

# PRIDE in our HEROES

2018 ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY  
PHOENIX POLICE DEPARTMENT



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## *Event Etiquette*

Thank you for attending tonight's ceremony. Each year we honor those who have excelled in their call of duty and distinguished themselves. Please silence cell phones. The entire ceremony will be posted online; therefore, bear this in mind when taking photos. In addition, use caution around video production equipment and personnel when moving throughout the venue during the event.

# PRIDE

Protection | Respect | Integrity | Dedication | Excellence

# Tonight's Program

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## *Posting of the Colors*

Phoenix Police Department Honor Guard

## *National Anthem*

Sergeant Vince Lewis, Phoenix Police Department

## *Welcome & Remarks*

Media Personality — Lina de Florias — Co-Master of Ceremonies

Executive Assistant Chief Mike Kurtenbach — Co-Master of Ceremonies

Phoenix Mayor — Greg Stanton

Phoenix City Manager — Ed Zuercher

Police Chief — Jeri L. Williams

## *Presentation of Awards*

2018 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*

Media Personality & Executive Assistant Chief Michael Kurtenbach

# Message from the Chief

## WELCOME TO THE PHOENIX POLICE DEPARTMENT'S 2018 ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY



Thank you for joining us tonight as we honor some of the men and women of the Phoenix Police Department who have gone above and beyond the call of duty in service to their community. Every day, Phoenix Police Officers leave their families at home while they put their community first. I know that, every shift, officers are faced with opportunities to save lives, to hold criminals accountable, and to comfort people having the worst day of their lives. This is the life of a Phoenix Police Officer.

Tonight, you will hear some amazing stories of lives saved, lives risked, and yes, lives lost. Each story conveys the dedication of Phoenix Police Officers doing all they could to protect their community and help people in their times of distress.

No Awards Ceremony would be complete without confirmation of our commitment to our P.R.I.D.E. statement. Professionalism, Respect, Integrity, Dedication, and Excellence. These are not just words on a program. These are our words we live by. As we honor tonight's award recipients, look for the professionalism and respect they displayed in the face of extreme crises. Look for their dedication to duty, the integrity of their actions, and the overall excellence in their performance as they serve our great city. It makes me proud to be associated with these officers, as their Chief and as a Phoenix resident.

Congratulations to all of tonight's award recipients and thank you to the families and friends who have gathered here to share in this honor. Often, it is the support and encouragement you provide that helps these special heroes to be successful in this profession.

On behalf of our organization, we would like to extend a special thank you to the Phoenix Police Foundation, our sponsors and our friends who assisted with tonight's event. Their support and generosity make 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 2018 honorees.

*Joe L. Williams*



# Executive Staff

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Jeri L. Williams  
Police Chief



Mike Kurtenbach  
Executive Assistant Chief



Mary Roberts  
Assistant Chief  
Patrol Operations  
North Division



Sandra Renteria  
Assistant Chief  
Patrol Operations  
South Division



James Burgett  
Assistant Chief  
Strategic & Tactical  
Services Division



John Collins  
Assistant Chief  
Investigations Division



Louis Tovar  
Assistant Chief  
Community & Support  
Services Division



Scott Finical  
Assistant Chief  
Reserve Division

# Award Descriptions

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### **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 over-all 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. Civilians are awarded the Certificate of Lifesaving.

### **Medal of Merit/Certificate of Meritorious Conduct**

The award is presented 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. Civilians are awarded the Certificate of Meritorious Conduct.

### **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. Civilians are awarded the Certificate of Valorous Conduct.

### **Police Shield**

The medal is presented 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 recognized during the previous year as an Outstanding Supervisor.

### **Medal of Honor**

The medal is awarded to an employee's survivor(s) for a line-of-duty death that occurs during the actual performance of a police service.

# Tonight's Hosts



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## Lina de Florias-3 TV Weekend Anchor, "Good Morning Arizona"



Lina joined 3TV and CBS 5 in June 2015. Before coming back to her hometown of Phoenix, Lina was the evening anchor for WEAR ABC 3 in Pensacola.

In her nearly five years on the Gulf Coast, Lina worked as the traffic reporter, morning anchor and evening anchor.

There, she covered tropical storms and a fatal explosion at the county jail. As the primary anchor, she covered the desk for 12 hours during a storm that dumped more than 26 inches of rain in the area in less than 24 hours.

Lina also represented her home state of Arizona at the Miss USA pageant and is happy to be back in the Valley with her husband.

## Executive Assistant Chief Mike Kurtenbach



Mike 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.

# Award Honorees

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## COPS Volunteer Excellence Award

Ms. Robin Grass #A6067



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# Medal of Lifesaving

Officer Josh Baron #9762	Officer Trevin Janser #8883
Officer Victoria Beighle #8313	Officer Benjamin Johnson #8961
Officer Lauren Burke #10029	Officer Taylor Leeds #9685
Officer Daniel Colburn #9663	Officer Derrick Minton #9018
Reserve Officer James Curran #R0787	Officer Jorge Ortega #8312
Officer Jacob Daniels #9539	Officer Ricardo Perez #9183
Officer Douglas Dennis #9311	Officer Jaime Phillips #9930
Officer John Ferragamo #6546	Officer Nelu Podea #9581
Officer Scott Ferrante #8780	Officer Marcos Renteria #9932
Lieutenant Jeff Fields #6372	Officer Scott Russell #8065
Officer Daniel Fitzgerald #9940	Officer Kyle Sandberg #10132
Sergeant Gary Gombar #7104	Officer Ronald Sborz #10040
Officer Alyssa Gutierrez #9683	Officer Jason Scoggins #9477
Detective Matt Hamas #6851	Sergeant Christopher Sund #8647
Officer Andrew Hoenigman #7524	Officer Elizabeth Thieman #9662
Sergeant David Hough #9267	Officer Paul Torbett #10001
Officer Benjamin Ippel #8718	Officer Steve Wing #9757
Officer Joshua James #8743	Sergeant Eric Zopf #7382
Officer Andrew James #9744	

## Certificate of Lifesaving

Mr. Devin Bates	Firefighter Joseph Pacheco
Captain Jeffrey Conway	Firefighter Kye Pfitzenreuter
Captain Gerome Dunn	Fire Engineer Todd Pippin
Mr. James Hall	Firefighter Glenn Trainor
Captain Bradley Johnston	

*Award  
Honorees*



## Medal of Merit

Officer Robert Baraban #5463  
Lieutenant Jamie Bennett #6189  
Sergeant Peter Best #9099  
Officer Minde Burton #8831  
Sergeant Michael Carmody #5634  
Officer Rowan Clarke #9909  
Officer Michael George #9251  
Officer Gary Hamlett #9602  
Officer Nicholas Harrison #9473  
Officer Andrew Hoenigman #7524  
Sergeant Mark Humbles #5133  
Officer Kevin Linn #8826

Officer Christin Luther #9013  
Officer Johnnie Meyer #9148  
Officer Kenneth Mitchell #7975  
Officer Myles Piper #9931  
Sergeant Terrance Reilly #7075  
Sergeant Timothy Smith #6617  
Lieutenant Mark Tovar #5978  
Officer Manuel Valenzuela #7480  
Officer Nicholas Welch #9374  
Officer Fay Winter #7974  
Officer Brandon Wright #8304

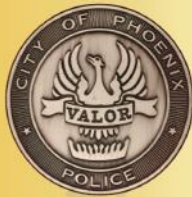


## Police Shield Award

Detective Joshua Mesquita #8502  
Officer Chris Palmer #7013  
Officer Marc Valenzuela #7261

Officer James Wolfenden #9674  
Sergeant Steven Wong #7293

*Award  
Honorees*



# Medal of Valor

Sergeant Jesse Abernathy #6439	Officer Brent McElvain #9066
Officer Nicholas Barker #9292	Officer Dexter Mitchell #9522
Officer Steven Blasko #4618	Lieutenant Mykel Moller #7717
Commander Brad Burt #4005	Officer Alistair Morrison #8506
Sergeant Roy Chalmers #9333	Officer Danny Olmos #8700
Sergeant Troy Clark #7727	Officer Scott Pavese #7419
Officer Matthew Eyrich #6082	Sergeant Michael Penn #7290
Officer Lance Fadeley #8640	Officer Jeffrey Petersen #6418
Officer Tony Fang #6953	Officer Steven Reeves #9184
Officer Steven Fernandez #8863	Sergeant Joseph Roberts #7160
Sergeant Jeremiah Fiola #8532	Officer James Smoke #8856
Officer Justin Gillett #8925	Officer Tyken Solie #7860
Officer Raul Hernandez #8495	Officer Timothy Tewers #8698
Officer Chris Hoyer #6807	Officer William Underwood #5062
Officer David Hurt #7109	Officer Marc Valenzuela #7261
Lieutenant Seth Jahnke #6583	Officer Troy Webb #8908
Officer Jeremiah Joncas #9259	Officer Benjamin Wetzel #5508
Officer Nicholas Kerger #8702	Officer Todd Whitbeck #5910
Officer Robert Kimery #8433	Lieutenant William Wickers #5730
Officer Sean Knapp #9603	Officer Andrew Williams #9547
Officer Ryan Lee #8278	Sergeant Steven Wong #7293
Sergeant Darin Lund #8075	Officer Brandon Yoder #8547
Officer Bobby Madeira #6906	Officer Joel Zemaitis #9085
Detective Joshua Mesquita #8502	

## Certificate of Recognition

Communications Operator Patricia Bryant #A3789

*Award  
Honorees*



# Police Chief's Unit of the Year Award

Forensic Scientist Kevin Albrecht #A4185

Police Assistant Joy Anderson #A3415

Retired Detective Mark Armistead #4592

Forensic Scientist Michael Beddow #A5195

Detective Jose Cisneros #4657

Commander Sean Connolly #5648

Detective Paul Dalton #5174

Commander Edward DeCastro #7314

Detective Chad Dennison #9177

Lieutenant Shane Disotell #6487

Detective Frank Duran #6297

Police Assistant Jessica Ellefritz #A4568

Detective Matt Hamas #6851

Sergeant Jonathan Howard #6118

Criminal Analyst Jennifer Jarosi #A4584

Sergeant Eric Lumley #5097

Forensic Artist Kirt Messick #A3088

Detective Adriana Miner #8820

Assistant Chief Mary Roberts #4492

Detective Dominick Roestenberg #6773

Retired Detective Todd Ruggeri #5852

Sergeant Chad Ryan #9126

Detective Audrey Santisi #8168

Detective Clark Schwartzkopf #4869

Officer Henry Smith #9575

## Supervisor of the Year

Sergeant Adam Barrett #6630

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# Special Recognition

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Police Shield



## Police Shield Officer Chris Palmer #7013

On September 20, 2017, officers with the Special Assignments Unit were surveilling a suspect who had exchanged gunfire with members of the 92X Neighborhood Enforcement Team earlier that day. Tire deflation devices were deployed near 47th Street and Indian School Road and were successful in deflating the front right tire of the suspect's vehicle. Despite the flat tire, the suspect continued driving for about a mile before stopping at a traffic light at 44th Street and Thomas Road. When the light turned green, Officer Palmer began to move forward, believing the suspect would as well; however, the suspect did not move. When Officer Palmer's car was side by side with the suspect, he fired shots toward the officer. Officer Palmer returned fire, striking the suspect and ending the threat. Officer Palmer's radio and vest were struck by bullets. Chemical agents and a police K-9 were used to extract the suspect from the vehicle. Officer Palmer received a substantial injury to his chest and ribs. He was transported to the hospital for an overnight stay. Officer Palmer's quick reaction saved lives while putting his own at great risk. His actions are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. Officer Chris Palmer is hereby awarded the Police Shield.



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Police Shield



Medal of Valor



## Police Shield/Medal of Valor

**Sergeant Steven Wong #7293 (L)**  
**Officer Marc Valenzuela #7261 (R)**

On May 14, 2016, Sergeant Steven Wong and Officer Marc Valenzuela responded to an emergency call of a home invasion at an apartment near 3700 West McDowell Road. The call stated a male subject, armed with a gun, was seen entering an apartment and several shots were heard. As Sergeant Wong and Officer Valenzuela were looking for the apartment, the suspect was lying in wait behind a parked SUV and began shooting at them as they approached. Sergeant Wong felt pain in his abdomen and doubled over. When he recovered, he could see the suspect pointing a gun at him through the car window. Sergeant Wong took cover and realized he was shot in his lower abdomen; his ballistic vest had stopped the bullet. Officer Valenzuela immediately engaged the suspect, firing his duty weapon. Officer Valenzuela was struck in the left arm, but continued shooting as the suspect ran up the stairs. The suspect ultimately fell to the ground at the top of the stairs and was later pronounced deceased. Sergeant Wong and Officer Valenzuela were both transported to the hospital and treated for their injuries.

During the investigation, it was discovered the suspect had killed a woman prior to Sergeant Wong and Officer Valenzuela's arrival. Despite being ambushed and wounded by gunfire, Sergeant Wong and Officer Valenzuela showed incredible courage and bravery above and beyond the call of duty. These officers' actions are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. Both Sergeant Steven Wong and Officer Marc Valenzuela are hereby awarded the Police Shield and Medal of Valor.



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Police Shield



## Police Shield

### Officer James Wolfenden #9674

On June 18, 2017, Officer James Wolfenden was involved in an on-duty traffic collision near the intersection of 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Glendale Avenue. Officer Wolfenden was driving northbound in his patrol Tahoe when a Chevrolet Colorado pick-up failed to stop for the red light while traveling eastbound on Glendale Avenue. The Colorado subsequently collided with the driver's side door of Officer Wolfenden's vehicle. The force of the collision caused the Tahoe to roll and come to rest on the passenger side off the roadway on the northeast corner of the intersection. Officer Wolfenden was wearing his seat belt and had to cut himself free. Responding officers arrived on scene and were able to remove him completely from the vehicle through the windshield. Officer Wolfenden was transported to the hospital with serious injuries.

The driver of the pickup was found to be impaired at the time of the collision. At the hospital, it was learned that Officer Wolfenden had a broken pelvis among his injuries which required extensive and lengthy surgeries. Officer Wolfenden has not been able to return to work but continues to rehab his injury as he heals. For serious and prolonged injuries sustained in the line of duty and selfless service to his community, Officer James Wolfenden is hereby awarded the Police Shield.



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Police Shield



Medal of Valor



## Police Shield & Medal of Valor

**Det. Joshua Mesquita #8502 (L)**  
**Officer Raul Hernandez #8495 (R)**

On September 22, 2014, Detective Joshua Mesquita, then “officer,” responded to a call of a possible burglary at a home near 6800 West Pierson Street. When he arrived he saw a Dodge Durango parked in the driveway of the home with the front passenger door standing open. Officer Mesquita saw a man standing near the open door, acting suspicious. Officer Mesquita approached, and grabbed his arm to place the man in investigative detention. The man immediately tensed up and started to deliver fist strikes to the officer’s face and upper body. The man lunged into the vehicle and grabbed a handgun. He pointed it at Officer Mesquita’s face and pulled the trigger, but the gun malfunctioned and did not fire. Officer Mesquita moved back, trying to retrieve his own gun when he fell over a curb. The suspect obtained another weapon from the vehicle and fled on foot through the neighborhood. Officer Mesquita attempted to broadcast the incident over the radio, but realized his radio had been damaged in the fight. Officer Mesquita began to follow the suspect when Officer Raul Hernandez arrived. The officers continued to pursue the suspect on foot through the neighborhood. When they caught up to him the suspect started fighting the officers and produced a knife. Officer Mesquita drew and fired his duty weapon striking the suspect’s abdomen. The suspect dropped the knife but continued to fight officers. After a struggle, they were able to subdue the suspect and place him in handcuffs. Officer Hernandez sustained minor injuries; Detective Mesquita sustained a torn pectoral which left his arm nearly useless. This required surgery to repair and took over three months to return to full duty. He has since returned to work and has earned the title of “Detective.” For significant injuries sustained in the line of duty, Detective Joshua Mesquita is hereby

awarded the Police Shield. The enforcement actions of Detective Joshua Mesquita and Officer Raul Hernandez are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. Each are hereby awarded the Medal of Valor.



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Medal of Lifesaving



## Medal of Lifesaving

**Officer Joshua James #8743 (L)**  
**Officer Andrew James #9744 (R)**

On August 17, 2017, Phoenix Police received a call for service of a traffic collision with injuries involving a motorcycle and a sedan, west of 91<sup>st</sup> Avenue and West Indian School Road. Officers Joshua James and Andrew James were the first to arrive on scene. They joined an off-duty firefighter who had begun treating the male victim's injuries. Both officers assisted with CPR and by the time on-duty Phoenix Fire personnel arrived the man had regained a weak pulse and was breathing on his own. The officers each took time to visit the man in the hospital following the incident. Medical staff credit the officers' lifesaving efforts in prolonging the man's life; in turn, buying his family time precious time with their loved one. On August 27, he succumbed to his injuries. Officer Joshua James and Officer Andrew James' actions are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. For their efforts, Officers Joshua James and Andrew James are hereby awarded the Medal of Lifesaving.



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## Medal of Lifesaving



### Medal of Lifesaving Officer Paul Torbett #10001

On October 1, 2017, Officer Paul Torbett was on-duty driving west-bound on the I-10 freeway just east of the 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue exit when he came upon a serious injury collision. One vehicle had come to rest against the northbound wall, and the second vehicle had been rear ended and was blocking the eastbound lanes. Officer Torbett asked for Phoenix Fire to respond and immediately began to check on the involved drivers. The driver of the vehicle against the wall was trapped and unresponsive with extensive head trauma. Officer Torbett broke the window of the vehicle in the eastbound lanes to free the driver. A passerby alerted Officer Torbett that the other vehicle was now on fire. He ran to get the fire extinguisher from his patrol car in an attempt to put out the flames. Due to the intensity of the fire he was unable to put it out. The driver was pinned under the steering column of the burning car. Placing his own safety aside, Officer Torbett entered the vehicle. Officer Torbett was able to force the steering column up, thus freeing the driver, and physically pulled him to safety. Additional officers began to arrive along with Phoenix Fire personnel. Officer Torbett performed bravely at the highest level of professionalism during a chaotic incident with many moving parts. Officer Torbett's 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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Medal of Lifesaving

## Medal of Lifesaving

**Officer Marcos Renteria #9932**

**Officer Daniel Fitzgerald #9940**

On October 9, 2017, Officers Marcos Renteria and Daniel Fitzgerald responded to a call of a shooting at an apartment near 2600 East Greenway Road. Upon arrival, they found a male victim with a gunshot wound to his leg. Officer Fitzgerald was able to apply a tourniquet and Officer Renteria plugged the wound with a piece of clothing until Phoenix Fire personnel arrived to transport him to the hospital. Doctors credited the tourniquet for preventing excessive blood loss which would have been fatal. Officers Renteria and Fitzgerald's actions are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. They are hereby awarded the Medal of Lifesaving.





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Medal of Lifesaving



## Medal of Lifesaving

**Sergeant Christopher Sund #8647**  
**Sergeant Gary Gombar #7104**

On December 5, 2017, Sergeants Gary Gombar and Christopher Sund were walking to their vehicles after finishing lunch at 7600 North 16<sup>th</sup> Street when they heard a scream for help. Both sergeants ran towards the commotion and saw a man who appeared to be having a seizure. They placed him on his side in the recovery position. The man was struggling to breath, turning blue and losing consciousness. The sergeants placed him on his back and started CPR after requesting Phoenix Fire. Sergeants Gombar and Sund took turns administering CPR until the man began breathing on his own. Phoenix Fire arrived and transported the man to a local hospital. Medical staff confirmed that without the lifesaving measures by Sergeants Gombar and Sund, he would have likely died. These sergeants' lifesaving actions are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. Sergeants Gary Gombar and Christopher Sund are hereby awarded the Medal of Lifesaving.



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Medal of Lifesaving



## Medal of Lifesaving

**Officer Andrew Hoenigman #7524 (pictured)**

## Certificate of Lifesaving

**Mr. James Hall**

On November 11, 2017, Officer Andrew Hoenigman was off-duty and driving with his wife when he observed a vehicle jump the center median and collide with a palm tree. Officer Hoenigman pulled over and ran to render aid as his wife called 911. The vehicle was on its side and the engine compartment had caught fire. A civilian, Mr. James Hall, was driving behind Officer Hoenigman and had also stopped to render aid. Realizing they could not get the driver out, Officer Hoenigman and Mr. Hall pushed the vehicle over onto its wheels. The door was locked and the driver appeared to be having a seizure. Mr. Hall used pliers to brake the window and open the door. The two were able to rescue the unconscious driver and begin lifesaving measures. Both men put themselves at significant risk to save the driver in peril.

Officer Hoenigman's actions are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. He is hereby awarded the Medal of Lifesaving.

For Mr. Hall's Lifesaving acts, he is hereby awarded the Certificate of Lifesaving.



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Medal of Lifesaving

## Medal of Lifesaving **Officer Steve Wing #9757** **Officer Taylor Leeds #9685**

On January 10, 2017, Officers Steve Wing and Taylor Leeds responded to a call of an injured/sick person in the area of 1900 North 42nd Avenue. The caller indicated a man had hung himself. After running a premise history, officers believed the caller might, in fact, be the one attempting to commit suicide. When they arrived there was no response at the apartment. Neighbors were contacted, but they had no information. Officer Wing walked back to the apartment and could hear what sounded like thrashing noises inside. He forced entry and saw a man hanging from a door with a belt around his neck. The man was thrashing as he was losing consciousness. Officer Wing picked up the man to alleviate the tension as Officer Leeds cut the belt loose. Phoenix Fire personnel arrived and transported the man to a local hospital. The swift actions of these officers are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. Officers Steve Wing and Taylor Leeds are hereby awarded the Medal of Lifesaving.



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Medal of Lifesaving



## Medal of Lifesaving Detective Matt Hamas #6851

On April 19, 2016, Phoenix Police responded to a check welfare call near 1100 West Bell Road. A neighbor informed responding Detective Matt Hamas that he feared for his neighbor's safety because he had not been seen since the previous day. Phone calls and knocks on the door had gone unanswered and the neighbor could hear the television on inside the home. Officers gained entry into the home and found the unresponsive man on the floor, eyes open and foaming at the mouth. Phoenix Fire personnel responded. Prior to their arrival, the man had stopped breathing twice and Detective Hamas performed CPR to revive him. When Fire arrived, the man had a weak pulse and shallow breathing. They determined the man had low blood sugar and without the swift medical attention that began with Detective Hamas, the man would likely have passed away. Detective Matt Hamas' life saving 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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## Police Chief's Unit Award

Assistant Chief Mary Roberts #4492  
Commander Edward DeCastro #7314  
Commander Sean Connolly #5648  
Lieutenant Shane Disotell #6487  
Sergeant Eric Lumley #5097  
Sergeant Chad Ryan #9126  
Detective (Ret.) Mark Armistead #4592  
Detective Jose Cisneros #4657  
Detective Clark Schwartzkopf #4869  
Detective Paul Dalton #5174  
Detective (Ret.) Todd Ruggeri #5852  
Detective Frank Duran #6297

Detective Dominick Roestenberg #6773  
Detective Adriana Selvius #8820  
Detective Matt Hamas #6851  
Detective Audrey Santisi #8168  
Detective Chad Dennison #9177  
Officer Henry Smith #9575  
Forensic Artist Kirt Messick #A3088  
Police Assistant Joy Anderson #A3415  
Forensic Scientist Kevin Albrecht #A4185  
Police Assistant Jessica Ellefritz #A4568  
Criminal Analyst Jennifer Jarosi #A4584  
Forensic Scientist Michael Beddow #A5195



Between June 3<sup>rd</sup> and June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016, Phoenix Police Homicide Unit investigators responded to at least three seemingly separate homicide investigations. After reviewing these particular cases, detectives found distinct similarities and began working to determine if a singular serial homicide suspect was involved. Once the bullet shell casings recovered from these scenes were examined, it was confirmed that all were fired from the same weapon. At that point, investigators knew there was a serial killer in Phoenix. On June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016, the "Serial Street Shooter Task Force" was created to handle the research, data, tips and many investigative tasks related to the investigation of the Serial Street Shooter. Four more shootings were linked to this suspect through ballistics testing. On July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016, a victim was driving home with his nephew when his vehicle was shot at from someone in a black BMW. The next day investigators linked this case to the Serial Street Shooter. A full facial composite drawing of the shooter was soon released to the public. Through the Public Affairs Bureau, local media was engaged and numerous local, national, and international interviews were conducted to help spread the word and garner new tips. The Task Force received and developed over 3,000 tips, and closed about 2,900 prior to the suspect's arrest. The tips led the task force to the suspect identified as Aaron Saucedo who was already in custody.

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## Police Chief's Unit Award

(cont.) After multiple interviews and a polygraph exam, investigators served a search warrant on his home on April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Through the search warrant, detectives found evidence that he was connected to the murder of his mother's boyfriend. On April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Saucedo was arrested for the murder. Additional interviews were completed, Grand Jury subpoenas were obtained and more search warrants were served which furthered the investigation. On May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Saucedo was booked for an additional 26 felony counts. His crimes included 9 homicide victims, 5 attempted homicides and aggravated assaults and 2 drive-by-shootings. In all, these crimes spanned from August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 to July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016, using various vehicles and three different types of weapons. The focus and determination of the Serial Street Shooter Task Force led to the end of a violent and deadly crime series and helped to quell the community's fear of the Serial Street Shooter. The combined efforts of the Serial Street Shooter Task Force are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. The Task Force is hereby awarded the Police Chief's Unit Award.



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Medal of Valor



Medal of Merit



## Medal of Merit

**Sergeant Mark Humbles #5133**

**Sergeant Terrance Reilly #7075**

**Officer Nicholas Welch #9374**

**Officer Robert Baraban #5463**

**Officer Christin Luther #9013**

**Officer Manuel Valenzuela #7480 (pictured)**

**Officer Kevin Linn #8826**

## Medal of Valor

**Officer Bobby Madeira #6906**

On December 30, 2016, Officer Bobby Madeira responded to an address near 1100 North 46<sup>th</sup> Street to serve an order of protection on the caller's ex-boyfriend who was present. When Officer Madeira arrived, he saw the caller and the ex-boyfriend seated on the porch. As he approached, the man brandished a gun, placed it against his own head and told the victim she was not free to leave. Officer Madeira drew his service weapon and moved for cover behind his patrol vehicle. He immediately began a dialog with the suspect. As other officers arrived, they began to evacuate nearby residences. While Officer Madeira continued talking with the man, he noticed there was movement inside the home behind the suspect and victim. Sergeant Mark Humbles began to organize a rescue team for those inside. Sergeant Terrance Reilly, Officers Robert Baraban, Christin Luther, Manuel Valenzuela and Kevin Linn entered the residence to extract whomever was in the home through the back door. The Air Unit lowered elevation to help conceal the noise of the officers' actions. During the negotiations, Officer Nicholas Welch stood by Officer Madeira to ensure he did not drift into the rifle officer's line of fire. The officers were on the call for an hour and fifteen minutes when the Special Assignments Unit arrived and took over the scene. Officer Madeira continued negotiations, keeping the suspect calm and focused. This made it possible for everyone else to rescue the four family members trapped in the home, and for SAU to rescue the final victim.

Officer Madeira showed great restraint and professionalism by negotiating with a dangerous suspect. His actions are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. Officer Bobby Madeira is hereby awarded the Medal of Valor.

For their support and determination that led to the successful rescue of a family of four, and at great risk to their personal safety, Sergeants Mark Humbles and Terrance Reilly, as well as Officers Nicholas Welch, Robert Baraban, Christin Luther, Manuel Valenzuela and Kevin Linn are hereby awarded the Medal of Merit.



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Medal of Merit

## Medal of Merit Officer Brandon Wright #8304

On December 9, 2016, members of the Mountain View Precinct Neighborhood Enforcement Team 72X squad observed a subject flee from a rear yard gate after seeing a marked patrol unit near 3700 East Van Buren Street. Officers attempted to contact him as he rode away on his bicycle though an alley. The subject jumped off the bike and began jumping over fences into yards. Officer Brandon Wright located the man and began giving commands. The man abruptly stopped, turned towards Officer Wright and blindly stabbed at him with a knife that was concealed in his hand. Officer Wright had drawn his duty weapon, but was unable to shoot due to a child and three women standing nearby. Officer Wright continued giving commands to the suspect to drop the knife, but the suspect turned and began running towards the family. With the increasing danger to the family, Officer Wright holstered his weapon and closed the distance to the suspect. He was able to run up behind the man and wrap his arms around his upper body to limit his ability to use the knife. Officer Wright pinned the man to the ground and held him there until additional officers arrived and helped take him into custody. The suspect was a documented gang member who was in possession of narcotic drugs, dangerous drugs and another concealed knife. Officer Wright displayed great bravery in order to stop a dangerous suspect and save the lives of innocent people in harm's way. His actions are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. Officer Brandon Wright is hereby awarded the Medal of Merit.





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Commander Brad Burt  
Lieutenant Mykel Moller  
Sergeant Darin Lund  
Sergeant Roy Chalmers  
Officer Tony Fang  
Officer Scott Pavese  
Officer Robert Kimery  
Officer Timothy Tewers  
Officer Nicholas Kerger  
Officer Troy Webb  
Officer Brent McElvain  
Officer Steven Reeves  
Officer Nicholas Barker

Officer Andrew Williams  
Lieutenant William Wickers  
Sergeant Michael Penn  
Sergeant Jeremiah Fiola  
Officer Jeffrey Petersen  
Officer David Hurt  
Officer Tyken Solie  
Officer Lance Fadeley  
Officer Danny Olmos  
Officer James Smoke  
Officer Justin Gillett  
Officer Joel Zemaitis

Officer Jeremiah Joncas  
Officer Dexter Mitchell  
Officer Sean Knapp  
Sergeant Jesse Abernathy  
Officer William Underwood  
Officer Matthew Eyrich  
Officer Steven Blasko  
Officer Todd Whitbeck  
Officer Troy Clark  
Lieutenant Seth Jahnke  
Officer Alistair Morrison  
Officer Benjamin Wetzel



On February 23, 2016, an adult male used his father's handgun to shoot four members of his family inside their home near 4800 West Sunnyside Avenue. As officers arrived on scene, the suspect had set the house on fire. A tense and demanding two-hour standoff ensued. While staging around the perimeter of the house, officers could hear shots fired from inside the residence. In order to protect life, they attempted to enter the home, but heavy smoke forced them to retreat. The gunfire made it unsafe for Phoenix Fire Department crews to enter and fight the fire. So they gave hoses to the officers to attempt to clear a path through the flames. Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus were secured from fire crews and a rescue team was able to make entry and extracting one victim a downstairs room. Officers then borrowed a ladder to look into second story rooms, but thick and heavy smoke obscured their view. They were eventually able to see another victim who was lifeless. The Special Assignments Unit then arrived on scene. Officers in the back of the house could see the armed suspect flee to the basement. SAU took a position at a window and engaged the suspect. The suspect pointed the gun

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(cont.) at officers, forcing one officer to discharge his service weapon, thus ending the threat. SAU then entered the house and was able to extract the victim seen in the window just before the house exploded into an inferno. The decisive leadership, out-of-the-box thinking and these officers' willingness to place themselves in harm's way all contributed to the safety of the officers on scene. Any means possible were used by officers on scene to attempt to rescue the innocent victims of this tragic event. The actions of each of these officers are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. They are hereby awarded the Medal of Valor.



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## Medal of Merit



## Medal of Merit

**Lieutenant Jamie Bennett #6189**

On July 29, 2017, Lieutenant Jamie Bennett was on patrol and stopped at the red light facing southbound at North 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue and West Bethany Home Road. Lieutenant Bennett heard someone aggressively honking their horn and then observed a vehicle traveling slowly through the intersection, crossing over into oncoming traffic. Lieutenant Bennett could see the male driver appearing to have a seizure. Lieutenant Bennett activated her overhead lights and siren to alert other drivers and then drove her patrol vehicle alongside the man. He was unconscious and laying across the passenger compartment. The vehicle was traveling at approximately 15 miles per hour. Lieutenant Bennett drove into opposing lanes of traffic and positioned her vehicle in front of the other and stopped. The vehicle collided with the rear of the patrol vehicle and stopped. Lieutenant Bennett exited her vehicle and broke the passenger window so she could render aid. Phoenix Fire personnel arrived and the man was transported to a local hospital where he was expected to make a full recovery. Lieutenant Bennett's quick actions stopped any further harm to the driver and motorists in the area. Lieutenant Bennett placed her own safety in jeopardy by driving her patrol car into oncoming traffic, thus blocking other motorists and enduring a collision with the victim's vehicle so that emergency aid could be rendered. Her actions are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. Lieutenant Jamie Bennett is hereby awarded the Medal of Merit.

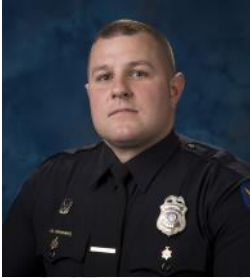


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## Medal of Merit



## Medal of Merit

### Officer Andrew Hoenigman #7524

On June 11, 2014, Officer Andrew Hoenigman responded to a call of a home invasion at a church near 1500 West Monroe Street. The caller, a priest, said he had been struck in the head by someone who had broken into the residence on the property and attacked his assistant and fellow priest. The other victim was unconscious and not breathing. When Officer Hoenigman arrived, he saw a man standing in the rectory door covered in blood. Not knowing if this was a victim or the suspect, Officer Hoenigman ordered him to exit the building. The man, appearing disoriented, said nothing and turned back into the rectory. Officer Hoenigman could hear yelling and screaming coming from inside the rectory. He radioed for backup, but based on the location and what he had seen,

Officer Hoenigman decided that in order to protect life, he would enter the home immediately. As he was searching the home, Officer Hoenigman found the two priests in one of the rooms, both badly injured; one performing CPR on the other. Officer Hoenigman secured the room and held his position until back-up arrived. Phoenix Fire personnel arrived and both men were transported to a local hospital. Sadly, only one of the priests survived his injuries. He had suffered severe head trauma and could not remember what had happened. Officer Hoenigman spent time with both victims' families after the horrendous crime. He helped fill in the memory gaps for them, providing much needed understanding and some closure. Officer Hoenigman showed great care and compassion as he went out of his way to connect with the victims' families. His brave and caring actions are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. Officer Andrew Hoenigman is hereby awarded the Medal of Merit.



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## Medal of Lifesaving



### Medal of Lifesaving

**Sergeant Eric Zopf #7382 (L)**

**Officer Derrick Minton #9018 (R)**

On June 26, 2017, a Transit Enforcement Unit Police Assistant was driving in the area of 1300 East Mohave Street when they observed a man running down an alley and into the yard of a home. The owner of Custom Shades, 1203 East Mohave Street, told the Police Assistant that a burglary had been committed at the business. A perimeter was established around the residence. Sergeant Eric Zopf and Officer Derrick Minton set up on the south side of the home. Sergeant Zopf made contact with the home owner who advised it might be his brother that police were looking for. The homeowner went inside and advised the officers that his brother was on the floor trying to strangle himself. Sergeant Zopf and Officer Minton entered the home and saw the man lying on the ground with a fanny pack tied around his neck. The suspect's face was changing color and he was struggling to breathe. Sergeant Zopf and Officer Minton immediately intervened, cutting the strap from his neck and preventing the man from committing suicide. These officers' quick and decisive actions saved the life of a man in crisis. Their efforts are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. Sergeant Eric Zopf and Officer Derrick Minton are each hereby awarded the Medal of Lifesaving.



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## Medal of Lifesaving



### Medal of Lifesaving

**Officer Elizabeth Thieman #9662**  
**Officer Daniel Colburn #9663**

On August 13, 2017, Officers Elizabeth Thieman and Daniel Colburn responded to the area of 1700 West Glendale Avenue on a call of a stabbing. When officers arrived, they found a man covered in blood with a severe wound to his abdomen. The officers immediately requested Phoenix Fire personnel to respond. Officer Colburn retrieved his personal medical kit and used gauze to stop the bleeding. Officer Thieman applied pressure to the wound while Officer Colburn secured the scene and retrieved more gauze. The victim also had a large laceration on his arm which officers treated. The victim was soon transported to the hospital. According to medical staff, without the quick action demonstrated by the officers, the victim may have succumbed to his injuries. The lifesaving actions of these officers are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. Officers Elizabeth Thieman and Daniel Colburn are hereby awarded the Medal of Lifesaving.



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## Medal of Lifesaving



### Medal of Lifesaving Officer Jorge Ortega #8312

On June 9, 2017, Officer Jorge Ortega responded to an emergency call for a woman who had given birth in her home with the assistance of her husband. The baby had been born with the umbilical cord wrapped around his neck and was not breathing. Officer Ortega saw the father holding the baby, frozen in fear. Officer Ortega took the baby and flipped him over to drain the fluids from the airways and began vigorously rubbing his back. Within minutes the baby took his first breaths. Phoenix Fire responded and transported the mother and child to a local hospital. After 11 days in the neonatal intensive care unit, the baby was flourishing and healthy enough to go home. Officer Ortega's fast response and decisive actions resulted in the saving of the life of the newborn.

Officer Ortega's 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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## COPS Volunteer Excellence Award Ms. Robin Grass #A6067

For several years, C.O.P.S. Volunteer Robin Grass has faithfully served the non-profit Silent Witness program. The dedication she exhibits is truly appreciated as her efforts lessen the amount of work that the career staff have to undertake, thus allowing the team to concentrate their efforts on moving the program forward.

Ms. Grass works closely with Phoenix Police Detective Patrick Schutte to provide a compilation of tips that have previously been sent to detectives. These tips, when properly followed up on, allow our records to be as accurate as possible. Her efforts increase the amount of total recap the Silent Witness program can legitimately claim. Accurate record keeping serves not only show our effectiveness, but also enable us to provide a true running total recap to "Crime Stoppers," the national program which Silent Witness is a part of.

The routine tasks that Ms. Grass takes on are very important to the day-to-day operation of the Silent Witness program. Ms. Grass has always demonstrated a strong, positive, service-minded attitude. She and her work could not be more appreciated by the Silent Witness Program and the Phoenix Police Department.

Ms. Grass is hereby awarded the COPS Volunteer Excellence Award.





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**Medal of Merit**

## Medal of Merit **Officer Kenneth Mitchell #7975**

On May 27, 2017, Officer Kenneth Mitchell was off-duty when he observed a man in crisis seated on the concrete barrier of the I-10 to I-17 overpass. Officer Mitchell observed another citizen struggling with the man, attempting to prevent him from jumping over the ledge. Officer Mitchell exited his car and approached, but the man jumped. Before he could fall, the citizen grabbed onto the man, who was teetering over the edge. Officer Mitchell grabbed ahold of the suicidal subject by his belt, preventing both him and the other citizen from falling. A trooper with the Department of Public Safety responded to the call and witnessed Officer Mitchell and the citizen pulling the suicidal man back over. The distraught man proceeded to fight with Officer Mitchell, the trooper and the citizen. The trooper was able to use his Taser to subdue the man. Officer Mitchell then was able to control the subject, allowing handcuffs to be placed on him. The man was secured and delivered to a psychiatric care facility for a mental health evaluation. Officer Mitchell's quick actions that day saved the life of a man who was intent on ending it himself. His brave and decisive actions, at great risk to his own personal safety, are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. Officer Kenneth Mitchell is hereby awarded the Medal of Merit.



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## Medal of Merit

### Medal of Merit **Officer Fay Winter #7974** **Officer Minde Burton #8831**

On May 5, 2017, Officers Fay Winter and Minde Burton responded to a 911 hang up call near 19200 North 15<sup>th</sup> Place. The caller only requested officers, and when asked what the emergency was, the caller simply stated they would, "find out when they got there." He even called back to say he had a, "present for officers." Officers Winter and Burton waited around the corner from the location for more officers due to the suspicious nature of the call. While waiting, the father of the caller sped by and parked in front of the home. Officers Winter and Burton called out to the father who told them to stay back and that his son was dealing with some mental issues. The officers instructed him not to go into the home, but he did anyway. The father crawled under the partially open garage door and out of sight. The officers then heard a gunshot and saw both the father and son fall onto the driveway. The two men were fighting over a shotgun. The officers immediately intervened in the fight. Officer Winter was able to wrestle the gun from the suspect while he was still assaulting his father and police. Officer Burton deployed her Taser and subdued him without further incident. The investigation revealed that the man had several other guns and numerous rounds of ammunition in the house. His plan was to commit, "suicide by cop," as a result of his battle with depression. Both officers put themselves at significant risk during this incident in order to ensure the safety of the victim. Officers

Winter and Burton's actions are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. They are hereby awarded the Medal of Merit.



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### Medal of Merit

**Sergeant Michael Carmody #5634**

**Sergeant Timothy Smith #6617**

**Sergeant Peter Best #9099**

**Officer Johnnie Meyer #9148 (pictured)**

**Officer Michael George #9251**

**Officer Nicholas Harrison #9473**

**Officer Gary Hamlett #9602**

**Officer Rowan Clarke #9909**

**Officer Myles Piper #9931**

**Lieutenant Mark Tovar #5978**

On January 1, 2017, Phoenix Police responded to call of a shooting at a residence near 1700 East Desert Drive. When officers arrived they began setting up tactical containment. After talking with witnesses, officers discovered that the suspect was in the home along with a gunshot victim. One of the witnesses were able to retrieve the gun from the suspect; however, there were others still in the home. Command decided the team would need to enter the home. Officers breached a large window in the living room of the home and observed the victim slumped over on the couch. Officers then breached the front door to rescue the victim, but were confronted by the suspect once inside the door. Officers began giving the commands to the suspect, but he refused to follow them. The suspect retreated further back into the home giving the officers an opportunity to rescue the injured victim. A Taser was deployed and the suspect was taken into custody. The actions of Lieutenant Mark Tovar, Sergeants Michael Carmody, Timothy Smith, and Peter Best, along with Officers Johnnie Meyer, Michael George, Nicholas Harrison, Gary Hamlett, Rowan Clarke and Myles Piper are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. They are hereby awarded the Medal of Merit.



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## Supervisor of the Year Sergeant Adam Barrett #6630

Throughout 2017, Homicide Sergeant Adam Barrett of the Violent Crimes Bureau has responded to events from around the city to include various homicides and officer involved shooting investigations. The duties of a homicide supervisor vary on a daily basis and require an unbillable amount of hours dedicated to the Department.

In May of 2017, a Phoenix woman disappeared from her residence and was never seen again. Four days later, Sergeant Barrett and detectives from the Homicide Unit began their investigation, believing foul play had occurred. Sergeant Barrett was instrumental in locating, obtaining and providing all the necessary resources for the investigation, allowing the Department to continue its pursuit of justice for this family.

The investigation led police to the SR85 Landfill. Sergeant Barrett spent numerous hours working with detectives to prepare for the monumental and costly task of a landfill search. Once the operation was approved, Sergeant Barrett coordinated personnel and equipment from agencies, including, Phoenix Fire, ATF, FBI, DPS, MCSO, OME and other valley police departments. The operation fostered positive working relationships with numerous local, state and federal agencies and community partners.

Sergeant Barrett epitomizes what it means to be an extraordinary supervisor and a great human being. On more than one occasion, Sergeant Barrett has purchased meals with his own money for his squad when their duties prevent them from leaving a crime scene. He takes time to connect with his people and learn about each individual on his squad; their families, goals, likes and dislikes.

Sergeant Barrett exemplifies what it means to be the supervisor that everyone would want to work for. His performance is in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. Homicide Sergeant Adam Barrett is hereby awarded the Supervisor of the Year.



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## Medal of Valor

**Sergeant Joseph Roberts #7160**  
**Officer Ryan Lee #8278**  
**Officer Brandon (Glen) Yoder #8547**  
**Officer Chris Hoyer #6807**  
**Officer Steven Fernandez #8863**

## Certificate of Lifesaving

**Captain Bradley Johnston**  
**Captain Jeffrey Conway**  
**Captain Gerome Dunn**  
**Engineer Todd Pippin**  
**Firefighter Joseph Pacheco**  
**Firefighter Kye Pfutzenreuter**  
**Firefighter Glenn Trainor**

On May 18, 2016, officers responded to 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 police. Responding officers staged near the home. No movement was seen in or around the house or vehicles parked outside. Officers from the 81X Maryvale/Estrella Mountain Precinct Neighborhood Enforcement Team met with the complainant to confirm the text messages. After doing so, a group of officers moved in to attempt to establish containment and communication with the suspect. As officers exited their patrol vehicles, they were immediately met with gunfire. Unbeknownst to them, the suspect was seated in a vehicle parked in front of the house with extremely dark tinted windows. Officers returned fire and the threat was soon ended. Sadly, Officer David Glasser sustained critical injury from the encounter. Officers quickly formed an extraction team to relocate Officer Glasser to safety and began rendering aid. He was transported to the hospital where he tragically succumbed to his injuries on May 19, 2016.

As a direct result of the actions of the Phoenix Fire crew, Officer Glasser's family had the opportunity to say their goodbyes and his service to the community continued on as an organ donor. For their diligent efforts to preserve life, Phoenix Fire Captains Bradley Johnston, Jeffrey Conway and Gerome Dunn, along with Engineer Todd Pippin, Firefighters Joseph Pacheco, Kye Pfutzenreuter, and Glenn Trainor are hereby awarded the Certificate of Lifesaving.

Communications Operator Patricia Bryant is a veteran of the 911 dispatch center. She performed the critical role as dispatcher for this incident. Although Mrs. Bryant was not physically at the scene, she was there that night; riding along virtually by connecting via radio with first responders. Every day and on every call, our communications operators share in our victories, and mourn our losses together. For service in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department, Patricia Bryant is hereby awarded the Certificate of Recognition.

Sergeant Joseph Roberts, Officers Ryan Lee, Brandon Yoder, Chris Hoyer, and Steven Fernandez endured one of the most difficult trials of any officer's career; the loss of a friend and coworker in the line of duty. Their swift actions to deliver him to safety in the interest of protecting their friend, their community, and their city, are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. They are hereby awarded the Medal of Valor.



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## Certificate of Recognition Patricia Bryant #A3789

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## Medal of Lifesaving Reserve Officer James Curran #R0787

On June 13, 2017, Phoenix Police responded to a check welfare call at the Premier Inn located at 10402 North Black Canyon Freeway. The call indicated that a distraught female was going to set herself on fire with gasoline. When officers arrived they noticed the door to the room was open and the woman was sitting on the bed with gasoline in one hand and a lighter in the other. When she noticed the officers she began pouring the gasoline on her lap and head. She started to wipe the gasoline out of her eyes and Reserve Officer James Curran took the opportunity while she was distracted to run into the room. He immediately grabbing onto her and prevented her from setting herself on fire. The woman was an obvious danger to herself and was transported to a psychiatric facility for a mental evaluation. For actions in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department, Reserve Officer James Curran is hereby awarded the Medal of Lifesaving.



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Medal of Lifesaving

## Medal of Lifesaving Officer Ronald Sborz #10040

On August 15, 2017, Phoenix Police responded to 2200 West Adams Street on a call of an attempted suicide. The call stated a man had just cut his arm. Officers Ronald Sborz and James Blanco arrived on scene and contact a man outside of the residence with a significant laceration to his arm. He was bleeding heavily. Two other people were attempting to stop the bleeding by applying pressure to the wound. Officer Sborz quickly reacted and applied a tourniquet to the man's arm, and raised the arm above the victims head. Soon after, the bleeding appeared to have stopped. Continual pressure was applied to the wound until Phoenix Fire personnel arrived. The man was transported to the hospital, where it was determined that the wound would have been fatal without the application of the tourniquet. The officer's immediate and decisive actions are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. Officer Ronald Sborz is hereby awarded the Medal of Lifesaving.



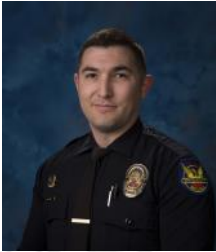


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**Medal of Lifesaving**  
**Officer John Ferragamo #6546**  
**Officer Josh Baron #9762 (pictured)**

On September 29, 2017, Officers John Ferragamo and Josh Baron responded to a check welfare call at a home near 4500 East White Aster Street. A woman had made suicidal comments over the phone to her husband who was out of town. When officers arrived, the woman's sister confirmed the information, but was unable to contact her sister. The officers entered the home and could see smoke coming from an upstairs bedroom. They opened the door and were met with heavy smoke and intense heat coming from a charcoal grill within the room. As the smoke began to dissipate, the officers could see the woman lying unconscious on the bed. Officers Ferragamo and Baron entered the room and carried the woman down the stairs and out to Phoenix Fire personnel for treatment. The woman regained consciousness and was transported to the hospital. These officers' immediate and decisive actions, at great risk to their personal safety, are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. Officers John Ferragamo and Josh Baron are hereby awarded the Medal of Lifesaving.



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**Officer Douglas Dennis #9311 (L)**

**Officer Kyle Sandberg #10132 (R)**

On July 19, 2017, Phoenix Police responded to a fight call near 5600 North 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. The caller could hear her neighbor yelling for help. When officers Douglas Dennis and Kyle Sandberg arrived they could hear a man and woman yelling in the backyard. They looked over the fence and saw the man standing on a plastic chair with a noose around his neck, hanging from the patio ceiling. The woman was trying to hold the man's legs up, attempting to prevent him from strangulation. Officers immediately scaled the gate and ran to assist the woman. As the officers took over, they instructed the woman to let go of the man's legs, but the man continued his efforts to take his own life. Officer Dennis was able to grab the man's lower body to support him while Officer Sandberg tried to loosen the cord from his neck. They were eventually successful in their attempt to free the struggling man from himself. The immediate and decisive actions of these officers saved the life of a man intent on ending it himself. Their efforts are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. Officers Douglas Dennis and Kyle Sandberg are hereby awarded the Medal of Lifesaving.



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## Medal of Lifesaving Lieutenant Jeff Fields #6372

On March 25, 2017, Lieutenant Jeff Fields was on patrol in the area of 4700 East McDowell Road when he saw a large plume of smoke coming from a two story apartment building. The fire was quickly spreading from a vacant apartment to the one next to it. Lieutenant Fields and a civilian in the area feared there were occupants in the adjacent apartment. The two ascended the stairs toward the apartment. To avoid the thick smoke, they crawled on the ground towards the door. There was no answer at the apartment door. In order to protect any life inside that may have been unable to escape the approaching fire, Lieutenant Fields breached the door. The two men searched the apartment and found a woman and her one month old baby fast asleep. Lieutenant Fields alerted the occupants and escorted them out of the building. The building eventually became completely engulfed in flames. The lieutenants' heroic actions, at great risk to his own personal safety, are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. Lieutenant Jeff Fields is hereby awarded the Medal of Lifesaving.



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## Medal of Lifesaving Officer Jaime Phillips #9930

On March 27, 2017, Officer Jamie Phillips responded to a call of an injured person at a restaurant in the area of 3400 North 56<sup>th</sup> Street. When he arrived he was directed to an unresponsive man who had been choking. An off-duty nurse had attempted the Heimlich maneuver, but was unsuccessful in dislodging the obstruction. The man had not been breathing now for eight minutes. Officer Phillips immediately started CPR. He continued to rotate performing chest compressions with Phoenix Fire Department personnel once they arrived. The man was transported to the hospital with a pulse and survived the incident. Our officer's immediate lifesaving actions are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. Officer Jamie Phillips is hereby awarded the Medal of Lifesaving.



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## Medal of Lifesaving **Officer Benjamin Ippel #8718** **Officer Trevin Janser #8883**

On October 4, 2016, Officers Benjamin Ippel and Trevin Janser responded to a call of a child not breathing at a home near 4000 East Fillmore Street. When they arrived, they saw a five-month-old laying on the couch, blue in color and not responsive. Officer Janser attempted to dislodge any obstruction from the child's airway and Officer Ippel extracted mucous with a bulb syringe that was in the home. After the airway had been cleared, the child began to cry. The child was transported to the hospital where doctors credited the child's survival on the quick response from the officers. The officers' actions are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. Officer Benjamin Ippel and Trevin Janser are hereby awarded the Medal of Lifesaving.



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**Officer Scott Ferrante #8780**  
**Officer Benjamin Johnson #8961**  
**Officer Lauren Burke #10029**

On March 27, 2017, Officers Scott Ferrante, Benjamin Johnson and Lauren Burke responded to a call of a suicidal person in the area of 2400 West Thunderbird Road. The male subject was jumping in and out of traffic, intending to be struck by a vehicle. Officer Ferrante arrived first and saw the man sitting on the other side of an overpass barrier. He appeared as if he was going to jump. The officer grabbed a hold of the subject, who began fighting with him in an attempt to break away. When Officers Johnson and Burke arrived, they also grabbed onto the subject and tried to get him back on their side of the fence. This was made difficult because the man had sliced his wrist and was bleeding profusely. When Phoenix Fire personnel arrived they assisted with rescuing the man and bringing him to safety. The man was transported to the hospital for a mental health evaluation. These officers put their own lives at risk to save that of another. Their actions are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. Officers Scott Ferrante, Benjamin Johnson, and Lauren

Burke are hereby awarded the  
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**Officer Nelu Podea #9581**

**Officer Alyssa Gutierrez #9683 (pictured)**

On May 6, 2017, Officers Nelu Podea and Alyssa Gutierrez responded to fight in an apartment near 6400 North Black Canyon Freeway. When the officers arrived, they heard screaming and found a woman on the landing. She was extremely intoxicated and had severe lacerations to her upper arm from punching through a window. She had severed the ligaments in her arm and was losing a lot of blood. Officer Gutierrez applied a tourniquet to the woman's arm which slowed the blood flow, but did not stop it.

Officer Podea retrieved a belt from a resident and used it as an additional tourniquet. This was successful and stopped the blood loss. Phoenix Fire personnel transported the woman to the hospital for surgery. According to medical staff, without the lifesaving efforts of our officers, the woman would have likely succumbed to her injuries. The immediate lifesaving efforts of our officers are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. Officers Nelu Podea and Alyssa Gutierrez are hereby awarded the Medal of Lifesaving.



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## Medal of Lifesaving **Sergeant David Hough #9267** **Officer Ricardo Perez #9183**

On September 16, 2017, Sergeant David Hough and Officer Ricardo Perez responded to an emergency call of two pit bulls attacking someone in the backyard of a home near 2900 North 72<sup>nd</sup> Drive. When the officers arrived, Phoenix Fire personnel were already on scene. They were unsuccessful in their attempts to get the dogs away from the victim. The officers saw that the victim had fallen into a hole with only his head exposed. The man was unable to defend himself from the dogs and began showing signs of distress. Sergeant David Hough and Officer Ricardo Perez took immediate action and both fired their duty weapons striking both dogs and stopping the attack. They secured the injured animals while the firefighters provided treatment for the victim's injuries. Sergeant David Hough and Officer Ricardo Perez later visited the victim in the hospital and he told them he had been fighting off the dogs for at least 45 minutes before 911 was called by a neighbor. This incident could have been deadly if the officers had not taken action. Their efforts to preserve life and protect the community are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. Sergeant David Hough and Officer Ricardo Perez are hereby awarded the Medal of Lifesaving.





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## Medal of Lifesaving Officer Scott Russell #8065

On May 15, 2017, Officers Scott Russell and Garrick Henry were leaving Southern Command Station when they observed a vehicle parked along Central Avenue. Officer Henry observed a man in the vehicle waving his arms in an attempt to flag down the officers. He was tending to a woman in distress in the passenger seat. When the officers contacted the two in the vehicle, they could tell the woman was barely breathing and was experiencing pain in her chest, stomach and arms. The officers removed her from the vehicle and placed her on the ground. She was no longer breathing. Officer Russell began applying chest compressions. He continued to render aid until Phoenix Fire personnel arrived and transported her to the hospital. It was discovered that the woman had a blocked artery and was expected to survive after surgery. Officer Russell's actions were integral in her connection to emergency care and had a positive effect on her survival. His actions are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. Officer Scott Russell is hereby awarded the Medal of Lifesaving.



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## Medal of Lifesaving Officer Jason Scoggins #9477

On May 21, 2017, Phoenix Police responded to a fight call near 900 East Jones Avenue. The neighbors reported hearing a couple arguing and the male made threats to kill the woman. When officers arrived at the house they made contact with the woman who had stated her boyfriend was on the roof trying to kill himself. The officers then observed the man on the roof of the house with an electrical cord, one end around his neck and the other attached to a tree branch. Officer Jason Scoggins immediately began establishing communication with the man and building a rapport. Approximately five minutes later, the man said he was willing to come down from the roof, but he was still behaving erratically. As soon as he reached the edge to come down, he yelled that he was going to kill himself and began testing the knots in the cord. The man leaned forward, tightening the wire. His feet were still on the roof, but he was quickly losing consciousness. Officer Scoggins climbed onto the roof and was able to cut the cord from the tree. With the help of a fellow officer he was able to loosen the cord from around the man's neck. The man regained consciousness and, after being taken into custody, he was transported to a psychiatric care facility for a mental health evaluation. When faced with this dangerous situation, Officer Scoggins quickly responded, putting himself in harm's way by going out onto the roof without a ladder or climbing gear. Our officer placed his own safety aside to save the life of a man intent on taking it himself. His actions are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department.

Officer Jason Scoggins is hereby awarded the  
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## Medal of Lifesaving Officer Victoria Beighle #8313

On May 21, 2017, Officer Victoria Beighle responded to a call of a domestic dispute at a residence near 6200 North 10<sup>th</sup> Street. The caller advised that a male in mental health crisis was yelling at his grandmother. When Officer Beighle arrived she saw the man trying to leave the home on a bicycle. She confronted him and saw he was covered in blood with cuts on both of his wrists. Officer Beighle placed a tourniquet on the man's left arm where there appeared to be a significant arterial bleed. The man had begun to lose consciousness, but the use of the tourniquet successfully slowed the bleeding. He was transported by Phoenix Fire Department personnel to the hospital where he was treated for the self-inflicted injuries. Medical professionals at the hospital confirmed that without the tourniquet the man may not have survived. Our officer's actions are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. Officer Victoria Beighle is hereby awarded the Medal of Lifesaving.



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## Medal of Lifesaving Officer Jacob Daniels #9539

On June 15, 2017, Officer Jacob Daniels responded to a call of an injured person. When he arrived he found a child who had a broken shard of glass puncturing his thigh. The child had been jumping on the bed and lost his balance. He fell into a window and caused it to shatter. An adult in the home was attempting to render aid by applying pressure to stop the bleeding. Without hesitation, Officer Daniels applied his emergency tourniquet over the upper portion of the child's leg. The tourniquet was successful in stopping the large flow of blood. Officer Daniels continued to assess the child's condition until Phoenix Fire personnel arrived and transported him to the hospital. Medical professionals credited the tourniquet application for saving the child's life. Our officer's quick and decisive lifesaving actions are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. Officer Jacob Daniels is hereby awarded the Medal of Lifesaving.

