

woken to prepare for work when her mother alerted her to cries for help from a house fire nearby. She dressed and ran out of the house accompanied by her parents. On arrival she was faced with three people shouting for help from an upstairs bedroom window whilst rooms on the ground floor were visibly ablaze. A number of neighbours had emerged from their homes and Constable Brown took control of the scene. She organised the neighbours to ring the emergency services and seek out ladders with a view to rescuing the trapped people. Within a short time the three trapped people were rescued and she established from them that a baby was still in the house and believed to be in the area of the kitchen. Constable Brown forced the bottom panel in a rear downstairs door and entered the house with a view to finding the baby. Initially she was beaten back by thick acrid smoke and had to retreat back to the broken door. She was handed a wet towel and again entered the premises attempting to switch on a light to enable her to find the baby. Her search for a light switch proved fruitless as the electricity supply had failed and once again she was beaten back to the broken door to gain relief from the smoke. At this point Constable Nigel Shaw arrived at the scene. She informed him of the baby in the downstairs room. Together they entered the house from another direction and with wet towels and a torch proceeded to search the downstairs rooms. They located a badly burnt child on the settee in the front room. The baby was surrounded by fire and the room engulfed in smoke from burning furniture. Constable Shaw carried the baby from the house, being guided by Constable Brown who was able to find her way by use of a torch.

Simon CASTREY, Constable, Metropolitan Police
John JENKINSON, Constable, Metropolitan Police

For services in stopping a man driving away with a police car after both officers had been attacked and severely injured. Constables Castrey and Jenkinson were on mobile patrol when they saw two men in a parked car. Suspecting the vehicle had been stolen, they called for assistance and began to question the men. Almost without warning, one of the men who was out of the vehicle, turned away from Constable Jenkinson, instantly swinging back to stab him in the neck causing the officer to collapse to the ground. The other man meanwhile, ran off from the scene. As soon as he realised his colleague was in trouble, Constable Castrey turned his attention towards Constable Jenkinson. At that point the man came towards him, stabbing him in the face and neck and knocking him to the ground. As Constable Castrey fell, the man returned to Constable Jenkinson, held the knife close to his face and demanded the keys to the police car. Despite his injuries and in the face of the man's threats, the officer held on to the keys. Constable Castrey, seeing the desperate situation of his colleague, tried to stand up, attempting to draw his truncheon at the same time. The man saw this, left Constable Jenkinson and returned to attack Constable Castrey. In spite of further blows to the head, however, the officer wrestled with the man and succeeded in hitting him with the truncheon, forcing him to run off. Constable Castrey even managed to run after him, almost catching the man. Both officers were severely injured in this incident.

William James CONNOR, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary
James Stephen Newell MOORE, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary

For Bravery in Northern Ireland

Martin DUDLEY, Constable, Metropolitan Police
Julie HITCHINGS, Sergeant, Metropolitan Police

For services in restraining two violent men. Constable Dudley and Sergeant Hitchings were on patrol with another officer when they spotted two men acting suspiciously. Sergeant Hitchings went to speak to one of the men and Constable Dudley went to her assistance when he became violent. The man stabbed the constable in the arm initially, with a flick knife, before going berserk and stabbing the officer repeatedly. Although Constable Dudley realised he had been seriously injured he nonetheless continued to struggle tenaciously with his assailant, so preventing him from either escaping or giving help to his accomplice. Sergeant Hitchings had turned to help a third colleague contain the second man, who had also become violent. When she noticed Constable Dudley's situation, she returned to help him in his struggle with the knifeman. She managed to prise the knife from the man's grasp and the officers kept him away from his weapon until other police arrived and both suspects were arrested.

Lewis FULTON (deceased), Constable, Strathclyde Police

For services in attempting to disarm a man struggling violently and armed with a knife. Following a domestic disturbance a man armed with a knife proceeded to walk away from the flat where the disturbance had taken place. The police had been summoned and followed him. On five occasions he attacked them with the knife, and finally stepped back into a shop doorway challenging the police to fight. In an attempt to contain him a vehicle was driven across the front of the doorway trapping him in. He then attacked the vehicle, which was reversed away to avoid serious injury to the driver and he retreated back into the doorway. At this point several officers including Constable Fulton surrounded him and using batons and pieces of wood attempted to disarm him. In the struggle Constable Fulton was grabbed and was stabbed fatally. The suspect was eventually overpowered and placed in a police vehicle.

James GAVIN, Bournemouth, Dorset

For services in detaining a man who was threatening staff whilst attempting to rob a post office. Mr Gavin, a retired elderly police sergeant and registered disabled, was in the post office, close to the counter, when a robber entered. While Mr Gavin was being served the man entered the area behind the counter, and pointed what looked like a rifle or shotgun barrel at the clerk. The robber banged this, then seen to be a metal bar, on the counter and threatened staff. Mr Gavin moved to the area behind the counter and stood behind the robber, hitting him on the side of the head to deter him and prevent injury to the counter staff or others. Mr Gavin was struck in the ribs with the metal bar but he held on to the robber, who was fighting violently and continuing to strike him. Mr Gavin was then assisted by other customers. He seized the iron bar and then