

BING: GIVE THANKS FOR COPS

Bravery is honored by city, '1-8-7'

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Several Detroit police officers who took action after a gunman began firing inside a police station last month were honored for their service Thursday.

Four officers — Cmdr. Brian Davis, Officer David Anderson and Sgts. Ray Saati and Carrie Schulz — were injured in the attack by Lamar D. Moore.

Moore, 38, was struck five times and killed. According to toxicology reports the Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office released Thursday, there were no drugs or alcohol present in his system at the time of his death.

Mayor Dave Bing said residents need to be thankful for the officers.

"They are the reason — the primary reason — why our city is going to come back and be the comeback city of this nation," he said.

The four injured officers were honored by the police department and received recognition for bravery in service from the Detroit City Council.

"We know that God is good, and you are here and we are grateful," council President Charles Pugh said.

Davis, who engaged Moore in a near-point-blank shoot-off, was also honored by the cast and staff of ABC's TV police drama "Detroit 1-8-7," which is partly filmed in Detroit.

"We're just a TV show," Erica Hill, assistant location manager, told Davis. "But you are the real deal." Hill presented him with a poster of the show signed by its actors.

Thirteen other officers received honors for their actions, including Sgts. James Kirklin and Michael Ingels, who also shot at Moore.



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Detroit Officer David Anderson reaches out in support of Cmdr. Brian Davis during the ceremony Thursday. Anderson, Davis and Sgt. Ray Saati, right, were injured in the attack on the police station last month. The gunman, who had no drugs or alcohol in his system, was shot dead.



Comrades applaud all four of the wounded for their bravery. Some at the station are having a hard time feeling safe at work again.

Ingels said he and Kirklin were in the 6th and 8th precincts station in northwest Detroit when the first shot was fired. Ingels said he leaned into a hallway, looked to his left and spotted Moore, who fired down the hallway.

He and Kirklin shot back. "You have to revert back to the training the department gives you," Ingels said.

Police Chief Ralph Godbee Jr. said the shooting changed lives forever.

He also said that when he

Those who were honored

Seventeen Detroit police officers received awards for actions taken during and after the shooting at the 6th and 8th precincts station. Honored Thursday were:

- Cmdr. Brian Davis
- Officer David Anderson
- Sgt. Ray Saati
- Sgt. Carrie Schulz
- Sgt. James Kirklin
- Sgt. Michael Ingels
- Sgt. Marcellus Ball
- Sgt. Joseph Turner
- Investigator Amir Smith
- Officer Theodore Jackson
- Officer Paul Pesmark
- Officer Lacell Rue
- Officer Rodney Cushingberry
- Officer Bradley Clark
- Officer Melissa Adams
- Officer Tamboura Jackson
- Sgt. Tyrone Guinn

took over as chief, he asked Davis not to retire. If not for the commander's actions, "We very well would have buried a lot of people," Godbee said. "If he had retired, I don't know what would have happened."

Life at the station has not returned to normal for some officers.

Sgt. Marcellus Ball, who tended to Davis while he was being transported to the hospi-

tal, said work is not a comfortable place to be anymore, and that some seem to be on edge.

Ball said that after the shooting, a resident brought in balloons. One popped, and he and others jumped.

Ball said he thinks about the shooting all the time.

"You hear it," he said, "so vividly and loudly."

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