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 YEARS OF SERVICE: 4 OTHER AGENCIES: None  
 ANY DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS PRESENTED: Purple Heart

**Summary of Incident:**

On February 1, 2007, Deputy Josh Stagliano was called upon to assist in the execution of a drug related search warrant on a single family residence during the early morning hours. The team formed and Deputy Stagliano was assigned to enter the house, second behind the breaching officer.

At approximately 3 a.m., the entry team approached the residence and breeched the front door, but only after repeated attempts. Through an opening created by the team, Deputy Stagliano and one other deputy forced their way through a small opening and gained access to the house with multiple occupants inside. Methodically and with precision, deputies began clearing one room after another.

As Deputy Stagliano lead others into the funnel of a darkened hall, a suspect jumped out of a bedroom firing shots at the officers, then retreated back. As the first shot was fired, Deputy Stagliano's body flinched. His MP5 had dropped off target toward the ground and Stagliano realized that he had been shot in his support hand. Regaining his composure, he lifted the weapon and returned fire in the direction of the suspect. Deputy Stagliano immediately gave orders to the team members to back out of the area. An exit point was secured and officers set a perimeter.

Rushed to the Regional Medical Center, Deputy Stagliano radioed his team members to provide suspect information, including a description and location of the suspect, as well as a possible weapon used. Though the bullet path had narrowly missed the artery and nerves, his wound had completely shattered his wrist bones and left his arm useless.

Deputy Stagliano's training, experience and internal fortitude enabled him to recover, return fire, and assist his team members, avoiding further injuries or death to others. Deputy Stagliano and his family have remained positive and upbeat throughout his hardship. His bravery, leadership, and selfless acts of heroism are proud reminders of all law enforcements persons across the United States. It is an honor to work along side Deputy Josh Stagliano.