

HENNEPIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Media Advisory



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Sheriff Office will present awards for achievements, heroic acts

What: The Hennepin County Sheriff's Office will honor personnel and a citizen during the **Hennepin County Sheriff's Office Annual Recognition Ceremony** on Thursday, March 3, 2011. Awards for achievements and heroic acts will be presented, new deputies will be sworn-in, and new detention deputies will be welcomed and recognized. Personnel who were recently promoted will be honored as well.

When: Thursday, March 3, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

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

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Among those receiving recognition:

- **Medal of Valor: This is the largest group ever to receive the Sheriff's Office highest award.** 12 members of the Emergency Services Unit Entry Team will receive this award. During the service of a high-risk warrant in April 2010, a criminal suspect fired 88 rounds of ammunition at team members as they were searching inside a house.
- Two K-9 teams will receive awards for their work in separate incidents. One K-9 team helped to rescue a vulnerable teenager in Corcoran and the other K-9 team assisted with apprehending a suspect.
- Two Sheriff's Office personnel will receive awards for performing CPR and saving the lives of citizens while off-duty in separate incidents. One incident took place in Bloomington at a bowling alley and the other incident took place at a Minnesota Vikings game.

- Several members of the Sheriff's Office Crisis Negotiation Team will be recognized for their successful efforts to assist a man who was threatening to harm himself. The team convinced the man to leave the ledge of the 23rd floor walkway bridge at the Hennepin County Government Center.

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