

## JEFF WATTS

Jeff Watts has served as a Scouter, Venturer Advisor, Rover Advisor, Group Chair, District Commissioner and Assistant Regional Commissioner. He is currently a Venturer Advisor with the Pacific Coast Council High School First Responder Venturer project. He is a founding member of the 17th B.P. Guild known as M.A.S.T.--Medical Assistance and Service Team.

On December 7, 2000 in his capacity as a Paramedic, Jeff was called by the R.C.M.P. to attend a suspect who had attempted suicide and was armed with a knife.

While providing care for this individual, Jeff and his partner who were within lethal striking range of the knife, were aware that their patient was attempting to kill them. While avoiding being stabbed, Jeff managed to establish a rapport with the patient and for forty-five minutes tried to reason with him as he assessed the deterioration of his condition.

As Jeff took the lead role as the negotiator between the patient and the R.C.M.P., the patient was waving the knife in Jeff's direction and threatened to take both Jeff's life and his own. On Jeff's suggestion, the R.C.M.P. were able to incapacitate the patient by using a stun device. Unfortunately, the patient was able to raise the knife and plunge it into his chest.

Jeff and his partner were presented with the challenge of a patient that had suffered a multitude of life-threatening wounds and actively hostile. Using all of their skill and ingenuity, Jeff and his partner were able to treat and stabilize the patient's condition enroute to the Trauma Centre about twenty-five minutes away. Throughout the trip, Jeff continued to comfort and reassure the patient even though his own life had been one the line a few minutes ago. The patient arrived at the hospital in critical but stable condition and underwent hours of surgery to repair his wounds. He survived and has overcome his emotional problems.

For Jeff's heroic efforts and bravery under extreme duress,

Her Excellency The Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson, C.C., C.M.M., C.D.,  
Governor General and Chief Scout of Canada  
is pleased to award

Jeffrey Douglas Watts  
the Silver Cross for Gallantry