

In the early morning hours of a Spring day in 2010, Chicago Police Department Gang Enforcement officer Paul Heyden, Jr. was on patrol with other gang officers in plain clothes and in an unmarked vehicle on Chicago's far west side when they heard shots fired a short distance away. Driving toward this area he and his team soon saw several individuals scattering in different directions. Paul and his team quickly exited from their vehicle, moving on foot to where the hub of excitement seemed to have originated.

While two of Paul's colleagues took the street side, Paul went into the alley. Suddenly he heard one of his team members shout out, "Gun, gun, gun!" Paul, soon enough, saw a man armed with a handgun coming out of a gangway into the alley and moving toward him. Paul commanded the individual, "Police! Drop the gun. Police! Drop the gun!" Seeing Paul, the man raised and pointed a handgun at him at which time Paul fired on this man, striking him several times until he fell to the ground fatally wounded. It was

GAPA Salutes Paul Heyden, Jr. 2012 CPD Award of Valor recipient!



subsequently learned that this individual, a known gang member, had, only minutes before encountering Paul, shot another man to death at that approximate location.

Whatta tour of duty! You leave the house kissing the wife and kids good night, and a couple of hours later you're in a gun battle, fighting to preserve everything you've ever worked for. Paul, we thank our dear Lord you came away unharmed and made it home to your family. Excellent police work by you and your team!

We know your dad, Paul, Jr., that old Lakeview High football stud and stellar Area 4 detective, couldn't be prouder! You did the CPD & the GAPA proud as well! Ein Prosit!

Mike Haas,
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Above pic: Paul and wife Christian
Below: Paul Heyden, Sr., Christian & Paul Heyden, Jr., and their 3 kids, Stephanie, Savannah, Nicholas and hund "Kaiser" at 2012 GAPA picnic.

