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Secretary Greg Verdun awarded Sgt. James Morgan of the Pontiac Police Department the 2008 Officer of the Year recently. During a flood in Pontiac during January, 2008, Sgt. Morgan leaped into the swollen Vermilion River to rescue a woman that was being carried away by the rushing current. Firefighters had earlier attempted to rescue the woman and failed. Sgt. Morgan was able to throw a rope around and pull her to shore. This rescue was captured on video by Pontiac Mayor Scott McCoy and replayed on CNN.