



MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

With a heavy heart I advise our community of the off-duty death of Officer Richard G. Nilos, 35, of Corona. Ricky was a valued member of the Department and will be greatly missed. He was found unresponsive at his home this morning.

Ricky was an 11-year veteran of the Fountain Valley Police Department, having been hired by the Department while attending the Police Academy at Palomar College. Prior to his law enforcement service, Ricky served as a United States Marine Infantryman and was among the first to enter and liberate Iraq under fire in 2003 as part of the First Marine Division.

Ricky was a recipient of many accolades for his tenure as a Motor Officer assigned to the Traffic Bureau and was a certified Motorcycle Training Officer. He received over 40 commendations - from Traffic Court referees, victims of crime or vehicle collisions, and even people he issued tickets to! He was a recipient of the Department's Medal of Valor for his actions during a gun battle against a deranged gunman armed with an assault rifle in 2010. He was also twice the recipient of the Department's Medal for Lifesaving. Ricky was a member of the Department Color Guard, the West County SWAT Crisis Negotiation Team and the Department's Peer Support Team.

Ricky was a husband and father to three boys.

Funeral arrangements are pending.

Persons wishing to make donations to Ricky's family should make checks payable to the Fountain Valley Police Officers' Association, 10200 Slater Avenue, Fountain Valley 92708.

We appreciate the support the Department has received for almost 50 years; now I ask for your prayers and thoughts for the Nilos family, our City staff and volunteers as we heal together.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Llorens".

DANIEL S. LLORENS
CHIEF OF POLICE