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The St. Petersburg Police Department Announces their Annual Ned March/Bud Purdy Award Recipients

The two recipients this year are Homicide Detective Kenny Miller and C.A.S.E Detective (undercover surveillance) Paul “Jacques” Lamonde (and he has authorized the use of his name and photograph).

The Ned March/Bud Purdy Award Luncheon will be held at the Orange Blossom Cafeteria, 220 4th Street North on Friday February 21st, 2014 at 12 Noon.

The Rotary Club of St. Petersburg Club No. 4286 has sponsored this award every year since 1952.

The Ned March/Bud Purdy award is presented each year to a Police Officer or Police Sergeant who has demonstrated outstanding accomplishments during his or her career at the St. Petersburg Police Department.

The award was established by Mr. Ned March, who joined the Rotary Club of St. Petersburg in 1941. It is said he had two great loves in life - the St. Petersburg Police Department and the Rotary Club. He personally funded these awards for ten years.

The award was recently renamed the Ned March/Bud Purdy award in recognition of former St. Petersburg Chief of Police E. Wilson “Bud” Purdy, who was a friend of Ned March.

We are all sad that Mr. Purdy, 94, who was a Rotarian since 1955, passed away on February 13, 2014. The Rotary Club is planning a tribute to Bud during the ceremony.

The 2013 recipients of the Ned March/Bud Purdy Award are Homicide Detective Kenny Miller and CASE Unit (undercover surveillance team) Detective Paul “Jacques” LaMonde.

The recipient’s biographies are copied below. Photos available upon request.

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Detective Kenny Miller

Detective Kenny Miller, 36, became a sworn police officer with the St. Petersburg Police Department on June 11, 2001. He is married to Angela.
For thirteen years, Kenny has served the citizens of St. Petersburg as a Patrol Officer, a Community Police Officer and a member of the Street Crimes Unit before moving to investigations as a Burglary Detective. He is currently a detective in the Homicide Unit.

As a Homicide Detective, Kenny has exemplified the highest level of investigative proficiency by maintaining a 100% homicide case closure over the past 2 1/2 years. His supervisor, Sergeant Terrell Skinner, believes Kenny’s unrelenting investigative techniques rank him among the greatest homicide investigators in the history of the Department.

In April of 2011, Kenny investigated a home invasion robbery homicide where three armed, masked men kicked in the door of a home and demanded money from a victim, shooting him several times. The man survived, but the assailants shot and killed a woman in the home who was the mother of two adolescent boys. Kenny held the crime scene for two days until the man was able to be interviewed, providing additional information that led him to find forensic evidence at the scene - a speck of blood from one of the suspects - that provided the vital clue to close the case.

In June of 2012, Kenny investigated another home invasion robbery homicide where four armed, masked suspects kicked in a front door and killed the homeowner. Through his hard work and the use of confidential sources, Kenny linked this case to another home invasion and a double homicide in Tampa earlier the same year. Kenny has arrested two of the individuals and gained full confessions from them.

In October of 2013, Kenny investigated a homicide where the victim and the suspect brushed up against one another as they were entering a convenience store. Words were exchanged and the suspect shot and killed the victim. Kenny obtained video from the store that showed the shooting and several witnesses to the crime - none of whom were cooperative. Kenny used confidential sources to identify the suspect’s first name and gathered forensic evidence that enabled him to identify the suspect. Kenny arrested the suspect and he is now awaiting trial on a first degree murder charge.

Detective Kenny Miller’s relentless pursuit of justice gives a voice to the victims of homicide - for those silenced by their killers through senseless acts of violence - and brings closure to the families of the victims. Kenny’s passion and skill make him most deserving of this prestigious award.

Detective Paul LaMonde

Detective Paul LaMonde, 46, became a sworn police officer with the St. Petersburg Police Department on November 17, 1990. He is currently a detective with the Department’s undercover surveillance team (Crime Analysis, Surveillance and Enforcement (CASE) Unit).

Jacques and his wife of 14 years, Laurie, are raising a basketball team: five boys - including a set of 12 year old triplets.

In nearly 24 years with the Department, Jacques has served with distinction as a patrol officer, a Community Policing Officer, a brief stint with the Downtown Deployment Team, and as a Detective with the CASE unit since 2008. An avid athlete, he regularly plays golf, basketball and flag football and prides himself on staying in excellent physical condition.

Jacques daily work consists of conducting covert surveillances, undercover operations and arresting wanted felons. He is one of the best in terms of equating suspect and vehicle movements to real time, which is critical to the movements and
positions of other detectives. He has compiled a lengthy list of accomplishments during his career and has arrested murderers, serial armed robbers and a host of wanted felons involved in a variety of crimes.

On January 26, 2009, Jacques spotted a suspicious trio of individuals in the Kenwood area and then observed them rob at gunpoint a convenience store. During the takedown after the robbery, one of the suspects shot Jacques several times, causing life threatening injuries. He received the Department’s Purple Heart and Medal of Valor for his actions. After months of rehabilitation, he returned to duty on October 20, 2009 and chose to return to his high-risk job in the CASE unit.

In August of 2010, Jacques and other detectives conducted surveillance of a serial armed robbery suspect responsible for many robberies in the Tampa Bay area. After the suspect robbed a store in Pinellas Park, Jacques chased the man through an industrial complex, vaulting four fences in the dark to keep the suspect in sight and ensure his capture.


Jacques’ supervisor, Sergeant Rick Shaw, relies heavily on him to make sound, split-second decisions regarding surveillance tactics, take-down procedures and strategically placing other detectives into the best position to further the objectives of the unit. He also teaches these skills to other law enforcement agencies such as the Tampa Police Department and the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Department.

Detective Jacques LaMonde’s selfless devotion to duty and love for his job, his good-natured style and work ethic, all join together to make him most deserving of this prestigious award.