

April 2, 2017

To: Officer John Munyan, Kansas City PD, MO

From: Jeff Felts, Chairmen of the NPRC

RE: Chudwin Award Notification



Dear Officer Munyan,

On March 20, 2017, Captain Carl Abraham nominated you for the Chief Jeff Chudwin Patrol Rifle Award.

The NPRC's Executive and Advisory Boards, consisting of 36 armed professionals from around the country, concluded voting on April 2nd, 2017 on the actions of this year's nominees.

Sir, on behalf of the NPRC's Boards, it is my honor and privilege to notify you that you are the 2017 Chudwin Award Winner.

You were selected for your heroic, lifesaving actions on: May 9, 2016, at approximately 1217 hours, Kansas City, Kansas police officers were dispatched to the Hollywood Casino on reports of a suspicious person. The suspect, later identified as 28-year-old Curtis Ayers, fled the scene and a foot chase ensued whereby Suspect Ayers shot and killed Detective Brad Lancaster. Suspect Ayers then fled the scene in Det. Lancaster's unmarked police vehicle and additional shots were exchanged between Ayers and pursuing officers.

After abandoning the unmarked police vehicle, Suspect Ayers then stole another vehicle at gunpoint with two children in it before abandoning it and commandeering a third vehicle. Using that car, Suspect Ayers crossed state lines into Kansas City, Missouri, where he crashed while being pursued. The suspect ran on foot after the wreck and attempted to car-jack another vehicle, shooting the vehicle's driver in the process. The injured driver was able to drive away from Suspect Ayers leaving him in the middle of the highway attempting to stop traffic and car-jack another victim. Kansas City Missouri Police Officer Jonathan Munyan arrived on scene armed with his personally owned patrol rifle. Ofc. Munyan observed Suspect Ayers to be above his position at an approximate 25 degree up angle and 127 yards away. Despite these complicating factors Ofc. Munyan knew he had to take decisive and immediate action to protect the public. Therefore, Ofc. Munyan took up a standing shooting position and fired one shot using a x1 power red dot optic, striking Suspect Ayers in the torso and ending his murderous crime spree.

This event and your individual actions validate why America's first responders must have rifles and quality training if there is any hope of swiftly stopping those who are happy to do violence to innocent people.

Officer Munyan, you, your peers and all the agencies involved in the swift apprehension of Suspect Ayers are a great credit to yourselves, your agencies and our profession.

Thank you for your service to our profession. Your actions and success in this battle should serve as a wakeup call for all LEO's to improve their individual and organizational readiness. THANK YOU!!!

CHIEF JEFF CHUDWIN PATROL RIFLE AWARD

In honor of the nation's primary champion of the modern day law enforcement patrol rifle movement, it is only fitting that this prestigious award be named after the man who has educated and trained so many individuals and organizations on the benefits of a sound patrol rifle program. His professionalism, candor, and counsel have helped countless law enforcement officers through extremely difficult times. His selfless service to the greater good is evident by his every day actions and his motto; "Just do the right thing." We proudly present Officer John Munyan with the 2017 "Chudwin Award" for patrol rifle excellence.

Awarded for one or a combination of the following actions:

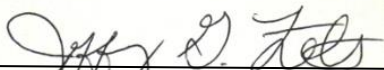
1. An act of **valor** using a patrol rifle.
2. **Excellence** in the field of law enforcement patrol rifle for a particular event or series of events.
3. **Longstanding contribution** in training, education, development and/or leadership in the realm of law enforcement patrol rifle.

THE CHUDWIN AWARD WINNER RECEIVES:

1. Travel expenses for the award winner, one family member and one member of their chain of command to come to the NPRC to receive the award. Includes airfare or mileage expenses and shuttle to and from airport if required.
2. Hotel accommodations for the award winner, family member and the chain of command member. Includes up to two dinners and two lunches for each person.
3. There is no cash or money given to the award winner. Instead we offer training opportunities and equipment prizes from our sponsors.
4. The winner receives an etched glass trophy and a framed certificate.
5. An additional framed certificate for display in that officer's police department, town hall, etc.
6. Photographs from the awards ceremony.
7. **Daniel Defense** will be presenting you with a brand new rifle!!!
8. In addition, you will receive various logo and equipment gifts from Center Mass and may receive the same from the events other sponsors and vendors sponsors.
9. Finally, the winner receives a free slot for themselves and one fellow officer to attend next year's NPRC.

This year's NPRC is **June 2-3, 2017**, in Detroit, MI. It is our sincere hope that you will join us. Please contact us as soon as possible to let us know if you will be attending. [For more info about the NPRC click this link.](#)

Congratulations and I hope to see you in a few weeks.



Chairmen of the Board, NPRC

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