

**+ Medal of Honor +**  
*Issued Posthumously to*  
**Officer Jeremy T. Charron**  
*Of the*  
***Epsom Police Department***

**ISSUED BY THE  
NEW HAMPSHIRE CHIEFS OF POLICE ASSOCIATION**

On Sunday, August 24, 1997 Officer Jeremy Charron of the Epsom Police Department was assigned to the midnight shift for his agency. Much of his shift was relatively routine and uneventful until approximately 5:00 am when he patrolled past the area commonly known as the "Short Falls Swimming Hole". He noticed a vehicle parked in this area with what appeared to be two persons sleeping inside.

Knowing that this area was off limits to the public after 9:00 pm, he investigated further. He approached the vehicle, confirmed that the two subjects were present, and obtained identification from the operator/owner. As part of his procedure, Officer Charron had the operator step from the vehicle so further inquiries might be made. At that time, an altercation took place in which Officer Charron was fired upon and struck three times in the body. Two of the three rounds were stopped by his soft body armor, while the third entered his unprotected left side. Even though he was mortally wounded, Officer Charron was able to return fire, striking the vehicle eight times as it sped from the scene, before he succumbed to his wounds.

Other area police agencies were able to capture the suspects, who are now before the courts awaiting trial. Although the law enforcement community is saddened over the loss of one of their brothers, the exemplary performance Officer Charron displayed is what all officers strive for. He performed courageously in a situation that demanded actions well above and beyond the call of duty while in actual confrontation with an armed and dangerous adversary.

For his heroic efforts, and having given the supreme, ultimate, sacrifice, the New Hampshire Association of Chiefs of Police proudly recognized Officer Jeremy T. Charron posthumously with its highest award, the Association's **MEDAL OF HONOR**.