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Deputy Sheriffs Honored for Bravery

A Message from Sheriff Vicki Hennessy



On January 31, 2018, a standing-room only crowd filled the City Hall rotunda and listened spellbound to a story of how a San Francisco Sheriff's Department Senior Deputy hurdled down an embankment off Highway 280 to a rollover car crash encircled by an intense brush fire.

The Senior Deputy heard a victim cry for help, and pushed through the smoke and fire to find her face up on the ground with multiple injuries and paralyzed legs. Calling for additional resources, he helped stabilize the victim, moving her to safety and saving her life.

For these heroic actions on January 8, 2015, I awarded San Francisco Sheriff Senior Deputy Michael Clauzel the Silver Medal of Valor.

Senior Deputy Clauzel was not the only hero we lauded. Some 229 sworn and non-sworn staff--one in four employees--were recognized for their good deeds and service, from preventing inmate and public suicides to reviving passengers in flight and stopping crimes in progress.

When I became Sheriff a little over two years ago, I committed to holding our Department accountable. This includes honoring our staff members who have gone above and beyond their everyday responsibilities to protect public safety.

See below to read our Awards Ceremony program celebrating the San Francisco Sheriff's Department everyday heroes.

Click the image below to watch our Awards Ceremony video.



Twenty Sworn Staff Members Earn Well-Deserved Promotions

I had the pleasure last month to announce 20 new Department promotions, including naming Chief Deputy Kathy Johnson to Assistant Sheriff, the third highest rank in the Department.

I also elevated Captain Kevin Thaddeus Fisher-Paulson to Chief Deputy and Lieutenant Jamala Sanford to Captain.

Assistant Sheriff Johnson has served the San Francisco Sheriff's Department 22 years. She has worked a variety of positions in a number of ranks, including most recently as Chief Deputy for the Administration and Programs Division.

Chief Deputy Fisher-Paulson has been with the Department for almost 24 years. He succeeds Assistant Sheriff Johnson as Chief for the Administration and Programs Division. Prior to his promotion, Chief Fisher-Paulson served as Captain of County Jail #5 in San Bruno.

Captain Sanford has been in the Department for 16-1/2 years. He is assigned to the Administration and Programs Division and has worked most recently in the Central Records Unit.

Three Sergeants were promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. They are: Sergeant Arlisa Collins; Sergeant James Gomez; and Sergeant Philip Lasater.

Fourteen Senior Deputies and Deputies

Promoted to Sergeant

Deputy Gaurav Paul
Senior Deputy Joseph Leonardini
Deputy Jeffrey Miller
Senior Deputy Fabian Perez
Senior Deputy Mercy Ambat
Senior Deputy Shane O'Neill
Senior Deputy Donald Garcia

Senior Deputy Jorge Garza
Senior Deputy Kevin Macksoud
Deputy Kent Long
Senior Deputy Michael Reid
Senior Deputy Luigi Cauteruccio
Senior Deputy Felisha Thomas
Senior Deputy Leo Lam



First row, l to r: Gaurav Paul; Mercy Ambat; Jorge Garza; Michael Reid; Jeffrey Miller; and Fabian Perez. Second row, l to r: Felisha Thomas; Kevin Macksoud; Joseph Leonardini; Luigi Cauteruccio; Undersheriff Matt Freeman; Leo Lam; Shane O'Neill; Donald Garcia; and Kent Long.

Recent Retirements

Congratulations to the following sworn and non-sworn staff who have retired from the Sheriff's Department.

Lieutenant D. Steppe Keys
Lieutenant R. Wallace
Sergeant F. Brown
Sergeant K. Heuer
Senior Deputy A. Jang
Deputy N. Barrantes
Deputy F. Nicholas
Deputy D. Carter
Deputy D. Louie
Deputy M. Ludovico

Deputy M. Gonzalez
Deputy E. Weaver

Eileen Hirst, Chief of Staff
Rolando Bobila, Public Safety Officer
Frederick Tizon, Building and Grounds Supervisor
Anene Ugbaja, Institutional Police Officer

We thank you for your many years of service and wish you continued health and happiness in your retirement.

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