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PFPA Officers Honored With Harry E. Neal Award

Pentagon, April 21, 2010 - Two Pentagon Force Protection Agency police officers credited with helping to end a shooting incident on March 4, 2010 at the Pentagon were honored yesterday in the Pentagon Hall of Heroes by the Association of Former Agents of the U.S. Secret Service.

Mr. Ike Hendershot, president of the association, presented PFPA Officers Jeffery Amos and Marvin Carraway, Jr. with the Harry E. Neal award and each a check for \$1,000 for their heroic actions on March 4. Both Amos and Carraway were at the entrance of the Pentagon adjacent to the metro transit facility when John Patrick Bedell, 36, drew his handgun, and started to shoot at the officers while attempting to enter the building. Amos and Carraway received minor gunshot injuries during the shooting incident while Bedell was fatally wounded. None of the other officers involved were harmed or any civilian bystanders.

During the ceremony, Hendershot said that part of his job is to find and recognize heroic law enforcement officials and call attention to them. He cited Amos and Carraway as the type of people we need to attract into law enforcement. "We're blessed to have these types of people willing to serve their country knowing the danger they could face," he said. "To me, they are heroes."

For his part, Amos said he was honored but "very humbled" upon receiving the award. "Yes, I am humbled and honored, but at the same time I know it all could have turned out very differently."

"I hope we get more recruits motivated ...a lot of good people encouraged" to choose a career in law enforcement, said Carraway.

Founded in 1971, the Association of Former Agents of the U.S. Secret Service was established to support members of the Secret Service family and other law enforcement families who have experienced severe trauma or financial need. To support this effort, a public foundation was created in 1973 as a social and charitable organization that benefits law enforcement.

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Note to media: Additional pictures and videos can be found on PFPA's facebook and You Tube accounts:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Washington-DC/Pentagon-Force-Protection-Agency-Official/10150147103125212?ref=mf#!>

<http://www.youtube.com/ThePFPA>