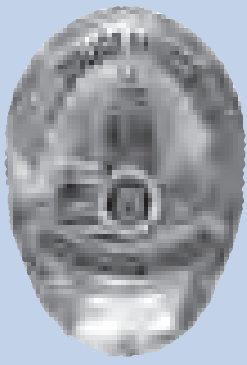


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MEDAL OF VALOR

Twenty-one officers, proving their bravery in seven incidents, were honored for their courage in the line of duty at the annual Medal of Valor ceremony, held May 28 at the Hollywood and Highland complex in Hollywood.

At the event, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Police Chief William Bratton, City Councilmembers and other dignitaries joined about 800 police personnel and others.

To be awarded the Medal of Valor, an officer shall have performed an act displaying extreme courage while consciously facing imminent peril. It is awarded by the Police Commissioners and is presented by the Chief of Police, in the name of the Los Angeles Police Department.

Villaraigosa called the 21 officers being honored "everyday heroes who, without hesitation and in the face of great danger, reached out with a hand of assistance in a way we have to celebrate."

The Club congratulates all the honorees and thanks them for keeping Los Angeles safe.

Brave, Courageous and Honored

Police Commission honors the finest with annual Medal of Valor.

OFFICERS JESSE CARDENAS AND JESUS PARRAS



Officer Jesse Cardenas

In the late hours of Feb. 28, 2007, Newton Area patrol Officers Jesse Cardenas and Jesus Parras heard a radio call for a "Code Three" on a vehicle fire in progress, potentially with a person trapped inside. Officers Cardenas and Parras responded immediately and were on the scene in less than 60 seconds.

They found a parked vehicle, reverse lights illuminated, engulfed in flames. For both Officers Cardenas and Parras, it was evident the reverse lights were a cry for help from whomever was inside. Both Officers Cardenas and Parras rushed to the vehicle, where Officer Cardenas smashed the front driver's side window with his baton. With the vehicle continuing to burn, both officers braved the searing heat and billowing clouds of thick pungent smoke, hoping to find the victim before it was too late. And they did: The victim was unconscious but still breathing when Officers Cardenas and Parras pulled the man by the arms from the vehicle and dragged him to safety.

The initial assessment by the Los Angeles Fire Department determined

that the vehicle had overheated, which, combined with a dangerous fuel leak, had caused the fire. The victim was treated for smoke inhalation on the scene. The victim said he had been unconscious up to the point he was pulled from his car by the two brave officers. Witnesses, including police officers from Air Support Division who were flying overhead and a news photographer who captured the footage on tape, all firmly believe that if Officers Cardenas and Parras arrived a mere 30 seconds later, or had hesitated in any manner, the victim would have died in the fire.



Officer Jesus Parras

The Officers are commended for their attention to duty in being alert to the radio call, responding without hesitation, and disregarding their own well-being, braving extreme heat and dangerous smoke to save the life of a person.

Their courage, teamwork, decisive action and quick decision-making ability in rescuing a trapped man from a burning vehicle exemplify the finest qualities of the Los Angeles Police Department.

OFFICERS JOEL FLORES AND STEVEN CHUNG



Officer Joel Flores

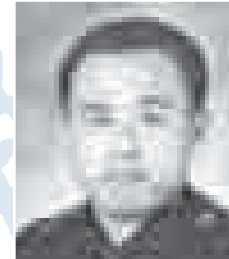
In the early morning hours of Jan. 17, 1997, Officer Joel Flores and his partner, Officer Steven Chung, assigned to West Valley Area, were on routine patrol driving on Ventura Boulevard at Zelzah Avenue, when they noticed a vehicle leaving the Ralph's Market parking lot at high speed and running through a red tri-light signal. Because of the driver's erratic driving, Officers Flores and Chung believed the driver was either impaired or that the vehicle may have been recently stolen.

Officer Chung stopped the police car and completed a U-turn to intercept the driver. Officers Flores and Chung saw the vehicle continue to accelerate, and eventually the officers lost sight of the vehicle. Thinking the vehicle had pulled off Ventura Boulevard, the officers slowed their speed, checking driveways, parking lots, and cross streets. Then the power to streetlights and lighting to local businesses suddenly went out near the intersection of Ventura Boulevard and Wilbur Street.

The vehicle had run off the roadway and collided with both a sign and power pole at a Burger King parking lot. The front end of the car was up against the poles, and a fire had started in the engine compartment. The scene was complicated by the presence of down, live, power lines. Officers Flores and Chung requested the Los Angeles Fire Department, the DWP, a traffic unit, and a supervisor.

Inside the vehicle was a 15-year-old unlicensed driver. The teenager had taken his parents' new vehicle without their permission. The teenager was aware the vehicle was on fire and tried to move his legs to get out but discovered that his right leg was in intense pain and was unable to move it. Trapped inside the vehicle, the teenager began screaming for the officers' help.

Still aware of the previous actions and behavior of the driver, Officer Chung cautiously approached the vehicle and cleared it, as Officer Flores maintained his observation of the teenager. Officers Chung and Flores safely maneuvered their approach over the live power lines. After clearing the vehicle and agreeing there was no threat present, they acknowledged but ignored the intense heat and flames coming from the vehicle. They noticed the teenager's leg was broken and twisted upward in an unnatural position.



Officer Steven Chung

Without hesitation, they opened the driver's door and as a team, pulled the teenager from the car, dragging him to safety. Approximately 20 seconds after the rescue, the interior of the vehicle became engulfed in flames. Had it not been for the quick thinking and actions of Officers Flores and Chung, the teenager would have died.

Officers Flores and Chung are commended for their teamwork, bravery, outstanding communication skills, and tactical expertise displayed in an extremely dangerous situation.

OFFICERS CARLOS QUINTERO AND IVAN VINTAMILLA



Officer Carlos Quintero

On the morning of Aug. 26, 2006, Officer Carlos Quintero and his partner, Officer Ivan Vintamilla, assigned to Central Area, were returning to downtown after qualifying with their service pistols at the Harbor Range. They were driving northbound on the 110 Harbor Freeway, north of the 105 Century Freeway, when they saw a California Highway Patrol Officer running with a fire extinguisher toward a motor home that was on fire. Officers Quintero and Vintamilla immediately stopped and grabbed the fire extinguisher from the trunk of their police vehicle. Attempting to extinguish the raging fire in the engine compartment and front end of the motor home, their efforts proved futile as the fire had reached a stage far beyond the capabilities of their emergency equipment.

As the fire quickly engulfed the motor home, the officers heard a noise coming from inside. Believing it might be occupied, Officer Vintamilla gained entry to the motor home. Visibility was virtually nonexistent due to the heavy smoke and he quickly began to run out fresh air. As Officer Vintamilla struggled to breathe, he observed what appeared to be the feet of an occupant.

Officer Vintamilla quickly re-deployed and advised Officer Quintero and the California Highway Patrol Officer that there was someone inside the motor home. The California Highway Patrol Officer entered the motor home as Officer Quintero maintained control of his gun belt. The thick clouds of smoke prevented the rescue efforts of the California Highway Patrol Officer.

The officers formed a plan to break the rear window and attempt to extract the victim through the opening. Officer Quintero climbed the ladder on the rear of the motor home and broke the window with his side handle baton. Officer Quintero's efforts were stifled by the extensive amount of smoke, heat and flames. After several attempts, Officer Quintero was able to reach through the rear window and grab the victim. As he did so, the intense heat caused the victim's skin to peel off.

Realizing an alternative means would be needed to extricate the victim, Officer Quintero removed his baton and held it out toward the victim. Officer Quintero advised him to grab the baton and he would pull him out. Officer Quintero was in the process of pulling the victim out when the victim's lower extremities caught fire. Officer Quintero continued to struggle until such time that the victim's grasp of the baton released and he became fully engulfed in flames.

The Los Angeles Fire Department arrived at this time and extinguished the fire. Unfortunately, the victim died at the scene as a result of his injuries.



Officer Ivan Vintamilla

Officers Quintero and Vintamilla are commended for their heroic actions, courage and sacrificing their own safety to save a human life, the most generous and courageous offering one can make. These two officers' noble actions demonstrated the spontaneous and gallant efforts that epitomize the selfless professionalism expected of Los Angeles Police Officers and exemplify valiant actions in the highest tradition of law enforcement.

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OFFICERS THOMAS APPLEBY, ISAAC MORENO AND HUMBERTO FRANCO



Officer Thomas Appleby

Shortly before midnight on July 13, 2005, Officer Humberto Franco, assigned to North Hollywood, pulled over a driver for using the high beams on a busy street in a commercial area. The traffic stop took place in the parking lot of the Ralph's Supermarket at the corner of Woodman Avenue and Sherman Way in Van Nuys. Officer Franco noticed the driver and two passengers shifting about the passenger compartment of the vehicle, as though they were trying to conceal contraband or a weapon. After learning the driver did not have proper identification, Officer Franco observed the restlessness of the passengers and determined there was a distinct possibility he was dealing with gang members. As Officer Franco walked back to his police vehicle, Officers Thomas Appleby and Isaac Moreno of Van Nuys Gang Impact Team arrived on the scene.

After a quick briefing, the three officers decided to have the three suspects get out of car. The suspects, before exiting, seemed to be exchanging an unknown object between them, and one of them placed something in his mouth and began to chew. Officer Franco drew his service pistol and ordered the suspects out of the vehicle. They reluctantly got out of the car. Without warning, one of them tried to escape and ran into oncoming traffic. The suspect took a gun from his waistband and opened fire, shooting three to five rounds at the officers as he was running.

Officer Appleby returned fire and both he and Officer Moreno chased after the suspect while Officer Franco stayed with the other two suspects. Officer Franco, using superb communication skills, placed the two uncooperative suspects in a high-risk felony prone position. From his location, Officer Franco decided not to fire at the escaping suspect because he risked hurting people from the nearby Norm's Restaurant and Ralph's Supermarket.

While chasing after the suspect, Officer Moreno made radio contact on the Van Nuys frequency and advised of the shots fired, the foot pursuit in progress, and the officers' need for help. Simultaneously, Officer Franco broadcast the same information on the North Hollywood frequency while at the same time handling the two agitated suspects.

The armed suspect ran into oncoming traffic on Sherman Way and used his gun to force the driver of an approaching

vehicle to stop. The driver bolted out of the vehicle, preventing the suspect's attempted carjacking and kidnapping. The suspect jumped inside the vehicle, rethought his plan and immediately got out. He then pointed his weapon at Officer Appleby but did not shoot and continued his desperate escape on foot. Officer Appleby, checking his field of fire, decided not to use his service weapon to not endanger the lives of patrons from Norm's Restaurant and Ralph's Supermarket. The quick-thinking driver returned to his vehicle and sped off.

The foot chase continued, nearing the Best Value Inn on Sherman Way, when suddenly the suspect slowed, turned and aimed his weapon at Officer Appleby. In defense of their own lives, Officer Appleby and Officer Moreno fired at the suspect. The wounded suspect then ran behind the Best Value Inn building. Officer Moreno radioed with this update, a mere one minute and 40 seconds since the first broadcast for help.

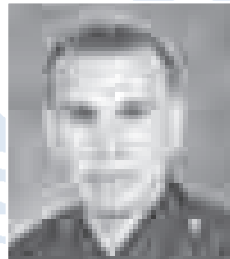
Both Officer Appleby and Officer Moreno took cover, and Officer Appleby reloaded his weapon, when, without warning, the armed suspect reappeared and fired several rounds in the direction of the officers, prompting each officer to return fire. The suspect then fell to the ground, dropping his weapon. As the two officers moved in closer, the suspect reached for his gun and again pointed it at the officers. Officers Appleby and Moreno again each fired at the suspect, and the suspect again dropped his weapon and fell. Officer Moreno handcuffed the suspect and rendered the suspect's pistol safe. Shortly thereafter, the suspect died of 10 gunshot wounds.

During the officer-involved shooting investigation, 101 people who had witnessed all or part of the event were interviewed. Those witnesses, plus one unidentified carjack victim, three heroic officers and two other suspects equals 107 people who, at one time or other, were in serious jeopardy during the few heart-pounding minutes over which this life-threatening incident took place.

Officers Franco, Appleby and Moreno are commended for unflinching courage, unwavering commitment to duty, outstanding tactics and communication, and respect for human life at great peril to themselves.



Officer Humberto Franco



Officer Isaac Moreno

SGT. GREGORY HOSKINS AND OFFICERS MATTHEW MURRAY AND BRENT RIEDRICH



Sgt. Gregory Hoskins

On the evening of Dec. 23, 2004, a suspect approached a victim and, using a gun, demanded the victim's vehicle. The victim prevented the suspect's attempt to steal the car by taking off in it. Determined to steal a vehicle, the suspect approached a second victim 15 minutes later. Again, the suspect showed a handgun and demanded the victim's vehicle. This time the victim handed the suspect the keys.

In the early morning the next day, Sgt. Gregory Hoskins saw the suspect driving the stolen vehicle southbound on the Harbor Freeway. Sgt. Hoskins followed the car and requested additional units. Sgt. Hoskins, with a primary and secondary unit behind the stolen vehicle, attempted to stop the suspect's vehicle. The suspect stop briefly, but then sped off again. Sgt. Hoskins and the two units immediately initiated a vehicle pursuit. The suspect drove at high speed, trying to escape the officers. Due to the suspect's evasive driving, the initial primary unit was unable to continue. Sgt. Hoskins requested an additional unit to join the pursuit.

Sgt. Hoskins, along with the three units, continued their high-speed pursuit through the streets of San Pedro, Palos Verdes, Harbor City, Torrance, Carson and Gardena. Without warning, the suspect pulled into the front parking lot of the Hustler Casino in Gardena. The suspect jumped out of the stolen vehicle, pointing a gun to his own head as he walked toward the front entrance of the casino.

Sgt. Hoskins and the officers tactically positioned themselves behind their police vehicles and ordered the suspect to stop and place his hands on his head. The suspect ignored the officers' commands and continued walking rapidly toward the front doors. Fearing that the suspect was about to enter a casino full of people, and in immediate defense of their life, one of the officers fired one round at the suspect. The round failed to strike the suspect. Hustler Casino security guards heard the gunshot. Believing the suspect was shooting at them, the security guards fired two rounds at the suspect, failing to strike the suspect.

The suspect went into the casino, out of the sight of the police officers. Sgt. Hoskins and seven officers tactically entered the casino in pursuit of the armed suspect. Two additional officers who responded to the casino joined them. As the officers entered the casino, they observed patrons frantically scattering on the casino floor, trying to seek refuge under gaming tables. Believing the suspect had fled out of the casino, Sgt.



Officer Matthew Murray

Hoskins and the officers ran toward the south exit.

At this time, Officers Matthew Murray and Brent Riedrich arrived at the casino and saw numerous patrons frantically running out. Officers Murray and Riedrich trailed the primary officers out of the casino.

As the officers left the casino, the suspect walked up behind a woman hiding under a counter, pulled her to her feet and took her as a hostage. With the officers outside of the casino, the suspect released the hostage and walked through the gaming area of the casino, ordering people to stay down. The suspect began pacing around the floor pointing the gun to his head, stating he didn't have anything else to live for and telling security guards to shoot him. It was at this point the suspect approached a person hiding under a table, ordered them to their feet and took them hostage.

Informed by security guards that the suspect was still inside the casino, Sgt. Hoskins and Officers Murray and Riedrich tactically reentered the casino as patrons crawled out to escape. Sgt. Hoskins and Officers Murray Riedrich reached the gaming area, where they observed the suspect holding a handgun to the hostage's head.

Sgt. Hoskins immediately took supervisory control of the situation and directed four officers to tactically enter behind Officers Murray and Riedrich. With disregard for their own personal safety and a high degree of courage and bravery, Sgt. Hoskins went toward the armed suspect, keeping in constant communication with Officers Murray and Riedrich as they simultaneously approached from each side, all without the benefit of cover.

The suspect refused to comply with the officers' orders to surrender and continued to threaten the hostage. Several times the suspect pointed his weapon directly at Sgt. Hoskins and Officers Murray and Riedrich, verbally threatening them. Fearing for the safety of the hostage and for the safety of the people still trapped in the gaming area, Officer Murray fired one round that struck the suspect in the head and incapacitated him. The hostage was not injured.

Sgt. Hoskins and Officers Murray and Riedrich are commended for their teamwork, bravery and outstanding communication skills. Their courage and boldness in the midst of a chaotic situation while confronting an armed suspect with a hostage enabled them to end the incident without any innocent people being injured.

Their selfless and valiant actions embody the highest traditions of the Los Angeles Police Department.



Officer Brent Riedrich

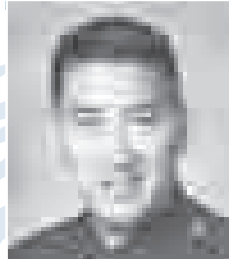
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Officer Scott Burkett

On the evening of Sept. 20, 2004, Officer Scott Burkett and his partner, assigned to Southeast Division, were on patrol when they responded to a "battery just occurred" radio call. Officer Burkett requested that the Los Angeles Fire Department respond to the location to render medical aid to the victim. During their routine investigation, Officer Burkett was on the street in front of the victim's home interviewing a witness when he heard two gunshots approximately 160 feet from his direction. Immediately, Officer Burkett shouted "gunshots" to alert his partner who was assisting paramedics. Without a moment's hesitation, and with complete disregard for his personal safety, Officer Burkett ran down the street to where he heard the gunshots, not knowing the number of suspects he would be facing that would be armed with a shotgun or rifle. He realized families were home from work and school, and were in imminent danger.

As he approached the location, Officer Burkett heard three to four additional gunshots. With a high degree of courage, believing he was about to encounter a shooting in progress, Officer Burkett drew his primary duty weapon and observed a victim with gunshot wounds lying on the street and a woman lying next to him. The woman was unharmed and had thrown herself onto the ground when the suspect was going to shoot her. At this time, Officer Burkett saw the suspect behind the wheel of a vehicle, pointing an assault rifle at the front windshield. Unbeknownst to Officer Burkett, the suspect was a documented gang member with an extensive criminal history. Realizing he was outgunned by the suspect's firepower, Officer Burkett took a position of cover behind a parked vehicle and prepared for an assault by a heavily armed suspect. Knowing that the suspect could use the vehicle as a

two-ton metal ram against him, Officer Burkett maintained his position. Officer Burkett ordered the suspect to stop as he drove toward him, but the suspect failed to comply and continued to drive toward his direction with the rifle pointed at him.

In immediate defense of his life, Officer Burkett fired three to four rounds at the suspect. Officer Burkett then quickly re-deployed and took cover behind another parked vehicle. The suspect made a counter-clockwise U-turn and began to follow Officer Burkett. The suspect gained an advantageous position to shoot at Officer Burkett from approximately 19 feet away. Faced with this continuous deadly situation, Officer Burkett fired three to four rounds at the suspect. Unaffected by the gunfire, the suspect sped off. Officer Burkett left his position of safety and ran after the vehicle, but was unable to get close enough to obtain the vehicle's license plate number. Officer Burkett radioed a crime broadcast with the suspect's vehicle description and direction of travel.

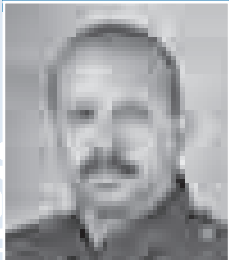
Because of the timely and detailed crime broadcast, Southeast Officers were able to immediately locate the suspect's abandoned vehicle. This resulted in the immediate identification of the suspect by Southeast Detectives, who obtained and served a search and arrest warrant. A few weeks later, the suspect was arrested for the murder of the victim and attempted murder of the woman.

Investigators later recovered a live round from the floorboard of the suspect's vehicle, indicating the rifle may have jammed and saved Officer Burkett from death or serious bodily injury.

Thanks to Officer Burkett's quick thinking, rushing to the scene and facing down a suspect with superior firepower, with complete disregard for his own personal safety and well being, he came to the rescue of a defenseless woman who would have been the suspect's second murder victim. Officer Burkett's heroic and courageous actions, dedication to duty and outstanding tactics exemplify the finest qualities of the Los Angeles Police Department.

OFFICER SCOTT BURKETT

OFFICERS ROBERT CANIZALES, ADAM NIEBERGALL, KYLE REMOLINO, NICHOLAS ROTHMICH, CHRISTIAN URBINA, OSBALDO RAMOS, TREVOR JACKSON AND RICHARD RAMOS



Officer Robert Canizales

In the early morning of March 10, 2005, 77th Area Officers Robert Canizales and Adam Niebergall observed a reckless and potentially drunk driver run a string of stop signs. Ignoring orders to stop, the driver continued along Vermont Avenue at a relatively slow speed.

Officers Canizales and Niebergall requested backup and, within minutes, Officers Kyle Remolino and Nicholas Rothemich arrived on the scene as the first backup unit. A few minutes later, several additional units arrived, including Officers Kyle Remolino and Osbaldo Ramos. Permission was then given to initiate a pursuit.

At the beginning of the low-speed chase, the driver stopped his vehicle several times, opened his door, and threw objects including beer cans and lit cigarettes at the officers before he resumed driving. Then, when the pursuing officers approached the vehicle to within one car length, the driver responded by opening fire on their cars with an automatic weapon.

This first round of gunfire shattered the windshield of Officer Remolino's car. The suspect then made a U-turn and fired another round of bullets at the pursuing officers. During this attack, none of the officers returned fire, prudently staying the course, continuing the pursuit, and trying to protect the lives of innocent civilians. Over the next several minutes, the suspect made several more U-turns on Vermont Avenue, and even stopped to reload his weapon. A third hail of bullets hit Officer Urbina's windshield right in front of his face. During this round of gunfire, officers noted the suspect had a passenger who was firing at them with a laser-equipped rifle.

After 44 minutes, Officers Trevor Jackson and Richard Ramos joined the pursuit and with permission, maneuvered their vehicle to engage the suspects. Pulling up first to the passenger side of the suspects' vehicle, then to the driver's side, Officer

Jackson managed to fire four rounds from his shotgun, while Officer Ramos used his service weapon, forcing the suspects to collide with a fence. Within seconds of the impact, the suspects again began firing multiple rounds from both sides of their vehicle. The two officers returned fire until they brought the gun battle to an end. The passenger died from his gunshot wounds on-site, and the driver was seriously injured.

When all was done, Officers Jackson and Richard Ramos had 14 perforating rounds in their windshield, one on the right side mirror and four non-perforating impact rounds inside the engine compartment. Officers Remolino and Rothemich had one perforating impact round to their windshield. Officers Urbina and Osbaldo Ramos also had one perforating impact round to their windshield.

Investigators learned thereafter the two suspects had planned to go out that evening on a cop-killing spree, just for kicks, regardless of the consequences. The driver had even bragged about these plans, telling his friends to be sure to watch the news that evening, because he intended to be the lead story.

The officers involved in this unbelievable story saw an initially nonviolent scenario play out slowly, chillingly, into a full-blown, unprovoked attack on themselves and their colleagues. They remained calm and focused on their objective of protecting public safety. They engaged in a professional, controlled manner, minimizing the danger to the immediate community. They returned fire in a discriminant, coordinated and systematic manner, halting the deadly threat and restoring peace and safety.

They are commended for their heroic actions in the face of extreme danger, for expert tactics, for impeccable coordination and communication, and for brilliantly neutralizing two exceedingly violent criminals, in the highest traditions of the Los Angeles Police Department.



Officer Christian Urbina



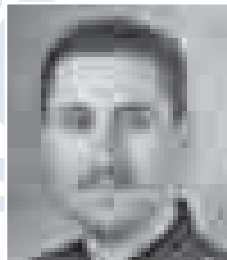
Officer Osbaldo Ramos



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