2010

CHIEF CONSTABLE COMMENDATIONS CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

AWARDS

VANCOUVER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Beyond the Call

CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

1. – MR. FRANK SMITH AND MR. ANDREW SMITH

Many of us think we can escape violence and harm by avoiding behaviour that puts us at risk. But there are times that make us a victim and test our courage no matter what we do.

On October 24, 2009, Frank Smith was standing on the sidewalk in front of his house with his brother Andrew and their friend Mason Buhler when a man ran up to them and for no apparent reason plunged a knife into Mr. Buhler from behind. As the man ran off, the brothers reacted immediately, giving chase and calling 911.

The attacker ran down alleys and cut between houses in an effort to lose his pursuers. Twice he turned on the brothers and brandished his knife. Frank and Andrew Smith had no way of knowing that this crazed man had randomly stabbed five people that day, including their friend.

The brothers never wavered, and never lost sight of the man, even when he attempted a car-jacking to get away. Their efforts helped police to locate the man whom they arrested at gunpoint.

Their brave and immediate actions helped police take a man off the street, who most likely would have continued his random attacks with possibly tragic results.

Frank and Andrew Smith are awarded the Vancouver Police Board's Certificate of Merit.

2. – MR. VITO ANTONIO RUSSO

The sight of someone holding a gun is a terrifying image, even when the gun is not pointed at you.

On the morning of March 14th, 2009, Kent Pollan was returning to his parked car when he witnessed something that until that moment he had only seen in the movies.

A man was abducting a young woman, dragging her out of a residence and forcing her into a car at gunpoint. Many people might freeze at such a chilling sight, but Mr. Pollan sprang into action. He called 911 and then, without regard for his personal safety, he followed the kidnap vehicle, relaying to the operator the license plate number and its location.

Soon, a VPD K9 unit was called to the scene. Later, the car was stopped with a spike strip. The man was arrested and the woman was freed. A loaded handgun was recovered. The man was charged with forcible confinement, kidnapping and weapons charges.

If Mr. Pollan had not chosen to get involved the way he did, the outcome for both the hostage and the suspect could have been gravely different. Mr. Pollan's bravery and sense of civic duty provided the opportunity for police to resolve the matter safely without anyone being hurt.

Kent Pollan is awarded the Vancouver Police Board's highest award for civilian bravery, the Certificate of Merit.

3. – MS. ELLEN WHITCOMB AND MR. MARK WICKSON

November 25th, 2008, was shaping up to be another average day for Ellen Whitcomb and Mark Wickson, until that normalcy was shattered by someone's scream for help. For a police officer, it is all part of the job. For a civilian, it requires a split second decision to either ignore it and carry on with your day, or abandon all thoughts of personal safety and rush to the person's aid.

Ellen Whitcomb and Mark Wickson didn't hesitate.

When they heard the screams coming from a woman on the street who was being robbed by a thug with a knife, they rushed in. The thief ran off as they approached. For many people, that would have been the end of the story, but this brave duo decided to give chase - Ms. Whitcomb in her car and Mr. Wickson by foot. They both called 911 and gave a detailed description of the man and his movements.

At one point, the man ran up to Ms. Whitcomb's car and put his head through the open window. She sped away as he ran after her. Despite her close call, she returned to the victim and comforted her until police arrived.

Meanwhile, Mr. Wickson continued the chase on foot until he saw the man get in a car and drive away. He immediately called in the plate number. Police were able to arrest a suspect who was wanted in connection with a number of other robberies.

Because of their outstanding courage and civil character, Ellen Whitcomb and Mark Wickson are awarded the Vancouver Police Board's highest recognition of civilian bravery, the Certificate of Merit.

4. – MR. ARIA VAZIRY

Imagine you are walking along a downtown street when you see police running after a man who refuses to obey their shouts for him to stop. You don't know what the man may have done or whether he is high on drugs or armed to the teeth. Then imagine what you would do as he approaches.

If you are Aria Vaziry, you yell to the police, "I'll get him," and you join the chase.

Without regard for his personal safety, Mr. Vaziry sprinted after the man and grabbed him so police could make the arrest. Even though there were many other bystanders and witnesses at the time, Mr. Vaziry was the only citizen to join the fray. He had no way of knowing at the time that he had intercepted a man who was fleeing from a hysterical victim of a sexual assault. Without Mr. Vaziry's intervention, the suspect may have escaped.

For his courage and outstanding sense of civic duty, Mr. Aria Vaziry receives the highest award for civilian bravery from the Vancouver Police Board, the Certificate of Merit.

5. – MR. BRUCE POOLE

When a police officer is in trouble, there is always hope that in any crowd of civilian witnesses, someone will emerge to provide a helping hand.

On July 7, 2009, Sergeant Matt Harty needed help. He had confronted a man in an alley who was causing a disturbance. Sergeant Harty had no way of knowing at the time that the man was high on rock cocaine and had a record of engaging police in violent struggles.

During his arrest the man fought, displaying extraordinary strength and attempting to reach his waistband as though he had a concealed weapon. As the pair struggled, passerby Bruce Poole rushed forward to help. With his assistance, Sergeant Harty was able to call other officers to the scene.

The suspect later told police, "I was going to keep fighting until more police came and killed me."

For unselfishly putting himself in harm's way by rushing to assist a police officer, Mr. Bruce Poole is awarded the Vancouver Police Board's highest award for civilian bravery, the Certificate of Merit.

CHIEF CONSTABLE'S CITATION

1. – MR. PETER BROWN

In every community there is a person whose contributions are so extraordinary, so valuable and so appreciated that they merit extraordinary recognition. In our community, that person is Peter Brown.

Peter Brown is Chairman and Director of Canaccord Financial Inc. and Canaccord Financial Ltd. He is also past Chairman of the University of British Columbia, the Vancouver Stock Exchange, BC Place Corporation and BC Enterprise Corporation. He served as a Director and Member of the Finance Committee of the Vancouver Organizing Committee of the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. In June 2003, he was awarded the Order of British Columbia recognizing his fundraising efforts.

He was made an Honourary Member of the Vancouver Police Pipe Band in 2009, making substantial donations in both 2008 and 2009.

Most recently, Mr. Brown not only became a Chief's Circle member of the Vancouver Police Foundation but prevailed upon many of his business associates to follow his lead and become Chief's Circle members as well. A Chief's Circle membership costs $50,000.000 a year.

His extraordinary contribution will help the Vancouver Police Department to enhance public safety, foster professional development and fund unique neighbourhood initiatives in order to make Vancouver the safest major city in Canada.

For his exceptional public service, Peter Brown becomes the first person to receive the Chief Constable's Citation.

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION

1. SERGEANT TREVOR HERRMANN, CONSTABLE JAMES FLEWELLING, CONSTABLE FRANCIS AQUINO, CONSTABLE SHAWN HARDMAN, CONSTABLE JASON HIGH, AND CONSTABLE BRENT DERKSEN

It had all the markings of a tragedy.

Just past midnight on May 6, 2007, a woman called 911. It soon became apparent she was being held hostage by her boyfriend. She was in deadly peril. Her boyfriend, a violent gangster, had been high on cocaine for five days. The situation had become even more terrifying when he started shooting a gun in the apartment.

To rescue her, police would have to break into a heavily locked and reinforced apartment door and face a drug-crazed gangster who was armed and shooting randomly. But that wasn't all. The apartment was on the 23rd floor of a beachside high-rise and they could only find key fob access to the 8th floor. They would have to climb 15 floors carrying all their equipment.

While they contained the building and scaled the stairs, an apartment resident reported shots fired on the 23rd floor. As they increased their pace on the stairs they had no way of knowing how heavily armed the shooter might be.

When they arrived at the door they could hear the woman trying to escape, but unable to because of the extra key entry locks on both sides of the door. They also heard shots from within the apartment. Fearing that the woman was about to be killed and ignoring the very real danger of a gun aimed at the door, ERT members tried to smash it down.

But it wasn't easy. The door had been reinforced. The longer it took to break in, the more warning the shooter had and the greater danger they faced. Despite the deadly threat of gunfire, they broke through the door and rescued the woman. They found the shooter barricaded in the bathroom. The officers eventually talked him out safely, later finding his firearm and more bullet holes.

ERT members and responding police units overcame extremely hazardous conditions and life threatening circumstances to make a remarkable rescue and arrest without anyone being hurt.

For conspicuous bravery, ERT members Sergeant Trevor Herrmann, and Constables James Flewelling, Francis Aquino, Shawn Hardman, Jason High and Brent Derksen, receive the Governor General's Certificate of Commendation.

CHIEF CONSTABLE'S UNIT CITATION

1. – CHRONIC OFFENDER'S UNIT

There is conventional wisdom within policing that says 20 per cent of the criminals commit 80 per cent of the crimes. They are called chronic offenders and Vancouver has more than its share. But thanks to some innovative thinking and inspired leadership, Vancouver also has a special program that has dramatically reduced property crime, increased jail time for these criminals and become a best practice among police agencies.

The Chronic Offender Program was initiated in 2004 under the leadership of Inspector Bob Stewart. The program defined and targeted the individuals who were committing the most crimes. It brought together partners in the justice community such as Crown Counsel Peter Stabler to reduce the impact of these criminals and it became the forerunner of today's Chronic Offender Unit.

Prior to the program, the piecemeal approach to these offenders meant 80 per cent of their files were not dealt with in a given year. Now that figure has been reversed with virtually every case having a guilty plea. In 2006, the program dealt with 110 offenders, 99 per cent were detained, most of whom received jail sentences that were longer than they received previously.

For their outstanding contribution to the safety of our community, the following individuals have been awarded the Chief Constable's Unit Citation: Inspector Bob Stewart, Sergeants Gord Elias and John Rennie, Acting Sergeants Mike Linde and Tony Sartori, Detective Paul Bittante, Constables Nathalie Parel-May, Troy Stasiuk, Ruth Picknell, Warren Pomeroy, Ken Hrankowski, Kim Greaves, Rowan Pitt-Payne, Valerie Spicer, Tyrone Douglas and civilians Priscilla Lam, Julie Smulders, Siew-Lee Chai, Melissa Loveridge, Nahanni Pollard, Chris Giles, Professor Bryan Kinney and Crown Counsel Peter Stabler.

2. – PROJECT CROWSNEST

Everyone in this eastside neighbourhood knew it. There was nothing secret about it. The house with all the traffic was a den of thieves, drug sellers, addicts and prostitutes. Stolen property and cocaine moved through the house daily and serial bank robbers hid out there with their loot.

The neighbours were living in constant fear, installing bars and alarms and constricting their children to play in backyards in case they were caught in the crossfire of a drug deal gone bad. The house was draining police resources, with more than 500 calls for service over the years.

Putting criminals in jail wouldn't be enough to solve this problem; it was the den itself that would have to

go.

The members of Patrol Team 3-4 devised an ingenious plan that would employ special tactics to have the house seized by proving a pattern of criminality, something that had never been done before. Previously, civil forfeitures had to show a direct link to one crime or criminal venture.

Months of surveillance provided the evidence. The house was seized and peace was restored to the neighbourhood.

For their extraordinary initiative and for providing a template to solve similar problems in other neighbourhoods, the following members have been awarded the Chief Constable's Unit Citation: Sergeant Fred Ullrich, Constables Mike Drummond, Ray Gardner, Jennifer Jarvis, Davor Tolja, Darren Villars, John Gibbons, Scot Ramsay, Billie Aadmi, Robert Merriott, Annemarie Unheim, Andrzej (Andrew) Krzus and Ms. Arezo Zarrabian.

3. – VANCOUVER POLICE DEPARTMENT BASKETBALL TEAM

VPD members know that if we are to achieve our goal of making Vancouver Canada's safest major city, it will take more than patrols, investigations and arrests -- sometimes it will take a basketball and a smile.

For the past two years, the men and women of the VPD Basketball Team have been promoting teamwork, sportsmanship, camaraderie, physical fitness and fun among our city's youth. With the support of the Police Athletic League, they volunteer to play noon-hour games at Vancouver schools, lead youth basketball camps and take part in various community events and tournaments.

These dedicated members are more than just ambassadors for the VPD; they are champions and mentors for students at risk who want to lead drug-free, positive lives. They talk with students after the games about good decision making and alternatives to violence, drugs, gangs and guns.

For their selfless dedication in support of our youth, the following members of the VPD Basketball Team are awarded the Chief Constable's Unit Citation: Superintendent Andy Hobbs, Sergeants Randall Bell, Todd Thomas and Mark Graf, Detective Constables Ann Fontaine and Joel Admana, Constables Rajprit Mander, Jasprit Mander, Randy Bakker, Roger Rai, Scott Hyde, Greg Bismeyer, Randy Lee, Alex Ng, Steve Worsley, Lorna Berndsen, Mark Bouchey, Barb Bates, Kevin Barker, Tina Fuchs, Mark Jarvie, Mike Kajander, Jose Abundo, Alvin Shum, Mehrban Sidhu and Mark Baird.

4. – EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

There are times when the greater part of valour is truly discretion. The decision not to storm the door when there is a killer on the other side can take just as much courage when more lives hang in the balance.

It was a decision that Constable Aaron Kazuta made on the afternoon of December 12, 2008, when he was first to arrive on the scene of one of the most frightening calls a police officer can receive - an active shooter. A few minutes earlier a disgruntled employee had taken a shotgun to the office Christmas party, killing his former boss and holding the rest of the staff hostage as he dialled 911 to report what he had done.

As Patrol and Emergency Response Team members arrived, one group entered the building immediately, while others contained the exits. Constable Kazuta led a group of three officers up a stairwell, but stopped outside the closed office door when he heard no more shooting. His crucial decision likely prevented a deadly engagement with the killer who was laying in wait for police to enter the office.

Outside, more police were arriving as the man once

again called 911 and was handed to negotiators. He told them he had a shotgun levelled at the door and would have killed anyone who came through it. After two tense hours he surrendered without further incident or injury.

For their outstanding skill and judgement, the officers who responded to this call, including Inspector Tony Zanatta, Sergeant Kris Wrathall, Constables Aaron Kazuta, Kal Penner, Brent Derksen, Andrew Ramage, Dan Ames, Trish Peck, Sam Primerano, Christian Galbraith, Wade Rodrigue, Michael Wagar, Ryan Visser and police dog Blade, are awarded the Chief Constable's Unit Citation.

5. – PROJECT REBELLION

There was a time in our city, not so long ago, that gang shootings and killings were a weekly occurrence. The public and the VPD wanted that to end and to end quickly. Project Rebellion was the answer.

For months a team of tireless investigators combined high-tech tactics with old-fashioned police work to suppress the violence and get the gangsters off the street and behind bars. Their efforts were truly impressive.

They accumulated enough evidence to charge 28 gangsters with 228 criminal offences. As a result, the deadly Sanghera gang has been functionally dismantled.

Shooting incidents among the gangs went from 60 during the two years prior to the Project to zero within two weeks of Rebellion's inception. All gun-related suspects were taken off the streets and kept in jail.

The success of Project Rebellion is directly due to the dedication, imagination and tenacity of the men and women of the Investigative Team and support staff: Inspector Mike Porteous, Staff Sergeant Mike Serr, Sergeants Dale Weidman, Ike Isaksson, Greg Meyerhoff, Fiona Wilson-Bates, Mark Bragagnolo, Corporal Stan Cratchley, Detective Constables Lisa Byrne, Peter Alfred, Craig Bentley, Jason Chan, Don Coghill, Besnik Dobreci, Mike Heard, Tanya Leboutillier, Christian Lowe, Eugene Lum, Ryan Masales, Graham Orlick, Dawn Richards, Matt Smart, Jean-Pierre St Amant, Brandon Steele, Paulina Vegt , Christine Wohlleben, Dennis Wong, Carla Young, Paul McNamara, Constable Courtney Cordrey, Abbotsford Constables Vic Gamboa, Tony Herbert, CFSEU Detective Terry Murphy, and Civilians Kyle Hearfield, Mark Langham, Sara Lee, and Oonagh Tournier.

They are jointly awarded the Chief Constable's Unit Citation.

CHIEF CONSTABLE'S COMMENDATIONS

1. – CONSTABLE LISA BYRNE

Much has been written about the success of Project Rebellion, which took many of the most violent gangsters in the city off our streets. It led to the dismantling of the Sanghera gang, with 28 members charged with 228 offenses.

Coordinating the files on a project of this scope is a staggering task, and if not done correctly could destroy any chances of convictions. Detective Constable Lisa Byrne was determined that would never happen.

She personally handled and disclosed 121,000 intercepted communications and more than 700,000 pages of information for Crown Counsel. She worked six days a week, up to 20 hours a day for months. Crown Counsel commended her for her organization, knowledge, diplomacy and tireless work ethic. Her accomplishments led to her being named Police Officer of the Year.

For her outstanding efforts that have made Vancouver a safer place for everyone, Detective Constable Lisa Byrne is awarded the Chief Constable's Commendation.

2. – CONSTABLE ROGER RAI

The Vancouver Police Department is a strong advocate of community policing built on contact and communication with the residents of those communities.

Recent surges in gang violence in the Indo-Canadian community, along with ongoing property crime and domestic violence on the South Slope area, made police outreach to this community even more urgent.

Constable Roger Rai proposed a VPD drop-in centre at the Ross Street Temple, which evolved into the Khalsa Diwan Community Policing Office in partnership with the VPD, the Khalsa Diwan Society and the South Vancouver Community Policing Centre. His efforts and his personal involvement led to increasing awareness and a reduction in violent crime and property crime.

For the long-lasting relationships that Constable Rai has established with this community and the leadership he has shown in bringing his idea to fruition, Constable Roger Rai is awarded the Chief Constable's Commendation.

3. – DETECTIVE CONSTABLE TORSTEN SCHRODER

Not all police work involves rescues from muddy waters or burning buildings. Good old-fashioned police work involves diligence and sustained effort that results in arrests and writing reports. Constables Eric Davis and Jennifer Antonel do that better than most.

On average, in a year, a patrol officer averages about 20 new charges and writes about 109 general occurrence reports. In 2006, these partners were involved in 106 new charges and wrote 350 reports. It is likely when the 2007 results are tallied they will be even higher.

With this award, the department hopes to send a clear message to all members that relentless follow-up and arresting those who commit crimes in our city will always be worthy of recognition and celebration. Constables Eric Davis and Jennifer Antonel are awarded the Chief Constable's Commendation

2. - DETECTIVE CONSTABLE CHRIS GRAHAM

Those who work in the field of drug abuse prevention for youth know that nothing works better than youth mentoring youth. But someone has to identify potential mentors and provide them with the skills and knowledge to inspire others.

For the past 12 years, at the VPD, that person has been Detective Constable Chris Graham.

In 1998, he was asked to assist the Red Deer RCMP, who were working with the Western Hockey League Red Deer Rebels on a drug education program for community youth. The success of that program led to requests from other departments for the same assistance when their teams came to Vancouver.

He made it possible for visiting players to meet and speak with substance abusers in the Downtown Eastside, then tour venues such as the Marine Squad, Children's Hospital and the Vancouver Police Museum. When the players returned home, they were able to give presentations at schools to inspire a healthy and drug-free lifestyle.

Over the years, his selfless efforts on his own time have led to the Vancouver Giants Drug Education Program which he dubbed Project Stay on Side.

For his dedication and unwavering commitment to

the safety and health of our young people, Detective Constable Chris Graham is awarded the Chief Constable's Commendation.

3. – CONSTABLE CINDA MICHAEL

Over the years, Vancouver Police members have routinely gone Beyond the Call to improve the living conditions of the poor and vulnerable. But few of the vulnerable have found themselves in a position where they were forced to sleep outside in the mud and the cold - unless of course, they were a horse, and sadly in this case, they were VPD police horses. For Police Constable Cinda Michael, it was an injustice too heavy to endure.

Vancouver Police horses have a proud hundred-year old tradition of serving our citizens. But over the last decade their existing stables in Stanley Park had deteriorated to the point that animals were being injured and exposed to health threatening conditions. Unfortunately, neither the City nor the Department had the budget to build a better paddock.

Constable Michael took it upon herself to raise the money. For months she faced endless challenges and details, but with an extraordinary effort and the help of concerned citizens she managed to organize a fundraising gala that brought in $42,000 in donations. Her efforts didn't end there, as she faced numerous hurdles with the construction of the improved facility.

In the end, she prevailed against all obstacles and today the new and improved paddock provides safe shelter for the growing number of horses that were required for the 2010 Olympics and beyond.

For her dedication and passion, and for her innovative and unique efforts on behalf of the Department's equine members, Constable Cinda Michael is awarded the Chief Constable's Commendation.

4. CONSTABLE RAJPRIT MANDER

When we look back at our youth, some of us are fortunate enough to point at one person who made a difference in our lives. They were the one person who made time for us, cared enough to point us in the right direction, and helped us to believe in ourselves.

For about 250 youths in Vancouver, the man they will remember for making a difference is Constable Rajprit Mander.

Since November 2007, Constable Mander has initiated seven Police Athletic League programs in which he invested more than 300 hours of his own time. He initiated, planned or organized basketball camps, along with trips to a Seattle tournaments and Vancouver Giants games.

Without his support and dedication, many disadvantaged youths would never have had these opportunities. They were also able to discuss with Constable Mander their concerns about gangs, bullying, violence and drugs. He is clear evidence of the difference a police officer can make to the community.

For his commitment to youth to mitigate the risk factors that may lead them into crime, Constable Rajprit Mander is awarded the Chief Constable's Commendation.

5. INSPECTOR TIM LAIDLER, SERGEANT TOBY HINTON, AND CONSTABLE CHRISTIANE PREVOST

Among the often chaotic conditions of the Downtown Eastside, there are those who are considered predators and those who are considered prey. Among the latter, the most vulnerable are often the elderly.

In 2007 and 2008, Constable Christiane Prevost noticed a trend in the robberies of elderly people in an area in the East Hastings corridor close to a number of seniors' homes. Even though she was instrumental

in arresting two serial robbers, her instincts led her to believe the problem was still greater. She took it upon herself to canvas the seniors' homes where she learned that more than a dozen other elderly people had been robbed, but out of fear had not reported it.

Many of these victims suffered from disabilities and required walkers or wheelchairs. They were confined to a high-crime area because they could not drive, and had little money or family support. Because of Constable Prevost's dedicated efforts, it was decided to revisit a tactic her team members had used successfully in 2005 called Operation Oldtimer.

Sergeant Toby Hinton was a key member of the 2005 project, when another officer aged himself 30 years with professional make-up and became a target for the robbers. He would now don the make-up and lead his team through five similar undercover operations.

Inspector Tim Laidler volunteered to be a second decoy for Oldtimer Redux. He brought unique qualifications to the assignment since he holds a black belt in judo and is the oldest serving member in the department. Once he was in place, it didn't take long before he was victimized and robbed by several individuals.

By the project's end, there were 12 charges against ten people, including eight counts of robbery. The number of robberies in the area quickly fell by almost 60 per cent.

For their dedication, leadership and bravery, Inspector Tim Laidler, Sergeant Toby Hinton and Constable Christiane Prevost are each awarded the Chief Constable's Commendation.

AWARD OF VALOUR

1. SERGEANT RANDALL BELL

In every police officer's career there are defining moments, ones that require an instant life or death decision and mark a point where everything changes.

Sergeant Randall Bell faced one of those moments in the afternoon of December 10th, 2007.

About 3:30 p.m. that day, a call was made to 911 that there was a drunken man at the Shell station at Knight and 41st Avenue. Sergeant Bell took the call.

It was obvious that the man in question was in no condition to drive. Sergeant Bell decided that he would call a tow truck for the car and he would release him, as long as he was not wanted on any warrants or in possession of drugs or weapons.

It was during the frisk search that events began to turn deadly. The man, a 21 year old from Burnaby, stiffened and began to turn away, just as Sergeant Bell's search revealed a hard object in the right side of his waistband.

Sergeant Bell clutched the object which turned out to be a .45 calibre pistol. At the same time he tried to hold the man in a bear hug. But the man fought back, freed his gun from his waistband and fired two shots. In a fight for his life, Sergeant Bell felt the heated muzzle of the man's gun burn into the skin on the back of his hand.

The man subsequently broke free from the wounded Sergeant and pointed his gun directly at him. Knowing that his life was hanging in the balance, Sergeant Bell attempted to reason with him as he turned away and went back to his car.

As the man desperately tried to flee, Sergeant Bell saw that he still had his gun in his hand as he tried to drive out of the lot. Recognizing a threat to public safety posed by an impaired driver armed with a loaded gun that he had already used, Sergeant Bell shouted commands at him to stop. Instead of complying, he again raised his firearm. Sergeant Bell then fired his service pistol, fatally wounding the suspect.

Subsequent investigations confirmed that Sergeant Randall Bell acted professionally and bravely that morning in defence of his own life and the public's safety.

For going Beyond the Call in the face of deadly force, Sergeant Randall Bell is awarded the Department's highest award for bravery, the Award of Valour.

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