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## ***Jason Hoppe Receives Sydnor Award***

Jason Hoppe, Lieutenant in B&W Pantex's Safeguards & Security Division, received the Sydnor Award for Motivation during a formal presentation at the Department of Energy/National Nuclear Security Administration's Pantex Plant. Colonel Elliot P. "Bud" Sydnor, USA (Ret.), presented the award.

During his presentation speech, Sydnor highly praised Hoppe's ability to motivate his team members, saying that to be a great motivator you have to also be a great leader. He said Hoppe displayed his motivational skills as a team member and as a team leader.

Hoppe said he was humbled to be selected for the award and wasn't sure exactly what he did "right" to deserve this honor. Sydnor said, "Everything."

Hoppe earned the award during the DOE's Composite Adversary Team's (CAT) December training session at Ft. Hood, Texas. CAT is composed of approximately 30 volunteers from protective forces throughout the DOE complex who train together twice yearly in terrorist tactics and techniques and who serve as the adversary during force-on-force performance tests of DOE protective forces. Participating CAT members are evaluated throughout each year's activities, and at year's end a member who best exemplifies the attribute of *Leadership*, *Motivation*, or *Aggressiveness* is selected to receive the Sydnor Award for that category.

The Sydnor Awards, first presented in 2002, are named in honor of Colonel Elliot P. "Bud" Sydnor, USA (Ret.), a pioneer in American special operations activities and one of the principal leaders in the planning and execution of the 1970 raid on the Son Tay prisoner of war camp in North Vietnam. For many years, Colonel Sydnor has been a mentor and inspiration to the members of the CAT, and continues to contribute to the superb training program that has resulted in the CAT's recognition as one of the nation's premiere "opposition forces".

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