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## 2017 IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT PURPLE HEART HONOREES

The Iowa State Police Association (ISPA) will recognize the service and sacrifice of these officers and their families at the 85th Annual ISPA Conference in October.

### About the Purple Heart Award

The Purple Heart Award is granted to any sworn Iowa peace officer who has been seriously, critically, or fatally injured in the performance of law enforcement duty. In addition, this award may be conferred if an injury was averted by the wearing of body armor. This award will be given in all cases resulting in line-of-duty death, but will otherwise be limited to those cases involving an attack by an assailant or the performance of an act of valor. [Please visit our Purple Heart page to nominate an officer for this award.](#)



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**Officer Shawn Miller**  
West Des Moines Police Dept.  
E.O.W. August 3, 2016



Officer Shawn Miller was hit by a car and killed on duty August 3, 2016. He had testified in a court hearing in Dallas County and was riding his personal motorcycle back to West Des Moines. The accident happened at the intersection of Highway 169 and Interstate 80 when a turning car failed to yield and Officer Miller's motorcycle collided with the passenger side of the car.

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**Officer Justin Martin**  
**Urbandale Police Dept.**  
**E.O.W. November 2, 2016**



In the early hours of November 2, 2016, Officer Justin Martin and Sgt. Anthony "Tony" Beminio, were killed in separate "ambush-style" shootings in the metro approximately 20 minutes apart. The perpetrator in both shootings, identified as 46-year-old Scott Michael Greene of Urbandale, Iowa, was apprehended by police hours later. Greene pleaded guilty to two counts of first-degree murder and was sentenced to life without parole on May 20, 2017.

**Sgt. Anthony "Tony" Beminio**  
**Des Moines Police Dept.**  
**E.O.W. November 2, 2016**



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**Deputy Sheriff Mark Burbridge**  
**Pottawattamie Cty. Sheriff's Dept.**  
**E.O.W. May 1, 2017**



Deputy Sheriffs Mark Burbridge and Pat Morgan were shot at the Pottawattamie County Jail in Council Bluffs as they returned two inmates after a court appearance. Deputy Sheriff Burbridge was killed and Deputy Sheriff Morgan was injured.

One of the inmates used a concealed key to remove his shackles then obtained a firearm from the van and shot both deputies. He then stole the van and fled from the jail. He attempted to carjack a citizen and shot him. He then abducted another citizen and forced her to drive him from the scene in her vehicle. After pleading guilty to first-degree murder, Wesley Correa-Carmenaty was sentenced to life in prison without parole plus 50 years.

**Deputy Sheriff Pat Morgan**  
**Pottawattamie Cty. Sheriff's Dept.**  
**Date of Incident May 1, 2017**



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