

2015 Distinguished Law Enforcement Valor Award





Officer John Lyons
Officer Matthew Pollack
Cleveland Division of Police

After coming under a vicious attack, the officers followed their training and the gunman was arrested.

On Oct. 11, 2014, officers Lyons and Pollack were working a night patrol in a high-violence area when they got a call with the location of a man who was wanted on outstanding warrants. They reached the address and saw the suspect in the driveway. They left the patrol car and approached him. The suspect pulled out a handgun and fired at Officer Lyons' chest, hitting his ballistic vest.

Officer Lyons took cover and fired once at the suspect. Pollack exchanged gunfire with the suspect, who then fled. When backup arrived, the suspect couldn't be found. Eventually, he emerged with a gunshot wound in his chest. He was arrested and taken to a hospital, where he recovered. The shooter was sentenced to 25 years in prison. Lyons was treated for his injuries and released.