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### LOS ANGELES PORT POLICE OFFICERS HONORED BY LONG BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT

**SAN PEDRO, Calif.** – Three Los Angeles Port Police officers were recognized today at the Long Beach Police Department's 38th Annual Awards Ceremony for thwarting an attempted suicide from the Badger Avenue Bridge, a rail bridge that runs from Wilmington to Long Beach.

Last year, Los Angeles Port Police officers Ryan Strauss, Robert Myers and Robert Reynolds, along with Long Beach Police officer Andy Pringle, saved a 37-year-old man from jumping more than 50 feet to his death.

"I was very proud to be present today to honor three Los Angeles Port Police Officers," said Los Angeles Port Police Lieutenant Michael Kettelkamp. "Officers Reynolds, Myers and Strauss, along with Long Beach Police Officer Pringle, saved the life of a suicidal man threatening to jump from a bridge at Anaheim and Henry Ford Avenues. The officers showed the utmost professionalism and courage while performing their duties flawlessly."

While teetering along the bridge's narrow railing, the man, a Riverside resident, claimed he placed a bag of explosives on one of the railcars below the bridge. Los Angeles Port Police bomb-sniffing canines determined there were no explosives in the bag, and the man was arrested for making a false bomb threat.

Located on Henry Ford and Anaheim Avenues, the Badger Avenue Bridge is situated between property jointly owned by the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, an area commonly patrolled by law enforcement agencies representing both cities.

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