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U.S. ATTORNEY PRESENTS NEW AWARD TO KCPD-NORTH PATROL DIVISION OFFICER

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced the recipient of the Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee’s Enoch B. Morelock Award following the committee’s annual seminar last week in Branson, Mo.

The Enoch B. Morelock Award was created this year to recognize the efforts and hard work of a law enforcement officer in the Western District of Missouri on an annual basis.

Morelock’s great-great granddaughter Virginia McArtor, of Sullivan County, presented the first Enoch B. Morelock Award to Sgt. Jon Brady, of the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department’s North Patrol Division, at the Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee’s annual seminar last week.

Enoch B. Morelock, who became Sheriff of Sullivan County, Mo., in 1845, was the first law enforcement officer to die in the line of duty in the Western District of Missouri. He was killed in 1847. According to the Centennial History of Oregon, Morelock “was a man of fearless courage in whose hands the safety of property and life throughout the county could be entrusted with every assurance of diligent and efficient protection.”

“We created Enoch B. Morelock Award to recognize law enforcement officers of the same caliber,” Graves said. “In an effort to recognize that hard work and dedication, we created an award in honor of a fallen law enforcement officer who was committed to ensuring the safety of the citizens in his community.”

Sgt. Brady, of the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department’s North Patrol Division, was the recipient of the award.

Sgt. Brady was nominated by the Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee for several reasons.

Sgt. Brady conducted extensive research on the response times in the North Patrol Division. After having back surgery in 2000, following an on-duty injury, Sgt. Brady quickly recuperated and began assisting the division's Crime Analyst in reviewing reports and statistical data. According to Major John Hamilton, Commander of the North Patrol Division, Sgt. Brady soon determined that many of the problems related to the division's response times were being caused by the large geographical area the North Patrol was responsible for protecting.

Sgt. Brady also created a database that contained specific crime information for officers. The database also allowed officers to add information using a daily bulletin to log short summaries of crimes that occur in the area. The response to this new tool was overwhelming and was soon being shared with other offices. The daily bulletins now are being e-mailed to law enforcement officers in both Clay and Platte counties.

In addition to this tool, Sgt. Brady also began posting a "Community Crime Alert" e-mail bulletin, which was created based on Sgt. Brady's own recognition that prevention of crime is a vital part of police work. The crime alerts provide information on pattern crimes, attempts to defraud and crime prevention tips and have already reached as far as Iowa, Wyoming and even Germany.

"The creation of this tool has resulted in a wonderful exchange of information between federal and state law enforcement and deserves to be recognized," Graves said.

History of Enoch B. Morelock

Enoch Baker Morelock moved to Northwest Missouri in 1843 and two years later was named the first Sheriff of Sullivan County, which was created in 1845.

Two years after he was appointed Sullivan County's first sheriff, Mr. Morelock was shot to death.

"He was killed in discharge of his duties as sheriff, at a time when he was conducting the sale of some property given into his hands by the court, for that purpose," the Centennial History of Oregon states. "The owner of the property, being outraged over the due process of law, sought revenge by taking the life of Sheriff Morelock, whose only offense was that he was the officer appointed by the court to conduct the sale."

Since Mr. Morelock's death, several of his family members followed in his footsteps as law enforcement officers. His son-in-law replaced him as Sullivan County's next sheriff and one of his sons worked as Justice of the Peace in the area.

Sheriff Morelock was born on May 21, 1811, and died December 19, 1847. His name is inscribed on the Missouri Law Enforcement Memorial as well as the National Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington, D.C.

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