

# Press Release

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## Securitas North America Rewards Performance and Heroism with 2017 Security Officer of the Year Awards

*Security officers recognized for selfless actions that exemplify Securitas' core values*

Securitas North America annually recognizes two security officers—one for heroism and one for outstanding performance. The recipients are chosen based on nominations from their colleagues and managers, and are featured in *Excellence in Service*, a magazine published for Securitas security officers. Honorees receive monetary consideration and other recognition for being selected as Officers of the Year.

Manuel “Manny” Byrge was named Security Officer of the Year for Performance. This award recognizes a security officer who has consistently provided excellent service and outstanding performance. Byrge is assigned to a large, corporate campus where he has distinguished himself by his willingness to take initiative and ownership and consistently go above and beyond. On three occasions last year, the client recognized Byrge with teamwork awards in recognition of his outstanding service and willingness to go the extra mile.

In addition to recognizing consistent, outstanding performance, Securitas also acknowledges the Security Officer of the Year for Heroism— an officer who performs an act that demonstrates exceptional courage, professionalism and self-sacrifice while helping to protect people or property. Marine veteran Gordon Collier was awarded that distinction for his response to an active shooter incident at a large data facility. Through his many brave and thoughtful actions, employees were safely evacuated and the situation was resolved without any casualties. Security Officer Collier remained calm and focused as he guided first responders to the location of the shooting and convinced the shooter to put aside his weapon and surrender.

“We owe Officers Byrge and Collier our deepest gratitude,” stated Securitas North America Chief Operating Officer Bill Barthelemy. “They establish the benchmark for what it means to wear our uniform. We are thankful for them and our more than 100,000 officers stationed daily at client sites who perform their best and help to protect our clients and their facilities.”

Read more about these officers and their outstanding performance at [www.securitasinc.com](http://www.securitasinc.com).

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