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### **POLICE OFFICERS AROUND CALIFORNIA HONORED FOR HEROIC ACTS Four LAPD Officers Recognized**

**Los Angeles, August 1, 2008** – Randall Simmons, the first Los Angeles SWAT officer killed in the line of duty, is among four members of the LAPD community to receive the highest honor in the state for law enforcement personnel and their supporters at the Golden Badge Foundation Award Ceremony in October.

Dozens of elected officials expected at the event that will recognize officers and civilians from around the state who exhibited bravery above and beyond the call of duty. The organization will also recognize individuals who improved the safety and quality of life for Californians.

The award recipients truly demonstrate admirable dedication to public service and public safety. The ceremony will be at 6 p.m., Oct. 24 in the Irvine Marriott hotel.

Former Los Angeles Police Commissioner Bert Boeckmann and two motorcycle officers who saved the life of a fiery crash victim are among those from Los Angeles being awarded in addition to Simmons.

#### **Officer Randall Simmons** *Lifetime Achievement Award*

A 27-year LAPD veteran, Simmons was killed on Feb. 7, 2008 when he and his team raided a Winnetka home and exchanged gunfire with a man who had just murdered his family. Simmons was a minister the Glory Christian Fellowship International Church for 13 years with a focus on children's outreach at seven housing developments located throughout South Los Angeles, Watts, Compton, Carson and Long Beach. This was a man who worked in challenging areas to reach out to as many people as he could.

#### **Bert Boeckmann** *Humanitarian of the Year*

Boeckmann served for 17 years as a Los Angeles police commissioner under three mayors. He was instrumental in ensuring all areas of the city receive equal police response and oversaw the activities of the Anti-Terrorist Division. Boeckmann, owner of the country's largest Ford dealership, supports hundreds of organizations, causes, churches and youth programs through his charitable foundation.

**Officers Joshua Sewell and Jeremy Duncan**

***Police Heroism Award***

Sewell was riding his police motorcycle along Interstate 5 on Nov. 16, 2007, when he came upon a vehicle completely engulfed in flames. Sewell pulled a partially ejected victim who was on fire from the wreckage and used his own body to pin the man down and extinguish the flames.

Duncan, who was on his way to roll call at the West Traffic Division, also stopped and assisted Duncan with putting out the flames.

The Golden Badge Foundation is an organization that supports the spouses and children of officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice while protecting the citizens of California. More information can be found at [www.goldenbadgefoundation.com](http://www.goldenbadgefoundation.com)

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