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TO: **CPCA Active Members**

FROM: Pamela Hayes, Executive Director

RE: **CPCA Medal of Valor Award**

The Connecticut Police Chiefs 2009 Medal of Valor Award

POLICE OFFICER MEDAL OF VALOR AWARD

The purpose of Police Officer Medal of Valor Award of the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association (CPCA) is to recognize a police officer each year who distinguishes himself or herself by extraordinary heroism. The Medal of Valor is awarded for actions in a single event which demonstrate bravery, heroism and/or self-sacrifice clearly distinguishing the individual for gallantry and bravery under life-threatening circumstances. The officer must be fully aware of the imminent threat to his or her personal safety and must have acted above and beyond the call of duty at the risk of his or her own life or well-being. Some nominations may be for more than one officer as a result of nominees being involved in a single incident. Such nominations should be judged as a single nomination. The award may be made posthumously.

NOMINATIONS PROCEDURE

Eligibility: All sworn, full-time law enforcement officers, local or state, are eligible.

Nomination Format: Nominations for this award shall be made by the Chief of Police or Senior Law Enforcement Officer whose department is a member of CPCA. An official CPCA Award Nomination Form must accompany each nomination. The nomination shall include a written narrative statement of the specific facts and circumstances of the incident which may be supplemented by supporting documents, such as departmental citations, letter of recommendation, newspaper clippings, etc. If possible, a photograph of the nominated officer should accompany the nomination.

Method and Timing of Delivery of Nominations: **Nominations must be delivered by mail to CPCA no later than July 1, 2009.** Only acts of heroism that occurred between January 1, 2008 and December 31, 2008 shall be considered.

Presentation of the Award: The award shall be presented to the winner(s) at the CPCA Fall Meeting.