

The Saskatchewan Association of Chiefs of Police is proud to present

Constable Clayton Fidyk and Constable Tyler Melnychuk of the Saskatoon Police Service

with the

VALOR AWARD

Constable Clayton Fidyk has served as a police officer in Saskatchewan since 2005.

Constable Tyler Malnychuk started his policing career with Saskatoon Police Service in 2008.

While on patrol in June of 2013, Constables Fidyk and Malnychuk were dispatched to assist a man who had fallen into the South Saskatchewan River. At this time, the river was running at ten times its normal rate. It was exceedingly high with very dangerous currents and slippery banks.

When the constables located the man in the river, he was panicking, exhausted, and barely able to keep his head above the water. They called out to the man as they ran to the bottom of the riverbank to rescue him. Constable Melnychuk waded waist-deep into the river. Constable Fidyk held Constable Melnychuk's arm with one hand while holding onto a tree at the river's edge with his other hand.

Constable Melnychuk reached further out and used his baton to extend his reach. This caused Constable Fidyk to lose his grip on the tree and now had to rely solely on his body weight to prevent both of them from being swept away in the river. The current then brought the drowning man close enough to momentarily grab the baton and be pulled closer to the constables. The constables were then able to reach the man and pull him out of the water to safety.

Constable Fidyk and Constable Melnychuk put themselves at extreme risk to save this man's life.

The Saskatchewan Chiefs of Police is proud to recognize their distinguished act of heroism with the Valor Award.