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SBPD Recognizes Officers at Annual Awards Ceremony

The San Bernardino Police Department recognized numerous officers Tuesday, December 8, at the 2015 Awards Ceremony held at Police Headquarters. Many were honored by the Department for their service, courage and life-saving skills.

Officers like Gabriel Garcia received the Purple Heart for his bravery during the August 2014 officer involved shooting where he was critically injured. His partner, Marcus Pasquera, who took down the shooter, received the Medal of Valor.

In 2014, Sergeant Manuel Gaitan and Officer Lee Hagen found themselves in a 100 mph pursuit across freeway overpasses. The chase ended in a crash with the suspect hanging from the overpass. Sergeant Gaitan and Officer Hagen did not hesitate, and pulled the suspect to safety. They both received the Police Cross for capturing and saving the life of a suspect who had put them in danger.

Officer Brandon Koch received the Life Saving Award for his quick thinking when arriving on scene to find a small child who was not breathing and beginning to turn blue. He instinctively turned the baby over and dislodged the object from the child's throat by applying swift strikes to the back.

While many officers received awards on Tuesday for their exemplary actions while on duty, the entire San Bernardino Police force is dedicated to serving and protecting the City of San Bernardino each and every day.

For more information about this event, or about the San Bernardino Police Department, please contact Eileen Hards at (909) 384-5742 or by email at hards_ei@sbcity.org.

Attached Photos

FC806022: (L to R) Asst. Chief Eric McBride, Officer Christopher Emon, Officer Raymond Bonshire, Officer Gabriel Garcia, Officer Marcus Pesquera, Officer Ernest Luna, Chief Jarrod Burguan

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FC805940: (L to R) Asst. Chief Eric McBride, Sergeant Manuel Gaitan, Officer Lee Hagen,
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