

# Police Bravery Awards Nominees 2008

## 1. Cambridgeshire

*PC Stuart Adam*

*PC Leigh Fenton*

Cambridgeshire Road's Policing officers heroically fought back flames and fumes to save a family of four from their burning home. PCs Adam and Fenton tackled the inferno tirelessly until all members of the family were away from harm.

## 2. Cheshire

*DC Gary Massey*

*PC Michael Robinson*

Two unarmed Cheshire officers displayed extreme courage and risked their own lives to capture a murderer. Despite knowing he was violent and armed the officers chased after him and eventually despite suffering injuries themselves managed to arrest him.

## 3. Cumbria

*PC Martin Renney*

*PC John Johnston*

Two officers succeeded in dragging two semi-conscious passengers to safety from a burning car. The officers fought through choking smoke and intense heat to save two occupants.

## 4. Derbyshire

*PC Graham Fish*

*Sergeant Ian Worthington*

*Captain Eric Church*

While the pilot carefully positioned the helicopter, these two brave police officers attempted to rescue an elderly lady from drowning from the river Derwent. Fearing that the woman would go under at any moment the officers jumped from the helicopter into the fast flowing river.

## 5. Devon and Cornwall

*Inspector Robert Fitzpatrick*

*Constable Ryan Canning*

*Constable Glen Harrop*

*Constable Adrian Waldron*

*Constable Shaun Harris*

Five officers prevented a knife wielding maniac from killing himself and others. The wounded man was so distressed he threatened to kill anybody who approached him but the quick thinking, brave officers managed to save his life and prevent anyone else from getting hurt.

## 6. Dorset

*Constable Chris Fryer*

*Inspector Pete Meteau*

Two Dorset officers with little regard for their own lives braved giant waves to save a drowning woman. At first the woman fought off the help of the officers but they eventually brought her safely to shore.

## 7. Gloucestershire

*Sergeant Clive Patterson*

*Constable Ruth Wills*

*Constable Benjamin Hall*

*Constable Robert Dike*

*Constable Timothy Prangnell*

*Constable Michelle Bond*

*Constable Adam Chalkley*

Persistent and courageous officers saved the life of a teenage girl despite serious risks to their own lives. During very high rainfall and flooding officers responded to a call from a desperate mother whose daughter was trapped and clinging to a bridge. After several attempts and admirable team work they brought her to safety.

## **8. Greater Manchester**

*Constable Stephen Worrall*

*Constable Claire Titterington*

Officers braved live bullets to protect the life of an innocent man. After a domestic incident spiralled out of control these courageous officers were shot at by a crazed gunman as they attempted to protect a civilian.

## **9. Gwent**

*Constable Keith Seagrim*

PC Seagrim was off duty when he heard a woman screaming for help through his bedroom window. After he and his wife followed the screams they found a woman struggling to stay afloat in a freezing cold river. The brave officer spent two hours submerged in the water acting as a buffer for her until further help arrived.

## **10. Hampshire**

*Sergeant Steve Bowen*

*Constable Simon Ford*

These courageous officers tried to prevent a man from setting himself on fire despite suffering horrendous burns in their attempts. As the officers attempted to pull the petrol doused man from his car he flicked his lighter and caused an explosion in the officers' faces.

## **11. Hertfordshire**

*Constable Paul Reading*

PC Reading's quick thinking and steely determination saved a man from plunging to his death from a motorway bridge. The officer grabbed hold of the man at the precise moment he stepped off the edge. He then managed to pull him back up heroically preventing the man from plunging to his death.

## **12. Humberside**

*Constable Mark Thompson*

Quick thinking Dog Handler PC Mark Thompson fought through choking black smoke to save two disorientated men from a blazing inferno. The officer heroically entered the building twice to prevent any fatalities.

## **13. Kent**

*Constable Stuart Merrington*

This brave officer waded into choppy seas to save a suicidal woman from drowning. The distressed woman lashed out at him and tried to reject his efforts but he managed to talk sense to her and save her life.

## **14. Lancashire**

*Sergeant James Saddoo*

*Constable Victoria Wilson*

Two Lancashire officers bravely entered a fast flowing river and risked their own lives to save a drowning woman. The desperate woman clung to a branch as the officers eventually grabbed hold of her and kept her head above water.

## **15. Merseyside**

*Constable Philip Quirk*

A domestic incident took a very nasty turn when an officer was attacked ferociously with a knife. However, PC Quirk heroically stepped in to save his colleague from the maniac despite being unarmed himself.

## **16. Metropolitan (A)**

*Constable Mark Rudd*

This brave unarmed officer rugby-tackled an armed gunman to the ground preventing anybody else from getting hurt. The violent man had threatened to kill the officer and his colleagues but as he tried to escape PC Rudd successfully intervened.

## **17. Metropolitan (B)**

*Detective Constable Neil Fearn*

*Detective Constable Tony Fitzpatrick*

During routine surveillance events took a violent and shocking turn when these two metropolitan officers were fired at and attacked with baseball bats. The brave officers continued to pursue the men despite being in severe danger of being killed.

## **18. Metropolitan (C)**

*Sergeant Kris Wright*

*Constable Peter Dack*

*Constable Imran Patel*

These three unarmed officers found themselves in a very dangerous position when they were faced with an armed robber. Sgt Wright saw the man rob a shop at gunpoint and chased after him. Pc's Dack and Patel joined him and successfully managed to disarm and arrest the man.

## **20. Northamptonshire**

*Constable Jamie Lambert*

*Constable Kyleigh Lennon*

Two off duty officers rescued several people from a burning vehicle while on holidays in Egypt. The officers arrived at the scene of a horrendous car crash and despite not speaking the language, and the threat of explosion, managed to save some of the people and control the situation.

## **21. Northumbria**

*Sergeant Nigel Dance*

Faced with a panicked and violent situation this officer bravely chased after a man armed with a home made shot gun. Sgt Dance had witnessed the demented man beat his wife ferociously and run off waving the gun around. The unarmed officer ran after the man and kept the control room updated on his whereabouts and movements.

## **22. North Wales**

*Constable Nathan Monshin*

A routine driver check ended in a frenzied attack for this lone officer. PC Monshin fought persistently and showed great courage as he was attacked with a knuckle duster and punched repeatedly.

## **23. Nottinghamshire**

*Constable Mick Booth*

PC Booth put himself in serious danger as he tried to save an offender from a blazing car. The officer without any thought for his own life managed to drag the man from the inferno to safety. Instead of being grateful to the officer the man lied about another person being in the car which meant the officer put himself in a deadly position as he tried to locate the invented passenger.

## **24. South Wales**

*Constable Sara Treharne*

Off duty PC Treharne was returning home from a long shift when she witnessed a woman make her way onto the train tracks at a railway crossing. Although the woman tried to ignore the officer's attempts to drag her to safety, PC Treharne succeeded with just seconds to spare before a train passed.

## **25. South Yorkshire.**

*Constable Richard Bardsley*

*Constable John Medcraft*

*Sergeant Julian Rawthore*

Three South Yorkshire officers put themselves at serious risk to save a baby from a crazed knife man. An armed man had broken into a house and locked the female owner outside. She frantically told officers her baby was still inside and was terrified something terrible would happen. Without hesitation the officers burst in and saved the baby from the maniac.

## **26. Suffolk**

*Constable David Colbridge*  
*Constable Christopher Clark*

Fast acting officers risked their lives to pull a drowning unconscious man from very rough seas. The suicidal man was almost swept out to sea but the brave officers jumped in to drag him to safety.

## **27. Surrey**

*Constable Neil Pike*

PC Pike jumped into ice cold water to save a suicidal man. Despite the river running rapidly and its freezing conditions the officer managed to reach the man and swim him to safety.

## **28. Sussex**

*Constable Eric Wells*

While on lone patrol this brave officer dealt with a burning building and managed to rescue the occupants. PC Wells choked on fumes as he heroically helped the desperate people escape the inferno.

## **27. Thames Valley**

*Constable Paul Davies*

Events turned very volatile as this officer attempted to arrest a thief. The officer was stabbed and punched by two men but managed to defend himself and retain the two of them until assistance turned up.

## **28. Warwickshire**

*Constable Jon Ashby*

A woman suffering from mental illness was armed with a knife and attempted to set her house alight. She had already wounded one of her four children and was adamant she would not hand over her baby to officers. PC Ashby displayed immense courage and professionalism which led to both the woman and child leaving the house safely.

## **29. West Mercia**

*Constable Mathew Crisp*  
*Constable Richard Gray (Posthumous)*

Both officers were called to provide back up to their unarmed colleagues who were being held at gun point at a domestic incident which had escalated out of control. PCs Crisp and Gray intervened to prevent any harm coming to the public or their colleagues. The brave officers took an extreme risk and sadly PC Gray lost his life as a result.

## **30. West Midlands**

*Constable Stuart Fitzgerald*

Fast acting PC Fitzgerald courageously tackled an aggressive armed man to save his colleague from being sliced with a machete despite suffering deep wounds during the incident. The officer acted completely in the interests of his partner and without any regard for his own life.

## **31. West Yorks**

*Constable Samantha Walton*  
*Constable Craig Gallant*

A crazed man had trapped his family inside the house and after swallowing an antiseptic wash he was threatening to set himself on fire. The officers forced the door open and restrained the man preventing any harm coming to him or his family.

## **32. Wiltshire**

*Constable Stephen Porter*  
*Constable Sam Withey*  
*Constable David Thompson*

These officers risked their lives to save a man hanging from a three-story building. The man threatened suicide at first and after testing the rope he slipped. The officers immediately reacted and despite the dangers of falling off the roof themselves they managed to bring the man to safety.