

Officer Antonio Hernandez

On December 29, 2017, Officer Antonio Hernandez and his partner were assigned to Rampart Division on routine patrol when they observed a group of people standing near a large construction dumpster. One person had an open container of alcohol. Officer Hernandez drove past the group, negotiated a U-turn, and conducted a pedestrian stop on the group.

As the contact officer, Officer Hernandez handcuffed the suspect after conducting a pat down search. Officer Hernandez' partner began completing a field interview card on the suspect for drinking in public. Officer Hernandez repositioned the police vehicle so it was parallel to the curb not blocking traffic. Officer Hernandez heard a loud pop noise as his partner continued the field interview. Officer Hernandez began canvassing the area around the construction dumpster for anything discarded by the group. Without warning, Officer Hernandez and his partner were fired upon. Officer Hernandez' partner was shot in the left thigh, catastrophically shattering the femur, causing her to fall to the ground between the parked patrol vehicle and the dumpster.

Officer Hernandez immediately broadcast "Shots fired, officer needs help," and added he was not sure where the gunfire came from. Without regard for his own safety, Officer Hernandez put the suspect in a position of cover and dragged his partner between the police vehicle and dumpster. Officer Hernandez continued to broadcast additional information for the responding units, continually monitoring the area, and prepared to address any additional threats or ambushes.

Two Metropolitan Division officers arrived at the scene and quickly assisted the injured officer. Officer Hernandez still did not know the exact location of the armed suspect or if the suspect would continue to fire from a position of advantage.

Officer Hernandez along with the two Metro officers dragged the injured officer closer to the curb for additional cover. The Metro officers left their position of cover to run to their vehicle and brought back a tourniquet they placed high on the left leg above the gunshot wound. Officer Hernandez quickly determined they needed to get the injured officer out of the dangerous position so his partner could receive medical treatment.

Officer Hernandez, ready to address any threat or attack, provided cover as the two Metro officers lifted and carried the injured officer to the back of a patrol vehicle and drove her to a nearby ambulance which transported her to a local hospital.

Officer Hernandez is commended for his immeasurable courage and unflinching bravery, outstanding tactical expertise that enabled him to prevail at great peril to himself, to serve and protect the people of the City of Los Angeles. In the highest traditions of the Los Angeles Police Department, the Medal of Valor is bestowed upon:

Los Angeles Police Officer Antonio Hernandez

Officer Brian Putnam

On December 29, 2017, two officers assigned to Rampart Division working patrol conducted a pedestrian stop on a group standing near a large construction dumpster. One person had an open container of alcohol.

The officers were completing a field interview card on the suspect for drinking in public when, without warning, the two officers were fired upon. One officer was shot in the left thigh, catastrophically shattering the femur, causing her to fall to the ground between the parked patrol vehicle and the dumpster.

The uninjured officer immediately broadcast "Shots fired, officer needs help," and added he was not sure where the gunfire came from. The officer put the suspect in a position of cover and dragged his partner between the police vehicle and dumpster. The officer continued to broadcast additional information for the responding units, continually monitoring the area, and prepared to address any additional threats or ambushes.

Metropolitan Division Officer Brian Putnam and his partner were the first to arrive at the scene and quickly responded to the injured officer. Officer Putnam did not know the exact location of the armed suspect or if the suspect would continue to fire from a position of advantage.

Officer Putnam, his partner and the Rampart officer, dragged the injured officer closer to the curb for additional cover. Without regard for his own safety, Officer Putnam left his position of cover and ran to his vehicle. Officer Putnam brought back a tourniquet and placed it high on the left leg above the gunshot wound. He and his partner quickly determined they needed to get the injured officer out of the dangerous position so the officer could receive medical treatment.

Officer Putnam, ready to address any threat or attack, lifted and carried the injured officer to the back of a patrol vehicle. While his partner provided cover, Officer Putnam and his partner drove her to a nearby ambulance which transported her to a local hospital.

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Officer Miguel Dominguez

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The uninjured officer immediately broadcast "Shots fired, officer needs help," and added he was not sure where the gunfire came from. The officer put the suspect in a position of cover and dragged his partner between the police vehicle and dumpster. The officer continued to broadcast additional information for the responding units, continually monitoring the area, and prepared to address any additional threats or ambushes.

Metropolitan Division Officer Miguel Dominguez and his partner were the first to arrive at the scene and quickly responded to the injured officer. Officer Dominguez did not know the exact location of the armed suspect or if the suspect would continue to fire from a position of advantage.

Officer Dominguez, his partner and the Rampart officer, dragged the injured officer closer to the curb for additional cover. Without regard for his own safety, Officer Dominguez left his position of cover and ran to his vehicle. Officer Dominguez brought back a tourniquet and his partner placed it high on the left leg above the gunshot wound. Officer Dominguez quickly determined they needed to get the injured officer out of the dangerous position so the officer could receive medical treatment.

Officer Dominguez, ready to address any threat or attack, provided cover and directed responding officers as his partner lifted and carried the injured officer to the back of a patrol vehicle. Officer Dominguez and his partner drove her to a nearby ambulance which transported her to a hospital.

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Los Angeles Police Officer Miguel Dominguez

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THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT

Awards the  
Purple Heart  
To

Joy Park  
Police Officer II

On behalf of the Men and Women of the Los Angeles Police Department

I, Chief of Police Michel R. Moore, bestow the

Purple Heart

On this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September 2019, to

Police Officer II Joy Park

Serial No. 42772, Rampart Area

For a Gunshot Wound Received in the Line of Duty While Conducting a Pedestrian Stop  
In Rampart Area on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of December 2017