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Redondo Beach Harbor Patrol Officer David Poirier Jr. Receives Medal of Valor Award from President Trump

Redondo Beach, Calif. – Redondo Beach Firefighter/Harbor Patrol Officer David Poirier Jr. was awarded the Medal of Valor by President Donald Trump at the White House Tuesday, February 20, 2018.

The Medal of Valor is the nation’s highest award for public safety officers who risk their lives attempting to save or protect others. David was one of 12 public safety officers who received this award.

"Through your service and sacrifice we’re reminded that America’s greatest treasure is her people and in your courage, we see America's strength and in your character, we see America’s soul and today one proud nation says to all of you, thank you," Trump said from the East Room of the White House.

David was one of the first who arrived on scene at the breakwater near King Harbor Yacht Club during high surf conditions. He saved three people from being swept away as they were inundated by high waves. “I was glad to be of assistance in someone’s time of need. This is what I am trained to do and am happy to be of service," says David.

The Mayor and City Council will recognize David at the March 6th Council Meeting. David has also received two South Bay Medal of Valor Awards in the past.