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**FAMILY OF FALLEN SCHOOL OFFICER HONORED BY  
NJASRO WITH MEDAL OF HONOR**

**November 14, 2005, Atlantic City, NJ** --- The New Jersey Association of School Resource Officers (NJASRO), the leading organization of school resource officers in New Jersey, presented the family of fallen Newark school officer Dwayne Reeves the National Association of School Resource Officer's Medal of Honor at their annual conference in Atlantic City on November 14th. NJASRO also presented Reeves' injured partner, school officer Akhia Scott, with the first Dwayne Reeves Medal of Valor. Officer Reeves' mother, daughter and two aunts were present for the ceremony.

On July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2005 Officers Reeves and Scott were investigating a dispute between two students outside of Weequahic High School in Newark, NJ. Two gang members armed with guns threatened the lives of several students. Officer Reeves exchanged fire with them, injuring one suspect. Due to their brave actions, no students were injured in the exchange.

“The biggest nightmare of anyone who works with children is a perpetrator with a gun,” said NJASRO President John Morella. “Officers Reeves and Scott showed bravery beyond the call of duty to protect the children in their schools.”

The NJASRO Dwayne Reeves Medal of Valor will be presented to school resource officers who have gone above the call of duty and demonstrated exceptional courage in protecting the children of New Jersey. Dwayne Reeve's mother has agreed to serve as medal of honor review board for future years.

**About NJASRO:**

The New Jersey Association of School Resource Officers (N.J.A.S.R.O.) is a not-for-profit organization for school based law enforcement officers, school administrators, and school security/safety professionals working as partners to protect students, school faculty and staff and the schools they attend. The true and tested strength in the School Resource Officer program is that it is much more than a curriculum. The SRO Concept can easily be adapted to the needs of ANY community, desiring safe schools, and effective community partnerships. N.J.A.S.R.O. is a Chartered Member of the National Association of School Resource Officers (N.A.S.R.O). For more information go to [www.NJASRO.com](http://www.NJASRO.com)

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