



### **Lifesaving Bar – Officers Mark Reinhart & Steven Contreras**

Mesquite, TX – April 18, 2016 – The Lifesaving Bar may be awarded to any police employee for the saving of a human life or for prolonging their life to the extent that the victim was released to the care of medical authorities.

On January 16, 2016, officers were dispatched to the area of Bruton Road and IH-635 in reference to a welfare concern. Officer Reinhart observed a male straddling the railing of the bridge. The victim began yelling at Officer Reinhart as he began to approach. He expressed his intent to commit suicide and refused to allow Officer Reinhart to get near or communicate.

After a few minutes he stated that he wanted to speak with Officer Contreras, because he is the only officer he can trust. Shortly after being contacted by phone, Officer Contreras arrived and after a short conversation with the victim he was able to persuade him to surrender to officers. The victim was taken into protective custody and transported to Green Oaks Hospital.

The Mesquite Police Department is proud to recognize Officers Mark Reinhart and Steven Contreras with the Lifesaving Bar.