



**Citizen's Certificate of Merit & Meritorious Conduct Bar –**  
**Officer Blake Stillwagoner, Sergeant George Hensley & Mr. Owen Chung**

Mesquite, TX – April 18, 2016 – The Meritorious Conduct Bar may be awarded for a heroic deed and exceptionally meritorious conduct involving exemplary courage, risk and danger to his personal safety.

On July 5, 2015, dispatch received calls from concerned citizens about a shirtless man walking in traffic on 635. Officers dispatched to the area were unable to locate the man. A short time later, Officer Stillwagoner was dispatched to Northwest Drive and 30, the same man was walking in traffic towards the bridge over 30.

Mr. Chung, who was nearby, noticed the strange actions of the shirtless man and, concerned for his safety, followed him. When Officer Stillwagoner arrived at the scene, he observed the man jump over a steel safety fence that separated the service road from the highway below, then Mr. Chung climbed over the fence following him. As Officer Stillwagoner approached, he discovered that Mr. Chung was actually holding the man's arm, preventing him from dropping 30 feet. The man was covered in sweat, and it was difficult to get a firm grip on him.

Stillwagoner immediately jumped over the safety railing and grabbed the man. They could not lift him back to the landing because of their awkward position. Sergeant Hensley arrived on the scene and was able to bend over a concrete dividing wall far enough to assist the other two and pull the man up and over the dividing wall.

It was clear the swift and brave actions of Owen Chung, Officer Blake Stillwagoner and Sergeant George Hensley saved the life of the man and enabled him to get treatment at a local hospital.

The Mesquite Police Department is proud to recognize Officer Blake Stillwagoner, Sergeant George Hensley with a Meritorious Conduct Award and Mr. Owen Chung with a Citizen's Certificate of Merit.