

39th Annual

IRVINE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Awards Banquet

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David Freedland - Deputy Chief of Police*

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Irvine Police Department Awards Criteria

Award Selection Process

The Irvine Police Department prides itself in awarding individuals with distinction for their heroic and professional work ethic. After careful review of the ballots cast by their peers, the names selected by the Awards Committee are given to the Chief of Police for final approval. Below are the criteria for all of the awards being presented at tonight's banquet.

Officer, Rookie, and Civilian of the Year



These awards consider overall performance as a career police professional and NOT one single distinguishing event of the year. Focus should be on organizational contributions made during the current year. Specific employee traits: teamwork, initiative, integrity, dependability, judgment, community involvement, leadership, job knowledge, peer respect, appropriate departmental role model.

(The Rookie of the Year is awarded to a rookie officer with two years or less on the job.)

Medal of Valor



The Medal of Valor should recognize an act of courage, where the employee was aware of imminent danger to himself/herself and acted above and beyond the call of duty. The situation should be of sufficient importance to justify the risks in the mind of a reasonable and prudent person. The employee accomplishes the objective or is prevented from doing so only by incurring injury or death.

Medal of Courage



The Medal of Courage is conferred for acts of bravery above and beyond the call of duty which are of a lesser degree than those required for the Medal of Valor. It is an act of courage performed by an individual assuming great personal risk under dangerous conditions associated with unusual ability and personal initiative while attempting to save the life of another on or off duty.

Irvine Police Department Awards Criteria

Lifesaving

The Lifesaving Award should recognize acts undertaken resulting in the life of a person being sustained, thus permitting that person to be transported to a medical facility for treatment. The act need not involve bravery, however, the act necessary, such as first aid, must have been accomplished with exceptional competence. A statement from the physician attesting to the fact that the victim would have lost his/her life but for the actions of the person involved shall accompany the nomination.



Meritorious Service

An act or series of acts which occur over a period of time that demonstrate outstanding performance/service to the community or the Department, or a special act that required great tenacity and devotion to duty. The service that is to be recognized involves displaying a greater call to duty than mere performance of one's job.



Community Service/Policing

The Community Service/Policing Award should recognize the employee who, in a spirit of service, performs outstanding acts to further the betterment of the community.



Unit Commendation

A Unit Commendation should recognize the unit within the Department that has consistently performed in an exemplary manner. The work of the unit may either be directly related to field police work or performed in support of the mission of the Irvine Police Department.



Star Attachment

The silver star shown on some of the awards designates the recipient has received more than one of the same award.



Meritorious Service Awards

Terrie Covarrubias ***Civilian Investigator I***



Terrie Covarrubias is a Civilian Investigator in the Investigations Division assigned to the Crossroads Area.

Terrie began her career in law enforcement in 1997 when she was hired as a Public Safety Assistant. During her time with the Department, she has also been assigned to the Business Desk.

Terrie has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Interior Design from California State University, Long Beach.

Terrie is a conscientious, tenacious, and highly skilled investigator who provides the highest level of service to our community. Terrie has received numerous awards for her efforts, including the Laurence Stein Award in 2008 which recognizes an investigator within the Irvine Police Department that displays the highest level of performance and dedication to duty. In 2009, Terrie received the prestigious Law Enforcement Investigator of the Year award, from the Southern California Chapter of the International Association of Financial Crimes Investigators, for solving an identity theft case with over 100 victims. The losses were estimated at over \$100,000 and the investigation led to the arrest of three suspects. Terrie consistently goes above and beyond, ensuring that her victims are heard and suspects are held accountable. It is for these reasons that Terrie was selected for the Meritorious Service Award.



Meritorious Service Awards

Karie Davies **Police Officer**

Karie Davies is currently a Spectrum Team Officer assigned to patrol the Irvine Spectrum Center.

Karie began her career at the City of Irvine in 2004 as a patrol officer. She is a member of the Crisis Negotiation Team and a Terror Liaison Officer.

Karie holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Speech Communication from California State University, Long Beach.



As a member of the Irvine Spectrum Center policing team, Karie has made numerous arrests and has organized meetings for the Safe Store Partnership and the Safe Service Partnership. She has also worked closely with Irvine Spectrum Center security and management staff to address public safety issues. Karie routinely conducts investigations and maintains crime trends throughout the City and region. Karie attends meetings of the Crime Alert Network and is a member of the National Association of Bunco Investigators. She has expanded her knowledge of "traveler theft groups" and created a training briefing to educate patrol officers of their activities and types of fraud. In 2009, Karie was the primary crisis negotiator in two incidents. Karie, along with Detective Melissa Porter, developed a crisis negotiation presentation that was presented to the Newport Beach Police Department. Her achievements, skills, tact and enthusiasm make Karie worthy to receive the Meritorious Service Achievement Award.

Meritorious Service Awards

John Spencer ***Armorer***



John Spencer is the Armorer for the Department of Public Safety assigned to the Office of Professional Development.

John was hired as a Senior Public Safety Assistant in 2004 and was promoted to Armorer in 2007. He has attended Irvine Valley College and served his nation with distinction as a member of the United States Marine Corps from 2002 to 2006. While in the Marine Corps, John was a small arms repairer/technician and was twice awarded the prestigious Marine Corps Achievement Medal and the Expert Pistol and Rifle Medals. John has completed basic and advanced armorer courses and is certified to repair a wide variety of firearms including Glock, Ruger, Heckler & Koch, Sig Sauer, Colt and TASER.

John has quickly become an invaluable resource for the entire Police Department. He has implemented a Department-wide inventory and maintenance system to track ammunition, weapon systems, simunitions gear and equipment used by members of the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team. On a daily basis, John oversees inventories and maintains police equipment and weapon systems valued at \$350,000. During SWAT training, John provides valuable on-site maintenance and equipment checks. He provides advice to outside agencies regarding the maintenance and repair of portable air tank systems used to protect first responders from chemical, biological or radiological contaminants. John also assists the Office of Professional Development by supporting Block Training and new officer orientation, ensuring that weapon systems are available and ready for use. At the conclusion of firearms training John often cleans up to 20 firearms and performs repairs as needed. For these reasons, John was selected by his peers to receive a Meritorious Service Award.



Meritorious Service Awards

Dave Wills **Police Officer**

Dave Wills is a Police Officer currently assigned to the Office of Professional Development.

Dave was hired as a Public Safety Assistant in 1989 and was promoted the following year to Custody Officer. He became a Police Officer in 1992 and was assigned to work patrol. In 2001, Dave became an investigator working various assignments including commercial and residential burglary/fraud, Orange County Auto Theft Task Force, and Special Enforcement Team. He has many collateral assignments such as firearms and baton instructor, reserve instructor, police academy instructor, and SWAT member for the past nine years. Dave received a Lifesaving Award in 2001 and the Unit Award (SWAT) in 2005.

While Dave has dedicated many years to quality service, his willingness to assume additional responsibilities by way of ancillary duties goes beyond the call of duty.



As a firearms instructor, he trains every new police officer during the pre-academy orientation and trains them again upon graduation. Dave is also a firearms instructor for the Community Police Academy providing classroom and live fire instruction at the range. He provides simunitions training to officers on safety, handgun and rifle tactics, and felony car stops. Equally as important, Dave is the Department instructor in the use of batons, ballistic shields and the Koga Method, a martial arts discipline used by law enforcement officers. While assigned to the Irvine Spectrum Center, Dave assisted in the development of the Safe Store Partnership, a cooperative partnership between the Irvine Spectrum Policing Team and the Irvine Spectrum Center management. He developed a presentation on how to verify identification and how businesses can assist officers when responding to calls for service. Dave also played an integral role in renewing the Department's lease for use of the firearms range operated by the Newport Beach Police Department. Dave has assumed the role as the Department's Range Master and has devoted countless hours to ensure that officers receive appropriate course instruction and firearms handling. For these reasons, Dave was selected by his peers to receive the Meritorious Service Award.

Meritorious Service Awards

Suzanne Witt Public Safety Dispatcher II



Suzanne Witt is a Dispatcher II assigned to the Communications Bureau.

Suzanne began her service with the Department of Public Safety in 1998 when she was hired as a Dispatcher I. She was promoted to Dispatcher II in 2000. She received Unit Commendation Awards in 2003 and 2005. In September 2009, Suzanne was recognized as the Employee of the Quarter.

Suzanne consistently handles many critical emergency 911 calls with expertise and accuracy. She is sensitive towards callers and comforting to those in need. In 2009, she received a call from a desperate resident who encountered a home invasion robber at a residence providing daycare services for several young children. As the suspect eventually fled the scene, Suzanne was able to obtain information from the victim that was broadcast to field units leading to the apprehension of the suspect.

In another incident, Suzanne assisted a 12-year-old child who called to report that an intruder broke into his home. The suspect confronted the child and Suzanne immediately instructed the child to lock himself in a bedroom. She began to ask the child investigative questions which allowed for a suspect description to be broadcast to field units resulting in the capture of the suspect. These are only two examples of the outstanding work Suzanne has performed which have led to the capture of dangerous suspects and, more importantly, the protection of victims. Suzanne also assumed the lead on a project to determine private and public streets, which had been delayed due to available resources. She worked diligently to create a published streets list that instantly became an important asset to the Department. For these reasons, Suzanne has been selected by her peers to receive the Meritorious Service Award.



Community Service/ Policing Award

Louis Filippelli **Reserve Police Officer**

The Irvine Police Department Reserve Program was founded shortly after the Department of Public Safety was established in 1975. Reserve Police Officers are volunteers who devote their valuable time and effort towards creating a safer community. They unselfishly volunteer their time to fulfill many of the roles handled by full-time sworn police officers and receive the same training as full-time officers. Reserve Police Officers work alongside patrol officers in the field and often assist in special operations and events.

Reserve Police Officer Louis Filippelli joined the Irvine Police Department in 1995 and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice from California State University, Fullerton. Lou is also skilled in the martial arts. Lou has been an automotive mechanic for the past 40 years and resides in Costa Mesa with his wife Vivian.



As a valued member of the Department, Lou consistently provides outstanding service and is a staple on the Friday night patrol shift. He not only assists his fellow officers, but he has served as a role model and positive image for other reserve officers and police trainees. Lou often stays beyond his shift in order to complete calls and assignments. In addition to working patrol, Lou performs a great deal of work in the Operations Support Division by performing vehicle inspections and collision investigations. He is also member of the Major Accident Investigation Team.

In the field, Lou is one of the most reliable backup officers and often uses his outgoing demeanor to calm agitated suspects and to provide a voice of reason for troubled youth. Moreover, Lou has a unique ability to establish a positive rapport with residents and always treats members of the community with dignity and respect. Lou and his partner work a two-person unit which often alleviates the need for two units responding to calls.



Unit Commendation Award

Records Unit

The Irvine Police Department Records Unit has been named the recipient of the Unit Commendation Award for 2009.

The Records Unit plays a critical role in the Department of Public Safety and in 2009 processed over 24,000 incident reports, performed 290 hours of matron duty, entered hundreds of private property impounds into the database and processed thousands of report requests and related public inquires. The Records Unit also provides crime reports and citations to the courts and transmits key information to crime-related databases maintained by the State of California and the Federal government. Crucial to excellent customer service is the ability to identify and address complex issues. The Records Unit is no exception as they are known for developing creative solutions regardless of the challenge. In 2009, the Records Unit successfully completed a comprehensive audit to ensure the accuracy and consistency of crime reports accessed through multiple portals by Public Safety personnel. The Records Unit also provides records training to patrol officers to give them a better understanding of procedural changes. The Unit routinely holds orientations for new officers and dispatchers providing them a better understanding of the Unit's functions. The Records Unit has a reputation for excellence in meeting the needs of the community, the District Attorney's Office, outside agencies and Public Safety personnel.

For their outstanding service to the Department and the community, the members of the Records Unit have been selected to receive the Unit Award.

The members of this unit include:

Vivienne Hedgpeth
Business Services Manager

Vycki Brito
Support Services Supervisor

Brenda Argabright
Lead Records Specialist

Kelley Mayercheck
Records Specialist

Laurie Librojo
Public Safety Assistant

Sonya Mobley
Lead Records Specialist

Carolyn Oakley
Records Specialist

Solira Tiev
Public Safety Assistant

Stanley Bambridge
Records Specialist

Erin Shapero
Records Specialist

Chris Drees
Office Specialist

Ee-Shin Chang
Records Specialist

Philip Taylor
Records Specialist

Karen Joe
Office Specialist

Maritza Ganddini
Records Specialist

Terri Whitlock
Records Specialist

Helen Mortley
Office Specialist

Kathy Hansler
Records Specialist

Wendy Soto
Office Specialist



Unit Commendation Award



**IRVINE POLICE DEPARTMENT
RECORDS UNIT**

Lifesaving Awards

Jon Jarrett Police Officer



On January 10, 2009, at approximately 2:05 p.m., Officer Jon Jarrett was patrolling southbound on Bake Parkway approaching Muirlands Boulevard when he observed a column of dark smoke coming from a mobile home in the City of Lake Forest. Jon immediately notified Dispatch and requested that the Orange County Sheriff's Department and the Orange County Fire Authority respond to the scene.

Upon Jon's arrival to the location, he found the front of a mobile home fully engulfed in flames and was informed that there was an elderly disabled female trapped inside. Without regard for his personal safety, Jon ran to the rear of the home and observed two residents attempting to assist a disabled woman whose wheelchair was wedged inside a laundry room. The home was filled with smoke and Jon found it extremely difficult to breathe as the visibility was no more than three feet. Jon bent down to assist the victim inside the laundry room and noticed the flames were quickly burning the adjacent wall and furniture. Residents attempted to control the fire with a fire extinguisher and rescued the owner's dog.

When Jon finally reached the doorway to exit the home, two nearby residents quickly offered assistance to carry the victim to safety.

Jon acted bravely to save the life of the woman who would have perished if not for his actions under perilous conditions.



Lifesaving Awards

Justin Russell Police Officer

On February 5, 2009, at 8:45 a.m., School Resource Officer Justin Russell received a phone call from a counselor at Woodbridge High School stating they needed him to check on a student whom Justin had talked with the prior day. The counselor advised Justin that the student had not responded well to a recent meeting and was rumored to have locked himself in his bedroom at his grandmother's house.

The student's mental health had recently declined due to the death of his parents within the last few months and the school was in the process of attempting to enroll him in an out-patient treatment program.

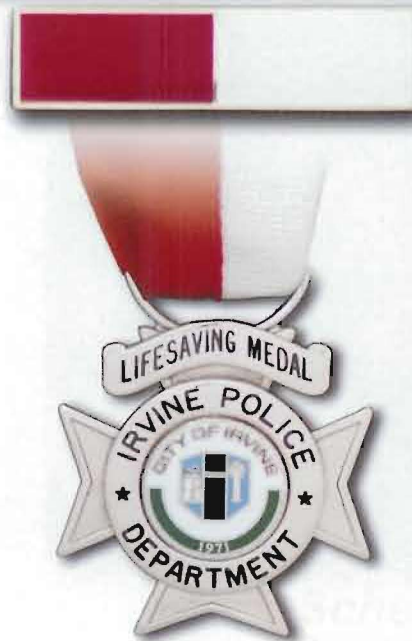
Justin responded to the home without hesitation and contacted School Resource Officer Jose Ayala to assist him. Upon their arrival they walked through the garage and into the residence and were met by the student's sister who stated she was calling 911. She was extremely upset and pointed to the student's bedroom. Since the door was closed, Justin knocked and identified himself and asked the subject to open the door.

After approximately five seconds with no response, Justin attempted to open the door; however, he was only able to open it halfway as there was a table blocking the doorway. Officer Russell could see the student lying on the floor with a plastic bag pulled tightly against his face. He immediately gained entry to the room and removed the plastic bag from the victim's head. The student's eyes were open and he eventually began to breathe in a gasping manner.

Justin continued to talk to the student as Jose called for the Orange County Fire Authority to respond to the scene. Justin discovered that the student had pulled the bag over his head three times but each time had become scared and had taken a breath. On his fourth attempt, the student felt that he lost consciousness, only remembering last being on the bed.

Emergency personnel from the Orange County Fire Authority arrived at the location and the student was transported to Kaiser Permanente Hospital for treatment and a mental health evaluation.

If Justin had not immediately responded to information provided by the school counselor at Woodbridge High School, the student would have suffocated.



Lifesaving Awards

Ramon Lerma **Police Officer**



On Sunday, July 12, 2009, at 5:22 p.m., Officer Ramon Lerma responded to a call of a possible drowning of a 4-year-old boy. The child was playing with friends in a community pool when he was found floating underneath an inner-tube with another child sitting on top of it. A witness jumped in the pool and pulled the boy out and placed him on the ground.

Ramon arrived on scene and discovered that the boy's pulse was faint and he was unresponsive. He immediately began cardiopulmonary resuscitation and continued to do so until the child was able to breath on his own. Paramedics from the Orange County Fire Authority arrived at the scene and provided medical aid. The child was then transported to Mission Hospital for treatment.

By performing in a quick and exemplary manner, Ramon's actions resulted in saving the child's life.



Lifesaving Awards

On September 10, 2009, at approximately 1:20 a.m., Sergeant Mike Hallinan and Sergeant Cathy Scherer were in the Watch Commander's Office discussing three subjects in custody who were scheduled to be transported to the Orange County Jail. Cathy was observing one of the arrestees from a closed circuit monitor when the suspect attempted to commit suicide by hanging himself with his shirt. Cathy immediately informed Mike and they responded to the custody facility where they found the subject already unconscious and lying on the concrete bench.

Without delay, Mike removed the shirt from the arrestee's neck, checked for a pulse and determined the arrestee was not breathing. He immediately opened the subject's airway and asked Custody Officer Atuatasi to retrieve an Ambu Bag. Cathy began to conduct a sternum rub on the subject's chest as the arrestee began to moan and move his legs and arms. She performed the sternum rub again and the arrestee began to mumble as he was brought to a seated position.

The Orange County Fire Authority responded to the scene and transported the arrestee to Kaiser Permanente Hospital for medical treatment and a mental health evaluation. By responding quickly, Cathy and Mike saved the arrestee's life.



Michael Hallinan
Police Sergeant



Cathy Scherer
Police Sergeant

Lifesaving Awards



Matthew Campbell
Police Officer



Luis Flores
Police Officer

On November 20, 2009, at approximately 4:52 a.m., Officer Matt Campbell responded Code 3 to a report of medical aid; the reporting party's wife was not breathing and he was attempting cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

Matt was first on scene and entered the residence to find the subject lying face down on the floor. He was unable to locate a pulse and immediately rolled the subject on her back, at which time Officer Luis Flores arrived on scene. Luis provided chest compressions while Matt used the Ambu Bag to provide resuscitation breathing.

After providing a number of cardiopulmonary resuscitation cycles, the officers were able to detect a faint pulse and observed the subject breathing on her own. Shortly after, the Orange County Fire Authority arrived on scene and assumed treatment and transported the woman to Western Medical Center for further treatment.

Due to the quick actions of Matt and Luis, the woman's life was saved.



Medal of Courage Award

Henry Boggs **Police Lieutenant**

Just after 2:15 a.m. on March 16, 1999, four patrons exited a bar and were on their way home when the driver of the vehicle crashed into a concrete pillar near the intersection of Turtle Rock Drive and Campus. Although the driver sustained only minor injuries, two of the passengers sustained moderate to major injuries and were rushed to the hospital for medical treatment. The remaining passenger also sustained injuries and was unconscious in the back seat of the van.

Lieutenant Henry Boggs, a patrol officer with fifteen years of experience when the incident occurred, arrived at the scene as the van's engine compartment and front cabin were on fire with flames threatening to engulf the remainder of the vehicle. Without hesitation or regard for his own life, Henry came to the aid of the unconscious victim by entering through the rear of the van and removing the victim as the flames spread dangerously towards them.



There is no doubt that the immediate actions by Henry Boggs saved the victim's life, as the van was fully engulfed by flames in only three minutes. If not for Henry's swift and heroic actions the consequences of the collision would have been tragic. The driver, the only one not injured in the collision, was arrested and booked for felony drunk driving.

While going beyond the call of duty, Henry saved a victim's life in the process and, for this reason, he is being awarded the Medal of Courage Award.

Irvine Police ***2009 Rookie of the Year***

Nicole Frantz **Police Officer**



Nicole Frantz is a Police Officer currently assigned to Patrol in the Portola Area.

Nicole began her career with the Irvine Police Department in June 2008. While attending the Rio Hondo Police Academy, Nicole received an award for Outstanding Recruit in Arrest and Control Techniques and was the academy treasurer. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology with a Biology emphasis and Minor in Managerial Economics from the University of California, Davis. Nicole also has a Masters degree in Forensic Psychology from Argosy University.

Nicole continually demonstrates a high level of initiative and eagerness to assume new challenges. An example of this initiative can be demonstrated in a recent incident when Nicole responded to a complex fraud case. Instead of referring the incident to the Investigations Bureau to conduct necessary follow-up, she wrote her own search warrant and continued the investigation to its completion with the assistance of an investigator. Nicole is deserving of Rookie of the Year because of her hard work, dedication and ability to take charge of situations from start to finish. Nicole's initiative, professionalism, and overall desire to be an outstanding police officer make her a worthy recipient of the Rookie of the Year Award.



Irvine Police *2009 Civilian of the Year*

Jodi Rahn **Senior Public Safety Assistant**

Jodi Rahn is a Senior Public Safety Assistant in the Operations Support Division and is a Community Service Officer.

Jodi began her law enforcement career with the Irvine Police Department 16 years ago as a part-time Public Safety Assistant and became a Senior Public Safety Assistant in 2004. She was previously assigned to the Office of Professional Development and Regulatory Affairs.

She is a past recipient of the Community Service Award and Employee of the Quarter in 2007. Jodi received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice from California State University, Long Beach.



Jodi was selected for the Civilian of the Year Award for her ability to train and mentor new Community Service Officers and her continued work in the car seat inspection and education program. Jodi has an outstanding work ethic and is a role model to her peers, consistently providing the highest level of customer service. In 2009, Jodi assisted in a detailed grand theft investigation and, through her tenacity and attention to detail, was able to provide investigators with information that led to the arrest of two suspects and the discovery of stolen property and drug paraphernalia. For all these reasons, Jodi's peers have selected her as Civilian of the Year.

Irvine Police

2009 Officer of the Year

Michael Frei is a Police Officer currently assigned to Patrol in the Portola Area.

In 1990, Michael began his career in law enforcement working for a one-year period in the Technical Services area. He was promoted to Custody Officer in 1991 and promoted the following year to Police Officer. Michael's previous assignments include traffic motors and the DARE Unit. He participated in many collateral assignments including the Explorer program, Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) and is presently a firearms and TASER instructor.

Michael is a past recipient of the Community Service Award and Employee of the Quarter in 2007. Michael possesses Intermediate and Advanced Certificates from the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training and has additional training in DARE and traffic investigations. Michael attended Southern California College and Saddleback Valley College.

Michael was chosen for the Police Officer of the Year Award because of his commitment to working with youth, his leadership abilities and enthusiasm.

Michael has established himself as a prominent member of the DARE and Explorer programs and is a role model for our youth. As a DARE officer, Michael worked tirelessly to develop close ties with school administrators and teachers throughout the Irvine Unified School District. He has made a positive impact on the lives of hundreds of students. As a DARE officer he provided internet safety training for school-age children and their parents. Michael is also a valued Explorer Advisor and has brought renewed enthusiasm into the program, guiding participants through dozens of community events which would not have been possible without their support. Michael also successfully managed several special projects, including planning the Woodbridge Invitational Cross Country event from start to finish. Michael continuously goes above and beyond the call of duty and in 2009 completed a complex sexual assault investigation involving extortion. The investigation was time sensitive and Michael and his partner continued the investigation on their own time. He is someone whom others naturally seek out for leadership, advice, problem solving and creative thinking. Simply put, Michael exemplifies the values of the Irvine Police Department – integrity, respect, accountability and quality service.



Irvine Police
2009 Officer of the Year

Michael Frei
Police Officer

