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Plymouth Police Department and two officers recognized for Bravery and Innovation by the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association

St. Cloud, MN – At its recent statewide law enforcement awards ceremonies, the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association (MCPA) recognized the Plymouth Police Department, two of its officers and its police chief with three separate awards: Excellence in Innovation, the Medal of Honor and the Richard W. Schaller Award.

Among more than a half dozen stellar nominees, including departments in Shakopee, Bloomington and Albert Lea, the Plymouth Police Department captured the MCPA's second annual large-agency Excellence in Innovation Award for its three-pronged approach (mind-body-spirit) to officer wellness.

"There's no doubt it's challenging to be a law enforcement leader right now, but Minnesota's police chiefs and their staffs are coming up with forward-thinking solutions to a variety of issues," said Andy Skoogman, MCPA Executive Director. "The Chiefs Association designed this award to highlight those agencies and ideas that are improving public safety, and Plymouth should be proud to be among the state's leaders in innovation."

The MCPA presented its Medal of Honor to Plymouth police officers Quincy Grabau and Steve Larson for their bravery, tactical knowledge and selfless dedication to public safety. Searching in an apartment complex for a gunman suspected of killing his fiancé on a busy highway and securing neighbors in nearby units, the officers took and returned fire from the suspect. Officer Grabau was struck (his vest stopped the buckshot from penetrating) but both held their position, until the gunman was no longer a threat. While this was a true team effort – 19 agencies responded – the MCPA determined the actions of these two officers stood out.

For his unwavering dedication to improving public safety across the state of Minnesota and his overall commitment to the MCPA, its membership and the law enforcement profession, Chief Mike Goldstein was awarded with the Richard W. Schaller Award. The award is given to those chiefs who are active and respected in their communities and have had a statewide impact on policing.

"Chief Goldstein is incredibly well respected by his law enforcement peers, community and business and legislative partners," said Skoogman. "His candor is refreshing and his ability to network and build consensus is critical to the Association's positive reputation."