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2015 Distinguished Law Enforcement Valor Award



Officer Timothy Hannon
Officer John Jarrell
Officer John Lyons
Officer Brandon Melbar
Officer David Muniz
Officer Michael Surtz
Cleveland Division of Police

As an angry gunman stalked and fired upon officers in an apartment complex, they kept their cool and tried to bring about a peaceful resolution.

On March 10, 2015, a man who had been drinking got in an argument with his wife and threatened her and the landlord with a handgun. After the husband passed out, the wife went to the 4th District station for help.

The officers responded to the suspect's address. While the backup officers waited, two others accompanied the landlord to the stairs leading up to the apartment. The suspect stepped out and fired two shots, striking Officer Muniz in the chest, hitting his ballistic vest. All of the officers rushed to covered positions in the stairwell and a kitchen. They told the suspect to drop the gun and come downstairs. He refused, saying he wanted to die. He walked toward the officers in the kitchen and raised his gun at them. Officers Hannon, Jarrell, Lyons and Surtz fired in defense of their lives, killing the suspect.