Ned March/Bud Purdy Award Winners

The Ned March/Bud Purdy Awards Luncheon will be held at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club, #11 Central Avenue, on Friday, February 19th, 2016 at 11:30 a.m.

The Rotary Club of St. Petersburg Club has sponsored this award every year since 1952.

Two Ned March/Bud Purdy awards are presented each year to a Police Officer or Police Sergeant who have 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.

The 2015 recipients of the Ned March/Bud Purdy Award are Sergeant Joseph Pratt and Officer Timothy McClintick.

The winners bios are listed below and their photos are attached.

Sergeant Joseph Pratt currently serves in the role of the Special Events Sergeant, and has been a valued member of the St. Petersburg Department for the past 27 years.

As the Special Events Supervisor, Sergeant Pratt serves as the liaison between the community and the Police

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Department. Many of the special events are massive undertakings for the City and require a multitude of preparation and problem solving, where Sergeant Pratt excels. He handles all the aspects of ensuring contracts are signed, permits are obtained, personnel are on time, payroll is accurate and issues that may arise from any and all off duty jobs are addressed and handled in a timely manner. The Special Events Unit will easily handle 400+ events each year. Some of the significant events are the Grand Prix, Major League Baseball, St. Pete Pride and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade.

Sergeant Pratt also supervises the Police Reserve Unit. During this past year, Sergeant Pratt was responsible for the implementation of a total transformation of the Police Reserve Program. He dedicated numerous hours to working with Human Resources and Fiscal to change the status of a volunteer Police Reserve Unit into a paid Police Reserve Unit. He now oversees the daily operations of the Reserve Unit which is staffed with 19 sworn employees.

Sergeant Pratt is an exceptional supervisor with a plethora of strengths. He maintains the highest level of professionalism, and is dedicated to both the citizens of the community and the Police Department. City employees who work with him on special events often express their appreciation for the quality of service and the open and honest dialogue Sergeant Pratt offers to them. Sergeant Pratt is an extremely reliable individual with an intensely strong work ethic who will always places the department’s interests ahead of personal convenience.

Officer Timothy McClintick was born and raised in Clearwater. He was hired by the St. Petersburg Police Department in 2007. He has spent the past 7 1/2 years working in various units in the Department. Officer McClintick has worked midnights in patrol and has served in the Department’s Street Crimes Unit as well as the Vice and Narcotics Division. He is currently assigned to the day shift patrol in Childs Park.

Officer McClintick has been the recipient of numerous awards during his career at the St. Petersburg Police Department. They include: the St. Petersburg Police Department’s Medal of Valor; the Fraternal Order of Police Officer of the Month; the United States Marshals Service Commendation for Heroism; the
National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund Officer of the Month; the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association National Award for Bravery; the Congressional Badge of Bravery presented by the late congressman Bill Young; and the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor presented by current Vice President of the United States, Joe Biden.

Officer McClintick was nominated by his current supervisor, MinChol Detty. In the nomination letter, Acting Sergeant Detty wrote that Officer McClintick “has become the go to' person for his squad.” Acting Sergeant Detty further noted, “...Officer Timothy McClintick goes above and beyond by utilizing every available minute to follow up on other cases and/or conduct self initiated activities.” He added, “Officer Timothy McClintick has earned the respect of his peers and adulation of the community.”

Examples of Officer McClintick’s exemplary work efforts during the past year included solving residential burglary cases, the recovery of stolen vehicles, and the arrests of suspects with outstanding charges. On one occasion, Officer McClintick encountered a highly volatile domestic situation where the armed suspect was confronted and arrested resulting in the critical situation being quickly defused.

Officer McClintick has been married almost 9 years to his wife, Tara. They have a 5 year old son, Trevor.