



LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

Recognizing Outstanding Law Enforcement Officers in Western Riverside County

A WORD OF WELCOME

On behalf of the Law Enforcement Appreciation Committee (LEAC), it is my privilege to welcome you to this evening's program. For the past 39 years, LEAC has had the pleasure of bringing the community together through our annual Law Enforcement Appreciation ceremony and dinner. With your help, LEAC acknowledges and gives special recognition to law enforcement officers that have displayed dedication through their acts of selflessness and by going above and beyond their expected duties. This ceremony and dinner commemorates our Honorees for their exceptional police work throughout Western Riverside County.

Honorees are recognized in the categories of Excellence in Community Service, Collaborative Critical Incident Investigative Excellence, Lifetime Achievement, Spotlight Exceptional Lifesaving Recognition, Valor, and Distinguished K9 Team.

LEAC's goal is to bridge our communities and business partnerships to give thanks to those officers that show a deep commitment to serving our communities of Western Riverside County. Please join us in attending or becoming involved as a member of our superb committee and giving praise to the humble men and women that serve our communities!

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Lifesaving Recognition,
and Valor*

Each year, co-workers, family, friends and members of the communities served by local law enforcement join together to honor law enforcement officers for performing duties deemed worthy of special recognition.

We invite you to spend an evening with us as we recognize these officers and share their amazing stories of a job well done.

EVENING PROGRAM

Pre-Event Social Time

*The Riverside King High School Varsity
Flute and Saxophone Ensembles*

Greeting

*Greg Fagan,
2017 LEAC Chair*

Invocation

*Chaplain Pastor Joe Castillo,
Corona Police Department*

Dinner

Welcome to Riverside County Elected Officials

Introduction of Riverside County Sheriff
and Chiefs of Police

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Posting of Colors, LEAC Memorial Flag
and Pledge of Allegiance

*Marie Moreno Myers,
Immediate Past Chair*

National Anthem

*Officer Lyndon Peats,
Beaumont Police Department*

Tribute to Fallen Officers

*Andy Powell,
Surviving Father of Son-In-Law Eric Thatch -
Riverside County Sheriff's Department*

TAPS

*Deputy Edward Olmos,
Riverside County Sheriff's Department*

Recognition of 2017 Honorees

- Community Business Partnership
- Excellence in Community Service
- Collaborative Critical Incident
- Investigative Excellence
- Lifetime Achievement
- Spotlight Exceptional Lifesaving Recognition
- Valor

Installation of New Chair

Closing Remarks

Adjourn



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Lifetime Achievement Award



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Distinguished K9 Team Award

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2017 HONOREES

The Law Enforcement Appreciation Committee is pleased to introduce our distinguished honorees.

Community Business Partnership

The 2017 Law Enforcement Appreciation Committee feels it is important to acknowledge those businesses in our local communities who show exceptional support to law enforcement and the Community Business Partnership Award was created for this purpose.

Award Criteria: Awarded to a business which has demonstrated sustained (minimum five consecutive years) support of and in partnership with law enforcement in it's home community.

Forest River Recreation Vehicles



Ty Miller
General Manager,
Forest River
Recreational
Vehicles

Nominated by
Hemet PD

LEAC would like to recognize Forest River RV as Hemet Police Department's Community Business Partner for 2016.

Since opening their business in Hemet, Forest River RV has created nearly 300 jobs and boosted a struggling Hemet economy. General Manager Ty Miller has been extremely supportive of the Hemet Police Department. He regularly allows their massive 14-acre facility to be used for DUI checkpoint staging and after-hours for SWAT, Motor, and K9 trainings.

General Manager Ty Miller has raised funds to help with the purchase of a new police K9 and to upgrade and illuminate the Hemet Police signage at the department's aging main station. They have also supported the department's School Resource Officer Training and the Volunteer Program.

The Hemet Police Department has greatly benefitted from this special partnership and is extremely thankful for the tremendous support of Forest River RV. Their incredible generosity has provided opportunities and advanced training that would have otherwise been unattainable through regular channels. LEAC looks forward to all the new ways these two entities can expand their partnership in the future, and tonight we recognize Forest River RV and Ty Miller for being an outstanding community business partner.

Excellence in Community Service

Award Criteria: Recognize an officer for exceptional execution of responsibilities in a community service program or project that has had a significant impact on public safety in community or communities within Western Riverside County during 2016.

Beaumont Police Department



Officer
Lyndon Peats

Beaumont Police Officer Lyndon Peats has been a police officer for over 10 years. Officer Peats's community involvement began at the early age of 8 years old when he started singing in church choirs while growing up in Canada. Shortly after Beaumont Police Department hired Officer Peats, he became involved in "Jam with The Man," which was an all-volunteer, City of Beaumont band. The group consisted of both civilian and sworn officers who performed popular songs at various community events. This program put him in a position to reach out to troubled teens and young adults, encouraging them to express themselves in a positive way through music. Officer Peats's passion for music continues, as he regularly sings the National Anthem for various city and community events throughout the year. In fact, Officer Peats is highly sought after to perform the National Anthem at law enforcement events, community events, Veteran Expositions, and other occasions that provide a true civic experience.

In addition, Officer Peats has been a member of the City of Beaumont Police Department Honor Guard for nine years, and has participated in performing on various occasions, including joint multi-agency Honor Guard events.

Officer Peats is a team player, never has a complaint, and is always available when requested to sing the National Anthem or perform at an Honor Guard event. His love for music and dedication to the community are evident in the countless hours he spends representing the Beaumont Police Department.

LEAC is proud to recognize Officer Lyndon Peats with the Excellence in Community Service Award.

Corona Police Department



Officer
Tim Najmulski

Corona Police Officer Tim Najmulski has over 20 years of law enforcement experience. Currently, he is a night shift motorcycle officer assigned to the Traffic Bureau. He has a passion to reduce the number of impaired drivers in the City of Corona, through community partnership, education, and enforcement.

The Corona Police Department hosts a quarterly "Drive 4 Life" teen driver program, designed to teach teenagers safe

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driving habits. Officer Najmulski teaches the impaired driving segment of the program. He instructs students on the effects of alcohol, illegal drugs, and prescription drugs while driving. In addition to the "Drive 4 Life" program, Officer Najmulski has given presentations to local schools, participates in the department "Run with a COP," and in the "Heroes and Helpers" event where he helps children shop for Christmas gifts.

Officer Najmulski is also the department's Drug Recognition Expert. He uses his hundreds of hours of training and 20 years of experience to mentor patrol officers through formal classroom training, briefing training sessions, training bulletins, and assistance in the field. Officer Najmulski has also served as a guest speaker at the August quarterly meeting of the California Association of Toxicologists. During 2016, Officer Najmulski served as the lead investigator on a fatal hit and run, issued over 1,300 traffic citations, investigated over 240 traffic collisions, and made 105 DUI arrests.

LEAC is proud to recognize Officer Tim Najmulski with the Excellence in Community Service Award.

Hemet Police Department



**Volunteer
Coordinator
Victor Varia**

Following a 39-year career with the United States Postal Service, Victor and his wife Millie began volunteering with the Hemet Police Department in November 2010. Over the past six years, Victor has held several Team Leader posts including Vehicle Maintenance where he oversaw the daily maintenance of a fleet of over 100 police vehicles. In 2014, Victor was promoted to Volunteer Coordinator, and he continues to hold this title to date.

The Coordinator position is demanding and highly regarded. Victor is responsible for 87 volunteers and operations, which include planning awards banquets, supervising and directing meetings, community outreach, recruiting events and training academies. Victor assists and coordinates the in-service volunteer training and is the recognized liaison with the Retired Senior Volunteer Program. He also leads a group of 10 Volunteer Team Leaders. Victor is an advocate, supervisor, counselor, liaison, and a leader whom other volunteers, as well as seasoned police officers, seek out for guidance and help. And, if this was not enough, Victor handles many more aspects of the nationally recognized Volunteer Program.

Since 2010, Victor has volunteered in excess of 5400 documented hours, an average of over 900 hours each year to the Hemet Police Department and its community. During 2016 alone, Victor has demonstrated Excellence in Community Service by donating over 1,200 hours while orchestrating over 56 Community Based Events ranging from large-scale parades and celebrations attended by thousands, to assisting

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small groups of neighbors with kicking off their Neighborhood Watch programs.

LEAC is honored to award Victor Varia the Excellence in Community Service Award for 2016.

Riverside County Sheriff's Department - Lake Elsinore



**CSO
Roxann Baca**

In 2013, Community Service Officer (CSO) Roxann Baca began the oversight of the Community Service Unit (CSU) within the Lake Elsinore Station. After receiving ongoing continuous requests from many different neighborhoods, Baca sought to re-implement Neighborhood Watch programs within the Lake Elsinore Station service area.

Realizing that it would be impossible to attend every Neighborhood Watch meeting within the community, Roxann created an active directory, which allowed networking between communities interested in starting Neighborhood Watches. CSO Baca had the neighborhoods elect Block Captains who would attend a training seminar on starting one's own Neighborhood Watch Program.

In February 2013, the first Neighborhood Watch kick-off meeting took place. 100 residents attended this initial meeting. During the remainder of 2013, Baca organized four Block Captain training sessions with 68 additional attendees.

In 2014, CSO Baca presented another four Block Captain training sessions, with 134 residents in attendance, and there were five local neighborhood sessions with 58 attendees.

In 2015, the CSU expanded its Neighborhood Watch Program to serve the Spanish-speaking residents of Lake Elsinore. Following a kickoff meeting for Spanish-speakers, eight Block Captain training sessions were held, serving 195 resident attendees.

In 2016, the CSU presented five Block Captain training sessions, teaching 154 resident attendees, and six local neighborhood sessions, which organized 86 resident attendees.

By the end of 2016, the City of Lake Elsinore has 388 Neighborhood Watch members, with 121 trained as Block Captains representing 30 neighborhoods.

Through her hard work and dedication, CSO Baca very successfully re-established Neighborhood Watch in the communities of Lake Elsinore, providing a productive, valuable program connecting the Sheriff's Department with the community it serves.

LEAC is proud to recognize CSO Roxann Baca with the 2016 Excellence in Community Service Award.

Collaborative Critical Incident

This year, LEAC is introducing two new "Spotlight" recognition categories intended to "shine a light" on noteworthy law enforcement activities during the previous calendar year, the first of which is the Collaborative Critical Incident. This recognition is presented to two or more agencies that worked collaboratively on an incident within LEAC service area jurisdictions and exemplify truly extraordinary and uncommon collaborative efforts using a significant amount of on-duty resources to resolve the incident.

Hemet Police Department

Other Agencies Involved: Riverside County Sheriff's Department – Hemet & San Jacinto Station; Riverside County Sheriff's Department – Aviation Unit; California Highway Patrol



Sergeant
Michael Mouat

On July 26, 2016 about midnight, Hemet Police Officers responded to an alley near Elk Street and Devonshire Avenue regarding several 911 calls reporting shots fired. The neighborhood, and the alley in particular, is well-known for gang activity. The alley is situated in a way that allows residents to easily take cover, conceal themselves and establish high ground relative to responding law enforcement. This often causes officer safety issues on a regular basis, which obviously increases during high-risk situations.



Officer
Kevin Poulter

Officers arrived to find a female victim who sustained a gunshot wound to her back. A large crowd had gathered around the victim and alley. Officers began administering first aid to the victim until emergency medical services arrived. As the crowd size grew, so did their aggression towards the officers, eventually surrounding the Hemet PD officers. Easily outnumbered 10 to 1, the officers encircled the victim and continued to provide first aid to her while fights broke out amongst the residents.



Riverside County
Sheriff's Department

Sgt. Mouat requested emergency assistance from surrounding agencies. The Riverside County Sheriff's Department responded with air support, four deputies, and one sergeant from the Hemet and San Jacinto stations. Officer Kevin Poulter of The California Highway Patrol – San Gorgonio Pass Office also responded with three officers and one sergeant.

The collaborative approach to this critical incident allowed order to be restored within a short time period. The victim was transported to a trauma center and the incident concluded with no injuries to law enforcement personnel. LEAC is proud to honor these professionals with the Collaborative Critical Incident Award.

Investigative Excellence

Award Criteria: Recognize an officer for exceptional execution of responsibilities by successfully concluding a major investigation or by demonstrating outstanding investigative or interrogative techniques in the course of an investigation during 2016.

Corona Police Department



Deputy
Ryan Eddy

In early 2016, Riverside County Sheriff's Deputy Ryan Eddy and Gang Task Force Region 8 (GTF 8) member obtained information that Corona Varrio Loco (CVL) gang members were actively purchasing and storing firearms in the City of Corona.

The information received was that gang members were stealing these firearms or trading them for drugs, and that many were assault rifles.



Sergeant
Ryan Brett

Due to the nature and possible scope of this case, GTF 8 sought assistance from the California Department of Justice - Special Operations Unit (SOU).

This complex operation began with the collaboration between DOJ SOU, GTF 8 and the Corona Police Department.



Detective Gary
Griffitts

GTF 8 Sergeant Ryan Brett provided leadership and support as Detective Gary Griffiths, Deputy Ryan Eddy, DOJ SOU Officer Phil Rogers and the other members of GTF 8 developed and furthered this complex investigation.

Members of GTF 8 worked tirelessly, assisting DOJ members with sophisticated investigative techniques, following up on leads, wrote numerous search warrants and actively conducted investigations associated with those warrants. Members of GTF 8 worked many long hours, often coming in on their days off to ensure that the operation was successful.



Officer Phil
Rogers

After approximately two months of this extensive investigation, a plan to take down the operation was initiated.

On June 9, 2016 at 4 a.m., GTF 8, along with 300 officers from some 15 different law enforcement agencies served 34 search warrants in Corona, Riverside, Rubidoux, El Cerrito, and Home Gardens.

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Because of this operation, the Corona Varrio Locos gang was devastated due to their arrests and evidence seized:

- 52 Arrests
- 67 Firearms recovered
- 22 Assault weapons
- 33 Handguns
- 9 Rifles
- 3 Shotguns
- 27 pounds of methamphetamine
- 10 pounds of cocaine
- 1 pound of marijuana
- \$95,700 in profits tied to drug sales subject to asset forfeiture
- 1 stolen car recovered
- Street value of drugs seized = \$1,632,172

These items would have never been seized, and the suspects would not have been identified and arrested, if it were not for the coordinated and collaborative effort of all the investigative units and assisting agencies involved. Each and every member showed dedication to their job, a sincere interest in public safety, and a desire to remove these dangerous individuals from the community they serve.

The professionalism, dedication, and leadership shown by Sgt. Ryan Brett, Detective Gary Griffiths, Deputy Ryan Eddy and Officer Phil Rogers in this case was top notch and LEAC is proud to recognize these individuals with the Investigative Excellence Award.

Hemet Police Department



**Lead Investigator
David Purcell**

In August of 2016, Hemet PD Investigator David Purcell initiated an investigation into the possible sexual assault of a child by her father.

During initial interviews with a family member, Purcell learned that the suspect had sexually assaulted “at least one” of his daughters, for years.

After repeated attempts, Purcell was able to convince one of the suspect’s adult daughters to come forward and tell her story. In her interview, she confirmed years of aggravated sexual abuse. She further confirmed other hideous truths of abuse.

A family member notified Investigator Purcell that the suspect was now possibly sexually abusing another minor family member.

The suspect learned of the allegations and fled the state with his wife and the minor. Investigator Purcell discovered the suspect’s whereabouts, and he was able to coordinate with local law enforcement agencies from New York and Ohio to track the suspect. On September 2, 2016, the suspect was arrested in a suburb of Cincinnati, Ohio.

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Through post-arrest interviews, Investigator Purcell was able to identify and locate an additional family member that was sexually abused by the suspect. This new information resulted in additional charges.

Due to Investigator Purcell's tireless efforts, dedication, and exceptional investigation, he was able to assemble multiple life-term cases against the suspect. LEAC is proud to recognize Hemet PD Investigator David Purcell with the Investigative Excellence Award.

Riverside County Probation Department



Officer Justin Mellinger

In 2016, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children forwarded two referrals of child sexual exploitation images to Probation Officer Justin Mellinger, who immediately opened an investigation.

Probation Officer Mellinger identified a person (the suspect) who was linked to accounts of interest on the image-hosting website known as Photobucket. Digging deeper into the suspect's background, Mellinger learned that the suspect was on parole in Montana for child molestation, and on active supervised probation in Riverside County for a different offense.

Probation Officer Mellinger authored a search warrant and obtained the location of the IP address associated to the Photobucket account. He also obtained the contents of the suspect's digital storage thus establishing a direct link to the suspect's online accounts. Probation Officer Mellinger began the process of reviewing the suspect's computer files and found over 7,000 child pornography images.

Probation Officer Mellinger conducted a parole search, during his interview he gained the suspect's trust and confidence. The suspect subsequently confessed that all the images were his. He was arrested for possession and distribution of child sexual exploitation images.

The suspect's trial lasted five days, with Probation Officer Mellinger serving as the lead investigative officer. The suspect was found guilty on all counts, with sentencing scheduled for early in 2017.

Based on Probation Officer Justin Mellinger expertise, professionalism and outstanding investigative work in removing a dangerous child predator from society, LEAC is proud to present him with the Investigative Excellence Award.

Investigative Excellence

Riverside County District Attorney



**Sr. Investigator II
Ryan Bodmer**

In April 2015, Senior Investigator Ryan Bodmer was assigned a high profile, complex triple homicide case that occurred in the Pinyon Pines area of Riverside County. District Attorney Mike Hestrin personally selected Ryan to work this case because of his extensive homicide experience and working knowledge of the case.

Ryan fostered a relationship with the Riverside Sheriff's Office's Administration Unit and Cold Case Unit, resulting in the short-term loan of two investigators to assist him. He located a forensic anthropologist to complete a burn study on one of the victims. And, a fire modeling of the crime scene established a solid timeline, allowing for the proper exclusion of competitive suspects. Ryan arranged for a renewed DNA examination, resulting in a major increase in the probability of the guilt of one of the primary suspects.

To help give prosecutorial staff a solid working knowledge of the remote area of the homicides, Ryan recreated the crime scene using drone technology, offering a complete aerial view of the location, showing placements of evidence. To further solidify the case, Ryan contacted a cellular telephone and tower forensics team that was able to determine the two suspects' location, at the time of the crime, relative to the crime scene.

After compiling all of the new data and evidence, Ryan secured arrest warrants for the primary suspects, and search warrants in and outside of California. He led a multi-team and multi-jurisdictional effort, successfully arresting both of the primary suspects without incident. His team has since authored and executed 20 post arrest search warrants, examined multiple computer mediums, and conducted additional follow up interviews.

Without question, Ryan's dedication, experience and passion for justice truly made the Pinyon Pines case a solid and powerful case to be brought forth to a jury.

LEAC is proud to recognize Senior Investigator Ryan Bodmer with the Investigative Excellence Award for 2016.

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Riverside County Sheriff's Department - Moreno Valley



Investigator
Ricardo Rodriguez

In January 2016, what began as a drug transaction in Moreno Valley became a kidnapping and homicide case when four suspects beat a male victim and placed him in the trunk of a car. The victim was later found deceased, several miles away on the 91 Freeway in Riverside.

Sheriff's Investigator Ricardo Rodriguez, a member of the Moreno Valley PD's Investigations Bureau, became involved in the case when the victim's parent reported a kidnapping and a ransom demand from the suspects.

Investigator Rodriguez then learned of a body found on the freeway, contacted CHP, and requested they suspend their freeway investigation until the identity of the deceased could be determined. Shortly thereafter, the body was identified as the reported kidnap victim.

After following multiple leads, Investigator Rodriguez identified the four perpetrators involved in the kidnapping and homicide. He also determined that each of them had fled to Mexico.

Investigator Rodriguez obtained arrest warrants for all four suspects, and with the assistance of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection, was able to track down and arrest three of the suspects as they reentered the United States. During post-arrest interviews, the arrestees disclosed additional details about each suspect's involvement in the kidnapping and murder. All three suspects are in-custody and awaiting trial. The fourth suspect is still at-large and there is an active arrest warrant.

Investigator Rodriguez spent over eight months on this investigation, during which he coordinated efforts with multiple allied agencies and maintained continuous contact with the victim's family, keeping them informed about the progress of the case, and providing assurances that Riverside Sheriff's Department truly cares about its citizens and community.

Based on his superb investigative work, LEAC is proud to present Investigator Ricardo Rodriguez the 2016 Investigative Excellence Award.

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Riverside County Sheriff's Department - Jurupa Valley/Norco



Deputy
Arturo Mendez

Deputy Arturo Mendez is one of the humblest and hardest working deputies in the Riverside Sheriff's Department. He continuously demonstrates investigative skills and an ability to manage complex cases that rival the highest quality of work produced by more tenured and experienced investigators in the department. Further, he consistently displays outstanding leadership traits and unselfishly serves his community with distinction.

Overall, during 2016 Deputy Mendez has authored eleven search warrants, conducted multiple, complicated investigations, and planned several special enforcement operations.

Here are two specific examples of Deputy Mendez's extraordinary work:

In April 2016, Norco experienced a series of armed robberies involving a masked female suspect who brandished a firearm at employees of fast food restaurants' drive-thru windows. Deputies detained a possible suspect during a traffic stop and Deputy Mendez took control of the investigation. He authored search warrants for the suspect's residence and cellular telephone records. Evidence found and seized at the suspect's home linked her to the robberies and GPS data from her cellular telephone placed her at the locations on the dates and times of the robberies. The suspect is currently awaiting trial.

In August 2016, Deputy Mendez conducted an investigation of a retail business running an illegal gambling operation. He collaborated with special agents from the State of California's Department of Justice and the Bureau of Gambling Control to establish undercover operations inside the business. After obtaining and serving a search warrant, sixteen computers, currency, and other electronics related to the illegal gambling operation were discovered and seized. The city of Norco was able to close the business and the owner was arrested and is currently awaiting trial.

Based on Deputy Arturo Mendez's extraordinary achievements related to investigations and for the fact that his hard work has greatly improved the safety and quality of life in Norco, LEAC is proud to present him with the 2016 Investigative Excellence Award.

Investigative Excellence

Riverside Police Department



Detective
James Brandt



Detective
Jeff Jones



Detective
Dave Riedeman

On October 23, 2015, three local gang members drove through Riverside's Eastside in two separate vehicles looking for members of a rival gang to attack. They located a lone Hispanic male standing in front of a liquor store. Although the individual was not a gang member, he was Hispanic which is the predominant make-up of the rival gang. The suspects parked a short distance away and one of them walked toward the Hispanic male, eventually shooting him. Two additional Hispanic males who were in the area and witnessed the shooting, were then shot by one of the other suspects. The first victim survived but the other two died of their injuries.

Detective Jim Brandt from the Riverside Police Department's Robbery-Homicide Unit led the follow-up investigation and identified all three suspects, but lacked the evidence to make an arrest. After a press conference and offer of a reward failed to generate additional leads, investigators contacted the Riverside County District Attorney's Office and obtained a wire intercept order to listen to the conversations between the suspects. With the help of Detective Jeff Jones as a member of the DEA's HIDTA 50 Task Force group, the wire intercept was put in place. Within weeks and through the expertise of the Gang Intelligence Unit

led by Detective Dave Riedeman, investigators were receiving incriminating phone conversations from the suspects.

It took nine months to gather the resources and plan the wire intercept program. It then took an additional two months to monitor the phone lines and coordinate the follow-up activities as a result of information received. Enough evidence was collected to obtain arrest warrants for two counts of murder, one count of attempted murder, and numerous enhancements such as hate crime allegations and killing a witness to a crime.

Serving the warrants at locations throughout the state of California, the detectives coordinated with the U.S. Marshal's Office to simultaneously serve the search warrants and arrest the suspects on December 21, 2016. All three suspects were located and arrested. One was shot and killed after he fired at the Fresno County Sheriff's Office SWAT team while trying to escape out the back of his residence.

These three detectives, along with other personnel from the Robbery-Homicide Unit, Gang Unit, and DEA HIDTA 50

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group assigned to this investigation should be commended for their professionalism and dedication to the successful conclusion of this case. These suspects would not have been identified and arrested if it were not for the coordinated and collaborative effort of all the investigative units within the Riverside Police Department and assisting agencies under their case leadership.

LEAC would like to recognize Riverside Police Department Detectives Jim Brandt, Jeff Jones and Dave Riedeman with the Investigative Excellence Award.

University of California Riverside Police Department



Detective
Wade Stern

Working as an investigative team, Detective Wade Stern, Detective John Enriquez, and Detective Sergeant Michael Andert are being recognized for outstanding work on a case involving 16 separate incidents of on-going domestic violence and the stalking of an adult woman and her teenage daughter by an adult male suspect known to possess multiple firearms. The incidents occurred in the family student housing area of the UCR campus.



Detective
John Enriquez

Initially, Detectives Stern and Enriquez helped the adult victim (mother) and her daughter obtain and serve a domestic violence restraining order. As part of the restraining order, the suspect was ordered to surrender his firearms, which he refused to do.



Sergeant
Michael Andert

Five days after the service of the restraining order, a friend of the suspect contacted Detective Enriquez and reported that the suspect had made threats to kill the mother, her teenage daughter, and police officers. In addition, the suspect's attorney contacted Detective Enriquez and said that he believed that his client was mentally unstable and that he (the attorney) had concerns about the safety of the mother and her daughter.

Detective Stern then obtained an arrest warrant for the suspect but the detectives were unable to pinpoint his exact location. This led Sergeant Andert, Detective Enriquez, and Detective Stern to devise a plan to have the mother make arrangements for a fictitious meeting with the suspect. At the same time, Sergeant Andert notified and coordinated a plan with the LAPD for the apprehension of the suspect. As a result of the plan, LAPD placed the suspect under arrest, and later transported and booked him into the Riverside County Jail.

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While he was in custody, a search of the suspect's residence, vehicle, and storage facility recovered multiple high-capacity magazines, an AR-15 and AK-47 gun parts, which could be used to manufacture fully automatic weapons.

The suspect pled guilty to the crimes of stalking, terrorist threats, and violation of a domestic violence restraining order.

After his release from custody, the suspect resumed contacting the mother. Records indicated that he had made five phone calls to her. Based on this information, charges were filed for violation of a criminal protective order and violation of probation. Days prior to the suspect's arraignment date, the suspect committed suicide.

Detective Wade Stern, Detective John Enriquez, and Detective Sergeant Michael Andert conducted a diligent and thorough investigation of a situation that had the potential to escalate into a violent tragedy for which they are receiving a LEAC Investigative Excellence Award.

Lifetime Achievement

Award Criteria: Officer has completed a minimum sworn law enforcement service of 25 years, Officer has continuously displayed the highest level of professionalism, has continuously exceeded expectations, has had a sustained positive impact on his/her service community and has consistently performed his/her duties in a manner in harmony with the department's goals, mission, objectives and values, Officer has served as a peace officer in Riverside County for at least the last five years (e.g., a CHP officer completing his/her career in Riverside County).

California Highway Patrol - Riverside



Officer Maurice Walker

Officer Maurice Walker is a 29-year veteran of the California Highway Patrol. He came to the Riverside CHP Area office straight out of the academy, reporting on May 9, 1989. He has served the people of Western Riverside County for his entire law enforcement career, initially on four wheels and then, since 1995, on two as a motorcycle officer.

During his years as a CHP road officer in the Riverside Area, Maurice served as an Emergency Medical Technician, a Field Training Officer, a street racing and modified vehicle instructor, a car seat technician, and an assistant Public Information Officer. He also served on the CHP Protective Services Detail providing security for foreign dignitaries, heads of state, and for every United States President from George H.W. Bush to Donald Trump.

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Lifetime Achievement

Throughout his career, Maurice has been an involved citizen and member of the community dedicating countless hours of his time to charities and non-profit organizations such as the 11-99 Foundation, the Special Olympics of Southern California, and Chips for Kids.

Public service has been an ongoing theme in Maurice's life. Before he joined the CHP, Officer Walker spent 10 years on active duty in the United States Air Force. While employed full-time with the CHP, he continued his military service as an Air Force Reserve boom operator on KC-135 aircraft. In 2007, after 29 years of military service, Walker proudly retired from the United States Air Force as an E-8, a Senior Master Sergeant.

Officer Walker plans to complete his career in the same manner it began, as a CHP officer in the Riverside Area. Through his selfless acts and unwavering dedication during 29 years of service, Maurice Walker has drawn praise from many members of the surrounding communities and allied agencies as well as from his peers, supervisors, and managers.

Maurice's personal and professional efforts have educated, protected, informed, and saved many lives. He has shown a spirit of determination, industriousness, and good character that is highly commendable and admirable.

Officer Walker's exemplary career has directly contributed to the mission of the California Highway Patrol which is to provide the highest level of safety, service, and security to the people of California.

For nearly 30 years of service carrying out the mission of the California Highway Patrol, LEAC is proud to present Officer Maurice Walker with the Lifetime Achievement Award.

California Highway Patrol - San Geronio



**Officer
Ramiro Gonzalez**

California Highway Patrol Officer Ramiro Gonzalez has been serving the citizens of California for the past 29 years. After graduating from the CHP Academy, Officer Gonzalez was assigned to the San Geronio Pass area office. He enjoyed this assignment so much that he has spent his entire career working out of this office.

The vast majority of Officer Gonzalez' career has been working patrol; always displaying a positive attitude, professionalism, and calm demeanor. He mentors other officers by sharing his knowledge and expertise.

In 2016, Officer Gonzalez became the command's Front Desk Officer and Mobile Video Audio Recording System coordinator.

Lifetime Achievement

Officer Gonzalez is always eager to handle additional duties and complex projects. He goes above and beyond to assist his fellow officers, supervisors, managers, and the public by consistently providing them the highest level of service.

Officer Gonzalez consistently performs his duties well above expectations. His strong work ethic, experience, maturity, and sound professional judgment has earned him the respect of all levels of colleagues and co-workers. His dedicated commitment and adherence to policy, procedures, and laws are no less than outstanding.

Officer Gonzalez's extraordinary efforts directly contribute to the mission of the California Highway Patrol, which is to provide the highest level of safety, service, and security to the people of California.

For nearly 30 years of service, LEAC is proud to present California Highway Patrol Officer Ramiro Gonzalez with the Lifetime Achievement Award.

California Highway Patrol - Temecula



Officer
Mike McCracken

California Highway Patrol Officer Michael "Mike" McCracken, assigned to the Temecula area office, has been serving the citizens of California for the past 29 years. After graduating the CHP Academy, Officer McCracken was assigned to the Santa Fe Springs area office, before transferring to the city where he was born and raised, San Diego.

While working his shift of choice, the graveyard shift, he demonstrated his superior ability to detect and apprehend impaired drivers in the San Diego area. Due to Officer McCracken's skill, professionalism, and superior work ethic, he was selected to attend the Drug Recognition Evaluator (DRE) course. His continued excellence in this discipline proved him to be a natural selection to become a DRE program instructor.

In this role, Officer McCracken is very effective as a force multiplier by training and certifying countless additional officers from the CHP, and other police departments from around the country. The addition of Officer McCracken's well-trained professionals to the streets has made our state immeasurably safer.

After his 1996 transfer to the Temecula area, Officer McCracken continued working hard to keep the community and its roadways safe through aggressive traffic enforcement. During his never-ending pursuit to become a more efficient and effective enforcement tool, he realized there was one thing holding him back: the excessive number of wheels on his patrol vehicle. This led to the first CHP motorcycle units being assigned to the Temecula area.

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Lifetime Achievement

In 2003, Officer McCracken became the first and, to this date, the only officer to claim the prestigious title of 115-M1. Officer McCracken shined as an enforcement motorcycle rider which led to his selection as a Certified Motorcycle Training Officer (CMTO). Under his guidance, the Temecula squad has grown to six full-time riders.

Officer McCracken has humbly served this great state of ours for nearly three decades. During this time, he has responded to countless emergency incidents: assisted and comforted numerous traffic collision and crime victims, apprehended thousands of impaired drivers, trained DRE officers and motorcycle officers, and participated in motorcades for four U.S. presidents and many other dignitaries.

LEAC is very proud to present Officer Michael McCracken with the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Corona Police Department



**Sergeant
Dan Leary (Ret.)**

On October 9, 1989, Daniel "Dan" Leary began his law enforcement career with the City of Corona. He attended the Riverside County Sheriff's Academy and graduated on February 22, 1990. Upon graduation, Sgt. Leary was assigned to patrol and quickly began laying the foundation for a successful career.

Sgt. Leary's first assignment was to work commercial burglaries and arson. He excelled in this assignment and in 2008 he was appointed to Senior Detective.

In the early 90's, he identified a neighborhood in Corona that was so poor, many of the families there could not celebrate Christmas. With the help of fellow officers and civilian staff, he solicited donations from local businesses to provide toys and food for this neighborhood. It became an annual event and in 1998, they brought Christmas to over 500 kids. This event has continued to grow and still occurs annually; it has grown so much, it had to be moved to a larger venue.

In 1996, Sgt. Leary was promoted to the rank of Corporal and in 2000, he was assigned to the Detective Bureau. Later, he was assigned to the West County Narcotics Task Force, where he worked as a corporal until his promotion to detective in 2002.

In December 2011, he was promoted to Sergeant and transferred back to Patrol. He worked in Patrol until 2013 when he was assigned to supervise the Family Services Unit overseeing the Youth Diversion Team, School Resource Officers, Graffiti Investigator and permits.

Among Sgt. Leary's many achievements, he was instrumental in developing a new grant fund - Gang Recognition and Prevention program (GRIP). Sgt. Leary and his Gang

Lifetime Achievement

Prevention Officer created this program and had tremendous success with the intervention of middle school aged youths involved in gang activities. As the Family Services Sergeant, Sgt. Leary nurtured an extremely important and valuable relationship between the Corona/Norco Unified School District and the Corona Police Department.

In Sgt. Leary's career at Corona PD, he has been involved with the Hostage Negotiations Team, both as a team member and supervisor, Peer Support, Labor Grievance Committee, Gang Liaison Officer, Honor Guard, and ARC Angels. He was awarded The Distinguished Service Award in 2015 by the Corona Chamber of Commerce and the LEAC Investigative Excellence Award in 2016 for his part in a large bomb threat investigation involving a local high school and an out of state suspect.

For nearly 28 years of service to the citizens of Corona, LEAC would like to congratulate Sergeant Daniel Leary on his retirement and present him with the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Spotlight Exceptional Lifesaving Recognition

This recognition is the second of the two new categories this year. It involves one or more agency personnel distinguishing themselves by personally performing an exceptional act or acts that saved one or more human lives (not necessarily under conditions requiring bravery, or exposure to great personal risk), where the victim(s) survived the incident.

California Highway Patrol - Riverside



Officer
Daniel Kavert

On September 24, 2016, CHP Sergeant Eugene Norris, CHP Officers Matthew Thompson, Daniel Kavert, Mark Rivero and Jose Renteria used excellent judgment and sound tactics to resolve a highly volatile situation. After everything was said and done, they peacefully and safely rescued two innocent hostages from an irrational suspect who was armed and dangerous.



Officer
Matthew
Thompson

About 1:30 that morning, CHP Dispatch relayed information that Riverside PD was in pursuit of a stolen work truck. The driver of that truck was described as a young female armed with a knife.

As the pursuit traveled from the 91 Freeway to southbound I-215, RPD asked CHP to take over the pursuit. CHP Officers Kavert and Thompson, in a two man unit, then entered the pursuit and took the lead. After exiting the freeway in Moreno Valley, the driver

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Sergeant
Eugene Norris

traveled into the Olivewood Village apartment complex where she collided with a perimeter fence. With CHP officers chasing her, she then fled on foot into one of the apartments where, at knifepoint, she took her own child and grandmother hostage and began threatening their lives.

Sergeant Norris attempted to de-escalate the situation but the suspect refused to comply and continued her violent threats. Norris persisted and after more than three hours of peaceful negotiating, he was able to gain the release of the grandmother, but the child remained in immediate danger.



Officer
Jose Renteria

Norris continued his verbal engagement with the suspect even as she eventually walked out of the apartment with her baby still held at knifepoint. She then briefly placed the knife on the ground to adjust her hold of the baby. Taking advantage of this opportunity, officers were able to quickly move in and restrain the armed woman and remove the child to safety because they had taken excellent, tactical positions.



Officer
Mark Rivero

Due to their determination to peacefully resolve this volatile situation and because of their quick reaction, LEAC is proud to present these five: CHP Sergeant Norris, Officer Thompson,

Officer Kavert, Officer Rivero, and Officer Renteria, with our "Spotlight Recognition" for this exceptional, lifesaving incident.

California Highway Patrol - Temecula



Officer
Jeff Oldham

On August 18, 2016, CHP Officers Jeff Oldham and Rich Murrieta distinguished themselves by providing lifesaving emergency medical attention to a motorist suffering an acute stroke.

At approximately 12:41 AM, Officers Oldham and Murrieta conducted a traffic stop during which they noticed the vehicle's engine revving at a high RPM. Oldham saw that the driver appeared to be in medical distress; he was rigid, sweating, and non-responsive. A closer examination revealed that the man was not breathing and apparently had no pulse. Officer Murrieta radioed CHP Dispatch about the situation and requested an emergency medical response.

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Officer
Rich Murrieta

Officers Oldham and Murrieta pulled the driver out of the car and moved him to the sidewalk, where they began to perform CPR. They continued to administer CPR for over five minutes until the arrival of an ambulance and Riverside County Fire paramedics.

The driver was temporarily stabilized enough to be transported via ambulance to Loma Linda University Medical Center where it was later determined that he had suffered an acute stroke. While at Loma Linda, he had to be revived several times but by the next day he was able to undergo heart surgery and is expected to make a full recovery. The treating physicians stated that the CHP officers saved the man's life by performing CPR.

Due to their quick observations of the driver's serious physical distress, along with their prompt and extended delivery of CPR, LEAC would like to present CHP Officer Jeff Oldham and CHP Officer Rich Murrieta with the LEAC "Spotlight Recognition Award" for this exceptional, lifesaving incident.

Corona Police Department



Officer
Rozzy Rael

On August 13, 2016, Corona PD Officers Rozzy Rael, Brandon Walker and Michael Neff distinguished themselves by rescuing, and providing emergency medical attention to a motorist who suffered a heart attack.

Officers Rael, Walker and Neff responded to a call from the victim of an in-progress burglary, where the suspect had stolen one of his vehicles. The victim gave chase in a second vehicle as the suspect drove away.



Officer
Michael Neff

Officers Rael and Neff were the first to arrive in the area, and located the victim driving his second vehicle, but there was no sign of the stolen vehicle. While following the victim back to his residence, the victim suffered an apparent heart attack, and crashed his vehicle into another vehicle at a red light.

Rael and Neff approached the victim's vehicle and saw that he was not breathing. Neff and Rael leaned into the vehicle from opposite sides, through the passenger and driver's windows, and frantically tried to unlock the doors in order to get extricate the victim so they could render aid.

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Officer
Brandon Walker

Officer Rael made several unsuccessful attempts to unlock the seatbelt, at which point Neff gave Rael a knife, and then held the victim away from the seatbelt as Rael cut him free.

By this time, Officer Walker arrived and he and Rael used their combined strength to pull the unconscious, unresponsive, non-breathing victim from the vehicle.

Rael began CPR, and Walker took over when Rael became exhausted. They continued performing CPR until Corona Fire Department arrived on scene. The victim was stabilized, transported, survived and made a full recovery.

Officers Rozzy Rael, Brandon Walker and Michael Neff were instrumental in this successful and critical medical aid incident, and LEAC is proud to present to them the Lifesaving Award for their actions during this tragic incident.

Riverside County Sheriff's Department - Cabazon



Deputy Sheriff
Christopher
Wheeler

On November 28, 2016, Deputy Christopher Wheeler distinguished himself by performing an act that saved the life of a suicidal person.

Deputy Wheeler responded to call about a suicidal woman at a residence in the city of Calimesa. When he arrived, he found the garage closed and the house locked. He looked through a window into the garage and noticed a woman wrapping a noose around her neck. Wheeler began to talk with her

through the window and saw her stand on a chair and complete the placement of the noose around her neck.

Because both the garage and house were not easily and quickly accessible, Wheeler could not simply enter the garage to stop the woman from hanging herself. He considered forcing his way in but he was concerned that doing so might startle the woman and cause her to either accidentally, or purposely, complete her suicide.

Wheeler began talking with the woman. He was able to establish a rapport and dialog with her. The woman told Wheeler that she did not want to live but Wheeler continued to engage her in a calm and compassionate conversation. Eventually, he convinced her to remove the noose from her neck, step down off the chair, and open the garage door.

Deputy Christopher Wheeler's timely, thoughtful response, and decisions prevented a tragic loss of life. His actions

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reflect the character and poise of the men and woman of the Riverside County Sheriff's Department and of law enforcement. It is our honor to present him with the LEAC "Spotlight Recognition" for this Exceptional Lifesaving Incident.

Riverside County Sheriff's Department - Moreno Valley



Deputy Sheriff
Jay Willner

On September 11, 2016, Deputy Jay Willner distinguished himself by providing lifesaving emergency medical attention to a critically-injured, traffic accident victim.

At 2:30 PM, a major injury accident occurred in Moreno Valley and several witnesses called it in to the Moreno Valley PD dispatch. One witness stated that one victim's legs were severed and was in dire need of life-saving measures.

Deputy Jay Willner, who was not assigned to patrol, learned of the accident, immediately grabbed his first aid equipment, and responded to the scene. He located the severely injured man who had suffered a traumatic amputation and was massively bleeding due to his injuries. Willner immediately applied a tourniquet to slow the bleeding and then attended to the victim's other injuries and shock.

While awaiting the arrival of emergency medical personnel and transport, Willner spoke to the victim in a calming and reassuring manner.

When later asked about the incident, Willner stated that he had done nothing different than any other deputy would have under similar circumstances, which is indicative of his outstanding personal values and extreme humility.

Deputy Willner's quick and effective actions is the only reason the accident victim is alive today and because of this, it is our honor to present him with LEAC's "Spotlight Recognition" for this Exceptional Lifesaving Incident.

Riverside Police Department



Officer
Richard Kerr

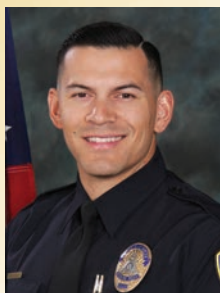
On the evening of October 22, 2016, the Riverside Police and Fire Communications Center received several 911 calls reporting a house on fire in the 11000 block of Hartford Court with people possibly trapped inside. Officers Richard Kerr, Kyle Wilder, and Aaron Hernandez arrived before the fire department to find a fully engulfed home with thick, black billowing smoke consuming the area. Not only were

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Officer
Kyle Wilder



Officer
Aaron Hernandez

both vehicles in the driveway ablaze but the fire was quickly spreading to a nearby residence. Loud explosions blasted from the garage, believed to be oxygen tanks belonging to the occupants of the home.

Officer Hernandez learned from an elderly male there were two additional females trapped inside the house. While relaying this information to Officers Kerr, Wilder and Dispatch, Hernandez noticed the male subject heading back towards the front door of the burning residence. Due to the black smoke coming from the home, Hernandez lost sight of the male and followed him through the dense smoke. When Hernandez got to the front door, he prevented the male subject from re-entering the burning structure and quickly removed him from danger.

Seeing the front of the home was overtaken by fire, Officers Kerr and Wilder ran to the back of the house. Inside the house, they saw an elderly woman who appeared to be injured and unable to walk. Entering through a rear sliding door, they quickly removed her, and Officer Kerr carried the female across the street to safety. Returning to the back of the house Kerr found Wilder when they both heard someone from inside the house banging on the window. Wilder witnessed a firefighter carrying a female toward him, and another firefighter handed the victim to them through the window. This elderly woman was unconscious and not breathing. Kerr, Wilder, and a firefighter began CPR and eventually resuscitated her. All three occupants were taken to the hospital where they eventually recovered from their injuries.

Officers Kerr, Wilder, and Hernandez remained poised, calm, and professional during this emergency, which clearly threatened the lives of the occupants. LEAC would like to acknowledge their swift actions, which exemplifies the highest standards of police service, by rescuing people who, without immediate assistance, would have been at risk of losing their lives that night.

Valor

Award Criteria: Recognize an officer for exceptional execution of responsibilities by distinguishing himself/herself with exceptional bravery or heroism beyond ordinary and usual expectations during 2016 in accordance with the agency's official standards for such an award.

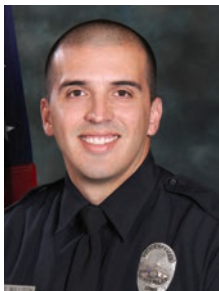
Hemet Police Department



Officer
Nicholas Figueroa

On October 21, 2016, just before 3:00 pm, Officers Nicolas Figueroa and Craig Willison responded to a call of a male subject armed with a knife in a bank parking lot. The subject had attempted to stab a security guard and then left on foot.

When Officer Figueroa arrived, the guard and witnesses pointed out the subject who was walking down the sidewalk of Florida Avenue. Figueroa recognized the subject, from numerous past contacts, as being extremely violent and having a mental illness. On this particular day, the subject was armed with a knife and the blade exposed.



Officer
Craig Willison

Upon initial contact, Figueroa attempted to de-escalate the situation through verbal communication. However, the subject ignored him and continued walking. Figueroa deployed his Taser but the subject calmly removed the

darts and turned towards the officer with his knife raised. Florida Avenue, the main thoroughfare of Hemet, was congested with hundreds of vehicles and pedestrians. Figueroa did not have a clear backdrop to engage the subject with lethal force, so he retreated. The subject then began walking into traffic lanes.

Officer Willison arrived to witness the interaction between the subject and Figueroa. Willison also knew about the subject's mental issues and was concerned about his backdrop for lethal force. Willison deployed a less lethal shotgun and fired at the subject, which had no apparent effect as the subject continued walking away and towards an occupied motel.

Fearing that the subject would likely cause harm to the occupants of the motel, and knowing that deployment of lethal force could jeopardize innocent bystanders, Willison fired another less lethal round at the subject, and then both officers charged him from different directions. The officers were able to subdue the subject and ultimately take him into custody without injury to themselves, bystanders, or the subject.

LEAC applauds the superb actions of these officers, who not only safeguarded the citizens at large, but also avoided hurting the subject, placing him back into the mental health system.

Valor

Corona / Riverside Police Department



Sergeant
Paul Gamache



Detective
Scott Levesque



Detective
Nathan Asbury

On October 11, 2016, just before 6:00 pm, Corona Police Sergeant Paul Gamache attempted to stop a van matching the description of a vehicle involved in a Corona drive-by shooting. Sergeant Gamache followed the van and conducted a traffic stop in the area of Buchanan and Sampson. During the stop, the suspect attempted to lure Sergeant Gamache towards the van. However, due to Sergeant Gamache's experience and quick thinking, he stayed back with his patrol vehicle waiting for back-up units to arrive. As he waited, the suspect became agitated and drove off in the van and a vehicle pursuit ensued.

The suspect continued to the intersection of Magnolia and Pierce in the City of Riverside, where the van came to a complete stop and waited for Sergeant Gamache as he drove towards the van. The suspect partially exited the van and fired multiple shots at Sergeant Gamache striking his police vehicle. Sergeant Gamache remained extremely calm while under fire and clearly broadcasted the direction of travel while he continued pursuit of the suspect.

Riverside Police Detectives Scott Levesque and Nathan Asbury, who were nearby, witnessed Sergeant Gamache being fired at as the van approached them. Riverside Police Detectives Levesque and Asbury returned fire.

As the pursuit entered the eastbound 91 Freeway, the suspect fired at the Riverside Police detectives and Sergeant Gamache. As the suspect continued along the 91 freeway, he fired multiple shots at the pursuing officers. The suspect exited at Tyler and proceeded north to Indiana into a shopping center where he exited the van and fired multiple shots at the Riverside Police detectives. After the detectives returned fire, the suspect got back into the van and drove off. He continued east on Indiana while firing at the pursuing officers. The suspect turned northbound on Van Buren, and jumped out of the van just before it collided with an on-coming vehicle. He fled on foot with his firearm and attempted to hide.

Sergeant Gamache and Detectives Levesque and Asbury coordinated with officers from multiple agencies to establish a perimeter. After 20 minutes, the suspect emerged uninjured and surrendered without incident. After the suspect was

Valor

detained, a modified assault rifle was found nearby. The suspect was charged with attempted murder of three police officers, evading arrest, and other charges.

Sergeant Gamache, Detective Scott Levesque and Detective Nathan Asbury displayed extreme heroism, exceptional collectiveness, and professionalism during this incident. They prevented the suspect from escaping while assuring public safety. Due to Sergeant Gamache and Detectives Scott Levesque and Nathan Asbury's actions that day, no officers or citizens were injured and the suspect was apprehended. LEAC is proud to award Sergeant Paul Gamache, Detective Scott Levesque and Detective Nathan Asbury with the Award for Valor.

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