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National School Resource Officer’s Association Gives Medal of Valor to Officer Aaron Johns

Earlier today, Officer Aaron Johns received the prestigious Medal of Valor from the National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO) at their annual conference in Palm Springs, California. This is the highest honor bestowed by NASRO, and one that drew a standing ovation from officers from around the country.

The award stems from Officer Johns’ traffic stop on November 20, 2013 outside Churchill High School at 1850 Bailey Hill Road. In that case, the person stopped was armed with two known weapons before he fled from the officer on foot into the parking lot of the school. Before the suspect could reach the school, Officer Johns tackled him and summoned both cover and a lockdown of the school for the safety of students. Within seconds, the suspect produced a handgun and pointed it at Officer Johns’ head. The officer and suspect fought for control of the weapon, until Officer Johns was able to save himself by using his own firearm to stop the suspect. Officer Johns’ actions displayed extraordinary bravery and heroism in the line of duty, and at extreme personal risk to himself in the face of danger. Officer Johns’ actions protected the safety of Churchill High School students and staff, and that of surrounding community members as well.