNER IS SERVED**

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

Chief Rick Braziel

**PRESENTATION OF COMMENDATION AWARDS**

Chief Rick Braziel  
Deputy Chief Sam Somers  
Deputy Chief Brian Louie

**READING OF CERTIFICATES**

Sergeant Dan Nutley

**CLOSING REMARKS**

Mr. Ed Crane  
Ms. Amy Lewis

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# THE CLASSES OF AWARDS

## **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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# SACRAMENTO POLICE DEPARTMENT

## 2011 COMMENDATION AWARDS RECIPIENTS

### SILVER MEDAL OF VALOR

GARY DAHL

### BRONZE MEDAL OF VALOR

MICHAEL CUEVAS

JABIER GUTIERREZ

JESSE KROUPA

EDWARD MACAULAY

JAMES MACCOUN

HANK MCCLUSKY

MATTHEW MCPHAIL

MOHAMMAD RAFIQ

PAUL RICHARDSON

RYAN TREFETHEN

VICTOR WOLFE

KENSHIN VU

### PURPLE HEART AWARD

THOMAS PRICE

### DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

CHARLES HUSTED

GRANT NAKAMURA



# AWARD RECIPIENTS

## **CHARLES HUSTED**

### **DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

Sergeant Charles Husted is being recognized for his dedicated and valuable service to the Sacramento Police Department and for his contributions to the community through his volunteerism. Sergeant Husted currently supervises the School Resource Officer Unit. In this role, he is constantly researching and implementing new training and school safety procedures for his officers. He has also developed professional relationships with school administrators and teachers which have greatly enhanced the department's partnership with the schools. While he does spend some of his personal time in these endeavors, he also finds the time to give back even more to the community.

For more than 20 years, Sergeant Husted has been contributing to the community by volunteering his time with numerous individuals and organizations. He regularly promotes volunteerism to his co-workers and to the members of the community. Over the years, he has organized park clean-ups, volunteered for charitable events, coached and mentored local youth, and served on several boards. Currently, he is actively involved with the Stanford Home for Children, the Northern California Juvenile Officers Association, Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted, Angels for Hearts, Walk and Rock, Burbank High School Mountain Bike Team, the Disproportionate Minority Contact Regional Training Advisory Committee, and is a mentor to a recent high school graduate. Because of his initiative, drive, and selflessness, many members of our community have benefited from his compassion and hard work.

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## AWARD RECIPIENTS

### GRANT NAKAMURA

#### DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Community Service Officer (CSO) Grant Nakamura is being recognized for his dedicated and valuable service to the Sacramento Police Department. In 2009, CSO Nakamura, who was and still is, assigned to the Traffic Division, had made it one of his professional goals to create computer diagrams for various high frequency accident intersections throughout the city. He wanted to create a database of these diagrams that could be accessed by all officers and CSOs who could then include them in their California Automated Reporting System traffic collision reports.

CSO Nakamura has spent over 100 hours drawing these diagrams. To date, over 100 intersection diagrams have been created and uploaded onto Moodle and are accessible to officers and CSOs to download for their reports. Through his initiative and hard work, these intersection diagrams have allowed officers and CSOs completing collision reports to create a more accurate and professional document in much less time.

**THOMAS PRICE**

**PURPLE HEART AWARD**

Officer Thomas Price distinguished himself in the line of duty on the morning of April 14, 2010. A subject was initially pulled over for a traffic violation, but then fled the stop when the officer approached. The officer called for assistance and chased the subject to his home where he ran inside. Officer Price arrived to assist and entered the residence to arrest the subject. The suspect violently fought with Officer Price to the point where Officer Price's badge and paddle mic were ripped from his uniform. During this violent confrontation, the suspect grabbed a butcher knife and stabbed Officer Price in the thigh. Conductive electrical devices (Tasers) were utilized on the subject in an attempt to subdue him, but were unsuccessful. Even after being stabbed, and while bleeding profusely, Officer Price continued to hold the subject down until relieved by other responding officers. Officer Price was then rushed to the hospital for treatment of his injury which required months of recovery time.

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## AWARD RECIPIENTS

**EDWARD MACAULAY**

**KENSHIN VU**

**BRONZE MEDAL OF VALOR**

On the late afternoon hours of May 17, 2010, Officer Edward Macaulay and Officer Kenshin Vu responded, along with other officers, to a house on Martin Luther King Boulevard on an attempt pick up of a violent and deranged subject who had earlier fired a cross bow in public and made threats to injure or kill people.

Upon arrival, the officers formed a team and attempted to contact the violent subject in a detached garage at the rear of the house. Officer Vu knocked on the door and the suspect responded by yelling at the officers from a side window. Officer Vu then kicked the door open and the suspect appeared armed with a large sledge hammer. Several officers deployed their CEDs (Tasers) at the suspect, but the suspect was not affected. The suspect slammed the door shut and barricaded himself inside.

Moments later, the suspect opened the door and fired a nail gun at the officers. Officer Macaulay and Officer Vu, who were being provided cover by another officer's shield, immediately responded to this threat by firing numerous shots at the suspect. The suspect was hit and was taken into custody shortly after.

**HANK MCCLUSKY**

**BRONZE MEDAL OF VALOR**

In the early morning hours of June 26, 2010, Officer Hank McClusky responded with other officers to a home on Lumey Lane after callers reported a male armed with a gun was battering his wife in an upstairs bedroom. At least one shot was fired inside the home prior to the officers' arrival. As the officers approached the residence on foot, they were met by several people who had fled from the home. One of these subjects told the officers that the male was armed with a gun and a knife and had threatened to shoot his wife if he saw any police officers. The officers were also told there were four children inside the residence.

Armed with his rifle, Officer McClusky took up a position across the street from the home. Within moments, the suspect emerged from the front door holding a pistol in his hand. Officer McClusky ordered the suspect to drop the gun. The suspect did not comply, but instead, turned to reenter the residence. Knowing the imminent danger this suspect posed to the occupants inside the home, Officer McClusky fired one round, striking the suspect. The suspect fell to the ground and surrendered to officers, freeing the woman and the children.

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## AWARD RECIPIENTS

**JAMES MACCOUN**

**MICHAEL CUEVAS**

**JABIER GUTIERREZ**

**JESSE KROUPA**

**MOHAMMAD RAFIQ**

**BRONZE MEDAL OF VALOR**

On the evening of October 27, 2010, Captain James Maccoun received a call from one of his watch commanders regarding an incident where a suspect had entered a youth event in Natomas. The suspect had approached a 17-year-old male, pulled out what appeared to be a steak knife and held it to the throat of the teenager for no apparent reason. The suspect was calmed by someone at the event and left the scene. A search was performed by officers for this suspect, but he was not found.

The next morning, on his way to work in his unmarked vehicle, Captain Maccoun drove through the area where the suspect was last seen to familiarize himself with the area. From the description given the night before, the suspect appeared to be homeless. As he came across city workers in the area, he advised them of the suspect description and made them aware of the situation. Captain Maccoun also spoke to the sector sergeant and made plans to continue the search for the suspect. As Captain Maccoun continued to drive around, he spotted a subject walking down Truxel Road who matched the suspect description almost perfectly.

Captain Maccoun called for a marked unit as he kept the subject under visual surveillance. Officers Michael Cuevas and Jabier Gutierrez arrived to assist. A box cutter type knife was seen in the suspect's left hand. At this point, Officers Cuevas and Gutierrez and Captain Maccoun all approached the suspect and gave him commands to drop the knife. The suspect backed away and a request for a CED (Taser) was made. When Officer Mohammad Rafiq arrived to assist, the three officers tried to come up with a plan, with the suspect still at gun point, on how to contact the suspect as Captain Maccoun continued to try to reason with the suspect who did not want to go back to prison.

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Officer Jesse Kroupa arrived moments later and ran up to the scene with his Taser. He also commanded the suspect to drop the knife. When he refused, Officer Kroupa deployed the Taser on the suspect, but it was ineffective. The suspect then started to charge toward Captain Maccoun and Officer Kroupa with his knife still in hand. Fearing for their lives, the officers all began firing at the suspect until he fell to the ground.

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## AWARD RECIPIENTS

**GARY DAHL**

SILVER MEDAL OF VALOR

**MATTHEW MCPHAIL**

**PAUL RICHARDSON**

**RYAN TREFETHEN**

**VICTOR WOLFE**

BRONZE MEDAL OF VALOR

On the evening of March 15, 2010, our dispatchers received a call from a female on O'Neil Way who stated that someone was breaking into her home. From the phone line that was left open, dispatchers surmised that this was a home invasion. K-9 Officer Gary Dahl was one of the first officers to arrive onscene and immediately deployed into the backyard of the victim's home with his K-9 partner, Bandit. Officers Matthew McPhail, Paul Richardson, Victor Wolfe, and Ryan Trefethen also arrived and set up on the location. Shortly after the officers were positioned out front, gunshots were heard along with a female screaming. The officers out front believed the shots were coming from the inside of the house. In reality, the suspect had attempted to flee out the back door and was met by Officer Dahl and Bandit. As Bandit deployed after the suspect, the suspect shot Bandit in the side torso and fled back inside the house. Officer Dahl, knowing that victims were still in the house, engaged the suspect as he retreated into the house. Officer Dahl fired four rounds through the wall at the suspect as he turned down a hall corner, striking him once in the leg.



Seconds later, the suspect ran out the front door with a loaded handgun in his hand and was confronted by the awaiting officers. The officers shouted commands at the suspect to show his hands and drop the gun, but the suspect refused and kept running. Fearing for their lives, the officers who were positioned out front fired on the suspect, who fell to the ground. At this point, Officer Dahl had Bandit in his arms and was carrying his wounded dog from the backyard to his patrol vehicle for transport to the veterinary hospital for medical treatment. Bandit was treated, has recovered, and has been back on full-duty with Officer Dahl.

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## THE SACRAMENTO POLICE FOUNDATION

*S*ince 1999, The Sacramento Police Foundation has provided an opportunity for the Sacramento Police Department to build stronger relationships between the department and the citizens of the greater Sacramento area. The Foundation's collaborative programs involve law enforcement personnel who volunteer their time in activities with kids, adults and families including:

**Criminal Justice Magnet School Academy:** With a 100% success rate, students from four Sacramento area high schools participate in an educational program focused on graduation and continuation on to post-secondary schools. Students participate in SAT preparatory workshops, college preparation, life coaching, and secure college scholarships and financial assistance for college application and testing fees

**Kops-n-Kids Summer Camp:** Bringing law enforcement personnel and kids together annually for memorable summer programs that emphasize education and public safety

**The Holiday Giving Experience:** Sacramento area families in need are assisted during the holiday season with items from everyday essentials to holiday gifts

Proceeds from the Sacramento Police Department 2011 Annual Commendation Awards event benefit the programs of the Sacramento Police Foundation.

# IN MEMORY

OF THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN THE LINE OF DUTY

GEORGE C. CHAPMAN .....	April 27, 1858
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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