

April 10, 2013

To: Officer Savan "Sam" Lenda, Oak Creek PD, WI

From: Jeff Felts, Chairmen of the NPRC

RE: Chudwin Award Notification



Dear Officer Savan Lenda,

On January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013, Detective Joel Bateman nominated you for the Chudwin Award for Patrol Rifle Excellence.

During the week of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013, 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 August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012, at the Sikh Temple of Wisconsin have earned you this year's Chudwin Award. Your swift and courageous efforts saved the life of Lt. Brian Murphy and countless other innocent people. Your training and skill enabled you to locate, positively identify, and effectively engage the mass murderer at 75 yards while you were under fire. There is no doubt that more people would have been harmed had you not been armed and properly trained with your patrol rifle. You, and the Oak Creek PD, 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 Officer Savan Lenda with the 2013 "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 four training opportunities in 2013:
  - NTOA Conference
  - ITOA Conference
  - NPRC the following year

This year's NPRC is June 2-4, 2013, 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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