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S.O.R.D. Vice President Receives Palmetto Patriot Award

On Tuesday, January 11, 2011 the Lieutenant Governor of South Carolina André Bauer awarded S.O.R.D. International's Vice President Darren Norris the Palmetto Patriot Award. This is the highest honor that the Lieutenant Governor can bestow.

The award was presented at the State House by the Lt. Governor Bauer in recognition for Mr. Norris' outstanding commitment and service to law enforcement and military organizations. Mr. Norris has developed and instructed numerous special operations courses throughout the United States and abroad. In addition to his training duties he provides protective service details to political and entertainment figures across the globe.

Mr. Norris has been a police officer for nearly two decades having served in tactical and command level positions. A very notable law enforcement honor for Mr. Norris is that in 2001 he was one of four police officers selected for the Beretta Recognition Award for Valor in the line of duty for his actions during a hostage rescue incident. Some other notable awards include the Silver Star for bravery from the American Police Hall of Fame, Field Training Officer of the Year, Deputy of the Month and Year and the Merit Award from the Secretary of Defense of Brazil.

Established in 1996, S.O.R.D. International specializes in advanced tactical training for military and law enforcement personnel, threat and vulnerability assessments and protective service operations around the globe.