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48TH MEDAL OF VALOR CEREMONY

The 48th Medal of Valor Awards Luncheon, hosted by the Los Angeles Police Foundation, was held at the Grand Ballroom at the Hollywood and Highland entertainment complex on Thursday, May 28, 2009.

Twenty-five LAPD officers who displayed exceptional bravery, courage, and dedication in the line of duty were awarded the distinguished Medal of Valor. This year 5 women were awarded the Department's highest honor, the most in the Department's history.

Master of Ceremony was actor J.K. Simmons who plays Assistant Police Chief Will Pope on TNT's crime drama, The Closer, and whose feature film credits include the Spider-Man trilogy, Rendition, and Juno. Mr. Simmons read each tale of heroism as the officers stood on stage and had the Medal of Valor placed around their necks by Chief Bratton.

The Medal of Valor is the Department's highest honor and may be awarded to police officers who distinguish themselves by conspicuous bravery or heroism above and beyond the normal demands of police service. To be awarded the Medal of Valor, an officer shall have performed an act displaying extreme courage while consciously facing imminent peril.

To read the complete narratives please click on the link.

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Foot Pursuit Incident

On September 3, 2006, Officer Jesus Carrillo of 77th Street Area, Gang Enforcement Detail, and his partner were making a traffic stop when the passenger jumped out of the vehicle and ran. The suspect caught his clothes while trying to jump over an iron gate when the suspect's gun fell onto the ground. Once his clothes ripped, the suspect lunged for the gun grabbing it just as Officer Carrillo did, resulting in a struggle. The suspect turned the barrel of the gun toward Officer Carillo. Fearing the suspect was going to shoot him and his partner, Officer Carrillo fired in self defense.

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