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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Release #1:**

On Friday, May 15, 2009, Master Patrol Officer (MPO) Lee Stevens received the Gold Award for Valor at the Joint Kansas Law Enforcement Conference in Topeka, KS. The award was presented through the Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police Awards Program. Out of 142 nominations, 46 individual awards were granted.

The Gold Award for Valor is given to officers in recognition of uncommon valor in the line of duty. MPO Stevens received his award as a result of the actions he took in the early morning hours of January 27, 2008 when he was dispatched to a residential structure fire in Garden City, KS. When MPO Stevens arrived, the front of the residence was fully engulfed in flames and he learned there was still a woman inside. MPO Stevens kicked open the locked front door and entered the residence. When he entered, he was only able to see the outline of a person through the thick smoke. MPO Stevens continued into the residence and moved the badly burned, unconscious woman to the front porch area where first aid was administered. While MPO Stevens, a member of the Citizens' Assist Team and another officer were administering first aid to the women, fire burst out of the house over top of them. In January of 2009, MPO Stevens received the Garden City Police Department's Gold Award for Valor for these actions.



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