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**FORT WORTH POLICE OFFICERS' AWARDS  
FOUNDATION HONORS EXEMPLARY SERVICE**

Fort Worth officer Kerry Q. Gober was named Officer of the Year for 2010 at a special VIP dinner on Tuesday, May 10, 2011. The dinner was hosted by the Fort Worth Police Officers' Award Foundation and was held at Chesapeake Plaza.

The honor for Commander of the Year went to Lieutenant Stephanie S. Sullivan of the South Field Operations Division.

Other personnel honored as outstanding in their area of assignment are:

Commander of the Year 2010  
**Lieutenant Stephanie S. Sullivan**

Lieutenant Wilson Daggs  
Lieutenant Eldridge Edney  
Captain Daniel Garcia  
Captain Gene Jones  
Lieutenant Robert Rangel  
Captain Bryan Sudan

The Dwayne Freeto Rookie of the Year Award  
**Officer Lyndsey A. Stewart**  
Officer Michael Gardner

The Service with Respect Award  
**Officer William L. Mitchell**

**\*names in bold designate the division winner**

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Central Field Operations Division

**Officer Christopher Williams**

Officer Kerry Gober  
Officer Joel Parsons  
Officer Fernando Reyes  
Officer Ron Snyder  
Officer Jeffrey Tyler

North Field Operations Division

**Officer Christopher Jones**

Officer Danny Beard

East Field Operations Division

**Officer Allen Speed**

Officer Tom Gierling  
Officer Bradley Perez  
Officer Jon Romer, Jr  
Officer Gregory Williams

South Field Operations Division

**Officer Dalton E. Webb**

Officer Tonya Clapp  
Corporal/Detective Stephen Fineman  
Officer Thomas Schmidt  
Officer Billy Wright

West Field Operations Division

**Corporal/Detective John Law**

Officer James Abrams  
Officer Charles Gonzalez  
Officer Justin Seabourn  
Officer Reginald Traylor

Criminal Investigations Division

**Corporal/Detective Dana Baggott**

Officer Robert Mills  
Corporal/Detective Thomas O'Brien  
Corporal/Detective William Paine  
Corporal/Detective Christine Pratt  
Corporal/Detective Jeremy Spann

Special Operations Division

**Officer Steven Smith**

Officer Perry Moore

Specialized Units

**Officer Vange Pueblo**

Officer Brenden Bagnell  
Officer Robert Costa  
Officer Harald Cussnick  
Officer James Dunnam  
Corporal/Detective Richard Fluitt  
Corporal/Detective Beverly Johnson  
Officer Jamie Johnson  
Officer Michael Moore  
Officer Sharron Neal  
Officer Keith Spragins  
Officer Scott Weir  
Officer Tahwana Zavala

Reserve Division

**Corporal James Frawley**

Lieutenant Bill Brown  
Reserve Officer Nic O'Donovan

Supervisor of the Year 2010

**Sergeant David Marshall**

Sergeant Robert Alldredge  
Sergeant Thomas Busker  
Sergeant Sandra Castillo  
Sergeant Steven Enright  
Sergeant Frances Gates  
Sergeant Clay Hendrix  
Sergeant Barry Johnson  
Sergeant Delbert Johnson  
Sergeant Keith McGuire  
Sergeant Tanya McMath  
Sergeant Kenneth Pierce  
Sergeant Jonathan Pruitt  
Sergeant Robert Welch  
Sergeant Mark Wilson  
Sergeant David Yerigan

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## **Overall 2010 Officer of the Year Officer Kerry Q. Gober**

On Saturday, August 14, 2010, at approximately 0125 hours, Officer Kerry Q. Gober was working Central Division Patrol when West Division officers located a kidnapping suspect from College Station. The suspect had threatened to murder a police officer before killing his hostage and himself. Unknown to officers at this time, the suspect had already murdered his hostage and dumped her body. A slow-speed pursuit entered Central Division. At the direction of their sergeant, Officer Kerry Q. Gober and accompanying fellow officer responded in separate patrol cars. They followed at a short distance to keep traffic away from the pursuit. The suspect made a U-turn on the freeway and travelled north, against traffic. The pursuing officers pulled to the right and the suspect passed them. As a result, the two officers stopped on the right at the Cobb Park exit. The suspect then accelerated to approximately 80 mph and pointed the vehicle directly at Officer Gober's patrol car. With seconds to respond, Officer Gober had three choices: 1) do nothing and absorb full impact on the front, driver side. 2) Attempt to avoid the impact with an evasive maneuver to the right. However, the evasive maneuver would leave the second patrol car, positioned directly behind his and against the guard rail, unable to escape a severe front, driver-side impact. For option 3), Officer Gober could turn left into the impact to place as much of the car as possible between him and the speeding SUV. With turned wheels, he could potentially steer the collision away from the second patrol car. Officer Gober chose the third option and turned left into the impact. As a result, the suspect's vehicle rolled over effectively terminating the pursuit. However, the impact knocked Officer Gober's patrol car more than 200 feet up against the guardrail and it burst into flames. Upon being pulled from the vehicle Officer Gober immediately inquired about the safety of the fellow officer; it was his primary concern. Officer Kerry Q. Gober exhibited exceptional bravery and heroism when he made the decision to risk his own life in an effort to protect his fellow officer. He resisted the impulse to evade the collision, and took a course of action which saved another officer from death or serious bodily injury. His extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest standards of the police profession and reflect great credit upon him, his team, and the Fort Worth Police Department.