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Washington County Virginia Sheriff's Office Places First in State Law Enforcement Challenge

The Washington County Virginia Sheriff's Office was recently notified by the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police that their agency had placed first in the 2010 Virginia Law Enforcement Challenge in their respective category.

According to Washington County Sheriff Fred Newman, both the state and national Law Enforcement Challenge Programs promote professionalism in traffic safety enforcement and encourage law enforcement agencies to share best practices and programs with each other. The awards are based on entries prepared by the participating agencies that highlight their traffic safety activities in the past calendar year.

"The Washington County Virginia Sheriff's Office began their traffic enforcement program in January 2005," stated Sheriff Newman. "Since then, our county has seen a reduction in traffic fatalities and an increase in safety belt usage."

Sheriff's deputies work off-duty hours for pay to participate in aggressive criminal and traffic enforcement projects, drunk driver sobriety checkpoints and saturation patrols to curb the problems associated with drunk, reckless or aggressive driving.

"I am extremely proud of our Sheriff's deputies who enforce criminal and traffic laws in our county on a day-to-day basis," said Sheriff Newman. "The recognition that our Sheriff's Office has received shows the commitment and dedication of our deputies."

This is the third year the Sheriff's Office has competed for the awards. First Sergeant Greg Hogston and D/S Erik Hinchey coordinated the Law Enforcement Challenge entry.

The Sheriff's Office will be honored on the state level at the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police Annual Conference to be held in Virginia Beach, VA, in late September.