



May 1, 2026

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Dallas is a city of more than 1.3 million residents, full of energy and vitality. At its heart is the Dallas Police Department, working tirelessly to keep both residents and millions of visitors safe.

Today, 3,700 dedicated men and women serve on the front lines and behind the scenes, performing courageous work that often goes unseen. Their commitment keeps our community strong and secure.

The Friends of the Dallas Police is proud to honor these exceptional officers and staff members. Each year, we gather to recognize those whose bravery, compassion, and dedication exemplify the best of public service.

We invite you to support the **45th Annual Friends of the Dallas Police Awards Banquet on Friday, November 6, 2026, at the Hyatt Regency Dallas** by contributing an in-kind gift from your business. This official awards ceremony of the Dallas Police Department honors employees who have gone above and beyond in service. Donations are presented as gifts to top award recipients. An enclosed list details this year's awards.

With hundreds of recognitions—including Officer of the Year, Detective of the Year, Rookie of the Year, Professional Staff Employee of the Year, and Telecommunicator of the Year—the banquet shines a spotlight on DPD's unsung heroes. All honorees are selected by the DPD Meritorious Conduct Board, with final top award recipients chosen by Chief of Police Daniel Comeaux, who will personally present each award.

Please complete the enclosed reply form and return it by mail or email to confirm your commitment. If you have any questions, you can contact me directly at 214-871-0783 or ashellene@thereedsprc.com.

Thank you for your consideration. We hope you will join us in honoring the extraordinary men and women who safeguard our city with courage and dedication.

Sincerely,

Angela Shellene
Executive Director

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AWARD CATEGORIES FOR 2026

★ Medal of Honor

★ Medal of Valor

★ Police Shield

★ Meritorious Conduct

★ Life Saving

★ Police Commendation

Multiple awards are given in each category above totaling between 75-125 awards per year

★ Meritorious Conduct Unit Awards ★

Each year, 5 DPD units are selected to receive this distinguished award. Honorees are recognized at the annual banquet and later celebrated at a dedicated spring event organized by Friends of the Dallas Police.

★ Bureau Awards ★

Professional Staff Employee of the Year Bureau Awards

Administrative Professional Staff Employee of the Year

Investigations Professional Staff Employee of the Year

Office of the Chief of Police Professional Staff Employee of the Year

Support Professional Staff Employee of the Year

Tactical & Special Operations Professional Staff Employee of the Year

Professional Staff Employee of the Year

(Central, Northeast, Northwest, North Central, Southeast, Southwest, South Central)

Officer of the Year Bureau Awards

Support Officer of the Year

Administrative Officer of the Year

Tactical & Special Operations Officer of the Year

Investigations Officer of the Year

Patrol Officer of the Year

(Central, Northeast, Northwest, North Central, Southeast, Southwest, South Central)

★ Top Department Awards ★

Marvin R. Bullard Sworn Supervisor of the Year

Marvin R. Bullard Professional Staff Supervisor of the Year

James R. Leavelle Detective of the Year

Field Training Officer of the Year

Telecommunicator of the Year

Joe C. Jones Reserve Officer of the Year

Chief's Unit of the Year Award

Chief's Award – Sworn & Professional Staff

Johnny Sides Rookie Officer of the Year

Departmental James C. Taylor Professional Staff Employee of the Year

(selected from the Bureau Professional Staff Employee of the Year winners)

Departmental Joe T. McCarthy Officer of the Year

(selected from the Bureau Officer of the Year winners)

FriendsOfTheDallasPolice.org

Friends of the Dallas Police Awards Banquet
Friday, November 6, 2026; 7 p.m.
Hyatt Regency Dallas

Gift Donation Reply Form

Each year the Friends of the Dallas Police and community partners around Dallas take the time to say thank you and honor the brave men and women of the Dallas Police Department who risk their lives for the safety of our city. Please join us in thanking the Dallas Police Department by donating a gift certificate or in-kind gift from your business. Donations will be used at the Annual Friends of the Dallas Police Awards Banquet to reward officers and employees receiving awards.

Name of Donor: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State & Zip: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Desired Listing in Program: _____

- ☐ **Yes**, we would like to help the Friends of the Dallas Police honor the Dallas Police Department's finest by donating the following:

Description of donation: _____

Estimated Value \$: _____

Donor's name will be listed in the printed program, event signage, and on website. Donations of \$2,500 or greater value will receive a 3.5" x 5" color page ad in the printed program.

- ☐ **No**, we cannot make a donation to the Friends of the Dallas Police this year but thanks for contacting us.

Please reply by October 15th to be listed in the banquet program.
Replies can be sent to Angela Shellene at ashellene@thereedsprc.com

Please mail donations to the following address:

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