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## **Injured Seguin Police Officer receives *Star of Texas Award* for “Selfless Service”**

**SEGUIN, Texas** – Officer Gerald “Jerry” Guerrero will be honored with the *Star of Texas Award* through the Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor.

“No one deserves this award more than Officer Guerrero. He and his family have been through so much after his accident last year, but this shows them how the department, the community, the state of Texas feels about his service as a police officer,” said Chief Kevin Kelso, Seguin Police Department.

The *Star of Texas Award* was created by the Texas Legislature to honor peace officers, firefighters, and emergency medical first responders who were killed or injured in the line of duty.

**Background:** Officer Jerry Guerrero, a seven-year Seguin Police Department veteran, was severely injured in an on-duty motorcycle accident on August 29, 2014. Guerrero was struck by a minivan as he prepared to make a traffic stop on Highway 46. He was immediately airlifted to San Antonio Military Medical Center for treatment. Despite several surgical attempts to save the limb, Guerrero’s lower left leg was amputated a week after the accident. Guerrero will require additional operations and significant rehabilitation.

Officer Guerrero and his family are invited to the award ceremony on September 10, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. at the Texas House of Representatives Chamber in the Texas State Capitol. The public can watch a live broadcast of the event that will stream on the Texas Legislature website:

<http://www.house.state.tx.us/video-audio/>.

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“To provide professional law enforcement service to the citizens and guests of Seguin through a proactive approach to crime, partnership with the community and a commitment to service.”

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