



# OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

Prince George's County, Maryland

**Michael A. Jackson**  
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### **Sheriff's Office Honors Own**

*Deputy of the Year named at awards ceremony*

With deputies being honored for incidences from helping a stranded motorist to aiding a fellow deputy injured during an attempted arrest, the Prince George's County Sheriff's Office held it's annual in Greenbelt, MD on Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.

Chief Roberto Hylton, Prince George's County Police Department served as Guest speaker and spoke of strengthening the bond of partnership and teamwork between the two agencies.

Deputy Sheriff Thomas Doughty was named 2008 Deputy of the Year and awarded the Gold Medal of Valor for responding to a citizen's complaint of a fight in a Riverdale restaurant. When he arrived he saw a man with severe and deep wounds to his abdomen, side and throat. As he was beginning to render first aid, the suspect appeared still holding a knife. Deputy Doughty, unable to call for back-up, ordered the man to drop his weapon and when the suspect complied, Deputy Doughty placed him in custody and continued to work on saving the victim's life. The victim was taken to the hospital in critical condition and the suspect charged with Attempted Murder.

Deputy Sheriff Davien Locke was given the Bronze Medal of Valor for saving a mentally ill man from serious injury to himself and motorist on Route 301, when he was attempting to hit moving cars with a sign post in the middle of the highway. The man was listed as a missing person from South Carolina.

The Specialized Services Team received Gold and Silver Medals of Valor for saving a fellow deputy who was shot during an arrest attempt of a suspect wanted for the Attempted Murder of two police officers.

Deputy First Class Donovan Gholston's help of a stranded motorist and her children in Landover was so positive, her young sons now what to go into law enforcement when they grow older.

Deputy Sheriff Thomas Ferreira received two (2) Awards of Merit, one for providing first aid to a group of students injured in an overturned school bus accident and another for the pursuit and capture of a Robbery suspect. Deputy Sheriff Ferreira was also presented with a Lifesaving Award for his role in aiding and abetting a citizen found during a Maryland State Police helicopter crash.

"I couldn't be prouder of my deputies", Sheriff Michael A. Jackson said, "to go into some of these situations without hesitation and forethought of the potential risk is astonishing".

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(Pictures Attached)

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