

April 7, 2014

To: Sergeant Chris Peeler, Kane County Sheriff's Office, IL

From: Jeff Felts, Chairmen of the NPRC

RE: Chudwin Award Notification



Dear Sergeant Peeler,

On March 25th, 2014, Lieutenant Pat Gengler nominated you for the Chudwin Award for Patrol Rifle Excellence.

During the week of April 1st, 2014, the NPRC's executive and advisory boards consisting of 30 armed professionals from around the country convened to deliberate and vote on the actions of this year's nominees.

Sir, it is my privilege and honor to notify you on behalf of the NPRC's board, that your heroic, lifesaving actions on July 8th, 2013, at a residence in North Aurora IL, have earned you this year's Chudwin Award.

As a patrol rifle instructor, SWAT team Leader, and patrol shift supervisor, it is clear that your 20 years of dedicated service and preparation, paid off for you, your deputies, the Kane County Sheriff's Office, the Citizens of North Aurora IL, and the police profession, at this one critical moment in time. We all thank you for being the leader that you are, and for the job that you have done.

Your swift and courageous actions in taking tactical command of a chaotic scene, the effective maneuvering of your forces, and your personal patrol rifle skill level enabled you to resolve this violent encounter, saving your life, and those of your fellow deputies. Your training enabled you to locate and positively identify the threat, who had the advantages of superior firepower and the high-ground, and then effectively engage the threat with your patrol rifle at 65 yards as the suspect was placing the crosshairs on you. You, and the Kane County Sheriff's Office, are to be commended for being prepared for this fight. You are a credit to our beloved profession and we thank you for your service!!!

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 Sergeant Christopher Peeler with the 2014 "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/carbine 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 air fare 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 three dinners and two lunches.
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. They will receive various logo and equipment gifts from Center Mass and may receive the same from the events sponsors.
8. They will receive a free slot for themselves and one fellow officer, for the following year, to attend any Center Mass class of their choice.
9. Scholarship for the cost of tuition to attend any one of the following three training opportunities in 2014:
 - NTOA Conference
 - ITOA Conference
 - NPRC the following year

This year's NPRC is June 1-3, 2014, in Detroit, MI.

It is our sincere hope that you will join us at this year's NPRC. Please contact me as soon as possible to let us know if you will be attending.

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



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