



# St. Petersburg Police Department News Release



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## **The St. Petersburg Police Department and the St. Petersburg Rotary Club are pleased to announce the 2010 Recipients of the Annual E. L. Ned March/Bud Purdy Award.**

The recipients this year are Detective Nancy Pillucere and Sergeant Edward Borrelli.

Chief of Police Charles "Chuck" Harmon will present the awards at a luncheon held on Friday, March 11, 2011 at 11:45 a.m. at the Orange Blossom Cafeteria, 220 4th Street North, St. Petersburg.

The Annual Ned March/Bud Purdy Award is sponsored by the Rotary Club of St. Petersburg, Club No. 4286.

Rotarian Ned March loved the St. Petersburg Police Department and the Rotary Club and was the president of the club in 1948-49. In 1952, Ned March established this award to honor two police officers each year for their commitments to the Department and their accomplishments in the community.

When Ned March died in 1963, the Rotary Club and W. Wilson "Bud" Purdy, former Chief of Police at the St. Petersburg Police Department, decided to continue the award and have done so ever since. Three years ago, the award was renamed the Ned March/Bud Purdy award to recognize Bud, a member of the Rotary Club since 1955.

Here are the bios for this years' recipients:

Detective Nancy Pillucere

Detective Nancy Pillucere, 48, joined the St. Petersburg Police Department as a Police Officer on July 13, 1985.

After a few years working as a patrol officer, she was assigned to the Pride Patrol in Jordan Park. This unit, recognized as the pre-cursor to the advent of Community Policing in the St. Petersburg Police Department, won the Department's Unit of the Year award in 1990.

After serving in Patrol for six years, Nancy transferred to the Investigative Services Bureau where she became a detective in the Economic Crimes Unit. She has been there for 20 years and has developed into a recognized expert in the investigation of a broad spectrum of financial crimes, including forgery, counterfeit currency, embezzlement and exploitation of the elderly or disabled adults. These investigations present unique challenges that require a high degree of patience, care and investigative skill, but she has excelled in this assignment due to her many abilities as a "superb investigator."

Detective Pillucere has been recognized many times in the past for her commitment to her job. She was a past recipient



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of the Financial Security Officers Association Fraud Investigator of the Year and has been recognized by the United States Secret Service and the United States Postal Inspectors Service for her participation in numerous joint investigations. In May, 2009, she received the Law Enforcement Officer Excellence in Performance by the Florida West Coast Chapter of the American Society for Industrial Security.

She currently serves on the Financial Crimes Strike Team sponsored by the United States Secret Service and also serves as a Hostage Negotiator for the St. Petersburg Police Department.

Detective Pillucere is also a caring individual who voluntarily serves as a member of the Department's CARE Team, providing assistance and counseling during times of crisis involving fellow employees. She also actively participates in the Critical Incident Stress Management team, providing similar services for all of Pinellas County law enforcement personnel.

On May 22, 2010, she received the "Iris Award" from the National Alliance on Mental Illness for her significant contributions in the community to promote awareness of mental health issues.

She also is the Department's liaison with the Pinellas County Crime Stoppers where she serves as the Vice President of the Board of Directors.

Detective Pillucere's supervisor refers to her as a "leader in the Economic Crimes Unit" where she quietly goes about her job without seeking accolades. She is very deserving of this award because of her life-long commitment to the Department and the Community.

Sergeant Edward Borrelli

Sergeant Edward Borrelli, 41, became a Police Officer with the St. Petersburg Police Department on June 19, 1995. He was promoted to the rank of Sergeant on February 28, 2005.

He currently serves as the supervisor for the District II (north side) Community Service Officers. His previous assignments included: Patrol Officer, Field Training Officer, Detective in the Vice and Narcotics Unit and Supervisor in the Field Training Program.

He voluntarily assumed several additional responsibilities within the Department, including his work as a Hostage Negotiator and Commander of the Department's Honor/Color Guard.

On two recent occasions, Sergeant Borrelli applied his negotiation skills to calm armed suspects and take them into custody without incident. His excellent verbal skills and his calm, steady demeanor helped to de-escalate both situations, and in one case, his ability to gain the trust of the suspect led to the safe release of a child. The suspect in that case thanked Sergeant Borrelli for his compassion and willingness to help him during the encounter.

He also serves as the Department's Funeral Coordinator and, although his nomination for this award predates the recent



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funerals of three police officers with our Department, it is worth noting that he played an integral role in the planning and preparation for the funeral arrangements for Sergeant Thomas Baitinger, K-9 Officer Jeffrey Yaslowitz and Officer Dave Crawford.

Sergeant Borrelli also provides in-service training on Community Policing and a Problem Solving Model used by the Department, and instructs at various community events, including the Florida Neighborhood Conference held last year. He was instrumental in the Department's recent expansion of the Community Policing model and the development of the role of the Sector Officer in the Community Service Officer program.

Sergeant Borrelli also volunteers his time when he is off-duty. He serves as a mentor for the Doorways Mentor Program and willingly volunteers his time at various community events, including the Pinellas County Urban League's Annual Crime Run.

The City's Legal Department often seeks Sergeant Borrelli's advice when drafting new city ordinances because they appreciate his grasp of legal issues and his ability to consistently make correct decisions.

Sergeant Borrelli always seems to place organizational interests ahead of personal convenience, demonstrated by his willingness to adjust his personal schedule to address a need at work. He has a genuine concern for others and a strong desire to make a difference while on the job.