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NLPOA 2008 OFFICER OF THE YEAR

For Outstanding Bravery



Officer Ricardo Lara

Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, Nevada

The National Latino Peace Officers Association (NLPOA) has selected LVMPD Officer Ricardo Lara as the recipient of the 2008 NLPOA Officer-of-the-Year Award for his Outstanding Bravery. Officer Lara has been a police officer with the LVMPD for the last 4½ years. He is currently assigned to the new Enterprise Area Command of the Valley Patrol Division. Officer Lara and his partner, Dale Jones were honored by the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department earlier this year and were presented with the Purple Heart Award and the Medal of Valor for the heroic actions taken during the February 26th, 2007 shootout in which both officers were injured. Officer Lara was shot seven (7) times during the response.

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