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### HIGHEST HONORS BESTOWED UPON CPD'S BRAVEST AT ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

CHICAGO- Police Superintendent Jody Weis presented awards today to outstanding officers at the Chicago Police Department's 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Police Recognition Ceremony. The annual event pays tribute to officers who have distinguished themselves and the Chicago Police Department by heroic deeds during the past year. The ceremony included a Memorial Roll that honored all Chicago Police Officers who died in the past year.

The event was held in the International Ballroom of the Chicago Hilton & Towers, 720 S. Michigan Avenue with veteran television journalist Bill Kurtis serving as the event's master of ceremonies.

The annual ceremony began in 1962 when President John F. Kennedy, with the encouragement of his brother Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy, established the first National Police Month. Ceremonies were held throughout the country by several police departments, including the Chicago Police Department.

The main feature of the afternoon was the presentation of the Department's highest award, the **Police Medal**, presented to Officers whose accomplishments are so outstanding as to justify special recognition.

The **Police Medal** was presented to **Officer Jameka R. Sherrod** of the Target Response Unit and **Officer Donald M. Hummons** of the Mobile Strike Force.

On November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008, a woman was the victim of a domestic battery and the offender made good his escape. The offender later contacted the victim, asking her to meet him. The victim flagged down Officers Donald Hummons and Jemeka Sherrod. The officers, along with the victim, went to the specified location where the officers attempted to effect an arrest.

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When Officer Sherrod attempted to grab the offender, he pulled away from her and pointed a handgun at her head. Officer Sherrod's quick reaction, dropping to the ground, enabled Officer Hummons to fire his weapon, striking the offender twice in the chest.

The offender succumbed from his injuries. Officer Hummons and Officer Sherrod displayed bravery and skill with their quick, decisive actions.

Officers Sherrod and Hummons also received the Superintendent's Award of Valor, presented to officers for outstanding heroism, personal courage and devotion to duty.

**The Superintendent's Award of Valor** was also presented to:

**Officer Rene Duran** of the Area Four Gang team, **Officer Mathew J. Cadman** and **Officer Kenneth E. Molesky** of the 5th District, **Officer Robert J. Mc Gee** of the 4th District, **Sergeants Jose L. Lopez** and **Michael T. Karczewski**, and **Officer Robert Gallas** of the Area Three Gang Team and Retired **Officer Thomas P. Tinsman**, **Officer Sean M. Lewis**, **Officer Ricky Rivera** of the 10th District, **Officer Shane K. Jones**, **Officer Patrick M. Fahey Jr.**, **Officer Craig C. Brownfield** of the 4th District, **Officer William G. Singer** of the Traffic Enforcement Unit, **Officer Michael English** of the 2nd District, **Sergeant Michael G. O'Malley** of the 4th District, **Officer Stacey L. Hill** of the Public Transportation Section, **Officer Darin L. Macon** of the 5th District, **Officer Jerry G. Crisp**, **Officer Mahmoud, A. Haleem**, **Officer Enrique Pacheco Jr.**, **Officer William T. Wagner** of the Area One Deputy Chief's Office, **Officer Haytham A. Mohammad**, **Officer Daniel M. Kasper** of the Area Two Deputy Chief's Office, **Officer Zachary Q. Rubald** of the 6th District and **Officer Miguel A. Romero**, **Officer Ivan Lopez** of the 8th District and **Officers Christopher L. Davis**, **Robert Ontiveros** and **Brian Gaffney** from the 3rd District, **Officer Kenneth G. Stubblefield** from the 4th District, **Officer Andrew M Thomas** from the 9th District, **Officer Jennifer G. Harris** from the 6th District, **Officer Hector M. Fuentes** from the 8th District, **Officer Rafael Magallan**, **Officer Patrick J. Wherefel** of the 15th District Tactical Team, **Officer Jason E McFadden** of the Narcotics Unit, **Officer John C. Moss** of the Mobile Strike Force, **Officer Francisco D. Iza** of the Area Five Gang Team, **Detective Dominick A. Ciccola** of Central Investigations, **Officer John Fitzgerald**, **Adis Klincevic** of the Fourteenth District, **Officer Ryan M. Delaney** of the area Five Gang Team, **Officer Tony Ramirez** of the Area Two Deputy Chief's Office.

**Officer Rene Duran** and his partner responded to a domestic disturbance. Upon arrival, they observed two subjects involved in a struggle. The officers announced their office at which time one of the subjects stabbed the other. Fearing for the victim's life, Officer Duran fired his weapon once, fatally wounding the offender. The victim was hospitalized with multiple injuries including two stab wounds. Officer Duran exhibited outstanding bravery, selflessness, and devotion to duty, courageously entering a chaotic situation and sparing the victim further life threatening injuries.

**Officers Mathew Cadman** and **Kenneth Molesky** were assigned to the Altgeld Gardens Housing Development in response to an aggravated battery where two people were shot. The officers

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observed a subject running through the courtyard just east of where the shooting occurred and pursued him. During the pursuit, the subject turned and opened fire on both officers. The officers returned fire, striking the offender twice. The offender was taken into custody and his weapon was secured. A hostile crowd attempted to take over the crime scene and free the prisoner, but additional units responded to secure the scene. The actions of the officers reflect the highest ideals of valor and professionalism.

Police **Officer Robert J. McGee** responded to an "armed robbery" call, and while touring the area observed a man matching the description of the suspected robber. When Officer McGee approached, the suspect fled on foot. While Officer McGee chased the suspected robber, a man appeared on the street and began firing a handgun at the suspected robber. The shooter refused orders to drop his weapon and turned toward the officer with a handgun in his hand. In fear of his life, Officer McGee fired several shots at the shooter, striking him in the foot. The shooter admitted to firing a handgun at the man who had just robbed him at gunpoint, but denied knowing the police were pursuing that same person. Because of the actions of Officer McGee, the shooter was quickly apprehended.

Police **Officers Thomas Tinsman and Robert Gallas** and **Sergeants Jose Lopez and Michael Karczewski** received information on the location and vehicle description of four offenders who had committed an armed robbery of a clothing store. The officers set up surveillance and attempted to stop two of the offenders as they were driving away. The driver pointed a gun at Officer Tinsman, who blocked his path. The passenger exited the vehicle and fled on foot. Sergeants Lopez and Karczewski and Officer Gallas approached the vehicle and ordered the driver out of the vehicle. Instead of complying, he pointed a gun at the officers and rammed his vehicle into their police vehicle. Fearing for their lives, the officers fired their weapons, striking the driver who died from his injuries. Two loaded handguns and the proceeds from the armed robbery were recovered from the vehicle. The passenger of the vehicle, as well as the other two offenders, were arrested and subsequently charged with armed robbery. The officers' actions under extremely dangerous circumstances resulted in the apprehension of these offenders.

In October of 2008, Police **Officers Ricky Rivera and Sean Lewis** were traveling eastbound on 16th Street at Karlov when they heard several gunshots northwest of their location. The officers observed a suspect with long hair wearing dark-colored clothing running with a shotgun. Officers Lewis and Rivera followed him in their marked vehicle. During the pursuit, the offender turned and fired twice in the direction of the officers. Officer Rivera, fearing for his life, fired his handgun approximately six times at the offender. A short time later they located the offender crouching in a gangway with his discarded wig, jacket, and shotgun on the ground next to him. He was taken into custody without further incident, and charged with two counts of Attempted Murder.

While on patrol, **Officers Craig Brownfield, Patrick Fahey and Shane Jones** heard a gunshot near their location. They observed an armed offender with two handguns. The offender refused to drop his weapons and attempted to flee into a building, then turned and pointed the weapons at the officers. Fearing for their lives, the officers discharged their weapons, striking the offender multiple times. The offender expired from his wounds on scene.

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When **Officer William Singer** arrived home after completing his tour of duty, two offenders approached him and attempted to rob him at gunpoint. Officer Singer announced his office, drew his weapon, and shot both offenders, causing one to collapse at the scene. He detained this offender while summoning police and medical assistance via his cell phone. The second offender fled the scene with a third offender who was waiting in a vehicle. The offender's vehicle was found containing blood and a handgun used in the crime. The offenders were taken into custody and charged with Felony Attempted Armed Robbery. Officer Singers' heroism went above and beyond the call of duty and led to the apprehension of three dangerous offenders.

Off-Duty Police **Officer Michael English** was walking to a restaurant when he was attacked by two subjects who struck him on the head, knocking him to the ground and jumping on top of him. They demanded his money. Officer English identified himself as a police officer and removed his weapon. One the offenders grabbed the weapon and attempted to disarm him. Officer English maintained control of his weapon, firing one time and striking the offender. Both offenders fled on foot. Officer English's attention to detail led to the subsequent arrest of the offenders.

**Sergeant Michael O'Malley** responded to a call of a suspicious person and saw a subject fitting the description. The subject immediately produced a large caliber semi-automatic gun and began firing at Sergeant O'Malley, who was still exiting his vehicle. The bullet struck Sergeant O'Malley in the bullet proof vest. Sergeant O'Malley, maintaining his composure under duress, returned fire, striking the assailant twice in the side. The offender fell to the ground after firing a last shot at the Sergeant. Sergeant O'Malley's actions demonstrated his courage and devotion to duty.

**Officer Stacey Hill** and his partners were working the Chicago Transit Authority Special Employment Program. The officers observed a disturbance in the CTA vestibule when Officer Hill heard a gunshot and observed an individual lying on the ground. Two subjects fled on foot and during the pursuit one offender pointed his gun at the officer who, fearing for his life, discharged his firearm. The offender was later placed into custody and felony charges were approved. Officer Hill displayed great courage and demonstrated outstanding bravery in the performance of his duty.

When off-duty Police **Officer Darin Macon** was at a gas station and observed an armed robbery, he flagged down patrolling officers, giving them the offender's description. All three officers began to pursue the offender on foot, when he unsuccessfully tried to carjack another victim. When Officer Macon attempted to block the offender's escape, he pointed a gun in Macon's direction. In fear for his life, Officer Macon fired one shot at the offender. The offender was subsequently taken into custody and charged with six felony offenses. Due to Officer Macon's bravery and relentless dedication, even while off duty, a violent gunman was apprehended.

While assigned to the Area One Midnight Tactical Team, Police **Officers Jerry Crisp, Mahmoud Haleem, Enrique Pacheco, and William Wagner** monitored a call of shots fired. The officers drove through the alley and observed a suspicious subject in a yard, holding a silver colored weapon. The subject attempted to flee, but stopped, turned, and pointed his weapon at Officers Haleem and Crisp and fired four times. The foot chase continued with numerous shots being fired. The offender was

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located, placed under arrest and charged with two counts of Attempt Murder. These four Officers acted with outstanding bravery and heroism while demonstrating courage and devotion to duty.

While working in the 5<sup>th</sup> District on the Area 2 Gun Team, **Officers Daniel Kasper and Haytham Mohammad** heard shots fired from an alley. They exited their vehicle, approached the alley and observed citizens drinking while four to seven males were shooting large caliber weapons into the air. One subject was shooting an AK-47 Assault Rifle, but lowered the weapon and pointed it in Officer Kasper's direction. Officer Kasper fired in the direction of the shooter, who ran northbound and discarded his weapon. Officer Mohammad was in hot pursuit and apprehended the offender. Three weapons were recovered and the offender was charged with three felony counts.

On August 22nd, 2008, **Officers Zachary Rubald and Miguel Romero** responded to a "Shots Fired" call at 87th and St. Lawrence. Upon arrival they saw a suspect flee the scene carrying a loaded Cal Tech 9 millimeter semi-automatic pistol. Officers Rubald and Romero gave chase and the offender turned toward the officers, pointing the gun in their direction. Officer Rubald quickly drew his weapon and fired, striking the offender with fatal results. A second offender was placed in custody and a .25 caliber Colt semi-automatic pistol, with a ten shot capacity magazine was recovered. The brave and fearless actions of these officers led to the removal of dangerous weapons from our streets the apprehension of an offender.

In July 2009, Police **Officer Ivan Lopez** observed three vehicles traveling at a high rate of speed without headlights. The officer followed the vehicles until one offender exited the lead car, stood in the street, and fired three to four shots at a passing dark four-door sedan. The offender then turned towards the officer and pointed the weapon in the officer's direction. Officer Lopez returned fire, striking the offender once in the right thigh, and causing him to fall to the ground and drop his .25 caliber semi-automatic pistol. Officer Lopez displayed outstanding bravery, heroism and devotion to duty.

In March 2009, Tactical **Officers Christopher Davis, Brain Gaffney and Robert Ontiveros** responded to a call of a battery in-progress and observed a brown van traveling in the wrong direction on a one-way street towards them. The van collided with the officers' vehicle twice before all of the offenders exited and began to flee on foot. When the driver of the vehicle stopped and pointed a handgun at them, the three officers fired their weapons, striking the offender multiple times. The offender expired from his wounds.

On July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Police **Officer Kenneth Stubblefield** observed a suspicious vehicle with two occupants at 83<sup>rd</sup> and Jeffrey. The driver of the vehicle committed a traffic violation and the officers attempted to stop the vehicle. The passenger exited the moving vehicle and fled the scene with Officer Stubblefield in pursuit. The offender suddenly raised a gun and pointed the weapon at Officer Stubblefield who discharged his weapon, hitting the offender several times. The offender made several verbal admissions of his guilt following this incident and was charged with Aggravated Assault of a Police Officer and Unlawful Use of a Weapon. Officer Stubblefield's exceptional response led to the removal of a dangerous criminal from the streets of Chicago.

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On January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009, the 9<sup>th</sup> District Tactical Team obtained information about a large quantity of narcotics and firearms at a residence. Upon reaching the location, members of the team searched the residence for the target contraband. A subject emerged from an adjacent room, raised a handgun to eye level and was about to shoot the officers. **Officer Andrew Thomas** observed this action and without regard for his personal safety, fired his weapon, fatally wounding the offender. Officer Thomas' quick actions saved his fellow officers and he is to be commended for his exceptional bravery.

In December 2009, **Officer Jennifer Harris** and her partners were conducting a Robbery Mission and observed a male subject jump over a fence at a CTA train station before entering a vehicle parked in a tow zone. When the officers approached the suspect, he fled on foot. Officer Harris gave chase. As the offender was running, he reached into his waistband and turned toward Officer Harris, pointing a gun in her direction. Officer Harris fired two rounds at the offender, striking him once in the leg. The offender was subsequently apprehended and the officers learned he was a convicted felon. Due to Officer Harris' keen observations and bravery, a career criminal armed with a deadly weapon was removed from the streets.

Police **Officer Hector Fuentes** and his partners responded to a domestic disturbance where a man was holding his girlfriend at gun point. The officers gained entry and ordered the offender to drop his weapon. When the officers entered the apartment, the offender raised his firearm at Officer Fuentes. The Officer fired his weapon, striking the offender. Officers secured the offender's weapon as well as a second firearm found next to him. The female victim was unharmed.

Police **Officer Rafael Magallon** was en route to his home at the end of his tour of duty when he noticed a vehicle following him, occupied by four subjects. After determining that the vehicle was indeed trailing him, he called 911 for assistance. The offenders' vehicle drove into oncoming traffic paralleling his vehicle and the passenger pointed a handgun and fired several rounds at him. Officer Magallon returned fire, striking the offenders' vehicle several times. He then pursued the offenders' vehicle until he lost sight of it. Subsequent investigation resulted in the identification and arrest of four offenders who were members of the Latin Kings street gang and charged with Attempted Murder of a Police Officer. They are currently awaiting trial.

**Officer Patrick Wherfel** monitored a flash message of a stolen auto and when he attempted to curb the vehicle, it crashed through an iron fence and into a house. Officer Wherfel pursued the driver and attempted to place him in custody, but the offender began to fight with the officer. Officer Wherfel was unable to call for assistance with his radio because it was lost during the struggle. As Officer Wherfel was handcuffing the offender, the offender violently rose and ripped the gun and holster from the officer's belt. The offender, now in control of the weapon, pointed it at the officer's face and stated, "I'm gonna kill you!" Officer Wherfel was able to regain control and fire his weapon to save his own life, resulting in the assailant's demise.

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In May 2009, **Officers Jason McFadden** and **John Moss** were working when they heard numerous gunshots and observed a male subject, armed with a chrome revolver. Officer McFadden chased the subject on foot while Officer Moss pursued him in the squad car. Officer Moss was able to catch up with the offender and ordered him to drop his weapon. Instead, the offender raised his weapon and pointed it at Officer Moss who, fearing for his life, fired at the offender while his partner, simultaneously fired his weapon. The offender ultimately collapsed to the ground and expired from his wounds. Assisting officers discovered that the offender had shot four victims, one being a 67-year-old woman.

**Officer Francisco Iza** observed a vehicle driving at a high rate of speed commit a traffic violation. The vehicle abruptly stopped and two subjects jumped out and attempted to flee. One suspect had a weapon in his hand and fired in the officer's direction as the officer gave chase. Officer Iza returned fire, striking the offender. While the officer was securing the offender, an individual approached and stated that he was the victim of an armed robbery by the suspect in custody and another offender. The second suspect was found shortly thereafter and also arrested. Due to the courageous efforts and dedication to duty shown by Officer Iza, two dangerous individuals were apprehended.

In May 2009, **Detective Dominick Ciccola** became aware of a crime pattern in which a gunman was robbing gas stations at gunpoint resulting in 25 robberies in Chicago and suburban areas. Detective Ciccola, assigned to the FBI Violent Crime Task Force, requested this assignment. While touring the area of the robberies, Detective Ciccola and his partner observed a white van matching the description of the offender's vehicle at a gas station. Detective Ciccola requested backup as the offender exited the gas station, still armed with his pistol in his hand and the surgical mask concealing his face. When the offender raised his weapon and leveled it towards him, Detective Ciccola fired at the offender, striking him numerous times. The offender expired from his wounds and was pronounced dead at the scene. Detective Ciccola demonstrated exceptional bravery in the face of imminent danger.

In August 2007, **Officer John Fitzgerald** was on patrol when he noticed that a subject in a crowd was holding his side, indicating he was concealing a handgun. The subject began to run with Officer Fitzgerald in pursuit. The offender pointed the gun at Officer Fitzgerald who then fired, striking the armed offender one time and fatally wounding him. A Lorcin 9 millimeter semi-automatic handgun loaded with 11 live rounds was recovered from the offender.

In December 2008, Gang Officers **Thomas Olson** and **Ryan Delaney** observed a man running across Kedzie Avenue at Belden. As the officers approached the subject, he turned and fired two rounds towards Officer Olson, striking him in the right clavicle. Officer Delaney fired one round in return. The offender continued to flee with Officers Delaney, **Tony Ramirez** and **Adis Klinevic** in pursuit. As the distance between the officers and the offender decreased, the offender turned and raised his weapon again, with Officer Delaney firing and injuring the offender. These officers exemplified the utmost professionalism, with no regard for their own safety. In addition to the Award of Valor, Officer Thomas Olson was presented with the **Blue Star Award**. The Blue Star Award is presented to officers who have been seriously wounded in the direct performance of duty during an attack from an assailant or personal combat.

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In August 2009, an officer observed a man aggressively panhandling on the street. As the officer began to interview the suspect, he pulled a knife and threatened the officer. Numerous officers, including **Officers Steven Jacoby, Michael Paul, Juan Rivera** and **Brian Sloyan** arrived to help. The offender stated, “You’re going to have to shoot me, I’m not dropping the knife” and pointed the knife at Officer Rivera. The offender fled from the officers, stopping only to threaten citizens in the crowded Loop area. The offender then grabbed an 80-year-old citizen by the neck and placed the knife to his head. Officer Sloyan grabbed the offender’s arm, while Officer Rivera grabbed the citizen and pulled him in the opposite direction of the offender. Officers Jacoby and Paul each fired their weapons, striking the offender who expired from his wounds. Officer Sloyan was also struck by a bullet that passed through the offender. Due to the injuries suffered during this incident, Officer Sloyan was also presented with the Blue Star Award.

On June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009, shortly after midnight, **Officer Alejandro Valadez** and his partner responded to a call of shots fired. Officer Valadez remained in front of the location conducting an interview of a citizen while other officers went to the rear of the location. As Officer Valadez was standing on the sidewalk, a vehicle drove past and the passenger fired shots from a pistol, striking Officer Valadez in the head and thigh. He was transported to Stroger Hospital but Officer Valadez succumbed to his injuries. Officer Valadez’s work ethic and interest in the community he served are examples to everyone in the Chicago Police Department. In addition to the Award of Valor, Officer Valadez also was awarded the Blue Star Award. The posthumous awards were accepted on his behalf by his parents.

The **Police Blue Star Award**, given to officers seriously injured as a result of an attack by an assailant in the direct performance of duty, was also presented to Area 1 Gang Team **Officer Ernest Spradley**, 12th District **Officer Mark Grzywna**, 9th District **Officer Jeffrey Weber**, and 10th District **Probationary Police Officer Anthony Munizzi**.

In April 2009, **Officer Ernest Spradley** was in his home when he heard screams outside his bedroom window. He saw a man armed with a handgun standing next to the vehicle belonging to his wife. Mrs. Spradley had just arrived home and was parking her vehicle when she was approached by a gunman who tapped on the window with a gun, demanding she exit the vehicle. Upon seeing this, Officer Spradley opened the window and announced his office. The offender turned and fired several shots, striking Officer Spradley in the upper right arm, and began to flee while pointing his weapon at the officer. Officer Spradley returned fire but the offender fled the scene. Despite his wounds, Officer Spradley drove himself to the hospital where he was treated.

In September 2007, while working off-duty as security for Jewel-Osco, **Officer Mark Grzywna** observed loss prevention personnel escort a subject out of the store. When the subject began yelling obscenities at store personnel and citizens, Officer Grzywna called for assistance and then asked the subject to leave the area. The subject punched Officer Grzywna in the lower jaw, breaking it in two places, and then fled the scene. While bleeding and unable to use his mouth, Officer Grzywna pursued the subject on foot and was able to keep the subject under surveillance until on-duty officers arrived. Officer Grzywna was transported to Stroger Hospital for immediate surgery and his jaw was wired shut for six weeks. The subject was taken into custody and subsequently charged and convicted with Aggravated Battery to a Police Officer. He is currently serving 10 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

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In December 2008, the Latin King Street gang was having a wake for one of the gang members who was killed during a gang fight. Numerous officers were assigned to the area of the funeral home to keep peace when violence erupted between two rival factions. **Officer Jeffrey Weber** and his partner responded to the battery in progress at the funeral home. A member of the Latin Kings began an unprovoked attack on Officer Weber by striking him in the face numerous times with closed fists and elbow. Officer Weber was transported to Little Company of Mary Hospital where he was treated for multiple fractures to the left eye socket, multiple fractures to the nose and a broken right hand. The offender and 13 members of the Latin Kings were arrested for various crimes against the members of the Chicago Police Department, including Aggravated Battery of a Police Officer, Felony Mob Action, Criminal Damage to Government Property and Resisting Arrest.

While working in the 10<sup>th</sup> District, **Probationary Police Officer Anthony Munizzi** was assigned to assist in securing a crime scene for an Aggravated Battery that had just occurred. While standing guard at the scene, Officer Munizzi heard two loud gunshots coming from the alley. He later learned he had been shot in his right rear shoulder.

The **Police Blue Shield Award** was presented to Detached Services Police **Officer David Soltis**, 22nd District Police **Officer Densey Cole II**, 12th District Police **Officer Ruben Salcedo**, and posthumously to 23rd District **Sergeant Alan Haymaker**. The award is presented to officers who, as a result of accidental cause, have been seriously or critically wounded or injured in the performance of duties.

In December 2006, **Officer David Soltis** had just completed a radio assignment and was returning to his marked police vehicle when a truck sped down the street and struck him. Despite his numerous injuries, Officer Soltis was able to use his radio to give a description of the truck which was believed to have been stolen. Officer Soltis suffered a neck fracture, broken left shoulder, four broken ribs and a broken left hip which required a total hip replacement.

In May 2009, **Officer Densey Cole II** was working beat 2234 when a call of a “Burglary in Progress” was dispatched. While responding to that call, Officer Cole’s marked vehicle was struck when another vehicle failed to stop at a stop sign. While the officer was severely injured, a male subject entered the officer’s vehicle, removed the officer’s service weapon and attempted to take his wallet. Officer Cole sustained critical injuries, including a broken back, broken neck and paralysis. As a result of these injuries, Officer Cole has endured several life-saving medical procedures.

During the Mexican Independence Day Parade, **Officer Ruben Salcedo** was driving his marked police vehicle on 18<sup>th</sup> Street, unaware that Suburban Police Officers were pursuing a car whose occupants had just violently robbed a suburban bank. The offending vehicle disobeyed a red light at an intersection and crashed into the officer’s car. Officer Salcedo was ejected through the passenger window as his vehicle spun around and crashed into a parked vehicle. Officer Salcedo suffered severe injuries, including a fractured sinus and dislocation of the collar bone and shoulder. Injuries required 300 stitches to the officer’s head.

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On February 22, 2010, **Sergeant Alan Haymaker** monitored a call of a burglary in progress and immediately responded. While driving on North Lake Shore Drive, Sergeant Haymaker's car spun off the road, striking a tree and a light pole. The Chicago Fire Department responded and transported Sergeant Haymaker Illinois Masonic Hospital. Despite the valiant efforts of the Chicago Fire Department and emergency room staff, Sergeant Haymaker succumbed to his injuries. Sergeant Haymaker's immediate response, in hazardous conditions, to a felony in progress exemplifies the finest traditions of the Chicago Police Department. The posthumous awards were accepted on his behalf by his wife and daughters.

The **William Powers Command Leadership Award**, an award bestowed upon police supervisors who exhibit remarkable integrity and outstanding leadership qualities, was presented to Gang Enforcement Unit **Commander Leo Schmitz**.

The **Richard J. Daley Police Medal of Honor** is presented annually to a citizen for outstanding dedication to the citizens of Chicago and the Chicago Police Department. This year, the Daley Medal was presented to Chief Judge **Timothy Evans**.

NOTE: The units and ranks for award recipients, where listed, may not necessarily be their current rank or unit of assignment, but rather their unit and rank at the time of the incident.

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