

HENNEPIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



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Sheriff will present awards to heroic citizens and deputies

What: Hennepin County Sheriff Rich Staneak will be honoring several citizens and Sheriff's Office personnel during the **2010 Sheriff's Office Recognition Ceremony** on Thursday, March 18, 2010. The Sheriff will present awards for heroic acts, he will swear-in new deputies, and he will recognize new detention deputies. Personnel who were recently promoted will be honored as well.

When: Thursday, March 18, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

Where: Public Safety Facility (also known as the Hennepin County jail) in the second floor training room

Among those receiving recognition:

- **Medal of Valor: Detention Sgt. Brad Laudert** will receive the Sheriff's Office highest award for his courage. Laudert works in the jail. He lives near a house that exploded in Minneapolis. Moments after the explosion, Laudert assisted in rescuing a child who was trapped inside.
- **Commendation Award: Deputy Clayton Sedesky, Maple Grove Community Service Officer Ray Rojas, and Special Deputies Jeff Kleven, Tim Elness, Andrew Zroker, Kyp Stavrou:** For their quick actions and courage in responding to a fatal crash on December 8, 2009. Deputy Sedesky responded to a vehicle that overturned into a creek in Maple Grove. Rojas, Keven, Elness, Zroker, and Stavrou assisted in attempting to save the life of the driver.
- **Commendation Award: Deputy Cory Lee:** In recognition of his actions and dedication to public safety on November 17, 2009. Deputy Lee assisted with the apprehension of a man who was suicidal. He assisted a Brooklyn Park police officer and together they brought about a peaceful conclusion to a dangerous incident.

- **Commendation Award: Detective Thomas Sonenstahl:** In recognition of his proactive and diligent detective work in solving a crime spree.
- **Unit Citation: Sheriff's Office Transport Unit:** For their outstanding efforts to improve public safety and for their efforts to build a stronger partnership with the Warrant Unit.

Citizen Awards

- **Citizen Commendation Award: John Villerius of Minneapolis:** For his diligent work with assisting a criminal investigation.
- **Citizen Commendation Award: Ronald Trusell of Burnsville:** For his quick actions and courage in saving the life of another on March 3, 2009 in Minneapolis. Trusell rescued a man who nearly drowned in the Mississippi River.
- **Citizen Commendation Award: Dianne Logeais of Hopkins:** For her quick actions and courage in saving the life of another on July 7, 2009 in Hopkins. Logeais pulled a man from a swimming pool after he nearly drowned.
- **Citizen Commendation Award: Jason Cariveau of Minnetrista:** For his quick actions and courage in saving the life of another on August 10, 2009. Cariveau works at a downtown Minneapolis hotel and helped to rescue a man who nearly drowned in the hotel pool.
- **Citizen Commendation Award: Steve and Dianne Keogh of Apple Valley:** For their compassion in helping a family in the aftermath of a tragic drowning and their quick actions in attempting to save the victim's life on February 21, 2009.

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