

# OFFICER RICK DOBROW



The Medal of Valor is the highest recognition of achievement presented by the Department. It is awarded to employees who distinguish themselves with extraordinary acts of bravery or heroism above and beyond that normally expected in the line of duty. Employees must have displayed extreme courage by placing their own safety in immediate peril in the pursuit of their duties.



While under Sgt. Torok's supervision on April 15, 1997, you and Officer Bill Hager were sent to a domestic violence call, where the subject had assaulted his wife and child. The subject then fled. While you were gathering information from the victims, the subject returned to the house, armed with a large knife. You immediately told the victims to go into another room. You showed great courage in jeopardizing your own life by placing yourself between the assailant and the victims. The subject ignored Officer Hager's orders to drop the knife, and advanced on you with the knife in an upraised position. The subject ignored your repeated commands to stop and drop the knife. Your only option was to shoot to protect yourself and the other people present.

Rick, you are known for your bravery, level-headedness, and dedication. I am proud to recognize you with the Medal of Valor Award. Along with this document, you are being issued the Valor bar, which will be worn on your uniform.

