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MILWAUKEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff David A. Clarke Jr. *Expect the Best*

In Memoriam—Deputy Sergio Aleman

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The citizens of Milwaukee County have lost one of their finest. Deputy Sheriff Sergio Aleman was killed in the line of duty in a traffic crash. It is the family of Sergio Aleman with whom our thoughts now rest. We are enveloped by our sense of their shattering grief, and our respect for his lifetime of service to our nation.

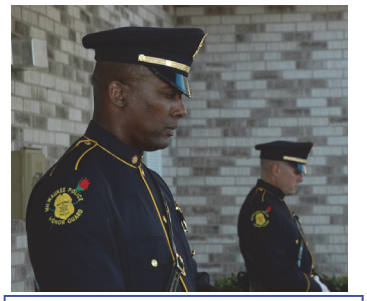
A resident of Oak Creek, Deputy Aleman leaves behind a wife, five children, parents and other loving family and friends. Our agency has lost a partner and a beloved friend. Milwaukee County citizens have lost a tremendous Deputy Sheriff.

Sergio Aleman graduated from Bay View High School in 1981 and served in the US Navy. He was a member of the MCSO Training Academy Class 49, graduating in June 1994. He proudly carried Badge 163, in a distinguished career lasting just over eighteen years.

He summed up his reasons for pursuing law enforcement in his application with our agency, "I've always wanted to be in law enforcement because if I could make a change in the community by helping to stop a crime in our streets, it would be safer for both my children and the children of other families. I would work for this department until I'm 65 if I could."

His life was tragically cut short, but his impact in the years he was given speaks volumes. Serving in Detention, Airport and Patrol Divisions, he amassed three meritorious service commendations. In 2007, he responded to a five-car injury crash before his shift began; at a rollover crash he attempted to save the driver's life by crawling through glass to reach him; and in 2011, he pursued an armed robber on the freeway, ultimately catch-him in a foot pursuit. In July, Sergio spotted the suspect vehicle for a robber wanted in ten bank robberies and apprehended him. Cops like Deputy Sheriff Aleman do not come along every day: physically fit, passionately committed, an unblemished employment history, and as committed to his community as I have ever seen. The loss of Sergio, who sought the pride of this profession, but surely never to join the list of lost heroes he now stands silently alongside, reminds us of a sad but basic truth: No officer ever knows what tour of duty may be his last.

—Sheriff Clarke



It is our mission to work together to ease the pain of our fellow police officers, friends and families who suffer such a loss, as the loss of a single law enforcement officer impacts each of us regardless of geographical location.— **Albuquerque Police Department, New Mexico**

Losing an officer is one of the hardest and most difficult situations...Those of us who choose police work as a career, enter it knowing the associated risks with this profession. However, that knowledge never lessens the sadness and grief that accompanies the tragic loss of a fellow law enforcement officer.—**County of Henrico, Virginia, Police Division**

Please extend our deepest and most sincere condolences to the family of Deputy Sheriff Sergio Aleman and the men and women of the MCSO. May you find comfort in knowing that you are fully supported by the law enforcement fraternity across this great nation.
— **U.S. Customs & Border Protection**

The Officers and Members of the Shreveport Police Department extend our most heartfelt sympathies during the loss of your fellow deputy, Deputy Sheriff Sergio Aleman. May his strength, courage and bravery be remembered today and every day.
- **Shreveport Police Department, Louisiana**

The law enforcement family in its entirety shares a bond and commitment that cannot be described in words, so when a tragedy such as this occurs, we ask that you take comfort in knowing that your law enforcement family shares in your loss. Know that our thoughts and prayers are with your department and the family of Deputy Aleman.— **Ripon Police Department**

Please accept my sincere condolences on the tragic death of your deputy, Sergio Aleman. Truly, his passing is a loss to us all in law enforcement. Know that thoughts and prayers are with you, your staff and Deputy Aleman's family. May God grant you the grace, peace and strength to heal with each passing moment.
—**Cowlitz County Sheriff's Office, Washington**

No spoken or written word can ever fill the void created, however, please know that the El Paso County Sheriff's Office shares in your sorrow. As a law enforcement family, we all mourn when an officer is lost in the line of duty. - **El Paso County Sheriff's Office, Texas**

My heart aches for all of you. I'm so sorry. Hold on to your memories and let them guide you during this time of sadness. Matthew 5:9– Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called sons of God.
- **Sister of a fallen officer**

There is a special bond among law enforcement which transcends jurisdictional boundaries. It is this bond which allows us to collectively celebrate the triumphs and mourn the tragedies which affect our profession. This letter represents our grateful appreciation for the service and sacrifice of Deputy Sheriff Aleman. His service will be an inspiration to the many men and women who volunteer to take up the shield and protect our citizens regardless of the risks.
—United States Capitol Police

As fellow law enforcement professionals, we understand the tremendous responsibilities and risk our officers face each day and yet, we are humbled by their dedication to community, commitment and service to others, and the example they set. Sergio was certainly a shining example of a modern day hero--a volunteer who served his community as a deputy sheriff, selflessly protecting his fellow citizens. As Arthur Ashe said, "True heroism is remarkably sober, very undramatic. It is not the urge to surpass all others at whatever cost, but the urge to serve others at whatever cost." - **Department of the Navy, DOD**

While I realize that these words can do little to ease your sorrow, I hope you will receive comfort from the fond memories you shared with Sergio and from the knowledge that others in the law enforcement community share your loss and are thinking of you. Sergio's devoted service to the citizens of Milwaukee County and to our Nation in the United States Navy will not be forgotten. With sympathy, Robert S. Mueller, III,
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice

Please extend my deepest sympathies to the family and colleagues of Deputy Sheriff Aleman. I wish them all the best in the difficult days ahead. Stacia Hylton, Director,
United States Marshals Service, DOJ

The untimely death of a law enforcement officer is so devastating, and we share your grief. It is through the support of colleagues, citizens, family and friends that get us through these painful days. It is never easy to lose one of your own in the line of duty. Words seem inadequate to express our thoughts, but we hope you will find some comfort in knowing that we are thinking of you and Deputy Sheriff Aleman's family during this very difficult time.—**Washington State Patrol**

We offer our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Deputy Sheriff Sergio Aleman and the members of your department. His sacrifice is testimony to the extreme dedication that Deputy Aleman had for his work and the community he served. May his dedication to serve others comfort those left behind.—**Yellowstone County Sheriff's Office, Montana**

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