

Washoe County Sheriff's Office

Medal Awards Ceremony

MEDAL OF HONOR: Is the Sheriff's highest award for members who distinguish themselves by heroism under exigent or life-threatening conditions, and consciously perform acts of bravery or outstanding feats while facing imminent danger without detriment to their mission.

MEDAL OF VALOR: Is awarded to members who distinguish themselves by acts of heroism performed at personal risk of life or limb. These acts shall demonstrate great courage while facing extreme danger, but to a lesser degree than required for the Medal of Honor.

BRONZE STAR: Is awarded to members who distinguish themselves in a duty of great responsibility wherein extraordinary efforts were used and personal risk was involved, but to a lesser degree than required for the Medal of Honor or the Medal of Valor.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL: Awarded to members of this Office who, while acting in an official capacity, perform superior accomplishments that result in significant contributions to the efficient operation of the Office and/or the good of the community.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL: Is awarded to members who have demonstrated exceptional achievement in assigned duties with loyalty and dedication over a prolonged period.

SHERIFF'S STAR: At the discretion of the Sheriff is awarded to WCSO members or those outside the agency who, by their actions, have demonstrated conduct that is clearly beyond normal expectations.

SHERIFF'S CITATION: Awarded to any group of two or more employees who collectively engage in a program or operation that exemplifies an extraordinary quality or service.

PURPLE HEART: Is awarded to members who, while acting in an official capacity, sustain serious injuries from a dangerous or deadly weapon.

LIFESAVING MEDAL: Is awarded to members who act to save or preserve a life, or lives, that would otherwise have expired without the direct actions taken by that member.

VINCENT SWINNEY AWARD: awarded to those who, by their actions, have provided the Washoe County Sheriff's Search and Rescue program with exemplary service through leadership, volunteer service, and/or introduced programs and techniques to Search and Rescue that significantly contribute to the statutory mandate of the Sheriff to preserve life and property, all of which is clearly beyond normal expectations.



Washoe County Commission Chambers
1001 E. 9th Street, Building A
Reno, Nevada 89512

May 29, 2013

Program

Presentation of Colors and Pledge of Allegiance

Washoe County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard

National Anthem

Lieutenant Adam Hopkins

Invocation

Chaplain Perry Leach

Introduction of Assistant Sheriff Marshall

Emerson, Assistant Sheriff Tim Kuzanek, Assistant

Sheriff Darin Balaam

Undersheriff Todd Vinger

Opening Remarks

Undersheriff Todd Vinger

Awards Presentations

Undersheriff Todd Vinger

Special Guest Narrator

Amanda Sanchez

KOLO News Channel 8



Award Recipients

Letters of Commendation

Sheriff Support Spec. Eric Smith
Deputy Larry Lodge (2)
Deputy Robert Brunsvold
Deputy Jon Weber (2)
Deputy Danny Arias
Deputy Brian Harris
Deputy Ziggy Terelak
Sergeant Scott Bloom
Sergeant Jackson Buell
Susan Holshauser – Clear Channel

Sergeant Peggy Stahl
Sergeant Ralph Caldwell
Deputy Larry Cooper (2)
Deputy Jereme Wormington
Deputy Wade Dougherty
Deputy Shatawna Miller
Deputy Nick Sanford
Lieutenant Jeff Clark
Auxiliary Deputy Robert Gurnea

Deputy Doug Russell (2)
Sergeant Todd Hill
Deputy Jacob Jensen
Deputy Brandon Zirkle
Deputy Ron Encinas
Deputy Mike O'Brien
Sergeant Morgan Jaeck
RPD Officer Pete Rinaldo
Auxiliary Deputy Bill Macaulay

Vincent Swinney Award

Auxiliary Deputy Chuck Monson
Auxiliary Deputy Dale Kelly

Auxiliary Deputy Ed Burgess
Sergeant Ralph Caldwell

Auxiliary Deputy Charles Morton

Lifesaving Medal

Deputy Tim Dahlen
Deputy Steve DeCarli
Gerlach Volunteer Fire Chief Willard Gooch
Gerlach Volunteer Firefighter Jon Farnsworth

Deputy Ross Taylor
Deputy James Riggs

Deputy John Yandall
Deputy Richard Spaulding
Nurse Rebecca Perdue

Sheriff's Star

Deputy Laura Thomsen
Andres Gonzales

Deputy Miguel Diaz

Sergeant Morgan Jaeck

Distinguished Service Medal

Deputy Janit Bailey

Deputy Phil Condon

Meritorious Service Medal

Deputy Amelia Galicia

Lieutenant Jeff Clark

Medal of Valor

Deputy Joshua Fisher

Deputy Jacob Jensen