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2019 Annual
Award Ceremony

March 12, 2019
Orpheum Theatre



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2019 ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY
Phoenix Police Department

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 be courteous and mindful of other guests seated behind you should you decide to take a photograph.

For your convenience, we will be posting video of the entire ceremony online. We ask that all cell phones be kept on silence for the duration of the ceremony.

Thank you

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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 and Remarks

12 News Traffic Anchor — Vanessa Ramirez — Co-Master of Ceremonies

Executive Assistant Chief Mike Kurtenbach — Co-Master of Ceremonies

Phoenix Mayor — Thelda Williams

Phoenix City Manager — Ed Zuercher

Police Chief — Jeri L. Williams

Presentation of Awards

2019 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

Closing Remarks

Vanessa Ramirez & Executive Assistant Chief Mike Kurtenbach

Message from the Chief



WELCOME TO THE PHOENIX POLICE DEPARTMENT'S 2019 ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

Thank you all for joining us tonight as we honor outstanding employees, volunteers, and selected members of our community for their exceptional actions. Tonight's honorees went above and beyond the call of duty in the service of others. I am abundantly grateful for those of you who leave your families and loved ones behind each shift to dedicate so much of yourself to the safety of others. You save lives and hold criminals accountable, while providing comfort to people on what is most often the worst day of their lives.

The amazing stories you will hear tonight, and those included in the online program, recount incredible incidents where lives were at risk, lives were saved, and in some cases, lives were lost. Each story invariably conveys the dedication of Phoenix police officers doing all they could to protect their community and help others in distress.

In 2019, we officially introduced our new slogan, "Find the BLUE in You!" Each employee of the Phoenix Police Department sought out a career in service of others. Blue is the universal color for law enforcement across the nation. The inspiration to help make our community safe, and bring help to those in need, is embodied in the spirit of the BLUE in our patch. Everyone in the community, whether a member of the Phoenix Police Department or living, working and visiting Phoenix has that BLUE in them. We continue to seek new, talented individuals to join our team. Please be sure to visit www.phoenix.gov/joinphxpd where we help you to "Find the BLUE in You!"

Congratulations to all of tonight's award recipients and thank you to the families and friends who have gathered with us to share in honoring their service. Your support and encouragement drives us forward each day and gives us safe harbor when we return at the end of our shift.

On behalf of my Executive Team, our organization, and the City of Phoenix, I would like to thank the Phoenix Police Foundation, our sponsors, and our friends who assisted with tonight's ceremony. Your support and generosity makes this event possible.

God Bless and Be Safe.

Jeri L. Williams, Police Chief



Executive Staff

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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



Aubrey Gonzalez
Police Community Liaison
City Manager's Office

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

This 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

This 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

This 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

This 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

This 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

This 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

Vanessa Ramirez-12 News Traffic Anchor



Vanessa Ramirez is the traffic and entertainment anchor of 12 Today, helping viewers start their mornings with *Big Picture Traffic* and *The Morning Juice*.

In addition to being a part of the 12 News team, Vanessa serves as the In-Game-Host for the Arizona Diamondbacks, a role she's held for the past 11 seasons. She also hosts Cox's 4's *Su Vida*, spotlighting the Hispanic community, culture, food, and lifestyle topics.

After losing her father to non-smokers lung cancer in 2011, Vanessa founded the *Frank Ramirez Breathe to Believe* fundraising event to help increase awareness and fund lung cancer research. She is also active with several other non-profit organizations, including the *American Cancer Society* and the *Latina Strong Foundation*. An advocate of the *American Cancer CAN* group, Ramirez traveled to Washington D.C. to discuss cancer issues and bills with Congress, receiving the *American Cancer Society's Rising Star Woman of the Year Award* for 2017. She is also a committee member of the *American Cancer Society Arizona Chapter*.

A Phoenix native, Vanessa grew up in the West Valley and graduated from Grand Canyon University with a B.A. in Communications.

Executive Assistant Chief Mike Kurtenbach



Mike Kurtenbach is a Phoenix Native who has proudly served with the Phoenix Police Department for nearly 29 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.



CITIZENS OFFERING POLICE SUPPORT

COPS Volunteer Excellence Award

Ms. Johana Lopez Lopez #V1520

Ms. Jordan Lundgren #V1515

Ms. Anne Radack #V1516

Ms. Elsa Rivera #V1531

Ms. Danielle Strojnik #V1581



Award Honorees

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Medal of Lifesaving

Sergeant Robert Griffin #7161
Sergeant Jeremy King #9144
Sergeant Eric Molenkamp #8660
Sergeant Jeffrey Tobey #8711
Officer Joshua Adams #6876
Officer Coley Bruns #9745
Officer Steven Campbell #9526
Officer Jose De Anda #7887
Officer John Ferragamo #6546
Officer Mauricio Figueroa #10070
Officer Tim Henningsen #5753
Officer Alan Hoelscher #8618
Officer Rory Kulawiec #6485
Officer Ashoor Mesho #9191
Officer Artur Pedlowski #9880
Officer Myles Piper #9931
Officer Gage Reiser #9714
Officer Lamar Rushing #5641
Officer Lindsey Schultz #10133
Officer Noel Trevino #10250
Police Assistant Joshua Gonzalez #A5327

Sergeant George Herr #7737
Sergeant Timo Louis #6483
Sergeant Saul Rincon #8639
Detective Keith Yingling #6552
Officer Alan Bansky #9553
Officer Steve Butler #5752
Officer Robert Corueil #5655
Officer Eric Dilyard #10148
Officer Scott Fey #9377
Officer Fernando Garcia #10120
Officer Charles Hilyard #7451
Officer Steven Jewell #8570
Officer Michael Mason #9948
Officer Christian Ortiz Cota #10032
Officer Samantha Pimentel #8744
Officer Nicholas Pittatsis #6680
Officer Marcos Renteria #9932
Officer Stephen Salazar #6566
Officer Christopher Smith #8424
Officer Alex Volk #9733

Deputy Favian Nuno #3683, Riverside County Sheriff's Department

Certificate of Lifesaving

Mr. Christopher Chu
Dr. Bruce Daley
Ms. Kim Delmonte
Ms. Lori Goodsell

Dr. Gwen Maxwell
Ms. Kathleen McMurray
Mr. Shawn Tierney
Mr. Charles Whitby



Medal of Merit

Lieutenant Jayson Johnson #6069
Lieutenant Mark Schweikert #6790
Sergeant Jeff Clement #8566
Sergeant Jason Jahnke #5795
Sergeant Greg Liebertz #7447
Sergeant Michael Penn #7290
Officer Josh Adams #6876
Officer Francisco Barrios #8920
Officer Ramel Colclough #8661
Officer Ronald Dorfman #6699
Officer Kyle Fricke #7937
Officer Kris Packard #6501
Officer Marcos Rosales #9600
Officer William Underwood #5062
Officer Ira Wallace #9460
Officer Mark Wuertz #7244

Lieutenant Ben Moore #6803
Sergeant Christopher Aboussafy #6079
Sergeant George Herr #7737
Reserve Sergeant Robert Kaschl #R1142
Sergeant Steve McClellan #6305
Sergeant Todd Schiltz #7622
Officer Brian Authement #9271
Officer Andrew Carlsson #6195
Officer Jose De Anda #7887
Officer Matthew Eyrich #6082
Officer Alistair Morrison #8506
Officer Mark Rao #7097
Officer Lamar Rushing #5641
Officer Robert Wallace #5607
Officer Andre Wesson #9696

Certificate of Meritorious Conduct

Mr. Kevin Buchanan

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Medal of Valor

Officer William Clark #4862
Officer Ryan Nielsen #8028

Officer Kendall Goo #9422
Officer Joseph Newbern #7390



Police Shield Award

Officer William Ocampo #8524

Officer Jaime Phillips #9930

Supervisor of the Year

Sergeant James Ward #7067

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Police Chief's Unit of the Year Award

Lieutenant Brian Issitt #7475
Lieutenant Jayson Johnson #6069
Sergeant David Hill #7317
Sergeant Matthew O'Malley #8291
Sergeant James Ward #7967
Officer David Archdeacon #7460
Officer Bryon Bewley #7856
Officer James Byrd III #7491
Officer Ryan Clark #9483
Officer Joanna Collier #7864
Officer Jason Hall #6977
Officer Norman Heuer #9457

Officer Ryan Larson #8438
Officer David Mena #7266
Officer Kenneth Mitchell Jr. #7975
Officer Robert Pinkerton #6518
Officer Daniel Rogers #7911
Officer Jeramy Rogne #7540
Officer Daniel Romero #7088
Officer Christopher Stone #7764
Officer Mark Veres #7833
Officer Craig Webb #8218
Officer Timothy Wheeler #8727
Officer Elliott Williams #8396

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Communications Supervisor Beth Gattuso #A4814

Communications Supervisor Staci Dewell #A3796

Communications Supervisor Court Hood #A4545

Communications Supervisor Amy Kubasak #A3886

Communications Supervisor Jason Martin #A3965

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Division Chief Jerry Sharp, Phoenix Fire

Captain William "Scott" Crowley, Phoenix Fire

Captain Austin Moreland, Phoenix Fire

Captain David Stern, Phoenix Fire

Captain Joel Stevenson, Phoenix Fire

Captain Tommy Williams, Phoenix Fire

Communications Supervisor Danny Wilson, Phoenix Fire

Special Recognition

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Police Shield

POLICE SHIELD

Officer Jaime Phillips #9930

On September 23, 2017, Officer Jaime Phillips responded to assist officers with locating a suspect wanted for an aggravated assault with a knife in the area of 7th Avenue and Indian School Road.

Upon arrival, Officer Phillips saw the suspect attempting to blend in with people who were waiting at a bus stop. When Officer Phillips contacted the suspect he tried to run. Officer Phillips chased down the suspect and took him to the ground. He held the combative suspect down until arriving officers were able to assist.

During the struggle, Officer Phillips severely fractured his left leg.

Officer Phillips was transported to the hospital. His surgery included a plate and six screws.

For serious injuries sustained in the course of duty, Officer Jaime Phillips is hereby awarded the Police Shield.





Police Shield

POLICE SHIELD

Retired Officer William Ocampo #8524

On February 7, 2017, Officer William Ocampo was on a trespassing call near 1700 West Van Buren Street when he and his partner were alerted to a suspicious vehicle. It was reported that the occupant had been acting erratically for a few days.

The officers conducted a traffic stop and discovered that the vehicle had been reported stolen. The driver was contacted and taken into custody. The suspect had provided false identification information to officers while being questioned. At one point, he forced his way out of the open patrol vehicle door. Both officers struggled to regain control of the suspect and all three fell to the ground. During the struggle, the suspect produced brass knuckles equipped with a folding knife and managed to stab Officer Ocampo in his upper right leg.

Officer Ocampo suffered two large lacerations and was transported to the hospital where 14 staples were required to close the wounds. Officer Ocampo has required ongoing treatment for both the physical and psychological injuries he received during the incident. In June of 2018, he medically retired.

For serious injuries sustained in the course of duty, Officer William Ocampo is hereby awarded the Police Shield.





Medal of Valor

Officer Kendall Goo #9422

Officer William Clark #4862, Retired



On March 15, 2017, at around 4:30 a.m., a homicide was committed in Phoenix.

Throughout the morning, Phoenix Police worked diligently to identify and locate the suspect.

At around noon, SAU officers responded to the area of 64th Avenue and Bell Road where the armed suspect confronted detectives. The suspect fled on foot into an apartment complex and over a large wall evading pursuing officers. After the suspect landed on the other side, he fired a single gunshot.

Just before 1:00am, a 9-1-1 call came in of an armed robbery of a distinct yellow Corvette. Officers linked this incident to their outstanding suspect.

The danger to the surrounding community was clearly increasing along with the suspect's violence potential. Media helicopters were overhead and were live-broadcasting the majority of the suspect's reckless and dangerous flight. Using a vehicle interdiction technique, Officer William Clark took a measured opportunity to strike the Corvette, rendering the vehicle inoperable.

Officer Clark and Officer Kendall Goo exited their vehicles and could see the suspect pointing his gun at police. Officer Goo used his police rifle to fire multiple rounds into the driver's door to divert his attention. Officer Clark fired a single round, striking the suspect and ending the threat.

Throughout the encounter, both officers placed themselves at risk to their personal safety in order to stop the violent suspect's dangerous behavior and protect the public. Their actions are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. Officer Kendall Goo and Retired Officer William Clark are hereby awarded the Medal of Valor.



Medal of Valor

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Officer Joseph Newbern #7390

Officer Ryan Nielsen #8028

On July 26, 2017, Officers Joseph Newbern and Ryan Nielsen were attempting to locate a subject with a felony warrant for weapons violations and aggravated assault on a police officer. The officers were conducting surveillance near 3500 West Deer Valley Road when they saw a man matching the suspect's description enter a convenience store. As the officers entered the parking lot the suspect exited the store. Upon seeing the officers, he attempted to flee on a bicycle through a nearby dirt lot.

As officers followed the suspect he produced a handgun, turned towards the officers and fired at them. The suspect crashed the bicycle into a ditch and ran. Officers Newbern and Nielson exited their patrol car and ran after the suspect. While running, the suspect fired more shots at the officers. Officers Newbern and Nielsen continued to pursue the suspect, returning fire from their service weapons. They did manage to strike the suspect and put an end to the dangerous violent encounter.

These officers' brave actions during this incident are keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. Officers Joseph Newbern and Ryan Nielsen are each hereby awarded the Medal of Valor.





Medal of Merit

Medal of Merit

Sergeant Jeff Clement #8566
Sergeant Greg Liebertz #7447
Sergeant Todd Schiltz #7622
Officer Ramel Colclough #8661
Officer Matthew Eyrich #6082
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Officer Andrew Carlsson #6195
Officer Ronald Dorfman #6699
Officer Kyle Fricke #7937
Officer Mark Rao #7097S
Officer William Underwood #5062
Officer Robert Wallace #5607

On October 31, 2017, at approximately 3:45 a.m., members of the Tactical Support Bureau responded to a hotel near 10200 N 26th Drive for a barricaded suspect who had fled from police. The suspect was holed up in a room with his wife where she was being held against her own will. When the Special Assignments Unit arrived, they began negotiations with the man while setting up tactical positions, arranging for a crisis hostage rescue team, and identifying possible areas of entry. Negotiations continued for hours and the suspect eventually cut off communication. After a significant amount of time with no reaction from the suspect, a single gunshot was heard from within the room. Officers initiated a rescue through multiple points of entry. Inside they found the suspect laying down on the ground with the hostage on top of him. Upon hearing the officers, the woman was able to free herself and crawl to the door where she was safely removed. The team of officers was able to detain the uncooperative suspect without any further incident. This barricade lasted approximately 15 hours and required an extensive amount of manpower, with several relief rotations of the tactical team. The professional and persistent actions of the individual members of this tactical team, and the team as a whole, are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. Each are hereby awarded the Medal of Merit.



Medal of Merit

Lieutenant Jayson Johnson #6069 (pictured)
Sergeant Christopher Aboussafy #6079
Sergeant Michael Penn #7290
Officer Ronald Dorfman #6699

On November 28, 2017, the Phoenix Police Special Assignments Unit (SAU) and Fugitive Apprehension and Investigation Detail (FAID) were requested to assist in the location and apprehension of a homicide suspect.

Information surfaced that the suspect was a threat to himself. He was tracked to a location along Interstate 10, and it was discovered that he was heavily armed. As Phoenix Police began to close in, a call came in of a truck driver who had been shot while driving on the I-10, just west of where the suspect was thought to be.

Sergeants Michael Penn and Christopher Aboussafy were the first to arrive along with Officer Ronald Dorfman. Shots were still being fired while they moved to assist DPS troopers who were quickly running out of ammunition.

The now-injured suspect moved to his damaged vehicle as Sergeant Aboussafy and Lieutenant Jayson Johnson evacuated the troopers to safety who had been pinned down by gunfire.

Using an armored vehicle, less lethal rounds and a police K-9, the suspect was extracted from his vehicle and transported to the hospital with multiple gunshot wounds. He was later booked on multiple felony charges.

These officers acted heroically at great risk to their own personal safety by running to assist DPS troopers amid gunfire. Their actions are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the phoenix police department.

Lieutenant Jason Johnson, Sergeants Michael Penn,
and Christopher Aboussafy, and Officer Ronald Dorfman are each hereby
awarded the Medal of Merit.



Medal of Merit

Medal of Merit

Officer Andre Wesson #9696

On April 1, 2018, Phoenix Police officers responded to a home near 3000 East Monte Vista Drive reference an order of protection to be served on a subject who had moved out two weeks prior. When officers arrived, the subject of the order ran from the house eastbound through an alley.

The Phoenix Police Communications Operator ran a check on the man's name and discovered an outstanding warrant for sale of methamphetamines. Officer Andre Wesson was set up on the perimeter of the search area when he witnessed the suspect jumping a wall into an apartment complex. Officer Wesson followed the suspect and was able to catch him before he left the complex. A fight began and Officer Wesson was able to back up, and spin the suspect away from him, while drawing his Taser. As the suspect turned around, Officer Wesson saw the suspect draw a handgun and point it at him. The suspect pulled the trigger, but fortunately the gun malfunctioned and no round was fired. At the same time, Officer Wesson transitioned from his Taser to his service weapon and fired several shots. The threat was ended when the suspect was struck and fell to the ground, dropping his gun. He was then taken into custody and transported to the hospital where he later succumbed to his injuries. The brave decisive actions of Officer Andre Wesson are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. He is hereby awarded the Medal of Merit.



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Medal of Lifesaving



Medal of Merit



Medals of Merit & Lifesaving

Sergeant George Herr #7737

Officer Jose De Anda #7887

**Officer Lamar Rushing #5641 (not
pictured)**

On December 28, 2017, Sergeant George Herr, along with Officers Lamar Rushing and Jose De Anda, responded to a report of a male acting erratically near 1st Avenue and Madison Street. Officers observed the man standing in the roadway and vehicles swerving to avoid colliding with him. He was intent on self-harm and indicating he was armed. The officers recognized the man was in mental health crisis at which time they collectively used their calm demeanor and speech to de-escalate his behavior. The officers contained the man to a small area on the Jackson Street Bridge overlooking 1st Avenue. Officers continued communication with little cover. The subject was clearly a threat to himself and others as he inched toward the edge of the bridge. Communication continued with decreasing hope of success. Sergeant Herr discharged one less-lethal impact round, striking the man in the abdomen. Officer De Anda was able to quickly take the man into custody while he was still disoriented. The man was taken to a psychiatric care facility for a mental health evaluation. According to professional staff, he would likely have ended his life if these officers had not intervened. Officers Rushing, De Anda, and Sergeant Herr de-escalated the situation and stopped the man from harming himself or others. The insightful and caring actions of these officers are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. Sergeant George Herr, and Officers Lamar Rushing and Jose De Anda are hereby awarded the Medals of Merit and Lifesaving.





Medal of Merit



Medal of Merit

Officer Brian Authement #9271

On December 17, 2017, neighbors called 9-1-1 when they heard several gunshots and loud yelling coming from a condo in the area of 1300 East Highland Avenue.

Officer Brian Authement was first to arrive on scene and noticed a large amount of blood on the threshold of the front door. Officer Authement believed there could be someone severely injured inside in need of immediate help. He knocked loudly several times on the door. A man answered the door, but was very evasive and acted suspiciously.

Officer Authement was able to coax the man out of the house. The man gave an unlikely explanation for the blood, so Officer Authement took him into custody.

Once in custody, Officer Authement entered the condo and discovered two victims of homicide inside. The suspect had apparently tossed away a handgun while speaking to the officer from behind the door. The suspect was later linked to several more homicides, spanning three different cities.

Officer Authement maintained poise and composure while taking swift and decisive action to stop a threat against himself and the community. His actions are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the phoenix police department.

Officer Brian Authement is hereby awarded the Medal of Merit.





Medal of Merit

Lieutenant Ben Moore #6803

Lieutenant Mark Schweikert #6790

Sergeant Steve McClellan #6305 (pictured)

Reserve Sergeant Bob Kaschl #R1142



On May 25, 2017, Lieutenants Mark Schweikert and Ben Moore, along with Sergeant Steve McClellan and Reserve Sergeant Bob

Kaschl, were working off-duty at the Phoenix Comic-Con event in downtown Phoenix. This event brings tens of thousands of attendees to the downtown area. Many guests attend in character wearing costumes ranging from simple to elaborate; complete in some cases with realistic and replica weapons. One subject stood out to Lt. Schweikert. He was also observed taking surreptitious photographs of security. Over the next few hours, the man had sent these pictures to an acquaintance with messages eluding to causing a mass casualty event. The acquaintance reported this information to law enforcement.

When the radio call came in, Lieutenant Schweikert immediately recognized the suspect's description and advised of his last known location. Lieutenant Moore and Sergeant Kaschl located the suspect first and saw that he had several weapons on him. The group formulated a plan and took him by surprise. He resisted arrest and reached for one of his handguns while being restrained. After a brief struggle, the officers successfully took the suspect into custody.

During a search, numerous real and deadly weapons were in the suspect's possession, along with dozens of rounds of ammunition. The investigation revealed that he had been planning a mass casualty event for months.

The heroic and immediate actions of these officers is in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the phoenix police department. Lieutenants Mark Schweikert, Ben Moore, and Sergeants Steve McClellan and Bob Kaschl are hereby awarded the Medal of Merit.



Photo: 12News.com





Medal of Merit



Medal of Merit

Officer Josh Adams #6876

Officer Kris Packard #6501

On June 18, 2018, Officers Kris Packard and Josh Adams responded to an incorrigible juvenile call where a 15-year-old female with a history of violence and suicide attempts had locked herself inside a bathroom with scissors after arguing with caregivers.

Officers Packard and Adams attempted to communicate through the door with her, but had no response. Officer Adams looked beneath the door and realized that the female had lit the floor on fire. He forced open the door and Officer Packard confronted the female as she was spraying aerosol towards the officers while trying to ignite a lighter.

Immediately, and without regard for his own personal safety, Officer Packard stepped into the flames and swatted the items out of her hands. The officers managed to remove her from the bathroom and out of harm's way, as she continued to physically resist. Officer Adams used his Taser to subdue the combative girl while Officer Packard took her into custody. With the help of and a resident, they extinguished the fire.

Throughout this incident the officers demonstrated significant courage by literally stepping into the fire to rescue a determined suicidal subject, and in turn, protecting the other residents in the building. Their brave and selfless actions are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. Officers Josh Adams and Kris Packard are hereby awarded the Medal of Merit.





Medal of Merit

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Francisco Barrios #8920

On March 2, 2017, Officer Francisco Barrios responded to a hotel near 2300 East Van Buren Street to assist officers and Adult Probation with an arrest. The suspect was known to be living at that location. Once officers started to set up containment on the room, while a man seen on the second story of the building that matched the subject's description. Officer Barrios went to the second story and started to follow the suspect, who was now running from officers. As Officer Barrios sprinted after the suspect and began closing the distance when the suspect produced a handgun and pointed it at him. Officer Barrios drew his service weapon and gave command to drop the gun. The suspect ignored commands. Officer Barrios fired his weapon, striking the suspect and ending the threat. The suspect fell to the ground, still clinging to his gun, and was ignoring commands from police until he became unconscious. Officers attempted life-saving measures, including CPR, until Phoenix Fire Department personnel arrived. The suspect was transported to the hospital where he was pronounced deceased. Officer Barrios took immediate and courageous action during this dynamic incident to capture a fleeing violent suspect. His actions are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. Officer Francisco Barrios is hereby awarded the Medal of Merit.



Meritorious Conduct

Mr. Kevin Buchanan

On December 12, 2017, Phoenix Police Officer Alireza Davarzan was working off-duty at a large retail establishment near 9600 North Metro Parkway East. He was attempting to arrest a shoplifting suspect at the entrance when the suspect broke free and fled back into the store. The suspect tripped and fell allowing the officer to catch up. The suspect continued to aggressively resist arrest while fighting and grabbing at the officer's gun and belt. Mr. Kevin Buchanan was shopping when we observed the chase and fight. The suspect was able to flip the officer onto his back, placing the officer in a substantial disadvantage. To assist the struggling officer, Mr. Buchanan willingly jumped in and forced the suspect to the ground. The suspect continued to resist and struggle with both the officer and Mr. Buchanan. Mr. Buchanan did not waiver, holding down the suspect's arms for approximately five minutes to prevent him from harming the officer or anyone else in the area. Mr. Buchanan's involvement helped the officer take the suspect into custody. During the investigation, it was discovered that the suspect had an outstanding felony warrant and was facing substantial prison time. Video of the incident verified that his actions helped exhaust the suspect, allowing him to be taken into custody. Mr. Buchanan came forward at great risk to his own safety and as a result likely saved the officer's life. His actions are in keeping with the honorable traditions of community heroes like him. Mr. Kevin Buchanan is hereby awarded Certificate of Meritorious Conduct.





Medal of Lifesaving

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Detective Keith Yingling #6552

Officer Nick Pittatsis #6680

On April 1, 2017, Detective Keith Yingling and Officer Nick Pittatsis were working off-duty at a restaurant near 5600 North 7th Street when an employee approached them in a panic. He reported arriving home after work to find his friend, a former heroin addict, unresponsive and lifeless on the couch with a syringe still in his arm.

Although he did not know what to do in that moment, he knew that these officers were working that day. The officers returned to the man's apartment with him and located the unresponsive victim on the couch; profusely sweating with shallow breathing. They immediately recognized the signs and symptoms of an opiate overdose. One of the few officers trained in its use, Detective Yingling, who is assigned to the Drug Enforcement Bureau, administered Naloxone, to counteract the drug's effects. Within three minutes, the victim's color returned and was breathing at a normal rate. He regained consciousness, becoming alert and answering questions. Without their quick action, it is likely that he might not have survived. These officers' actions are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. Detective Keith Yingling and Officer Nick Pittatsis are hereby awarded the Medal of Lifesaving.





Medal of Lifesaving

Sergeant Robert Griffin #7161

Officer Tim Henningsen #5753

Officer Rory Kulawiec #6485 (pictured)

Officer Charles Hilyard #7451

Mr. Christopher Chu

Mr. Shawn Tierney

Ms. Lori Goodsell



On April 3, 2018, a man was traveling through Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport when he suddenly collapsed and fell unconscious in a restroom. Mr. Christopher Chu, Mr. Shawn Tierney and Ms. Lori Goodsell applied an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) to the man's chest and delivered a shock and followed with chest compressions. When Phoenix Police Airport Sergeant Robert Griffin, Officers Tim Henningsen, Rory Kulawiec and Charles Hilyard arrived they took over CPR and operating the AED while waiting for paramedics to respond. The Phoenix Fire Department transported the man to the hospital in critical condition, but was expected to make a full recovery. The training and swift response of this group likely attributed to the man survived this medical event.

The heroic actions of this group are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department and those community members who go above and beyond to serve others. Sergeants Robert Griffin, Officers Tim Henningsen, Rory Kulawiec and Charles Hilyard are each hereby awarded the Medal of Lifesaving.

Ms. Lori Goodsell, Mr. Christopher Chu, and Mr. Shawn Tierney are each hereby awarded the Certificate of Lifesaving.





Medal of Lifesaving

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Officer Alan Hoelscher #8618

On February 3, 2018, Officer Alan Hoelscher was working in a plain-clothes capacity and riding in an unmarked police vehicle when he heard a radio call for an infant not breathing. The infant had not been breathing for two minutes and the mother was attempting CPR when Officer Hoelscher heard the call and responded. When he arrived he observed the infant was turning blue. He immediately took the infant from the mother and started to perform CPR. After about a minute, the infant was revived and began crying. Phoenix Fire Department personnel transported the infant to the hospital. Medical staff credited the quick response by the officer as more than likely to have saved the infant's life. His heroic actions are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. Officer Alan Hoelscher is hereby awarded the Medal of Lifesaving.





Medal of Lifesaving

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Officer Coley Bruns #9745

Officer Artur Pedlowski #9880

Officer Mauricio Figueroa #10070

On April 22, 2018, Officers Coley Bruns, Artur Pedlowski and Mauricio Figueroa responded to the intersection of North 29th Avenue and West Mariposa Street for an injured person call. The call stated there was an unresponsive male in the driver's seat of an SUV with a small child in the backseat. The vehicle was stopped in the intersection for approximately 30 minutes. When officers arrived, they found an unresponsive man, who was a greyish color, frothing at the mouth, and not breathing. The officers removed him from the vehicle, cleared his airway and started CPR. Officers Bruns, Pedlowski and Figueroa rotated performing chest compressions while also ensuring his two-year-old son was safe. Officer Pedlowski removed the child from the vehicle and away from the scene. Officers Bruns and Figueroa continued performing CPR for about five minutes. Just prior to Phoenix Fire's arrival, the man began breathing on his own. Fire was able to administer Narcan to the man, which further revived him. He was transported to the hospital where a toxicology screen revealed several illicit substances in the man's body. The decisive and persistent actions taken by the officers helped continue to circulate blood through the man's body, keeping him alive until he could receive additional treatment. The actions of these officers are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. Officers Coley Bruns, Artur Pedlowski, and Mauricio Figueroa are each hereby awarded the Medal of Lifesaving.





Medal of Lifesaving

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Officer Myles Piper #9931

On March 17, 2018, Phoenix Police officers responded to a call of a shooting near 2100 East Corona Avenue. When Officer Myles Piper arrived on scene he located a wounded victim on the ground in front of the home. Officer Piper saw that the victim had two gunshot wounds; one in the lower extremities and one in the chest. Officer Piper retrieved his own personal first aid kit and applied a chest seal to the victim's wound. Officer Piper knew from his military experience and training that this type of chest wound required immediate treatment and could lead to organ failure. After attending to the chest wound he began working on the other injuries waiting for Phoenix Fire personnel to arrive. The victim was transported to the hospital where he eventually recovered from his injuries. Medical personnel credited Officer Piper's actions with preserving the victim's life. Without such attention, the victim would have likely died from the chest wound alone. This officer's actions are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department.

Officer Myles Piper is hereby awarded the
Medal of Lifesaving.





Medal of Lifesaving

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Officer Alan Bansky #9553

On November 10, 2017, Phoenix Police officers responded to a call of a suspicious person near 300 West Culver Street. When they arrived they found an obviously impaired male seated on the ground holding onto a female who was seated between his legs. The man was yelling and acting very erratically. At one point he threw a cup of water at an officer. The officers calmly spoke to the man and noticed he was holding a knife to the woman's throat. Officers gave commands to the man to drop the knife, but he refused to comply. The man became more agitated when he saw Officer Alan Bansky who had deployed with his rifle to provide coverage. It was clear by his statements and actions that the man intended to harm the woman. Officer Bansky saw an opportunity when the man moved part of his body briefly away from the woman and fired once, striking the man and ending the deadly threat. Officer Bansky displayed excellent discipline by ensuring his shot placement and preventing harm to the woman. His decisive actions meant to prevent harm to an innocent victim, thus saving her life, are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. Officer Alan Bansky is hereby awarded the Medal of Lifesaving.





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Officer Alex Volk #9733

On September 11, 2017, Officer Alex Volk was in the area of 19th Avenue and Northern Avenue when he came upon an unresponsive man on the ground in some type of medical distress. Officer Volk could hear his breathing was distressed as he was making choking or gurgling sounds. The man began turning blue and Officer Volk detected a very slight pulse. Officer Volk immediately began CPR. After a short series of chest compressions, the color began to return to the man and his pulse began to return. The man was still unresponsive and continued making the choking sounds. Fearing the man was choking, Officer Volk moved to clear his airway using the Heimlich maneuver. Phoenix Fire Department personnel arrived and transported the man to the hospital where he was stabilized. Medical professionals credit the man's survival to the quick actions of this officer. His actions are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. Officer Alex Volk is hereby awarded the Medal of Lifesaving.





Medal of Lifesaving

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Sergeant Jeremy King #9144

On May 24, 2018, Phoenix Police Sergeant Jeremy King responded to a call of a severely mentally ill person who was unstable and destroying property inside a group home near 700 East Moreland Street. When officers arrived, the man was walking away from the home toward the I-10 overpass at 7th Street. He was running between vehicles as they traveled along 7th Street. The man was almost struck multiple times and continued towards the barrier fence that runs along the off-ramp of the interstate. The man jumped the fence and was indicating he was going to jump onto the interstate, approximately 40 feet below. Sergeant King was able to jump up onto the barrier, reached over and grabbed onto the man. The man attempted to pull away. In an attempt to keep him from moving, Sergeant King handcuffed one of the man's arms to the fence. Sergeant King held onto the man's other arm and was eventually able to secure him safely. Other responding officers helped Sergeant King rescue the man, delivering him to safety. Sergeant Jeremy King's selfless actions are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. He is hereby awarded the Medal of Lifesaving.





Medal of Lifesaving

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Officer Samantha Pimentel #8744

On March 25, 2018, Phoenix Police officers responded to a call of a woman sitting on the I-10 Freeway overpass at Washington Street, dangling her legs over the side. As officers slowly approached, the woman became uneasy and appeared to be frightened. As they approached, she scooted closer to the edge. Officer Samantha Pimentel acted quickly, grabbing the woman in a bear hug position from behind and holding onto her so she would not jump. Another officer helped Officer Pimentel pull the woman further from the edge. She explained to officers that she was very depressed and was off of her psychotropic medication. They offered her transport to a psychiatric care facility for an evaluation, and she agreed. Officer Pimentel's quick and decisive actions embody the selfless service to others that Phoenix Police is known for. Her actions are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. Officer Samantha Pimentel is hereby awarded the Medal of Lifesaving.





Medal of Lifesaving

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Officer Ashoor Mesho #9191

On June 4, 2018, while investigating a traffic collision, Officer Ashoor Mesho observed a fire engulfing a mobile home near 3100 West Glendale Avenue. The fire was quickly spreading to an adjacent home. Officer Mesho immediately responded, alerting the neighbors surrounding the engulfed home. Residents who were gathered outside alerted Officer Mesho that the resident of the adjacent home was unaccounted for. Officer Mesho approached the home and called for the man, but there was no response. Without hesitation, he entered the engulfed trailer. Officer Mesho found the man in the shower where he was unaware of the danger. As they exited the home, the fire was taking over more and more of the home. Officer Mesho's immediate response and self-sacrifice brought the resident to safety. His actions are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. Officer Ashoor Mesho is hereby awarded the Medal of Lifesaving.





Medal of Lifesaving

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Officer Steven Jewell #8570
Officer Christopher Smith #8424

On June 18, 2018, Phoenix Police Officers Steven Jewell and Christopher Smith responded to an emergency radio call of a 3 month-old baby not breathing at a home near 7800 North 37th Avenue. There they found the baby boy on the kitchen table where his grandfather was performing CPR. Officers took immediate action to assist with lifesaving measures. A faint pulse was detected, but the baby was limp and not breathing. They cleared the baby's airway and began performing CPR. The baby began gasping for air so Officer Jewell then turned the baby to perform back blows. The baby would gasp for air and then go limp again. Officers continued CPR until Phoenix Fire arrived and transported the child to the hospital. Doctors performed tests and found evidence of severe child abuse. Medical staff credited the lifesaving actions of these officers for prolonging the life of the child. Their actions are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department.

Officers Steven Jewell and Christopher Smith are each hereby awarded the Medal of Lifesaving.





Medal of Lifesaving

Medal of Lifesaving

Sergeant Saul Rincon #8639

Officer Marcos Renteria #9932

On February 3, 2018, Phoenix Police Sergeant Saul Rincon and Officer Marcos Renteria responded to a traffic collision at North 25th Street and East Bell Road where a pedestrian had been struck by a motorcycle. The victim had suffered a traumatic amputation of his leg at the knee as a result of the collision. He was losing a significant amount of blood from the injury. Sergeant Rincon and Officer Renteria worked to secure a tourniquet to the injury. The tourniquet was effective in controlling the massive hemorrhaging that the victim was experiencing. The victim was transported to the hospital where he later died of his injuries. Regardless, medical staff commended the officers for their actions stating that the efforts of Sergeant Rincon and Officer Renteria likely prolonged the victim's life by giving the trauma team an opportunity to attempt further lifesaving measures. Their actions are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department.

Sergeant Saul Rincon and Officer Marcos Renteria are hereby awarded the Medal of Lifesaving.



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Sergeant Jeffrey Tobey #8711

Officer Michael Mason #9948

**Officer Lindsey Schultz #10133 (not
pictured)**

On November 23, 2017, Phoenix Police officers responded to a stabbing call at an apartment complex near 12400 North 28th Drive. The victim had been stabbed multiple times in the chest and abdomen with a 12" hunting knife. Officer Lindsey Schultz found the man on the ground in the parking lot in a pool of blood. Officer Schultz began applying direct pressure to the man's injury. Officer Michael Mason arrived and brought with him a chest trauma pad from his medical bag. Officer Schultz applied the pad to the wounds using direct pressure to help control the bleeding. The man was struggling to breath and became lethargic. Sergeant Jeffrey Tobey arrived and the officers located additional wounds on the other side of his chest. Sergeant Tobey and Officer Mason applied a chest seal over the open wounds. After the application, the victim immediately began breathing easier and his demeanor changed, becoming more alert. The man was transported to the hospital by Phoenix Fire personnel. The man was evaluated and diagnosed with a collapsed lung that was filling with blood. Due to the quick and decisive lifesaving measures implemented by these officers, the victim survived. Their actions are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department.

Sergeant Jeffrey Tobey, Officers Lindsey Schultz and Michael Mason are each hereby awarded the Medal of Lifesaving.





Medal of Lifesaving

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Officer Coley Bruns #9745

Officer Artur Pedlowski #9880

On May 20, 2018, Phoenix Police Officers Coley Bruns and Artur Pedlowski responded to 2600 West Claremont Street for a fight call when their attention was drawn to a commotion at the fenced-in pool. Officers approached the pool area where they found a four-year-old lying on the ground, grey in color and not breathing. They immediately began CPR and after several chest compressions and opening the child's airway, he began to cough. Officers rolled the boy onto his side to allow water to drain from his mouth. Phoenix Fire Department personnel transported the child to the hospital, where he was expected to make a full recovery. It was learned that the boy had been found at the bottom of the pool and no one had rendered aid until the officers arrived. Without their response, the boy would have likely died. Their actions are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department.

Officers Coley Bruns and Artur Pedlowski are hereby awarded the Medal of Lifesaving.





Medal of Lifesaving

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Officer Eric Dilyard #10148

On May 19, 2018, Phoenix Police officers responded to a call of a shooting to 14400 North 19th Avenue. The victim had accidentally discharged a .45 caliber bullet into his own leg and had suffered significant blood loss. Officer Eric Dilyard was the first to arrive at the home and immediately applied a tourniquet to the victim. Officer Dilyard maintained continuous pressure on the wound which reduced the bleeding until Phoenix Fire Department personnel arrived. The man was transported to the hospital where he required immediate surgery. The victim had sustained three severed veins in his leg. Doctors at the hospital credited the tourniquet application for preserving the victim's life and leg. This officer's actions are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. Officer Eric Dilyard is hereby awarded the Medal of Lifesaving.





Medal of Lifesaving

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Police Assistant Joshua Gonzalez #A5327

On January 10, 2017, Phoenix Police Assistant Joshua Gonzalez responded to 3800 East Van Buren Street to assist an officer with a subject at a bus stop. A few minutes after his arrival, a man could be heard yelling that a woman had stopped breathing.

Police Assistant Gonzalez and the officer both ran to help. The woman's husband was performing CPR and Police Assistant Gonzalez took over after his arrival. He continued giving chest compressions until Phoenix Fire Department personnel arrived. The woman was transported to the hospital in critical condition. During their investigation Police Assistant Joshua Gonzalez learned the woman had entered her apartment, not knowing her husband had released a pesticide fogger. She had been exposed to toxic gas, causing her to stop breathing. Police Assistant Gonzalez followed up months later with the couple and learned that after a very long recovery process, the woman was doing fine. His actions are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department, and Police Assistant Joshua Gonzalez is hereby awarded the Medal of Lifesaving.





Medal of Lifesaving

Medal of Lifesaving

Officer Stephen Salazar #6566

Officer Scott Fey #9377

On April 8, 2017, Phoenix Police officers responded to a stabbing near 35th Avenue and Southern Avenue where they found a man lying in the roadway with two woman applying pressure to his chest wounds. Officer Stephen Salazar took over first aid by applying pressure to the wounds. The man was not responding and had labored breathing. Officers removed the man's shirt and observed a deep wound below his clavicle, along with multiple other deep wounds to his body. Officer Scott Fey, a trained medical professional, began treating the victim with an I.V. Officer Fey also applied a tourniquet to the victim's arm to stop the bleeding. The man was transported to a local hospital by the Phoenix Fire Department where he was expected to survive. The actions of these officers are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. Officers Stephen Salazar and Scott Fey are each hereby awarded the Medal of Lifesaving.





Medal of Lifesaving

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Sergeant Timo Louis #6483

Sergeant Eric Molenkamp #8660

On January 31, 2018, Phoenix Police Sergeants Timo Louis and Eric Molenkamp responded to an injured person call at the Costco Wholesale at 4500 E Cactus Road. There was a 16 year-old male choking in the food court, lying on the floor unresponsive. A citizen was attempting CPR when the sergeants arrived. Sergeant Molenkamp took over CPR and Sergeant Louis attempted to reach inside the boy's mouth to sweep the obstruction from his airway. After administering CPR with no response, the sergeants lifted him into an upright position so that Sergeant Molenkamp could perform the Heimlich maneuver. Still there was no response, so Sergeant Louis continue chest compressions. Sergeant Louis soon detected a heartbeat. Sergeant Molenkamp continued to check for obstructions in the airway, removing small pieces of food from the boy's mouth. Phoenix Fire Department personnel arrived and transported him to the hospital where he was stabilized. A fire captain credited the sergeants with saving the boy's life by providing critical first aid early. Their actions are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department.

Sergeants Timo Louis and Eric Molenkamp are hereby awarded the Medal of Lifesaving.



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Officer Robert Corueil #5655

On April 8, 2018, Phoenix Police Officers were working off-duty at a Phoenix Bike Week event when they were alerted to an unresponsive subject in a parking lot. Officer Robert Corueil located the man in the parking lot and began chest compressions until the Fire Department arrived. The man was transported to the hospital where he was treated for a heart attack. The quick response by Officer Corueil and performance of CPR contributed to the man surviving the incident. Officer Robert Corueil's actions are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. He is hereby awarded the Medal of Lifesaving.





Medal of Lifesaving

Officer Gage Reiser #9714

Officer Fernando Garcia #10120

Officer Christian Ortiz Cota #10032

On April 21, 2018, while investigating a collision, Phoenix Police Officer Gage Reiser was flagged down by a citizen who thought his friend was possibly overdosing. He was found unconscious and unresponsive in a home near 64th Avenue and Baseline Road. Officer Reiser responded to the home and found the unresponsive man and immediately began performing chest compressions. Officers Fernando Garcia and Christian Ortiz Cota both arrived and took turns relieving each other with chest compressions. A pulse was getting stronger and Phoenix Fire Department personnel arrived to provide further treatment. The fire department was able to administer Narcan, and the man regained consciousness. He survived the incident and without the quick actions of the officers, would have likely expired. These officers' actions are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department.

Officers Gage Reiser, Fernando Garcia and Christian Ortiz Cota are each hereby awarded the Medal of Lifesaving.





Medal of Lifesaving

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Officer Steven Campbell #9526

On November 6, 2017, Phoenix Police Officers responded to a serious traffic collision on the I-17 Northbound Frontage Road at West Greenway Road involving two vehicles, with one on fire. Officer Steven Campbell was in the area on his way to an unrelated call when he noticed the plume of smoke. Officer Campbell and a Department of Public Safety (DPS) Trooper both arrived at the same time and climbed into the burning vehicle to remove a female from the back seat. Her legs had been lodged between the seats, preventing her to exit on her own. Officers were able to pull her out of the car and lay her safely on the ground away from the fire.

Officer Campbell's brave actions resulted in saving a woman's life who had been trapped in a burning vehicle. His actions are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department.

Officer Steven Campbell is hereby awarded the
Medal of Lifesaving.





Medal of Lifesaving

Officer John Ferragamo #6546

Officer Joshua Adams #6876 (pictured)

On February 21, 2017, Phoenix Police Officers responded to a check welfare call in an apartment complex near 15200 North 50th Street. The caller suspected his roommate of hurting herself and she had locked herself in the bedroom. Officers John Ferragamo and Joshua Adams responded and were able to gain entry into the bedroom. They discovered that she had hung herself and was unresponsive. Officers freed the woman, moved her to the floor and began delivering chest compressions until Phoenix Fire Department could respond. The officers performed CPR for eight minutes and were able to get a weak pulse. The victim was transported to the hospital and placed on life support. If the officers had not acted as quickly as they had, the victim likely would have not survived the incident. Their actions are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. Officers John Ferragamo and Joshua Adams are hereby awarded the Medal of Lifesaving.





Medal of Lifesaving

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Officer Steve Butler #5752

Deputy Favian Nuno #3683

Certificate of Lifesaving

Ms. Kim Delmonte

On January 22, 2018, a man had just arrived at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport on a flight when he suddenly collapsed at the gate and fell unconscious. Deputy Favian Nuno and Ms. Kim Delmonte were near the arrival gate when the man fell. They immediately began CPR and applied an automated external defibrillator (AED). Officer Steve Butler arrived on scene and relieved Deputy Nuno and took over chest compressions. They continued to take turns until Phoenix Fire Department personnel arrived. After several minutes, the man began breathing on his own again and regained consciousness. He was transported to the hospital in stable condition and expected to make a full recovery from his heart attack. The swift response by Deputy Nuno, Ms. Delmonte and Officer Butler saved the man's life. Their actions are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department and the heroes within our community. Officer Steve Butler is hereby awarded the Medal of Lifesaving. Ms. Kim Delmonte is hereby awarded the Certificate of Lifesaving.





Medal of Lifesaving

Officer Steve Butler #5752

Certificate of Lifesaving

Dr. Gwen Maxwell

Mr. Bruce Daley

Mr. Charles Whitby

Ms. Kathleen McMurray

On Tuesday, May 28, 2018, a male passenger seated on a flight waiting to leave Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport experienced a heart attack and stopped breathing. Dr. Gwen Maxwell, a passenger on the plane, was unable to find a pulse. An Automated External Defibrillator (AED) was applied to the man's chest and a shock was administered. Mr. Bruce Daley, another passenger on the plane, removed the man from his seat and began CPR, rotating with passengers Mr. Charles Whitby and Ms. Kathleen McMurray. Dr. Maxwell monitored the AED and delivered the second shock as directed. Phoenix Police Airport Officer Steven Butler boarded the plane and helped with chest compressions for about two minutes until the victim started breathing on his own and regained consciousness. Phoenix Fire Department transported him to the hospital where he was expected to make a full recovery. Due to the swift response and the medical expertise of those who helped, the victim survived this medical event. Officer Steve Butler's actions are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. He is hereby awarded the Medal of Lifesaving. Dr. Gwen Maxwell, Mr. Bruce Daley, Mr. Charles Whitby, and Ms. Kathleen McMurray are each hereby awarded the Certificate of Lifesaving.





Supervisor of the Year

Sergeant James Ward #7967

The Phoenix Police Department Tactical Training Detail is tasked with developing and delivering training to all sworn employees, recruits, POST Academy and the Reserve Division. During his time as their supervisor, Sergeant James Ward has constantly excelled bringing innovation and creativity, as well as a strong work ethic and leadership, to the detail itself and the training provided to the department. Sergeant Ward was instrumental in creating the Active Shooter Intervention Training, for which he received the Police Chief's Unit Award.

Sergeant Ward and his detail have created several new and exciting training courses. He was also instrumental in the 2018 Sergeants Testing Process, while simultaneously overseeing Department-wide mandatory in-service training. Through his humble attitude, servant leadership approach and collaborative mindset, Sergeant Ward was able to take a mountain of work and turn it into something that each one of his instructors could handle and be proud of.

Sergeant Ward is an innovative, creative, progressive leader who works to produce the best product to the department while ensuring his employees have exactly what they need to succeed. His performance is in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. Sergeant James Ward is hereby awarded the Supervisor of the Year.

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Police Chief's Unit Award Active Shooter Intervention Training

On February 14, 2018, an active shooter incident occurred at a high school in Parkland, Florida. The incident rocked the country and placed law enforcement in the national spotlight. The response to this incident was heavily scrutinized and prompted the Phoenix Police Department Training Bureau's Tactical Training Detail, in partnership with the Homeland Defense Bureau and Phoenix Fire Department, to create a joint training exercise for Active Shooter Intervention. The training fit two missions; Police's mission to stop a suspect from injuring or killing more civilians, and Fire's mission to bring medical aid immediately to those in need under a Unified Command Structure. Since the program began in the spring of 2018, over 1,200 officers and 1,000 firefighters have completed the training. This training is like no other in the country, as multiple law enforcement agencies have reached out to the Training Bureau to learn how to replicate this type of training the "Phoenix" way. Nationally, it is the "gold standard" for others to follow. The training has also provided a way to train corporations, churches, and the community. Some of the organizations where the training has taken place include schools, the Phoenix Zoo, Sky Harbor International Airport and Phoenix Children's Hospital. The Active Shooter Intervention Training Group has made a significant impact on the way both public safety departments prepare and respond to a contemporary trend in violence. Their accomplishments are in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of the Phoenix Police Department. Together they are hereby awarded the Police Chief's Unit of the Year Award.



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