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Officer Alex Thomas to Receive the Medal for Valor

Officials at The Pentagon Force Protection Agency will present the Medal for Valor Feb. 13, 2013, 11 a.m., to an officer with the PFPA K-9 unit. The ceremony will take place in the Hall of Heroes, a Pentagon auditorium located on the second floor near the metro entrance.

Officer Alex Thomas will receive the medal for an off-duty incident that took place at a convenience store in Clinton, Md., Aug. 12, 2011. On that day, Thomas approached the scene where he observed a fight between two men. He identified himself as a police officer and gave commands to the suspect to drop his handgun. The armed man ignored the commands and turned toward Thomas, who then fired his weapon and struck the man in the upper body.

The suspect shot by Thomas was later pronounced dead. The victim survived.

To date, the Secretary of Defense has awarded 55 Medals for Valor; 26 have been awarded to officers at the Pentagon Force Protection Agency.

The ceremony will be open to all media correspondents, print, radio, video and still photographers. Non-credentialed media meet at Pentagon Metro Entrance by 9:45 a.m. for screening. All interested news media RSVP to Shannon Giles, 703-697-2318 or via email shannon.giles@pfpa.mil by Feb. 12 at 4 p.m. Doors will open at 10 a.m. and final access for press will be 10:45 a.m.

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