

Commander Maklad Letter for Lifetime Achievement

Throughout his SWAT career, Commander Omar Maklad has served with honor and distinction in numerous positions. From tactical operator, Assistant Team Leader, Team Leader, Sniper, Assistant Commander and Team Commander.

Throughout his 16 years of service, Commander Maklad has distinguished himself by exceptional performance. Over his SWAT Career, Commander Maklad has been involved in a multitude of situations that you would expect over a long SWAT career, but also those that you would not and not wish upon anyone. But what he has accomplished goes much past the calls he has been to. It was his ability to enhance the readiness of numerous operators throughout his time regardless of his position on the team. His contributions created an organizational culture of teamwork and made the best use of diverse talents of all team members. His leadership over the years has fostered an everlasting value to training and focus with the ultimate goal of protection of life and everyone coming home.

As Commander Maklad became the overall Commander, he has wanted to enhance the operational status of the team with the use of Night Vision to ensure mission success during low light levels. His dedication to this cause over time has drastically paid off to the point where every operator now has a working set of night vision, and most of them being quad tubes. Knowing the equipment was a major hurdle, he realized that training must follow in order to allow operators to feel comfortable with the equipment and their capabilities. Because of his hard work on this, he has been able to succeed where not many other teams in the United States have. He has been able to bring this life saving tool to the team and made our team fully operational and functional. This is just one example of the large scale equipment, tools and training he has brought to our team.

Commander Maklad has helped with the growth of the Sniper program. His involvement as a sniper never wavered as he became a Commander for the team. He understood the importance of good quality training along with steadfast equipment to get any task done. Recently he has been able to acquire a 50 Cal. rifle which is a vital tool for extreme circumstances that have been on the rise in our region. This was another major accomplishment for our team.

His technical expertise along with his steadfast integrity and reliability earned him the highest level of trust, loyalty and dedication from those who have worked with and for him. His calm and collectiveness associated with his skillset and knowledge is bar none and will forever echo throughout the team for years to come.

Commander Maklad, your service reflects great credit upon yourself, your family and the Washington County SWAT team. We will forever be thankful and grateful for your time and dedication to the team and everyone who has served on the team. Your leadership and mentorship will always have an everlasting footprint to this team and to SWAT as a whole in the region.

And for this, I would like to recommend Commander Omar Maklad for the lifetime achievement award.

Sincerely,

Joel Legut