

ROTARY CLUB OF EL CAJON

OFFICER OF THE YEAR 2011

JARRED SLOCUM



Officer Jarred Slocum was hired by the El Cajon Police Department in March of 2007. During his employment, Officer Slocum has proven himself to be a true professional and model officer. Officer Slocum is responsive to the needs of the community and treats members of the public with the utmost respect. His positive and humble personality has earned him the respect of his peers, supervisors, as well as the citizens of El Cajon with whom he has interacted. Jarred takes a proactive approach to law enforcement and has made a positive impact on improving the quality of life for the community. He has made numerous quality arrests and completed in-depth investigations while maintaining his sector responsibilities as a patrol officer. Officer Slocum is an excellent team player, always willing to assist his peers or community members, without question or hesitation.

On August 21, 2011, Officer Slocum, his trainee partner, and other patrol units responded to a radio call of a possible shooting on Prince Street. Unknown to the responding officers, the suspect had shot and killed his mother-in-law and 14-month old daughter. The suspect notified a family member of the shootings, armed himself, and waited for officers to arrive. As officers approached the residence, which was now on fire, the suspect took up a position out of view on the front porch. Using the cover of vehicles parked on the street, Officer Slocum approached the residence, then the suspect opened fire. A round fired by the suspect struck Officer Slocum in the head.

Although seriously wounded, Officer Slocum returned fire, forcing the suspect to retreat into his residence. Officer Slocum remained calm and focused, assessed his injuries, and continued to cover the suspect's residence for the safety of officers and citizens nearby. After the suspect retreated, Officer Slocum moved himself from the immediate threat to an area where he could receive assistance. Officer Slocum's mental will to fight and win in a dire situation enabled him to survive a horrific incident.