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Glendale Police Mourn the Loss of Officer Shaun Hardesty

Glendale, Ariz. – It is with great sadness and a heavy heart that the Glendale Police Department informs you of the tragic loss of one of our brethren, from an automobile accident over the past holiday weekend. Officer Shaun Hardesty passed away on Sunday, July 3, 2016 and leaves behind his wife Allison, his son (age 14), and his three daughters (ages 16, 4, and 11 months). Shaun had a true passion for his family and was a dedicated father. He loved spending his off time in the great outdoors.

As we mourn the loss of Shaun, we would like to celebrate his life, legacy, and the honored memory he leaves behind that we shall never forget.

Shaun started his law enforcement career with the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office. After a year he came to his home here with the Glendale Police family. He spent 15 years with our department and was assigned to patrol, the downtown neighborhood response squad, child crimes investigations, the Gateway neighborhood response squad, and adult sex crimes investigations.

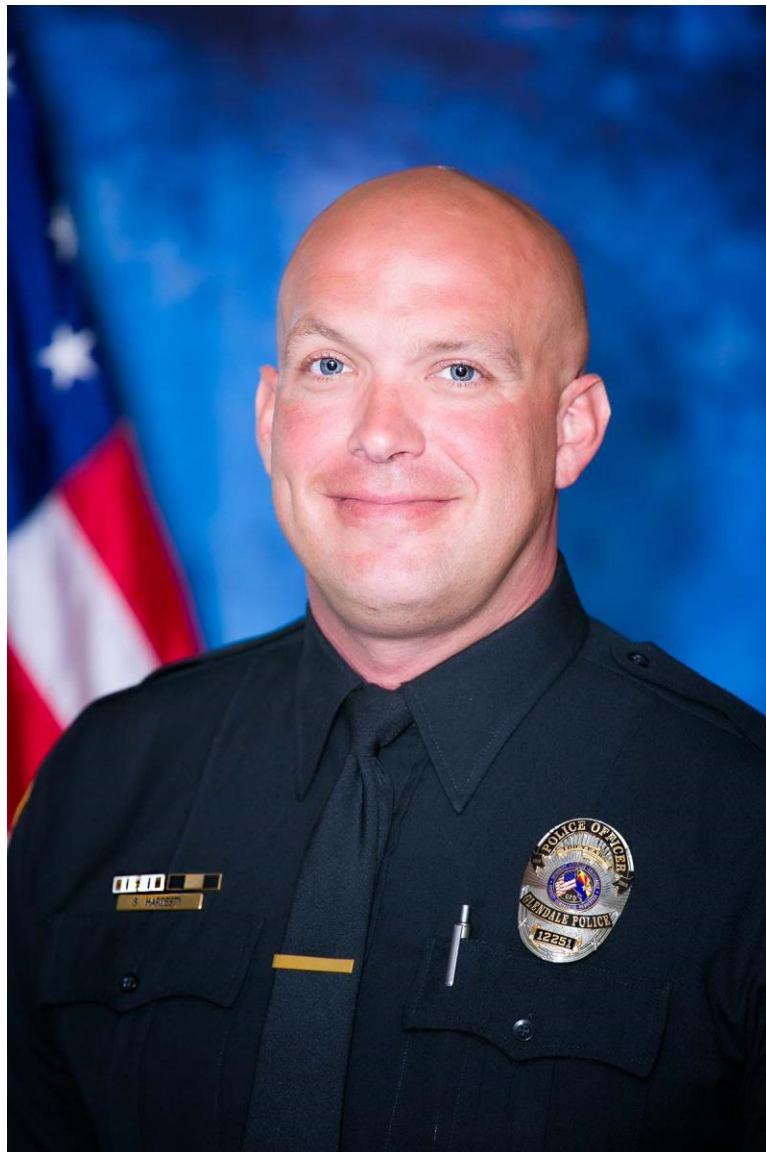
He was recipient of multiple meritorious unit medals for his service in the community. Shaun was also given the Chief's Award for rescuing and evacuating a nursing home/health and rehabilitation center during an active fire. He participated in numerous community events for at risk youth and assisted in the annual W. Steven Martin Toy Drive. Shaun's passion for serving the community was evident in his focus on individual victims of devastating sexual violence in his detective career. He helped build a stronger community by being genuine in his service to others and as a role model of a selfless public servant.

On a personal level at work, Shaun was a prankster with his co-workers and would never walk past anyone without a hug or a handshake. There was many a day when a welcomed greeting from Shaun would warm a heart and elicit a smile.

Officer Shaun Hardesty will truly be missed, but his legacy will go on, and he will never be forgotten. Our deepest condolences go out to his wife and each of his young children. Shaun, rest easy brother, we'll take it from here.

Funeral arrangements have been set for Friday, July 15, 2016. Visitation will begin at 9am and services will follow at 10am (Palm Valley Church located 431 N Litchfield Rd, Goodyear, AZ 85338).

Below is an attached photo of Officer Shaun Hardesty.



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