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Central Falls police recognize its police officers with an awards ceremony:

CENTRAL FALLS – Dozens of officers were honored Thursday night during the agencies annual award ceremony at Central Falls High School. Among the audience of friends; family members; department colleagues; and local elected officials was Mayor James A. Diossa who gave a heartfelt speech, shook the hand of all who were bestowed awards, and presented his own award, the Mayor's Citation, to Community Service Unit members, Officers Paul Savoie, Nicholas DeCarlo and William Orellana, for their collective effort to enhance the quality of life for city residents.

Of the many honorees that received awards commemorating and memorializing their respective contributions to the community, some of the most notable were Officer Joseph Bolvin and RI State Police Detective Daniel Hernandez who – while working as part of an interagency street crimes element – arrested an armed and dangerous fugitive in possession of a loaded firearm, and Detective Ospina and Roberts – both assigned to the Special Investigative Unit – along with members of the patrol bureau, arrested two violent and dangerous fugitives from Colorado, in a stolen motor vehicle, armed with a loaded assault rifle.

In addition, Officer Scott Weichtmann was presented the Officer of the Year award – an honor bestowed annually by the Chief of Police – at his discretion, when it is felt that a sworn department member has consistently performed at an exceptional manor keeping with the high standards and moral values of the Central Falls Police Department.

The event was capped off by the presentation of the Community Services award to Mrs. Simone Barzykowski. This award is presented to a non-sworn employee or private citizen who has demonstrated a sound commitment to the general welfare and enrichment of the community.
Since 2008, the Central Falls Holiday Express has organized volunteers and raised funds to sponsor holiday meals and clothing and gift giveaways to children and their families during the weeks leading up to Christmas. However, the humble beginnings of this program were initiated by Mrs. Barzykowski in her garage over thirty years ago. Her hard work, initiative, and true fondness for children have led to the fulfilment of a Merry Christmas for countless citizens as well as being a true inspiration to all.

"The awards and citations presented last evening", said Colonel James J. Mendonca, chief of police, "were meant merely as a token of appreciation for the collective enthusiasm, dedicated self-sacrifice and the steady desire that CF's finest demonstrate rear-round in making our city a better place to live, work and visit."

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