On New Year’s Day 2017, this team was dispatched to an area of South Philadelphia where a street gang had gathered for a massive New Year’s Eve party. The officers arrived on the scene wearing full uniform in an unmarked vehicle. Suddenly, an unknown male stepped out from the crowd and, while looking directly at the officers, raised a loaded gun and fired 8 shots rapidly into the air. Fearing for their lives, the officers drove their vehicle to a safe area and exited on foot. Weapons drawn, they moved towards the crowd shouting for the assailant to drop his weapon. The man refused and instead threw his weapon to a woman in an adjacent vehicle and fled toward the crowd. Officer Czarnecki prevented the man from escaping and placed him under arrest. Officer Sima arrested the female accomplice and retrieved the weapon. Sergeant Sommerville managed to keep the crowd at bay until back up arrived.