

# ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT INTERNAL MEMO



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On Thursday, March 23, 2017, the following individuals will be recognized at the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Orange County Sheriff's Department Medal of Valor Luncheon ceremonies where they will be awarded medals for actions that took place during the year 2016:

**DEPUTY TIMOTHY OTT**  
**MEDAL FOR LIFESAVING**

On Wednesday, June 29, 2016, Deputy Timothy Ott, while off-duty, administered the Heimlich maneuver on a 26-year-old female who was choking on some food. His extraordinary actions saved the woman's life and exemplify the finest traditions of the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

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**SSO CARLOS CASTRO**

**SSO RAFAEL OJEDA**  
**MEDAL FOR LIFESAVING**

**SSO SPENCER SHEFLIN**

On Monday, November 14, 2016, Sheriff's Special Officers Carlos Castro, Rafael Ojeda and Spencer Sheflin performed CPR on a 63-year-old man who suffered a heart attack at John Wayne Airport. Their extraordinary actions saved the man's life and exemplify the finest traditions of the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

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**INVESTIGATOR SHANE ELLIS**  
**DEPUTY LAWRENCE MITCHELL**  
**MEDAL FOR LIFESAVING**

On Saturday, May 2, 2015\*, Investigator, then Deputy Shane Ellis and Deputy Larry Mitchell performed CPR on a 20-month-old boy who had fallen in a pool in the Lemon Heights neighborhood of North Tustin. Their extraordinary actions saved the toddler's life and exemplify the finest traditions of the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

\*this is not a typo, this incident recognized in 2017 for actions in 2015 (please do not print the asterisk)



**INVESTIGATOR VICTOR CONTRERAS**  
**DEPUTY MARCO MUNGUIA**  
**MEDAL FOR LIFESAVING**

On Saturday, January 23, 2016, Investigator, then Deputy Vic Contreras and Deputy Marco Munguia performed CPR on a 15-year-old boy who attempted to hang himself in his Aliso Viejo home. Their extraordinary actions saved the boy's life and exemplify the finest traditions of the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

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**DEPUTY PAULINO CHAVEZ**  
**DEPUTY JASON DOHERTY**  
**MEDAL FOR LIFESAVING**

On Sunday, February 7, 2016, Deputies Paulino Chavez and Jason Doherty conducted CPR on a 53-year-old man who suffered a heart attack at his residence in the City of Stanton. Their extraordinary actions saved the man's life and exemplify the finest traditions of the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

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**DEPUTY DANIEL PACKHAM**  
**DEPUTY CRAIG SANDERS**  
**MEDAL FOR LIFESAVING**

On Friday, November 4, 2016, Deputies Daniel Packham and Craig Sanders conducted CPR on a 54-year-old man who went into cardiac arrest inside his Laguna Niguel home. Their extraordinary actions saved the man's life and exemplify the finest traditions of the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

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**DEPUTY JEREMY BURAGLIA**  
**DEPUTY BRANDON KOENIG**  
**MEDAL FOR LIFESAVING**

On Thursday, November 10, 2016, Deputies Jeremy Buraglia and Brandon Koenig conducted CPR on a 75-year-old man in the City of San Clemente who suffered a heart attack while in his hot tub. Their extraordinary actions brought the man back to life and exemplify the finest traditions of the Orange County Sheriff's Department.



**DEPUTY JUAN J. LOPEZ**  
**DEPUTY BRYCE SIMPSON**  
**MEDAL FOR LIFESAVING**

On Tuesday, December 6, 2016, Deputies Juan Lopez and Bryce Simpson conducted CPR on a 45-year-old woman in the City of Stanton whose heart stopped due to an on-going medical condition. Their extraordinary actions saved the woman's life and exemplify the finest traditions of the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

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**INVESTIGATOR ADAM KOLIHA**  
**MEDAL FOR LIFESAVING**

On Friday, December 16, 2016, Investigator Adam Koliha conducted CPR on a 53-year-old man who had suffered a heart attack at his home in the City of Lake Forest. His extraordinary actions saved the man's life and exemplify the finest traditions of the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

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**DEPUTY TERRA CARRILLO**  
**DEPUTY AMANDA KETRING**

**DEPUTY JONATHAN NEHRIG**  
**DEPUTY ASHLEY REYES**

**MEDAL FOR LIFESAVING**

On Thursday, September 15, 2016, Deputies Terra Carrillo, Amanda Ketring, Jonathan Nehrig and Ashley Reyes discovered a 28-year-old female inmate inside the Intake-Release Center who attempted to hang herself. After finding no pulse or breathing, they conducted CPR and restored both. Their extraordinary actions saved the woman's life and exemplify the finest traditions of the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

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**DEPUTY GREGORY BERRY**  
**MEDAL FOR LIFESAVING**

On Saturday, December 24, 2016, Theo Lacy Facility Deputy Greg Berry prevented a 23-year-old male inmate from hanging himself. His extraordinary actions saved the man's life and exemplify the finest traditions of the Orange County Sheriff's Department.



**SERGEANT JOSEPH SANDOVAL**

**MEDAL FOR LIFESAVING**

On Wednesday, March 30, 2016, Sergeant Joe Sandoval was off-duty and fishing along the Colorado River when he witnessed an ATV crash. He provided first aid to the four victims, two of whom were airlifted to the hospital with life-threatening injuries. His extraordinary actions exemplify the finest traditions of the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

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**DEPUTY ERIK BAUM**

**DEPUTY ANDREW MCMILLAN**

**DEPUTY BRIAN STOCKBRIDGE**

**PSR JAMES SLIKKER**

**MEDAL FOR LIFESAVING**

On Sunday, November 6, 2016, Deputies Erik Baum, Drew McMillan, Brian Stockbridge and Professional Service Responder Jim Slikker, who are members of the Special Enforcement Bureau Medical Team, Duke-6 aircrew, rescued a 50-year-old female hiker who was struck by a mountain bike and had a life-threatening head injury. Their extraordinary actions saved the woman's life and exemplify the finest traditions of the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

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**DEPUTY CHRISTOPHER QUENAULT**

**MEDAL FOR LIFESAVING**

On Thursday, December 22, 2016, Deputy Chris Quenault utilized his less-lethal shotgun to prevent a 60-year-old woman from killing herself with a semi-automatic handgun. His extraordinary actions saved the woman's life and exemplify the finest traditions of the Orange County Sheriff's Department.



**CHIEF SENIOR CHAPLAIN KATHLEEN KOOIMAN**

**MEDAL OF MERIT**

Chief Senior Chaplain Kathleen Kooiman is being recognized for her extraordinary efforts to greatly expand the role of the chaplain within the Sheriff's Department, the greater Orange County law enforcement community and the civilian community as a whole. Her extraordinary actions exemplify the finest traditions of the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

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**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE RESPONDER MICHAEL DE LABY**

**MEDAL OF MERIT**

PSR Mike De Laby is being recognized for his extraordinary volunteer efforts to create the Advanced Life Support Medical Rescue Team for the Sheriff's Department. His extraordinary actions exemplify the finest traditions of the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

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**DEPUTY DAVID WISE**

**MEDAL OF MERIT**

Deputy David Wise is being recognized for his extraordinary efforts investigating a fraud case while on loan from the Theo Lacy Facility. Without significant prior experience, he turned a simple fraud report into a multi-million dollar, multi-agency criminal gang investigation. His extraordinary actions exemplify the finest traditions of the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

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**DEPUTY CALVIN SILVA**

**MEDAL OF MERIT**

Deputy Calvin Silva is being recognized for his extraordinary efforts to create a special event for special needs children whose school pumpkin patch was vandalized. His extraordinary actions exemplify the finest traditions of the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

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**DEPUTY GINO RODRIGUEZ**

**MEDAL OF MERIT**

Deputy Gino Rodriguez is being recognized for his extraordinary efforts as a member of the Special Investigations Bureau's Highway Interdiction Team. His extraordinary actions exemplify the finest traditions of the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

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**DEPUTY STEVE HORTZ**

**MEDAL OF COURAGE**  
**MEDAL FOR LIFESAVING**

**DEPUTY TRAVIS KRUDWIG**

**MEDAL FOR LIFESAVING**

On Friday, December 23, 2016, Deputies Steve Hartz and Travis Krudwig responded to a shopping center in Mission Viejo and prevented a troubled, 21-year-old man from jumping to death. Their extraordinary actions saved the young man's life and exemplify the finest traditions of the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

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**SERGEANT PAUL ROWE**

**MEDAL FOR LIFESAVING**

**DEPUTY MARK DENT**

**MEDAL OF COURAGE**  
**MEDAL FOR LIFESAVING**

**DEPUTY APRYL SOAPES**

**MEDAL OF COURAGE**  
**MEDAL FOR LIFESAVING**

On Friday, August 19, 2016, in the City of Laguna Niguel, Sergeant Paul Rowe and Deputies Mark Dent and Apryl Soapes, prevented a knife-wielding, suicidal 29-year-old man from cutting his carotid artery. Their decisive and courageous actions saved the man's life and exemplify the finest traditions of the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

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**DEPUTY RANDY MORPHEW**

**MEDAL OF COURAGE**

On Wednesday, August 31, 2016, in the City of San Clemente, Deputy Randy Morpew, from a tactical but dangerous position, calmly convinced an armed 28-year-old carjacking suspect into surrendering. His courageous actions exemplify the finest traditions of the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

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**DEPUTY LEITH CHACON**

**DEPUTY ANTHONY FRANCO**

**DEPUTY JUAN D. LOPEZ**

**MEDAL OF COURAGE**

**DISPATCHER JENA NALLY**

**MEDAL OF MERIT**

**DISPATCHER WENDY VANOVER**

On Wednesday, April 27, 2016, in the City of San Juan Capistrano, Deputies Leith Chacon, Anthony Franco and Juan D. Lopez courageously faced down a mentally unstable suspect who fired dozens of rounds at them with an automatic rifle while Dispatchers Jena Nally and Wendy Vanover calmly handled the call on the radio and phone. Their courageous and professional actions exemplify the finest traditions of the Orange County Sheriff's Department.



**INVESTIGATOR WILLIAM BEEMAN**

**DISTINGUISHED DEPUTY MEDAL**

Investigator Bill Beeman is being recognized for his consistently superior performance, his outstanding work ethic and his extremely positive effect as a role-model and mentor. His efforts throughout his career exemplify the finest traditions of the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

