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Seguin Police Officer receives award from Governor after serious injury

SEGUIN, Texas – On Thursday morning, Officer Gerald “Jerry” Guerrero, Jr. and his wife were recognized at the State Capitol, receiving the *Star of Texas Award* from Governor Greg Abbott.

Seguin Police Chief Kevin Kelso, Deputy Chief Bruce Ure and Captain Victor Pacheco watched their fellow officer be recognized for his service and sacrifice protecting this community.

“Jerry has taken the oath of office to serve and protect our Community and the great State of Texas. We all know the possible sacrifice we must make while undertaking this endeavor. Unfortunately Jerry has had to deal with the reality of this sacrifice as he has selflessly tried to do this. Jerry suffered an unfortunate and truly tragic accident that will change his life and that of his family forever. It was a very solemn ceremony that we went to today and hopefully we will never have to go to another one but each and every member of this Department is willing to make that sacrifice in the protection of our Community,” said Chief Kelso.

The Texas Legislature created the *Star of Texas Awards* to honor peace officers, firefighters, and emergency medical first responders who were killed or sustained serious injuries in the line of duty.

An excerpt from the letter Officer Guerrero received from The Office of the Governor states: “In recognition of your [Guerrero] selfless service and injury in the line of duty, it is my honor to notify you that you have been selected to receive a Star of Texas Award.”

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.

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Seguin Police Department's Mission Statement:

“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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**Pictured left to right (back row): SPD Deputy Chief Bruce Ure, Chief Kevin Kelso, Capt. Victor Pacheco,
State Rep. John Kuempel
(front row) Officer Jerry Guerrero**