

AGENDA

DATE: Tuesday, March 31

TIME: 12:00 noon to 12:30

LOCATION: Jury Room (3rd Floor, North Side)
Bruce Thompson Federal Building
400 S. Virginia Street
Reno, Nevada 89501

Event Description: The U.S. Attorney for the District of Nevada, Chief of the Reno Police Department, Senator Dean Heller, Congressman Mark Amodei (**tentative**), other law enforcement and invited guests will join together to present the Congressional Badge of Bravery to Officer German Rodriguez of the Reno Police Department.

PRESS: Media is Invited

BACKGROUND: The Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery (CBOB) was established by Congress in 2008 to honor exceptional acts of bravery in the line of duty by federal, state, and local law enforcement officers. The program is administered by the DOJ's Bureau of Justice Assistance and medals are awarded annually by the U.S. Attorney General and presented by the recipients' Congressional representatives.

On October 16, 2013, Officer Rodriguez was a customer in a Reno Bank of America when an armed robber entered, demanded money, and then fatally shot 80-year-old Charles "Bob" Sperry, who attempted to intervene in the robbery. The robber then fled on foot.

Officer Rodriguez, off-duty and unarmed, was concerned that the suspect might escape or further escalate the

situation when Reno Police Department officers arrived. He followed the suspect to a local bus depot and placed him in a “carotid hold,” disarming him and holding him down until responding officers took him into custody.

SPEAKERS

- The Honorable Dean Heller, U.S. Senator
- The Honorable Mark Amodei, U.S. Congressman (tentative)
- The Honorable Dan Bogden, U.S. Attorney
- Chief Steve Pitts, Reno Police Department
- Officer German Rodriguez (honoree), Reno Police Department
- Michael Haley, former Washoe County Sheriff (emcee)
- Representative from Senator Harry Reid’s Office
- Representative from Congressman Mark Amodei’s Office (if he does not attend)

ATTENDEES

- Christina Conti Rodriguez (Officer Rodriguez’s wife)
- Amelia Rodriguez (Officer Rodriguez’s daughter)
- Olivia Rodriguez (Officer Rodriguez’s daughter)
- Imelda Guzman (Officer Rodriguez’s mother)
- Marina Hernandez (Officer Rodriguez’s sister)
- Elizabeth Heath (Officer Rodriguez’s sister)
- Albert Rodriguez (Officer Rodriguez’s brother)
- Jason Rodriguez (Officer Rodriguez’s brother)
- Frank Conti (Officer Rodriguez’s father-in-law)
- Milka Sperry (Charles Sperry’s wife)
- Greg Sperry (Charles Sperry’s son)
- Chad Johnson (RPD Officer)
- Mark Denney (RPD Officer)
- Bryan Dye (RPD Officer)
- Ira Coffey (RPD Officer)
- Zach Doser (RPD Officer)
- Jen Henderson (Officer Rodriguez’s friend)

- Trish McKeller (Officer Rodriguez's friend)
- Brittany Dayton (Officer Rodriguez's friend)
- Laurie Haley (Mike Haley's wife)

ATTIRE: Business

12:00 Noon – Mike Haley makes welcoming remarks and leads everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance

12:04 – Mike Haley introduces U.S. Attorney Dan Bogden

12:05 – U.S. Attorney Bogden makes remarks about the Congressional Badge of Bravery

12:08 – Mike Haley introduces Steve Pitts, Chief of Police (RPD)

12:09 – Chief Pitts makes remarks about Officer German Rodriguez and his actions

12:12 – Mike Haley introduces Congressman Mark Amodei (if present)

12:13 – Congressman Amodei (if present) makes remarks

12:16 – Mike Haley introduces Senator Heller

12:17 – Senator Heller makes remarks

12:22 – Senator Heller & Congressman Amodei present Officer Rodriguez with his badge and certificate

12:27 – Officer Rodriguez makes remarks

12:30 – Ceremony concludes. Photo Op.