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Officer Alejandro Valadez Star # 9532- Englewood District (007)

Officer Alejandro Valadez, 27, was pronounced at Stroger Hospital this afternoon after he was critically wounded near the 6000 block of South Hermitage Av. around 12:30 a.m. today. Officer Valadez and his partner responded to a call of gunfire in the area when occupants inside a vehicle fired gunshots at the officer.

Officer Valadez joined the Chicago Police Department in December 2005 and was most recently assigned to the Englewood District (007).

Officer Valadez honorably served the citizens of Chicago, earning a Department Commendation and 22 Honorable Mentions during his three year career with the Chicago Police Department.

We would like to express thanks to all the surgeons and medical staff at Stroger Hospital who worked tirelessly to assist Officer Valadez. We would also like to express our sincere gratitude to all of Officer Valadez's fellow officers for their tremendous outpouring of support during this very challenging time.

Our deepest condolences are with the Valadez family; we ask that you keep Officer Valadez and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

The family is requesting privacy at this time; funeral arrangements will be announced when they become available.

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