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NPDF TO HONOR HERO PHILADELPHIA POLICE
OFFICER JESSE HARTNETT AS THEIR MAN OF THE YEAR

MORGANVILLE, NJ, FEBRUARY 7, 2016: The National Police Defense Foundation (NPDF), an IRS designated 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization police organization, will be honoring Philadelphia Police Officer Jesse Hartnett as their “Man of the Year”.

The 2016 NPDF Awards Dinner is scheduled for May 4, 2016 at Russo’s on the Bay located in Howard Beach, New York. This prestigious award recognizes the valor and heroism demonstrated by Officer Hartnett during an assassination attempt on his life by a suspected Islamic terrorist on January 7, 2016

The American public was outraged when news reports showed an unprovoked attack upon a uniformed Philadelphia police officer as he patrolled the streets of his city at night. The suspect, an Islamic radical armed with a stolen gun, began shooting at the officer as he was seated in his patrol car resulting in serious gunshot wounds to his upper body. The officer, screaming in pain but undeterred, transmitted over the police radio, "I'm bleeding heavenly" as he exited his patrol car and immediately returned fire, striking his would be assassin twice, resulting in his arrest.

As a result of Police Officer Hartnett's valor and meritorious service, he will be honored by the National Police Defense Foundation along with other distinguished honorees that includes "Woman of the Year" Mary Jo Buczek who established in the memory of her brother the "NYPD Police Officer Michael Buczek Little League".

It is strongly recommended that law enforcement officials, police agencies, police organizations and the general public attend the awards dinner to recognize some real American heroes.

The proceeds of this charity event will help fund NPDF program services that include the "Safe Cop" program which posts a \$10,000 reward for public information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person who shoots at a law enforcement officer.

Anyone interested in attending should promptly purchase their tickets at www.npdf.org or call 888-SAFE COP.

Any media entity planning on attending the awards dinner should contact NPDF Executive Director at npdf1@aol.com or 732-616-9600

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