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Ned March/Bud Purdy Award Winners

The Ned March/Bud Purdy Awards Luncheon will be held at 11:30am today at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club, #11 Central Avenue.

The 2017 recipients of the Ned March/Bud Purdy Award are Detective Anthony Peterson and K-Trainer/Officer Jeremy Krzysiak.

Detective Anthony Peterson

Detective Anthony Peterson has been a member of the St. Petersburg Police Department since January 6, 1992. He is currently assigned to the Special Investigations Unit where he has served since April 2002. It takes a unique individual to be a member of a surveillance unit. Peterson was bitten by a K-9 and shot at in his first week in the unit! However, nothing could prepare him for the near tragedy that occurred on April 30, 2008. The Special Investigations Unit was conducting surveillance of suspects in a series of armed robberies. The unit followed the suspects to a store where Peterson and one suspect exchanged gunfire, while the suspect tried to flee. He was shot multiple times.

This was not Peterson's only high risk arrest. As an individual working within a team, he has managed to stand out. He is part of a team that is constantly being asked to step up and help put an end to serious criminal problems. Peterson has always been ready to assist in every way possible and demonstrates incredible dedication to his unit, the department, and the citizens of Petersburg.

K-9 Trainer/Officer Jeremy Krzysiak

K-9 Trainer/Officer Jeremy Krzysiak has been a member of the St. Petersburg Police Department since October 14, 2000. He has worked in the Street Crimes Unit, Vice and Narcotics. Krzysiak also worked as K-9 officer and became certified for narcotics detection. He went on to become an FDLE Certified K-9 Instructor and an FDLE Canine Team Evaluator. This allows him to test and evaluate canine teams throughout the state. Krzysiak is now the K-9 Trainer for the St. Petersburg Police Department and also trains the Sarasota Police Department Canine Unit.

Krzysiak's dedication to the safety of the public and his fellow officers, combined with his commitment to training, make him a stand-out. He consistently performs at a high level and is highly respected by his peers and the public.



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The Rotary Club of St. Petersburg Club has sponsored two Ned March/Bud Purdy awards each year, since 1952. They are awarded to police officers or sergeants who have demonstrated outstanding accomplishments during their careers 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.