



In 1988, Captain Fred Malouf retired after thirty-one years of service to the Colton Police Department. On April 20th, 1996, Captain Malouf was at a local restaurant with his wife having coffee when a takeover robbery occurred. During the robbery two suspects held employees and customers at gunpoint. One suspect grabbed Captain Malouf's wife by her hair and put a gun to her head as he dragged her into the kitchen. Captain Malouf entered the kitchen through a back door and engaged the suspects in a gun battle. One suspect was seriously wounded and was captured trying to flee. The other suspect fled the scene and was arrested days later in San Bernardino. Captain Malouf was wounded during the exchange of gunfire and died of his injuries at a nearby hospital. Captain Malouf was credited with saving the lives of the employees and customers during the robbery. The suspects were convicted of murder and sent to prison.