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The St. Petersburg Police Department’s 2012 Officer of the Year Ceremony Luncheon is Today

A St. Petersburg Police Department’s Undercover Narcotics Detective has been selected as our 2012 “Officer of the Year”, an annual award sponsored by the Exchange Club of St. Petersburg and the Charles A. Patterson and Odette W. Patterson Charitable Trust. This year marks the 49th presentation of this annual award.

Mayor Bill Foster and Chief of Police Charles “Chuck” Harmon will be on hand at the ceremony luncheon to honor the undercover detective today, Thursday March 28, 2013 at 12 Noon, at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club, #11 Central Avenue in Downtown St. Petersburg.

Please be aware that the detective’s undercover status will require us to maintain the confidentiality of the detective’s identity, since this detective still operates in an undercover capacity.

Television news reporters and photographers are welcome to attend the ceremony, but they must obtain video of the ceremony in such a way as to not reveal the identity of the detective.

The undercover detective has worked in the clandestine world of illegal narcotics for several years, but he had a banner year in 2012.

The detective infiltrated and dismantled several drug organizations in the Tampa Bay area and around the state of Florida, resulting in seizures of large quantities of drugs and cash and federal indictments against major drug traffickers and known violent offenders, including one drug trafficker from the Miami area shipping multiple kilograms of cocaine into the Tampa bay area.

Our undercover detective’s consistent professionalism and devotion to duty has consistently earned him/her the highest praise from those who work with him/her and from our many federal law enforcement colleagues, so it is our privilege to select this detective as the St. Petersburg Police Department’s “Officer of the Year.”

Bill Proffitt and Mike Puetz will be at the ceremony to facilitate the needs of the news media.

Information by Bill Proffitt on Thursday March 28, 2013 at 9:30 a.m.

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