NARCO Award renamed in honor of Detective Jorge DelRio

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The Dayton Police Department is honored to announce that the Ohio Narcotics Association Regional Coordinating Officers (NARCO) has named its Valor Award for fallen Dayton Detective and DEA Task Force Officer Jorge DelRio.

Detective DelRio, a 30-year veteran of the Dayton Police Department and longtime DEA Task Force Officer, was shot while conducting a search warrant on November 4, 2019. He died three days later from his injuries, but not before one last selfless act of service, being an organ donor.

This year Ohio NARCO celebrated 50 years of service at its annual conference in September. Every year the Ohio NARCO board selects a law enforcement officer who was injured or prevented the loss of life through their actions while conducting a narcotics investigation. Detective DelRio was posthumously given the 2021 Valor Award, which was presented to his widow, Kathy.

Ohio NARCO President Richard Meadows announced during the conference that the organization officially renamed the Valor Award in Det. Jorge DelRio’s honor, saying “It was so overwhelming to see just how many investigators Jorge has helped over the course of his career.”

Ohio NARCO is a nationally known not-for-profit law enforcement association established in 1971 that trains law enforcement utilizing plain clothes officers and undercover investigators.

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