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2017 ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY
MARCH 8, 2017
ORPHEUM THEATRE
2017 Phoenix Police Department Annual Awards Ceremony

Thank you for attending tonight’s ceremony. Each year the Phoenix Police Department honors those who have excelled or otherwise distinguished themselves. This occasion can be festive at times, and solemn at others. Please turn off all cell phones. If little ones are restless, please take them to the back of the theatre or into the lobby. Anyone is welcome to take pictures but please be respectful of others when moving about. Be mindful of the professional video production equipment and personnel as they are located throughout the venue.
Tonight's Program

POSTING OF THE COLORS
Phoenix Police Department Honor Guard

NATIONAL ANTHEM
Sergeant Vince Lewis, Phoenix Police Department

WELCOME & REMARKS
Media Personality-Anita Roman-Co-Master of Ceremonies
Executive Assistant Chief Michael Kurtenbach-Co-Master of Ceremonies
Police Chief-Jeri L. Williams
Phoenix Mayor-Greg Stanton
Phoenix City Manager-Ed Zuercher

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS
2017 COPS Volunteer Excellence Award
Medal of Lifesaving/Certificate of Lifesaving
Medal of Merit/Certificate of Meritorious Conduct
Medal of Valor/Certificate of Valorous Conduct
Police Shield
Police Chief’s Unit Award
Supervisor of the Year
Medal of Honor

CLOSING REMARKS
Anita Roman & Executive Assistant Chief Michael Kurtenbach
Welcome to the Phoenix Police Department’s annual award ceremony.

Thank you for joining us for this year’s Phoenix Police Department Annual Awards Ceremony. This important annual tradition recognizes some of the everyday heroes in our organization. Many of you are heroes everyday just by coming to work and making positive impacts in someone’s life when they need it most. Today, we are here to honor Phoenix Police Officers and others who have gone above and beyond the call of duty and served our community in extraordinary ways.

The guiding values of the Phoenix Police Department have long been represented by the acronym P.R.I.D.E, which symbolizes our commitment to professionalism, integrity, and excellence. Everyone who walks across this stage tonight has demonstrated their P.R.I.D.E in our department, in themselves, and in their community.

As police officers, our ability to help people in their times of distress is often overlooked because it happens so frequently. In fact, for most, it happens many times a day. Tonight, we need to take a breath and remember how important our service is. We need to recognize each other for going that extra mile and in helping someone when they needed it most. We are going to hear stories of bravery, of lives saved, and exceptional work that helped many.

Congratulations to all of tonight’s award recipients, and thank you to the families and friends who have gathered here to share in this great honor. Your support and encouragement to our heroes allow them to succeed in this most challenging and rewarding profession.

On behalf of our men and women of the Phoenix Police Department, we would like to extend a special thank you to the sponsors and friends of our Department who assisted with tonight’s event. Their support and generosity made it possible for us to host a ceremony worthy of our award recipients.

Please enjoy the evening and join us in congratulating all of our 2016 honorees.
Executive Staff

Police Chief Jeri L. Williams
Executive Assistant Chief Michael Kurtenbach - Management Services Division
Assistant Chief Harry Markley - Patrol Division
Assistant Chief Sandra Renteria - Support Services Division
Assistant Chief Mary Roberts - Investigations Division
Assistant Chief Timothy J. Martin - Strategic and Tactical Services Division
Assistant Chief Scott Finical - Reserve Division
Director Marchelle Franklin - Community Affairs Division
Volunteer Excellence Award
Selections are based on the number of volunteer hours worked, involvement with special activities or projects that help to promote the department's image or achieve its objectives, and overall performance that meets or exceeds department standards.

Medal of Lifesaving/Certificate of Lifesaving
The medal is awarded to an employee for an act that results in the saving or preservation of a human life or lives that otherwise would have immediately expired without the employee’s direct involvement to provide first aid, medical, and/or physical intervention. The Certificate of Lifesaving is the civilian equivalent.

Medal of Merit/Certificate of Meritorious Conduct
The medal is awarded to an employee for an act of courage and dedication to duty during the actual performance of a police service involving significant risk or danger to personal safety. The Certificate of Meritorious Conduct is the civilian equivalent.

Medal of Valor/Certificate of Valorous Conduct
The medal is awarded to an employee for a conspicuous act of valor during the actual performance of a police service that involves risk of life and knowledge of that risk. The act clearly delineates valor from other forms of courage and is clearly above and beyond the call of duty. The Certificate of Valorous Conduct is the civilian equivalent.

Police Shield
The medal is awarded to an employee who, during the actual performance of a police service, sustains a significant injury or requires prolonged medical attention.

Police Chief’s Unit of the Year
The award is presented for the successful completion of a pre-determined, police-related, on-duty act(s) or continuing effort(s) by a group of employees who are working for a common objective.

Supervisor of the Year
This award is given to a supervisor who has demonstrated excellence in leadership or management and who was previously recognized during the previous year as an Outstanding Supervisor.

Medal of Honor
The medal is posthumously bestowed upon an employee’s survivor(s) for a line-of-duty death that occurs during the actual performance of a police service.
Anita Roman-FOX 10 News Reporter

Anita Roman joined FOX 10 News in July of 2011 and is thrilled to be part of the FOX 10 Family. Anita comes to Phoenix from the NBC affiliate in Las Vegas via the Midwest, where she anchored first the weekend newscasts, then the midday show in Springfield, IL. Anita has reported on everything from Presidential visits to deadly tornadoes to crime and education. The Illinois Times named Anita "Best Journalist." Anita attended DePaul University in Chicago, where she got a real taste of big city news. Anita interned for WLS-TV twice and for NBC Network News in Chicago. Anita ventured out west for her first job in television news, leaving behind her family and friends for a career she loves. She worked for KTVK-TV in Phoenix before moving on to Yakima, WA to report and anchor.

Executive Assistant Chief Michael Kurtenbach

Michael Kurtenbach is a Phoenix native who has proudly served with the Phoenix Police Department for over 25 years. Throughout his career, he has been a strong proponent of Community Based Policing and has remained steadfast in his commitment to partnership-building with the citizens of Phoenix, while holding multiple positions and ranks throughout the organization. Mike was promoted to Commander in October 2011, serving in various capacities to include overseeing the Training Bureau, Community Relations Bureau, Estrella Mountain Precinct, and the Maryvale Precinct. Mike was promoted to Assistant Chief in March 2015, being tasked with heading the Department’s newly formed Community Services Division, then promoted to his current position of Executive Assistant Chief in November 2016.

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COPS Volunteer Excellence Award

Chaplain Bob Fesmire #V1363

Special recognition to long serving Advisory Board Members
Medal of Lifesaving

Officer Gail Aamodt #5549
Officer Nick Barker #9292
Officer Ramel Colclough #8661
Officer Germayne Cunningham #8355
Ms. Tasha DeKock
Officer Dustin Dionne #8554
Officer Chad Estle 9604
Officer Christopher Fessler #9500
Officer Scott Fey #9377
Officer Ashley Gagnon #8560
Officer Alexander Garcia #9670
Officer Tyler Geyer #9631
Officer Todd Guilford #8083
Officer Kevin Harsch #9657
Officer Dustin Haynes #8454
Officer Tim Henningsen #5753
Retired Officer Scott Johnson #5059
Sergeant David Jordan #7401
Glendale Police Officer Marcus King
Officer Jeff Knaup #5572
Officer Tim Lynch #9141
Reserve Officer Wayne Macklem #R0357
Officer Ryan McBee #9617
Ms. Jennifer McGoldrick

Officer Kendall Nunley #8419
Officer Christopher Olson #8207
Officer Scott Pavese #7419
Sergeant Francis Perreira #8585
Officer Jeffrey Reeson #9006
Officer Steve Reeves #9184
Officer Adrian Rivas #9024
Sergeant Phil Roberts #4520
Officer Jeff Roberts #9329
Officer Richard Rogers #8658
Officer Robert Sandoval #8362
Sergeant David Seitter #8963
Officer Toby Sexton #5526
Ms. Ashley Thompson #A5805
Officer Trung Tran #8175
Officer William Underwood #5062
Officer Todd Whitbeck #5910
Officer Stephen White #8420
Reserve Officer Doug White #R1305
Sergeant Arron Whitlock #8295
Officer Ryan Whittington #8402
Officer Matthew Windom #9303
Officer Jordan Wold #9644
Officer Sean Yamane #8795
Police Chief’s Unit Award

Detective Travis Aguirre #9151
Sergeant Marcus Allen #7840
Detective James Banks #5816
Detective Donald Bent #5479
Detective Michelangelo Caggiano #7525
Detective Wendi Castellanos #8930
Detective Jeffrey Cianfroagna #7730
Detective Bryan Cuthbertson #8025
Sergeant Larry Davis #6367
Retired Detective Clint Davis #5101
Detective Leonard Diaz #7626
Sergeant Lance Diedrick #7256
Lieutenant Christopher Eyrich #7965
Detective George Fulton #7947
Sergeant Theodore Goehring #4573
Detective Sean Hall #6563
Sergeant Tyler Kamp #7265
Ms. Elaine Laurence #A4112
Detective Santiago Maldonado #5007
Ms. Andrea Max #A5787
Detective Robert McKinney #8046
Detective Jon McQuillan #8926
Detective Joshua Mesquita #8502
Detective Douglas Michaud #9035
Ms. Michelle Michaud #A3480
Detective Christopher Moore #6930
Detective Todd Moore #5701
Detective Richard Nelson #8527
Detective Jeffrey Nolder #5790
Detective Dario Ojeda #7318
Ms. Amanda Orozco #A5906
Detective Matthew Porianda #7083
Detective Theron Quaa #6457
Retired Sergeant Edward Rodriguez #4338
Detective Lawrence Rosky #9534
Detective Jay Schultz #7707
Detective Steven Skinner #8912
Detective David Snow #6255
Detective Beau Sylvestre #8429
Detective Timothy Thiebaut #8008
Detective Edward Warner #5333
Detective Dustin Watts #8734
Lieutenant John White #4525

 Supervisor of the Year
Lieutenant Jayson Johnson #6069

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Medal of Merit

Officer Nick Barker #9292
Mr. Karl Ford
Officer Alex Garcia #9670
Officer Tyler Geyer #9631
Officer Todd Guilford #8083
Ms. Bailey Hershberger
Officer Nick Hutchens #9244
Officer Marcus King, Glendale Police
Officer Jacob Lewis #8247
Officer Shawn Magness #9339

Officer Eric Marlowe #9482
Officer Johnnatan Martinez #9709
Officer Stephen Mikac #9351
Officer Michael Palermo #9077
Officer Scott Paves #7419
Mr. Anthony Prosceno
Officer Josh Roper #8567
Mr. Alfred Ruiz
Officer Brian Wood #9097

Medal of Valor

Mr. Rick Baca
Mr. Marty Benally
Officer David Glasser #8144
Officer Ryan Hoffrichter #9060

Officer Nicholas Moseley #8971
Sergeant Anthony Pankowski #7287
Officer Jeremy Pyles #9756
Officer Robert Stewart #6591
Mr. Chris Tarango

Police Shield

Officer Ethan Coffey #9350
Officer David Dager #5889
Officer Eric Gardner #9067
Officer David Glasser #8144

Retired Sergeant Elijio Lopez #1367
Officer Eric Marlowe #9482
Sergeant Anthony Pankowski #7287
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End of Watch May 19, 2016
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PHXPD
On July 26, 2016, while on vacation with his family in San Diego, California, Detective Germayne Cunningham observed a male victim being dragged from the water. He could tell the man was unconscious and not breathing. Detective Cunningham quickly began to render aid. He found a pulse and rolled the victim to his side, delivering rapid palm blows to his upper back. The man began expelling water and opened his eyes. Detective Cunningham continued to observe the man until paramedics arrived. Detective Germayne Cunningham’s actions are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. He is hereby awarded the Medal of Lifesaving.
On October 19, 2016, Sergeant Arron Whitlock responded to a call of a shooting at an apartment. Upon arrival, Sergeant Whitlock found a male victim who was shot in the neck and bleeding profusely. Sergeant Whitlock immediately went to the victim and applied direct pressure to the wound until Phoenix Fire arrived and transported the victim to the hospital. Hospital staff attributed the victim’s life being saved to Sergeant Whitlock’s quick actions which slowed the loss of blood. Sergeant Arron Whitlock’s lifesaving efforts are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. He is hereby awarded the Medal of Lifesaving.
On September 11, 2016, Officer Kevin Harsch came upon a working house fire. The complainant had told 911 operators that her husband was stuck inside the house. Officer Harsch arrived to the home before the Fire Department and was approached by the wife who said her husband was stuck inside and could not get out. Officer Harsch could see smoke coming from the roof of the home and side gate. He could see a hand sticking out between the gate and the post. Officer Harsch quickly ran to help. The gate had a lock on it, but Officer Harsch was able to create enough of an opening so the man could get his head through and out of the heavy smoke. Officer Harsch maintained the opening for him until the Fire Department arrived and was able to free the man. The man was treated on scene for smoke inhalation. The Fire Department advised that without the quick actions of Officer Harsch, the man could have succumbed to the smoke inhalation. Officer Kevin Harsch’s actions are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. He is hereby awarded the Medal of Lifesaving.
On August 7, 2016, officers responded to a call where a teenager had punched a window and was bleeding profusely. When officers arrived they found the teen laying in a pool of his own blood with a large laceration in his upper arm. As officers attempted to control the teenager who was unstable on his feet. Officer Alexander Garcia recognized that a tourniquet would be needed to help stop the arterial bleeding. Officer Garcia successfully applied the tourniquet, which slowed the blood loss. The officers then talked with the victim to try to keep him calm until Fire personnel arrived to transport him for further medical attention. Officer Alexander Garcia actions are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. He is hereby awarded the Medal of Lifesaving.
On August 14, 2016, Detective Gail Aamodt was at home on her day off when she got a panicked phone call from a neighbor. Detective Aamodt ran to her neighbor’s house to find the woman’s husband face down on the floor in a pool of blood. Detective Aamodt instructed the wife to call 911 as she checked the man for a pulse. With the help of his wife, Detective Aamodt rolled the man over to begin CPR. She continued CPR for over five minutes until EMS arrived. The man started to breathe again and regained a pulse before being transported to a local hospital. Two weeks later the man passed away from his condition, but due to Detective Aamodt’s quick response, his wife and daughter were able to say their goodbyes. Detective Gail Aamodt’s actions are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department and she is hereby awarded the Medal of Lifesaving.
On August 31, 2016, Sergeant David Jordan was patrolling the Maryvale Estrella Mountain Precinct when he observed a man appearing to flag him down. The man pointed towards another male walking away from the patrol car who was actively bleeding. Sergeant Jordan flashed his emergency lights to get the attention of the walking man who turned and said, “Help me.” The man started to walk toward the patrol car and Sergeant Jordan could now see the man had an active arterial bleed. Sergeant Jordan immediately grabbed his tourniquet and applied it to the man’s arm. The man was transported to a local hospital where the doctors attributed the tourniquet to the victim’s survival. Sergeant David Jordan’s actions are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. He is hereby awarded the Medal of Lifesaving.
On August 15, 2016, Phoenix Police were called to the Phoenix Convention Center when a security officer observed a female who appeared to be in crisis and was threatening to jump from the 7th floor of the Civic Plaza East Garage. Officer Jeff Roberts arrived at the scene and assumed the role of lead negotiator. When the woman made a move to jump off the ledge, Officer Roberts and his sergeant took immediate action to divide the woman’s attention. As the sergeant distracted the subject, Officer Roberts was able to close the distance between them. The woman appeared to be slipping off the ledge. Putting himself in harm’s way, Officer Roberts grabbed the woman and pulled her from the ledge. After a small struggle, the officers were able to take custody of the woman. Officer Roberts’ years of crisis intervention experience that was showcased during this situation. His actions are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. Officer Jeff Roberts is hereby awarded the Medal of Lifesaving.
On August 29, 2016, a 79-year-old man and his wife had just returned to Phoenix from a vacation when he collapsed outside of Terminal 4 at Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport. When Reserve Officers Doug White and Wayne Macklem reached the man, he had no pulse and had stopped breathing. White began CPR, assisted by Macklem. Ms. Jennifer McGoldrick, an ICU nurse who happened to be nearby, saw the officers and asked if she could assist. She monitored the man’s condition and eventually relieved Officer White and performed chest compressions for several minutes. Officer Tim Henningsen of the Sky Harbor Airport Bureau obtained an AED and applied it to the man. Officer Ryan Whittington took over performing CPR. Ms. McGoldrick and officers performed CPR for over 10 minutes until Phoenix Fire arrived. The man was transported to a local hospital. Officers White and Macklem followed the man to the hospital and later learned that he had needed immediate surgery for a blockage to his heart. The actions of Reserve Officers Doug White and Wayne Macklem, and Officers Tim Henningsen and Ryan Whittington are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. They hereby awarded the Medal of Lifesaving.
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On June 14, 2016, Officer Jeffrey Reeson had arrested a male for a misdemeanor warrant out of Glendale. He was transporting the man to Glendale when the man lost consciousness and fell onto his side in the back of the patrol car. Officer Reeson stopped in a parking lot and asked dispatch to send emergency medical units. Officer Reeson pulled the man from the patrol car, removed the handcuffs, and assessed his vitals. He did not find a pulse and immediately started CPR. Officer Reeson continued with chest compressions until the Fire Department arrived and took over care. The man was transported to a local hospital, where he made a full recovery. His actions are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department, and Officer Jeffrey Reeson is hereby awarded the Medal of Lifesaving.
On July 26, 2016, Officers Christopher Olson and Scott Fey responded to a call of an unknown trouble where two females were heard screaming. When officers arrived they located a woman who showed signs of being highly intoxicated, and the woman had put her arm through a glass window. She had sustained a severe cut to her right forearm causing an arterial bleed with substantial blood loss. Officer Fey immediately recognized that her injury was life threatening. Officers quickly began first aid. Officer Fey applied pressure to the woman’s arm as Officer Olson applied a tourniquet. The woman was transported to a local hospital where medical staff credited the officers with saving the woman’s life. Without the tourniquet, the woman would have likely bled out. Officers Christopher Olson and Scott Fey’s actions are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. They are hereby awarded the Medal of Lifesaving.
On July 15, 2016, Officer Christopher Fessler responded to a check welfare call of a 3-year-old not breathing. The child had been in the pool with his family and had become unresponsive after the family was back in the house. A family member had begun CPR as the 911 operator had instructed them. When Officer Fessler arrived at the home the child was not breathing and did not have a detectable pulse. Officer Fessler took over performing CPR and the 3-year-old started to breathe again and had a light pulse. Officer Fessler continued to monitor the child until fire personnel arrived and transported him to a local hospital. Medical staff credited Officer Fessler for his quick action and lifesaving efforts. Officer Christopher Fessler’s actions are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. He is hereby awarded the Medal of Lifesaving.
On April 5, 2016, Officers Robert Sandoval and Jordan Wold responded to a check welfare call with information that a female was making suicidal statements to the Maricopa County Crisis Line. When the officers arrived, they found the woman on the top rung of a six foot ladder that was propped up against a tree. The woman had fashioned an extension cord into a noose around her neck and tied the other end to the tree. She was making statements that she did not want to live anymore and began to lean forward. The officers could see the noose tightening. Officer Wold began to talk to her as Officer Sandoval grabbed a chair. Out of the woman’s sight, Officer Sandoval was able to get on the chair and cut the cord, rescuing the woman from her actions. Officers were able to then climb the ladder and pull her to safety. The heroic actions of these officers are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. Officers Robert Sandoval and Jordan Wold are hereby awarded the Medal of Lifesaving.
On May 30, 2016, Officers Sean Yamane, Richard Rogers, Dustin Dionne, Dustin Haynes and Toby Sexton responded to numerous calls of a subject who had climbed the barrier fence of the Dunlap Avenue overpass and Interstate 17. When officers arrived, they made contact with a woman who had climbed over the fence and was standing on the ledge threatening to jump. Officers talked with the woman who refused to climb back over the fence. Officer Yamane was able to reach through the fence and apply one handcuff to the woman and the other to the fence but there was concern that her wrists were so small she could slip out of the cuff. Officers Rogers and Sexton were able to hold onto the woman’s belt and keep her from jumping. Officer Dionne was able to direct the Fire Department onto the freeway so that the ladder truck could reach the woman. Officers Dionne and Haynes were in the bucket of the ladder with a firefighter and successfully rescued the woman without harm to herself or others. The actions of these officers in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. Officers Sean Yamane, Richard Rogers, Dustin Dionne, Dustin Haynes and Toby Sexton’s actions are hereby awarded the Medal of Lifesaving.
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Officer Matthew Windom
Medal of Lifesaving

On February 28, 2016, Officer Matthew Windom was at a community swimming pool with his family when he heard a female yell for someone to call 911. Officer Windom noticed a four-year-old boy, face down in the pool. Officer Windom and the child’s father pulled him from the pool and began CPR. Officer Windom conducted chest compressions and gave the father instructions on giving rescue breaths. They continued until Peoria Fire arrived to take over. The child was flown to a local hospital, where his mother was able to see her son before he passed away. The CPR that was performed was able to prolong the child’s life long enough for the family to have these precious final moments with their child. Officer Matthew Windom’s actions are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. He is hereby awarded the Medal of Lifesaving.
On March 7, 2016, Sergeant Phil Roberts responded to a serious injury traffic collision involving a motorcycle. When Sergeant Roberts arrived on-scene, he saw the motorcyclist lying in the roadway with no pulse. A doctor who had stopped to help, performed a neurological response test and declared the motorcyclist deceased. Not willing to accept this, Sergeant Roberts started to perform CPR on the driver until the Fire Department arrived. The motorcyclist responded to the CPR and was transported to a local hospital. During follow up a few weeks later, the motorcyclist was expected to survive his injuries and was being sent to a rehabilitation center. Sergeant Phil Roberts' actions are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. He is hereby awarded the Medal of Lifesaving.
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On January 18, 2016, Sergeant David Seitter responded to an emergency call of a male subject hanging out of a window at an apartment complex and appeared to be unconscious. While responding, more 911 calls came in indicating that smoke was seen coming from the person’s window. Sergeant Seitter and another responding officer yelled to the man, but he continued to lay motionless. Taking decisive action, Sergeant Seitter drove his marked police Tahoe onto the sidewalk and up to the building. Without regard for his own safety, Sergeant Seitter climbed onto the roof of his Tahoe and onto a small ledge that was approximately 2 inches wide located directly below the second story window. From there, he was able to reach the man. While using one hand to hold onto the window, Sergeant Seitter used his other hand to extract the unconscious man, all while the apartment continued to fill thick black smoke and flames. Sergeant Seitter was able to pull the man out and hoist him over his shoulder. Fire Department personnel arrived and helped bring the man down before transporting him to the hospital. Sergeant Seitter’s heroic actions are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. Sergeant David Seitter is hereby awarded the Medal of Lifesaving.
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On January 5, 2016, Officers Tim Lynch and Steve Reeves responded to a call of loud noise in the area of 35th Place and Grovers Avenue. After checking the address of the complaint, officers responded to the caller’s home to report their findings. The caller’s girlfriend answered the door and called out to the complainant in the dark living room but received no answer. Upon turning on the lights, the victim was found face down on the floor in a pool of blood. The victim was roused and began apologizing; explaining that he had fallen over the ottoman. While speaking with officers, the victim’s eyes rolled back into his head and suddenly he stopped breathing. Officers were unable to find a pulse and immediately began CPR for several minutes until he began breathing again. The Fire Department arrived and transported the victim to a hospital. It was later learn the victim had broken his neck, both eye sockets, and his nose when he fell. These officers’ actions were determined to be critical in preserving the victim’s life. Their efforts are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. Officer Tim Lynch and Officer Steve Reeves are hereby awarded the Medal of Lifesaving.
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On November 12, 2015, a citizen alerted Tempe Police Department of a subject standing outside of a chain link fence on the intersection of Hardy Drive and the U.S. 60 overpass. Tempe Police were unsuccessful in their attempts to negotiate with the subject. Tempe requested assistance from Phoenix Police Department’s Special Assignments Unit (SAU) Tactical Rescue Team. They arrived on scene with Phoenix Fire Special Operations and formulated a plan to get the suicidal man down safely. Officers Scott Johnson and Todd Whitbeck approached the subject using a ladder truck platform. Officers William Underwood, Jeff Knaup, Ramel Colclough and Chad Estle noticed the man was preparing to jump and took decisive action by grabbing his shirt and securing him to the fence. Officers Johnson and Whitbeck moved closer and quickly pulled the subject into the bucket and returned him to the ground safely. Their actions are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. Officers Scott Johnson, William Underwood, Ramel Colclough, Todd Whitbeck, Jeff Knaup and Chad Estle are hereby awarded the Medal of Lifesaving.
On January 22, 2016, Officers Trung Tran, Kendall Nunley and Adrian Rivas responded to a missing person call. When they arrived they met the caller who was visibly upset. She told them her husband’s work had recently relocated to a new warehouse but was not sure of the exact location. She told officers she had talked to her husband several times in the last hour and he was not making much sense. She believed her husband, a Type-1 Diabetic, was experiencing low blood sugar which could cause him to lose consciousness and have a seizure. Officers decided to have the dispatcher, Ashley Thompson, attempt to locate the victim’s cell phone. The officers responded to the victim’s location and made entry into a building through a window to assist the man. The officers and the wife were able to start giving medical care to the man until Fire Department personnel arrived and stabilized him. These officers’ actions are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. Officer Trung Tran, Officer Kendall Nunley, Officer Adrian Rivas and Dispatcher Ashley Thompson are hereby awarded the Medal of Lifesaving.
On April 9, 2013, Officer Ashley Gagnon and Sergeant Francis Perreira responded to a call of a child not breathing. When they arrived at the home, they saw a man giving compressions to a one-year-old who had been placed on a glass table. The boy was lifeless and his skin was blue. Officer Gagnon picked up the child and checked the airway. Believing it was blocked, he delivered proper back blows to dislodge the object. Officer Gagnon then held the baby so Sergeant Perreira could get a better angle to perform a finger sweep to clear the airway. These actions provided enough clearance for the baby to begin breathing on his own. The Fire Department transported him to the hospital where it was determined the child had been poisoned by ingesting methadone. The baby later recovered and his survival is credited to the officers' quick reaction. Their efforts are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. Officer Ashley Gagnon and Sergeant Francis Perreira are hereby awarded the Medal of Lifesaving.
On December 20, 2015, Tasha DeKock was visiting from out of state when she witnessed a traffic collision where a vehicle became high-centered on the light rail alignment. Ms. DeKock works in the medical field and immediately went to render aid. Upon contacting the driver, Ms. DeKock discovered the driver was in full cardiac arrest. Ms. DeKock removed the driver from the vehicle and performed CPR until paramedics arrived on scene and relieved her. Initial reports from the hospital were not positive, but the driver ended up making a full recovery and returned to her normal life. Ms. DeKock’s performance during this stressful and chaotic incident was extraordinary. For her actions, she is hereby awarded the Certificate of Lifesaving.
On August 29, 2016, a 79-year-old man and his wife had just returned to Phoenix from a vacation when he collapsed outside of Terminal 4 at Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport. When Reserve Officers Doug White and Wayne Macklem reached the man, he had no pulse and had stopped breathing. White began CPR, assisted by Macklem. Ms. Jennifer McGoldrick, an ICU nurse who happened to be nearby, saw the officers and asked if she could assist. She monitored the man’s condition and eventually relieved Officer White and performed chest compressions for several minutes. Officer Tim Henningsen of the Sky Harbor Airport Bureau obtained an AED and applied it to the man. Officer Ryan Whittington took over performing CPR. Ms. McGoldrick and officers performed CPR for over 10 minutes until Phoenix Fire arrived. The man was transported to a local hospital. Officers White and Macklem followed the man to the hospital and later learned that he had needed immediate surgery for a blockage to his heart. The actions of Reserve Officers Doug White and Wayne Macklem, and Officers Tim Henningsen and Ryan Whittington are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. They hereby awarded the Medal of Lifesaving. For her lifesaving contributions, Ms. Jennifer McGoldrick is hereby awarded the Certificate of Lifesaving.
On March 17, 2013, officers responded to a domestic violence call at an apartment. During the call, the suspect came out of the apartment shooting at the officers. One of the officers was injured by partial rounds, shrapnel and glass. Despite his injuries the officer was able to return fire causing the suspect to retreat back into the apartment. The officer had no available cover to help him retreat to safety. Officer Palermo arrived and immediately drove his Tahoe onto the apartment patio and into the line of fire in order to provide coverage for the injured officer. Officer Palermo’s immediate action provided the coverage the officer needed to move away from the apartment safely. Officer Palermo’s decision to place himself in such danger to assist those already on scene helped prevent further violence and injury. Officer Michael Palermo’s actions are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. He is hereby awarded the Medal of Merit.
On April 18, 2015, officers responded to an emergency call of a male pointing a gun at the caller while in a park near 20th Street and Thomas Road. When officers arrived they found a man inside a parked van. The man refused to exit the vehicle after repeated requests and admitted to having a gun. When preparing to remove the man from the vehicle, the man reached behind his back as if possibly reaching for the gun. Officers Eric Marlowe and Nick Hutchens were on the passenger side and Marlowe broke the passenger window. Marlowe retreated backwards and struck a tree, dislocating his left shoulder in the process. He fell to the ground a few feet from the van and realized he had also been shot in his left shoulder. The suspect inside the vehicle was still firing at the officer. Hutchens returned fire, attempting to stop further shots at them. Marlowe was able to retreat to cover behind a police vehicle where Officer Jamie Lowe started to render aid. Hutchens continued to exchange fire with the suspect until the threat was ended and the suspect went down in the vehicle allowing Hutchens to move to cover. Officer Marlowe was transported for medical treatment and subsequently retired due to the extent of his injury. These officers displayed great courage while putting an end to a violent threat. Their heroic actions are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. Officer Eric Marlowe is hereby awarded the Police Shield and Medal of Merit. Officer Nick Hutchens is hereby awarded the Medal of Merit.
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On May 6, 2016, Officers Jacob Lewis, Shawn Magness and Johnnatan Martinez responded to a call of a subject armed with a machete. When the officers arrived, the male suspect was sitting outside of a house with a machete in his hand. As the officers approached, the suspect started to move towards the officers, swinging the machete. The officers immediately started to give commands for the suspect to drop the weapon. He continued to wildly swing the machete and move towards officers. In an effort to subdue the aggressive subject, Officer Magness deployed stun-bag rounds. Each round struck the subject but had no effect. Officers were able to deploy a Taser and the suspect dropped the machete. The officers were then able to handcuff him. During the subsequent investigation, it was discovered that his family had heard the subject make suicidal statements earlier, and in fact it was the subject who had been the one to place the original 911 call in an attempt to lure the responding officers to him and force them into taking his life. The actions of these officers are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. Officers Jacob Lewis, Shawn Magness and Johnnatan Martinez’s actions are hereby awarded the Medal of Merit.
On December 12, 2015, Officer Stephen Mikac was on a routine vehicle tow of an abandoned car. While waiting for the tow truck, Officer Mikac heard a commotion coming from behind his Tahoe. When he looked behind the vehicle, he saw a 71-year-old male laying on his back in the street. The man had been walking his dog when a loose dog attacked both the man and his dog. The man was yelling for help as the dog repeatedly bit him. Without hesitation, Officer Mikac leapt into action running towards the dog yelling and kicking the animal to stop the attack. The dog turned its aggression towards the officer. Officer Mikac purposely made himself the target and eventually deployed his Taser at the dog, ending the attack. Officer Mikac was bitten on both hands. His injuries kept him off patrol for nearly a month. Officer Stephen Mikac’s actions are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. He is hereby awarded the Medal of Merit.
On February 6, 2016, a victim was home alone when the suspect knocked on the front door. The victim opened the door and the suspect asked for two people who did not live at the residence. Then the suspect asked the victim if her boyfriend was home. The victim attempted to close the door, but the suspect overpowered her and forced his way in. A struggle ensued. The brother of the victim, Anthony Prosceno, arrived home and believed there was a burglary in progress. Mr. Prosceno alerted his neighbor Karl Ford, who came to help. Bailey Hershberger could also hear the struggle and came to assist. Between the three of them, they were able to get the suspect outside and detain him until officers arrived. All three of these citizens placed themselves in significant risk and danger. Due to their selfless and courageous actions, Anthony Prosceno, Karl Ford and Bailey Hershberger are hereby awarded the Certificate of Meritorious Conduct.
On January 28, 2015, Officer David Recker responded to a burglary from a vehicle call at a Walmart. He was directed towards the suspect who was inside the store. The suspect immediately resisted arrest and assaulted the officer. The suspect then broke free and ran towards the exit. Mr. Alfred Ruiz was a bystander who reacted without consideration for his own safety. Mr. Ruiz tackled the suspect to the floor. The suspect fought with the officer and Mr. Ruiz. During the struggle, the father of the suspect approached and attempted to interfere with the arrest by pushing the officer and Mr. Ruiz away from his son. The officer and Mr. Ruiz were able to fend him off and Officer Recker deployed his Taser at the suspect. The Taser was ineffective in slowing the combative suspect. Mr. Ruiz continued on in the struggle until he was relieved by a responding police officer and the suspect was taken into custody. Mr. Ruiz displayed great bravery for stepping up to assist the officer. For placing himself at risk of personal injury in his effort to assist Phoenix Police, Mr. Alfred Ruiz is hereby awarded the Certificate of Meritorious Conduct.
On September 13, 2016, at around 1:45 AM, Sergeant Anthony Pankowski, and Officers Jeremy Pyles and Ryan Hoffrichter were meeting in front of a convenience store to discuss an earlier call. It was Officer Pyles’ first day on the squad following his completion of Field Training and he was riding as a two-person unit with Officer Hoffrichter. The three were standing outside the business next to a marked patrol Tahoe when the suspect parked next to a nearby gas pump. The suspect never exited the vehicle. After a period of time, he moved the car and backed into a parking space, lining up directly with the officers. After the officers talked for several minutes, surveillance video showed the vehicle pull out of the parking space, slowly at first, and then rapidly accelerate through the rows of fuel pumps, targeting the officers. They had only seconds to react. Sgt. Pankowski was struck on his left side, tearing apart tendons and ligaments in his ankle and fracturing his leg. The impact sent Officer Pyles into the window of the store front. Officer Hoffrichter was able to side step out of the way. The suspect crashed into a pillar in front of the store. Officer Hoffrichter moved to contact the suspect who began attacking him while exiting the vehicle. Despite having a serious head injury, Officer Pyles joined in to assist with detaining the combative suspect. The two struggled with the suspect for several minutes before they were able to deploy a Taser and handcuff the suspect. The officers were each transported to the hospital for treatment. Officer Hoffrichter was treated and returned to work later that day. Sergeant Pankowski went through a series of tests and evaluations before having reconstructive surgery on his ankle and leg. Officer Pyles was admitted to the hospital for his serious head injury and sustained a fractured knee and torn labrum in his hip. These officers’ persistent and heroic actions after having sustained serious injury in the line of duty, are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. Sergeant Anthony Pankowski and Officer Jeremy Pyles are hereby awarded the Medal of Valor, and for injuries sustained in the line of duty, they are awarded the Police Shield. Officer Ryan Hoffrichter is awarded the Medal of Valor.
On July 9, 2015, Officer Robert Stewart responded as back up to a call of a suspicious vehicle parked in a convenience store parking lot near I-17 and Peoria Avenue. Before he arrived, the vehicle left the lot and traveled north on I-17 to Thunderbird Road where it entered another convenience store parking lot. Officer Stewart, along with another officer attempted to approach the vehicle when it fled from them. With help from the Air Support Unit, officers followed the vehicle to a nearby neighborhood and established a perimeter. The vehicle parked in an apartment complex were two men exited the vehicle. The driver of the vehicle pointed a gun at Officer Stewart. Officer Stewart drew his service weapon and began giving commands to drop the weapon. The suspect ran towards the apartments with the gun in his hand. The suspect raised the weapon at another responding officer who shot at him, grazing the suspect’s head. The suspect continued to run. He was attempting to break into an apartment when he pointed his gun at residents swimming in the nearby community pool. Officer Stewart tried to distract the suspect’s attention away from the innocent bystanders, and the suspect turned to point his gun at the officer. Officer Stewart reacted by firing at the suspect and thus ending the violent threat. Officer Robert Stewart’s actions are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. His is hereby awarded the Medal of Valor.
On August 19, 2016, Detective Nicholas Moseley was on duty in a plain clothes capacity as a Night Detective. While leaving Phoenix Children’s Hospital, he responded to a radio request for backup by Patrol Officer Cory Geffre, who had made contact with a suspicious person in a parking lot of a city park. Unbeknownst to Detective Moseley, the contact with the suspect had quickly become violent. The suspect had assaulted the officer, breaking his nose and causing other injuries. When Detective Mosely arrived, Officer Geffre warned him that the suspect had taken away his service weapon. Taking decisive action, Detective Moseley drew his weapon and shot the suspect, ending the violent encounter. The suspect dropped the weapon and ran a short distance before collapsing. Detective Moseley chased after the suspect, apprehending him and yet, still rendering aid to the suspect until the Fire Department arrived. Detective Nicholas Moseley’s actions are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. He is hereby awarded the Medal of Valor.
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On March 22, 2014, Officer Ethan Coffey was conducting a traffic investigation when his patrol vehicle was nearly rear-ended by a passing vehicle. Officer Coffey and his partner approached the vehicle to contact the occupant. The officers suspected the driver was impaired and removed the suspect from the vehicle. As the suspect was being detained, he began to violently resist the officers and tried to escape. Officer Coffey heard a sharp pop in his neck followed by tremendous pain in his neck and shoulder. The suspect was trying to assault both officers, swinging his fists wildly. The suspect was able to get his hand on Officer Coffey’s holstered gun and was trying to remove it. Officer Coffey’s partner was able to take the suspect to the ground where he was eventually taken into custody. Officer Coffey discovered his right shoulder and neck were seriously injured. He required surgery in his neck to replace two discs and a titanium plate to fuse his spine together. The injury needed immediate surgery because it had compressed his spinal cord. It was later determined the surgery had caused complications with swallowing and choking hazards. He also needed additional surgery on his shoulder. Over a 21 month period, Officer Coffey endured constant pain from his injury and related surgeries. He lost approximately 10-20 percent mobility in his neck and may need more surgery in the future. Although he has been working through the pain, Officer Coffey has not been able to return to an enforcement position. For bravery on duty and injuries sustained thereby, Officer Coffey is awarded the Police Shield.
On July 26, 1967, Officer Elijio “Lico” Lopez was shot while patrolling the area of 200 N. 17th Street. He was hospitalized for injuries to his right eye, right cheek and both legs. The suspect was unknown and never apprehended. This incident occurred during a period of great unrest and civil disturbance in Phoenix and throughout the nation. For injury sustained in the line of duty, Officer Lopez is hereby awarded the Police Shield.
On September 16, 2015, Officer Eric Gardner was working a supplemental patrol shift when he observed a vehicle on the roadway. A records check revealed a suspended registration, and the registered owner had a misdemeanor warrant on file. Officer Gardner initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle and, as he approached, the driver fired three shots out of the open window. One bullet struck Officer Gardner in the chest, but was stopped by his body armor. A second round impacted his gun belt and the third went through his upper arm, fracturing his humerus bone. Officer Gardner was able to safely move to cover. The suspect fled the scene, but was apprehended later that day. Officer Gardner underwent reconstructive surgery with nine months of rehabilitation. Thankfully, he was able to return to full duty in July of 2016. For serious injuries sustained in the line of duty, Officer Eric Gardner is hereby awarded the Police Shield.
On December 21, 2011, Officer David Dager was patrolling on his motorcycle when a vehicle switched into his lane, striking Officer Dager and his motorcycle. The force of the collision threw Officer Dager to the ground, breaking four ribs, puncturing a lung and injuring multiple tendons and ligaments. Since this incident, Officer Dager has undergone more than three surgeries to address his injuries. As a result, Officer Dager could no longer ride a motorcycle. For serious injuries sustained in the course of duty, Officer David Dager is hereby awarded the Police Shield.
On April 18, 2015, officers responded to an emergency call of a male pointing a gun at the caller while in a park near 20th Street and Thomas Road. When officers arrived they found a man inside a parked van. The man refused to exit the vehicle after repeated requests and admitted to having a gun. When preparing to remove the man from the vehicle, the man reached behind his back as if possibly reaching for the gun. Officers Eric Marlowe and Nick Hutchens were on the passenger side and Marlowe broke the passenger window. Marlowe retreated backwards and struck a tree, dislocating his left shoulder in the process. He fell to the ground a few feet from the van and realized he had also been shot in his left shoulder. The suspect inside the vehicle was still firing at the officer. Hutchens returned fire, attempting to stop further shots at them. Marlowe was able to retreat to cover behind a police vehicle where Officer Jamie Lowe started to render aid. Hutchens continued to exchange fire with the suspect until the threat was ended and the suspect went down in the vehicle allowing Hutchens to move to cover. Officer Marlowe was transported for medical treatment and subsequently retired due to the extent of his injury. These officers displayed great courage while putting an end to a violent threat. Their heroic actions are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. Officer Eric Marlowe is hereby awarded the Police Shield and Medal of Merit. Officer Nick Hutchens is hereby awarded the Medal of Merit.
On September 13, 2016, at around 1:45 AM, Sergeant Anthony Pankowski, and Officers Jeremy Pyles and Ryan Hoffrichter were meeting in front of a convenience store to discuss an earlier call. It was Officer Pyles' first day on the squad following his completion of Field Training and he was riding as a two-person unit with Officer Hoffrichter. The three were standing outside the business next to a marked patrol Tahoe when the suspect parked next to a nearby gas pump. The suspect never exited the vehicle. After a period of time, he moved the car and backed into a parking space, lining up directly with the officers. After the officers talked for several minutes, surveillance video showed the vehicle pull out of the parking space, slowly at first, and then rapidly accelerate through the rows of fuel pumps, targeting the officers. They had only seconds to react. Sgt. Pankowski was struck on his left side, tearing apart tendons and ligaments in his ankle and fracturing his leg. The impact sent Officer Pyles into the window of the store front. Officer Hoffrichter was able to side step out of the way. The suspect crashed into a pillar in front of the store. Officer Hoffrichter moved to contact the suspect who began attacking him while exiting the vehicle. Despite having a serious head injury, Officer Pyles joined in to with detaining the combative suspect. The two struggled with the suspect for several minutes before they were able to deploy a Taser and handcuff the suspect. The officers were each transported to the hospital for treatment. Officer Hoffrichter was treated and returned to work later that day. Sergeant Pankowski went through a series of tests and evaluations before having reconstructive surgery on his ankle and leg. Officer Pyles was admitted to the hospital for his serious head injury and sustained a fractured knee and torn labrum in his hip. These officers’ persistent and heroic actions after having sustained serious injury in the line of duty, are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. Sergeant Anthony Pankowski and Officer Jeremy Pyles are hereby awarded the Medal of Valor, and for injuries sustained in the line of duty, they are awarded the Police Shield.
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Medal of Valor

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Police Chief’s Unit Award

The Phoenix Police Department’s Gang Enforcement Unit is a specialized unit consisting of two street enforcement squads which not only provide street coverage, but also work undercover to help develop cases. All of the detectives within the Unit are case-carrying detectives. In addition to sworn detectives, the Unit also employs civilian staff to assist with the analysis and redaction of reports generated by the detectives. The Unit works closely with their analyst who uses a multitude of techniques to include social media and databases to gather intelligence. During 2016, the Gang Unit made 595 arrests, authored 1,956 reports and processed 1,257 Gang Member Information Cards. The Gang Enforcement Unit also participates in the FBI Violent Street Gang Task Force which is comprised of a variety of local and federal law enforcement agencies. During this past year, the members involved in this task force made 153 arrests, secured 80 indictments, authored 68 search warrants and seized a total of 84 weapons and $144,961 in cash. In December of 2016, the FBI released information stating the Phoenix-FBI Violent Street Gang Task Force ranked 2nd in the country out of 172 task forces based on arrests, seizures and quality of investigations. The Unit continuously works towards crime suppression by targeting the most violent members of the criminal community. The Gang Enforcement Unit’s actions are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. They are hereby awarded the Police Chief’s Unit Award.
Lieutenant Jayson Johnson has been awarded the Supervisor of the Year for his efforts with the Central City Precinct/ Downtown Operations Unit Special Events. It was a very busy year for the Downtown Operations Unit with the number of planned public and private activities, major events, protest activity and a precinct restructuring. Lieutenant Johnson’s role as the DOU Events Lieutenant required him to plan, staff and manage all of it which he did exceptionally well. Over the course of the year, DOU managed over 300 events in the downtown core. This included home games for the three professional sports teams who call downtown Phoenix home, major road races and marathons, events both large and small at the Convention Center and Comerica Theatre, as well as numerous other street events. After a year of planning, the College Football Playoff National Championship took place over a three day period. Lieutenant Johnson sat on multiple resource working groups and numerous planning groups for the Championship Campus downtown. The City’s College Football Championship events were a huge success. Over 500,000 people came downtown to the events. The events generated $273.6 million in economic impact. Extensive protest activity, following high profile police actions in several cities around the country found its way to Phoenix during the year. Under Lieutenant Johnson’s leadership, the Downtown Operations Unit and the members of the Tactical Response Unit performed flawlessly during each of these incidents. With the announcement of a Department restructure and rebid in December 2016, DOU had to be reconfigured and positions were rebid for. Lieutenant Johnson engaged with the law enforcement associations and unit members to ensure protocols we established and the rebid took place without issues or grievances.

Lieutenant Johnson’s efforts during this past year represent the highest standards that every supervisor within the Phoenix Police Department should strive for. His accomplishments are exemplary and are without doubt worthy of the Police Department’s Supervisor of the Year Award.
On May 18, 2016, Phoenix Police received a 911 call of a burglary in progress. The caller stated the suspect had broken into his home, stole a gun and was texting pictures of himself with the gun and drug paraphernalia, stating he wanted to shoot officers. Responding officers staged near the home. No movement was seen in or around the home or vehicles parked outside. Officers from the 81X Maryvale Estrella Mountain Neighborhood Enforcement Team, met with the complainant to confirm the text messages. After doing so, a group of officers, including 12 year veteran David Glasser, moved in to attempt to establish containment and communication with the suspect. As officers exited their patrol vehicles, they were immediately met with gun fire. Unbeknownst to them, the suspect was seated in a parked vehicle with extremely dark tinted windows, making it difficult to see inside. Officers returned fire and the threat was ended. Sadly, Officer David Glasser sustained critical injury from the encounter. Officers quickly formed an extraction team for Officer Glasser and began rendering aid. Officer Glasser was transported to the hospital where tragically he succumbed to his injuries on May 19, 2016. Officer David Glasser made the ultimate sacrifice for the safety of his fellow officers and community, and his heroic actions are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. He is hereby posthumously awarded the Medals of Honor, Valor, and the Police Shield.