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30TH ANNUAL RECOGNITION DAY

One hundred eighteen LAPD officers were honored on May 15, 2010, during the 30th Annual Recognition Day Awards Ceremony. The event took place in the Ronald F. Deaton Civic Auditorium at the Police Administration Building. The auditorium was filled with Department Command Staff, family, friends and fellow officers. Each individual recipient was awarded a medal for distinguishing themselves by performing acts of bravery and heroism, saving or preservation of human life, exceptional performance of duty and outstanding service.

Chief Charlie Beck presented the awards and shook the hand of every single officer who proudly walked the stage. "This is a great day for the Los Angeles Police Department, I am immensely proud of you, it is an honor to be your Chief and represent all of you," Chief Beck stated.

Most of the medals awarded were for rescuing victims in life and death situations. The heroic acts varied from rescuing victims from burning buildings and vehicles, to saving a thirteen year old boy from drowning at a local beach by an off duty officer.

The different medals awarded included the Police Medal, Police Star, Police Life Saving Medal, and Police Meritorious Service Medal. Candidates are nominated by their supervisors, the nominations are sent to the Commission Board for review and then sent up the chain of command for Chief of Police approval.

(L-R) Officers Alex Archuleta and Ruben Cantu displaying their Police Star

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