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CLEARWATER POLICE OFFICER KYLE RESLER AWARDED MEDAL OF VALOR; OFFICER SALVATORE ACCOMANDO AWARDED MEDAL OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE

Clearwater, Fla. – This afternoon, Clearwater Police Chief Anthony Holloway recognized two Clearwater Police Officers for their honorable actions in the line of duty. Officer Kyle Resler was awarded the Medal of Valor for a police-involved shooting and Officer Salvatore Accomando was awarded the Medal of Meritorious Service for saving a suicidal subject.

On October 12, 2010, Clearwater police officers responded to a burglary in progress call. They located the suspect vehicle and initiated a high risk-felony traffic stop. Officer Kyle Resler arrived as a backup unit and positioned his cruiser to block the suspect vehicle from escaping. Resler exited his cruiser and repeatedly ordered the driver to turn off the vehicle. The driver of the suspect vehicle ignored his lawful commands, put the vehicle in reverse, and accelerated backward toward Resler and a fellow officer. Resler discharged his firearm in an attempt to stop the threat. The suspect vehicle struck a police cruiser and while attempting to flee became stuck in a drainage ditch. Resler's actions resulted in the apprehension of four suspects, the recovery of a stolen vehicle, and avoiding possible harm to himself and a fellow officer.

The Medal of Valor is awarded to a member who. Intelligently and in the line of police duty, performs an act of gallantry and valor above and beyond the call of duty, at imminent personal hazard to life and with knowledge of the risk.

On November 14, 2010, Officer Salvatore Accomando was dispatched to a suicidal subject. When he arrived on scene, he found a woman who had locked herself in a bathroom and threatened to cut her own neck. Accomando forced the door partially open and saw the woman in the process of cutting herself. She was bleeding profusely and refused to surrender the knife. He deployed his Taser to get her to drop the knife. Accomando was then able to secure her weapon, allow paramedics to treat her self-inflicted wounds and take her into protective custody. Accomando's actions ultimately saved this woman's life.





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The Medal of Meritorious Service is awarded to a member who knowingly performs an act while involved in a criminal investigation and the act demonstrates a high level of courage and creditable police enforcement action or life-saving actions which involve no personal hazard to the member.

*Photos available upon request

