

# 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. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Building A  
Reno, Nevada 89512

May 29, 2013

# Program

## Presentation of Colors

Washoe County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard

## National Anthem

Lieutenant Adam Hopkins

## Invocation

Chaplain John Smith

## 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

Sergeant Phil Condon

## Meritorious Service Medal

Deputy Amelia Galicia

Lieutenant Jeff Clark

## Medal of Valor

Deputy Joshua Fisher

Deputy Jacob Jensen