

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.



Bartley Ranch Amphitheater
6000 Bartley Ranch Road
Reno, Nevada 89511

September 5, 2014 6:00pm

Program

Presentation of Colors and Pledge of Allegiance

Washoe County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard

Invocation

Chaplain John Smith

Introduction of Assistant Sheriff Darin Balaam, Assistant Sheriff

Anthony Miranda, Assistant Sheriff Russ

Pedersen

Undersheriff Tim Kuzanek

Opening Remarks

Sheriff Mike Haley

Special Guest Narrator

Amanda Sanchez

KOLO News Channel 8

Awards Presentations

Sheriff Mike Haley

Adjourn



Award Recipients

Letters of Commendation

Deputy Dave Hobbesiefken (2)

Deputy John Machen (2)

Deputy Gary Martin

Deputy Andrew Barrett-Venn

Deputy Brian Harris

Jeanie Knowles

Deputy Laura Thomsen

Deputy Todd Fitzmier

Deputy Joshua Jenkins

Deputy Travis Bailey

Detective Sean Wallace

Deputy Miguel Diaz

Deputy Brent Coss

Deputy Ben Coffindaffer

Deputy Dave Bailey

Deputy Tony Falls

Suzan Snaveley

Jennifer Leiker

Vincent Swinney Award

Auxiliary Deputy Jack Wayman

Lifesaving Medal

Norah Sliger

Deputy Tommi Aime

Kara Winkel

Deputy Chad McKinnon

Deputy Michael Almaraz

Deputy Brad Demitropoulos

Chris Winkel

Sheriff's Star

Deputy Mike Bassi

Sergeant Erik Frederickson

Deputy Shawn Marston

Deputy Tony Falls

Distinguished Service Medal

Deputy Sita Singh

Bronze Star

Deputy Michael Yonker

Medal of Valor

Deputy Abigail Biggar