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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **Riverside Police Officers Honored by American Legion**

Riverside-Two Riverside Police officers will be honored for their extraordinary performance and community service at the American Legion's 2011 Law and Order Award Ceremony this week. In addition, American Legion Post 289 Commander Jim Thompson will present the parents of slain Riverside Police Officer Ryan Bonominio a Medal of Valor Award in recognition of Officer Bonominio's ultimate sacrifice for his community.

On Thursday, March 24, 2011, family members, friends, colleagues, and community members will pay tribute to these exceptional officers at the American Legion Post 289, located at 4151 Buchanan Avenue in Riverside. The ceremony will begin at 5:30 P.M.

Officer Jesse Castro, a United States Army veteran, is a School Resource Officer (SRO) assigned to several schools in the Alvord Unified School District. Earlier this year, SRO Castro arrested six students in connection with a series of burglaries which occurred on seven school campuses. He is also an Advisor for the Riverside Police Department's Explorer Program. In this capacity, Officer Castro serves as a mentor to young adults who have shown an interest in becoming police officers. Officer Castro is being recognized for his tenacity, professionalism, and commitment to youth.

Officer Silvio Macias is a patrol officer who is a member of the Department's Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT) and Force Training Unit. An accomplished martial arts competitor, Officer Macias is an accredited Master in Kung Fu and recently earned a first place medal in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu at the Pan American Games held in Brazil. According to his supervisors, Officer Macias' work ethic and exceptional performance have distinguished him as a top producer and a, "go to guy." His broad base of experience and natural instincts has helped him safely recover numerous guns, capture violent suspects, and solve high profile investigations. Officer Macias is a shining example of a professional police officer who is deserving of recognition for his exemplary service.



