

Officer Ann Marie Carrizales

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The Early Years

Officer Ann Marie Carrizales was born in San Clemente, California. Upon graduation, Carrizales enlisted in the United States Marine Corps with a Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) in the Military Police field. She was assigned to various billets within that unit such as the Patrol, Vehicle Registration, and the Criminal Investigation Division (CID) Juvenile/Gang Enforcement Team (J.E.T.).

Breaking Barriers

In 1997, Officer Carrizales made Marine Corps history when she became the **FIRST** woman to represent the Marine Corps in the sport of amateur boxing. In 1999, Carrizales became the U.S. Women's National Champion in her weight division and was ranked #1 in the country. She would once again become a part of history by being selected to compete on the first Women's U.S. International Boxing Team representing the United States in Turku, Finland. While there, she earned one of two silver medals for the U.S. and a #2 world ranking. In November 2000, she won her professional boxing debut before placing her career on hold to move back to Texas. She continued to serve her community as a Police Dispatcher with various police agencies before earning her Texas Peace Officer License and re-entering her law enforcement career.

Back to Her Calling

In August of 2010, Officer Carrizales began employment with the Stafford (TX) Police Department. She played a vital role within her department serving as a Field Training Officer, R.A.D. (Rape Aggression Defense) Instructor and Police Instructor. Officer Carrizales also served on the East Fort Bend County Regional SWAT Team as a Crisis Negotiator. She was voted Officer of The Year by her peers for two years in a row, an unprecedented achievement within the department.

On October 26, 2013, Officer Carrizales initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle occupied by three members of a violent gang with ties to the Mexican Mafia known as MS-13. While speaking with the driver of the vehicle, the front seat passenger opened fire, shooting her in the face and chest prior to fleeing. She immediately returned fire and while bleeding and in severe pain, got back into her patrol vehicle beginning pursuit of the suspects. With the help of various police agencies and Houston Crime Stoppers, all three suspects were captured.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bD7TGNjJA2I>

Awards

- U.S. Attorney General, Eric Holder (Presented by Congressman Pete Olson),
Congressional Badge of Bravery 2014
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5IwKMTH5lo8>
 - American Police Hall of Fame, **Silver Star 2014**
 - Houston Crime Stoppers, **Johnny Klevenhagen Award 2014**
- Texas Gang Investigators Association (TGIA), **TGIA President's Award 2014**
- State of Texas, Governor Rick Perry, Peace Officer **Star of Texas Award (Governor's Award) 2014**
- International Association of Women Police (IAWP), **International Medal of Valor 2014**
- Hispanic American Police Command Officers Association (HAPCOA), **Gold Medal of Valor Award 2014**
- SW Rotary 59, **Service Above Self Award 2013**
- Stafford Police Department, **Officer of The Year 2012**
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- Stafford Police Department **Law Enforcement Purple Heart 2013**

Officer Carrizales was recognized by Texas Congressman Pete Olson who gave an honorary speech about her incident before the U.S. House of Representatives <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ff73uealyzo> . She accompanied Congressman Olson to the 2014 State of The Union Address in Washington, DC as his distinguished guest. She has received proclamations and honors from various political figures such as Texas Congressman Al Green, Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, State Representative Ron Reynolds, and the League of United Latin American Citizens (L.U.L.A.C.).

Current Projects:

Officer Carrizales ended her employment with the Stafford Police Department in 2015 and is currently employed by the **Meadows Place Police Department**. She is an instructor for Calibre Press teaching various courses offered in their Street Survival Seminar Series. Additionally, Carrizales travels nationally/internationally speaking candidly about her journey of physical and emotional survival in the hopes of bringing awareness to "*The Fight After the Fight*".

Officer Carrizales resides in Houston, Texas with her husband and two children who continue to be the source of her **NEVER QUIT** mindset.