

Richmond police officer receives national award

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Officer Kelly Rouse was selected the National Law Enforcement Officer of the Year by the American Police Hall of Fame.

The award recognizes officers who performed "an act of extraordinary heroism in the line of duty" during 2011.

On Jan. 22, 2011, Rouse used his body to shield two employees of a Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant on Eastern Bypass who were being held at gunpoint.

The gunman, Michael McMullen, 39, didn't obey commands to drop his handgun and pointed it at Rouse, who fired one round from his weapon.

Rouse also received the Police Hall of Fame's Silver Star for Bravery.

Rouse received the award Monday at a banquet and ceremony at the Hall of Fame in Titusville, Fla.

"I feel quite humble being in a room of such professional, dedicated officers," Rouse said. "It's always a good day when the good guys prevail."

Richmond Police Chief Larry Brock nominated Rouse for the award.

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