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## **2017 Virginia Law Enforcement Challenge Awards Announced For Best Traffic Safety Programs in Virginia in 2016**

The Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police (VACP) is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2017 Virginia Law Enforcement Challenge awards for the best traffic safety programs in the state in 2016. **The awards luncheon took place during the VACP's 92nd Annual Training Conference on Tuesday, September 19 at the Wyndham Oceanfront Hotel in Virginia Beach, VA.**

Celebrating its twenty-eighth year in Virginia, the Law Enforcement Challenge program promotes professionalism in traffic safety enforcement and encourages 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 education and enforcement activities in occupant protection, impaired driving and speed over the past calendar year. Judges award points to the agencies in the six areas that comprise a comprehensive traffic safety program: problem identification, policies, planning, training of officers, public information and education, enforcement, and an evaluation of the outcomes of the agency's efforts.



The Virginia agencies listed below were presented with their first, second and third place state awards in each category at the awards luncheon, as well as special awards for outstanding enforcement and education efforts in the areas of occupant protection, impaired driving, speed awareness, commercial motor vehicle safety, distracted driving, technology, bicycle/pedestrian safety, and motorcycle safety.

Additionally, the VACP presented an award for the most outstanding traffic safety program in Virginia in 2016, regardless of agency size or type — the "Commonwealth Award". This year, **the Commonwealth Award goes to the Henrico County Division of Police.**

Also presented at the Challenge Awards luncheon was an award from the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA). The recipient of the **2016 NSA Traffic Safety Unit Award is the Hanover County Sheriff's Office.** Additional information about this award is available from the NSA at <https://www.sheriffs.org/content/traffic-safety-unit-award>

The Virginia Law Enforcement Challenge Awards program is supported by a grant from the Virginia Highway Safety Office. Additional information about the Law Enforcement Challenge program can be found online at <http://www.smartsafeandsober.org/programs/LEC>.

The Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police & Foundation is a statewide organization of federal, state and local police chiefs and law enforcement executives dedicated to improving the professionalism of police agencies in Virginia. The Association was founded in 1926 and has more than 600 members. For more information, visit <http://www.vachiefs.org>.

The winners of the 2017 Virginia Law Enforcement Challenge are as follows:

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<b>MUNICIPAL POLICE</b>	
<b>Municipal 1: 1-25 Officers</b>	<b>Place</b>
Ashland Police Department	1
Bedford Police Department	2
<b>Municipal 2: 26-60 Officers</b>	<b>Place</b>
Herndon Police Department	1
Culpeper Police Department	2
Colonial Heights Police Department	3
<b>Municipal 3: 61-125 Officers</b>	<b>Place</b>
James City County Police Department	1
Harrisonburg Police Department	2
Salem Police Department	3
<b>Municipal 4: 126-225 Officers</b>	<b>Place</b>
Lynchburg Police Department	1
Roanoke County Police Department	2
Albemarle County Police Department	3
<b>Municipal 5: 226-425 Officers</b>	<b>Place</b>
Roanoke Police Department	1
Chesapeake Police Department	2
<b>Municipal 6: 426-800 Officers</b>	<b>Place</b>
Henrico County Division of Police	1
Virginia Beach Police Department	2
<b>Municipal 7: 801 or More Officers</b>	<b>Place</b>
Fairfax County Police Department	1
<b>SHERIFF'S OFFICES</b>	
<b>Sheriff 1: 1-50 Deputies</b>	<b>Place</b>
Westmoreland County Sheriff's Office	1
New Kent County Sheriff's Office	2
<b>Sheriff 2: 51-125 Deputies</b>	<b>Place</b>
Gloucester County Sheriff's Office	1
Washington County Sheriff's Office	2
Montgomery County Sheriff's Office	3
<b>Sheriff 3: 126 or More Deputies</b>	<b>Place</b>
Stafford County Sheriff's Office	1
Hanover County Sheriff's Office	2
Fauquier County Sheriff's Office	3

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<b>UNIVERSITY POLICE</b>		<b>Place</b>
Virginia Commonwealth University Police Department		1
University of Richmond Police Department		2

<b>SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT</b>		<b>Place</b>
Metro Washington Airports Authority Police Department		1

<b>SPECIAL AWARDS</b>	
Occupant Protection Award	James City County Police Department
Impaired Driving Award	Henrico County Division of Police
Speed Awareness Award	Stafford County Sheriff's Office
Motorcycle Safety Award	Harrisonburg Police Department
Technology Award	Culpeper Police Department
Distracted Driving Award	Metro Washington Airports Authority Police Dept.
Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Award	Salem Police Department
Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Award	Harrisonburg Police Department
Traffic Incident Management	Fairfax County Police Department
"Commonwealth Award" for Best Overall Traffic Safety Program in Virginia	Henrico County Division of Police
National Sheriffs' Association Top Traffic Unit Award	Hanover County Sheriff's Office