

# POLICE DEPARTMENT



County  
Of  
Suffolk



## SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD



Presented To

SGT. BRIAN BUGGE

#663

MAY 14, 1991

*Daniel P. Gauds*  
Commissioner

POLICE DEPARTMENT COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, NEW YORK

INTERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

TO: William L. McBride  
Deputy Police Commissioner  
DATE: 10/24/89

FROM: Deputy Inspector John J. Hough  
Commanding Officer- Internal Affairs Bureau  
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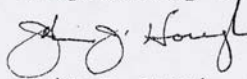
SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF SUGGESTION

The undersigned recommends Sergeant Brian K. Bugge', Shield #663, for this Department's Special Service Award, as outlined in Chapter 6, Section 4.2 (K) of the Rules and Procedures. The undersigned has attached extensive documentation to this "application" to justify and support this recommendation.

To summarize, the nominee has consistently advocated the adoption of Problem-Oriented Policing, M.C.I. (Managing Criminal Investigations), Crime Analysis, Crime Prevention, Directed Patrol, and Differential Police Response techniques within the Suffolk County Police Department. In 1984, the Sergeant Bugge' submitted a thirteen (13) page internal correspondence regarding the feasibility of establishing an ICAP (Integrated Criminal Apprehension Program) within this Department. Since that time, Sergeant Bugge' has lectured on these topics at business forums and at the Police Academy, and he has written extensively in both in-house publications; ie., SOA newsletter, and national publications; ie., Law Enforcement News and Law Enforcement Technology magazine. Sergeant Bugge' has received letters of appreciation from individuals both within and outside the Department. He has also attended various seminars throughout the country and made several site visits to expand on his knowledge in this area. Most of these activities were performed while Sergeant Bugge' was working around-the-clock tours in Uniform Patrol. It should also be pointed out that he did not have the luxury of researching his subject matter while assigned to Research and Planning, Community Relations or the Police Academy. As a result, Sergeant Bugge' incurred many personal expenses over the years that were not reimbursed. In addition, hundreds of off-duty hours were expended by Sergeant Bugge' in his quest to see this Department establish these worthwhile and innovative strategies.

Five years have elapsed since Sergeant Bugge' submitted his original internal correspondence previously mentioned. He has persevered through strong personal commitment and belief. Many of his original suggestions are now operational. Some are in the planning stages and some are only within months of implementation. Sergeant Bugge' has been actively involved in the planning and training stages of these various endeavors as they progressed (e.g., the nominee has given resource materials to the newly created Crime Analysis Unit; lectured on Problem-Oriented Policing at Supervision School; and he will be training officers in the Fourth Precinct on M.C.I. beginning next month). It is obvious that Sergeant Bugge' has had a major influence in the establishment of these various new programs, and he should be duly recognized for his sizable efforts. These methods and techniques will significantly increase this Department's efficiency.

Respectfully submitted,



John J. Hough  
Deputy Inspector  
Commanding Officer  
Internal Affairs Bureau

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Newsday / Thomas R. Koeniges

Officer Gerard Gigante kisses his 3-month-old daughter, Christina, after being named the Third Precinct's cop of the year. He saved the life of a premature baby born Dec. 6, 1989, and was honored for his everyday police work.

## 51 Suffolk Officers Honored for Heroism

By Mark Henry  
STAFF WRITER

Suffolk Police Sgt. Donald Meyers and Officer Robert Cassidy had just enough time to pull a woman from the doorway when they heard the roar of a shotgun blast and saw the flash from the barrel.

It was last July 5, and the two officers had gone to a Mastic Beach home in response to a "domestic dispute." But it almost led to two officers' being killed

when a man fired two shots as they scrambled for cover, police said.

After a harrowing standoff in which the man came out of the house holding an infant in one arm, firing the pump shotgun and smashing the windshields of two police cars with his elbow, the officers talked him into handing the baby over and surrendering.

Yesterday, Meyers and Cassidy received the police department's second

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highest medal — the Combat Award — for heroism in the line of duty. They were among 51 Suffolk officers to receive citations at the department's 26th annual awards ceremony.

About 175 people, including Suffolk County Executive Patrick Halpin and Police Commissioner Daniel P. Guido, attended the ceremony in the auditorium of the county's police academy in North Babylon. Other awards were given for bravery, exceptional meritorious service, meritorious service, exceptional police service, "cops of the year" and "detective of the year." The medal of honor, the highest police honor, was not awarded this year.

Among those honored were three officers from a helicopter flight crew who flew rescue missions after the crash of the Avianca airliner into a Cove Neck hillside Jan. 25, 1990.

Officers John Fiandola, Eugene Sengstacken and Stephen Wagner were on duty that night, and when they learned of the disaster they took off, only to be forced back by bad weather. An hour later, flying by instruments, they reached the crash scene and made numerous rescue flights throughout the night, taking the injured to hospitals, said Lt. James Rhoads, commanding officer of the service training section at the police academy.

The three received the department's Bravery-Silver Award for their work that night, he said.

The department also presented administrative awards, including a special service award to Sgt. Brian Bugge of the Sixth Precinct for improving police-community relations.

"It's nice once a year to recognize the officers, to give them a pat on the back," Rhoads said. Retelling the events that led to the awards "are not just war stories. They do mean something to other people."