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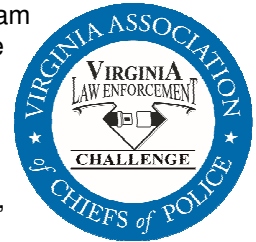
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2010 Virginia Law Enforcement Challenge Awards Announced **For Best Traffic Safety Programs in Virginia**

The Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police (VACP) is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2010 Virginia Law Enforcement Challenge awards for the best traffic safety programs in the state. The awards luncheon will take place during the VACP's 86th Annual Training Conference to be held September 25-28, 2011 at the Norfolk Waterside Marriott.

Celebrating its twenty-second 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 the past calendar year. Judges award points to the agencies in the six areas that comprise a comprehensive traffic safety program: an agency's policies and guidelines, training of officers, incentives and recognition, public information and education, enforcement, and an evaluation of the effectiveness of the agency's efforts.



The Virginia Challenge is held in cooperation with the National Law Enforcement Challenge Awards, which are presented by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). **This year, fifty-one Virginia agencies entered the state and national competitions. Thirty-nine will receive state awards and 11 will receive national awards.** National Challenge award winners have been announced by the IACP on their web site at <http://www.theiacp.org/NLEC>. **The Virginia Beach Police Department has been named as the National LEC Clayton J. Hall Memorial Award Winner for having the most comprehensive traffic safety program in the country.** The VACP is also a National Challenge Awards first place winner among state associations, being one of the few in the country that plays an integral role in their state's highway safety efforts. National awards will be presented in October at the International Association of Chiefs of Police Annual Conference in Chicago, IL.

Virginia agencies will be presented with their state Challenge first, second and third place awards in each category at the luncheon in September, as well as special awards for outstanding enforcement and education efforts in the areas of occupant protection, impaired driving, speed awareness, child passenger safety, underage alcohol awareness and many more. Additionally, the VACP will announce the most outstanding traffic safety program in Virginia in 2010 regardless of agency size or type — the "Commonwealth Award" — and the 2010 Virginia Traffic Safety Officer of the Year Award, presented to an officer who has gone above and beyond to promote highway safety in his community.

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 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>.

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The winners of the 2010 Virginia Law Enforcement Challenge are as follows (* denotes National winner):

MUNICIPAL POLICE	
Municipal 1: 1-10 Officers	Place
New Market Police Department	1
Berryville Police Department	2
West Point Police Department	3
Municipal 2: 11-25 Officers	Place
Bedford Police Department	1
Ashland Police Department	2
Purcellville Police Department	3
Municipal 3: 26-50 Officers	Place
Culpeper Police Department	1
South Boston Police Department	2
Front Royal Police Department	3
Municipal 4: 51-75 Officers	Place
Christiansburg Police Department	1
Herndon Police Department	2
Blacksburg Police Department	3
Municipal 5: 76-125 Officers	Place
Harrisonburg Police Department *	1
Albemarle County Police Department	2
James City County Police Department	3
Municipal 6: 126-300 Officers	Place
Lynchburg Police Department	1
Danville Police Department	2
Portsmouth Police Department	3
Municipal 7: 301-450 Officers	Place
Arlington County Police Department *	1
Chesapeake Police Department	2
Newport News Police Department	3
Municipal 8: 451-700 Officers	Place
Henrico County Division of Police *	1
Chesterfield County Police Department	2
Municipal 9: 701+ Officers	Place
Virginia Beach Police Department *	1
Fairfax County Police Department	2
UNIVERSITY POLICE	
Virginia Commonwealth University Police Department	1
University of Richmond Police Department	2

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MILITARY POLICE	Place
Fort Lee Police *	1

SHERIFF'S OFFICES	
Sheriff 1: 1-10 Deputies	Place
-- no entries in this category --	--
Sheriff 2: 11-25 Deputies	Place
New Kent County Sheriff's Office *	1
Sheriff 3: 26-50 Deputies	Place
Wythe County Sheriff's Office *	1
Sheriff 4: 51-75 Deputies	Place
Augusta County Sheriff's Office *	1 (tie)
Dinwiddie County Sheriff's Office	1 (tie)
Amherst County Sheriff's Office *	2
Sheriff 5: 76-125 Deputies	Place
Washington County Sheriff's Office	1
Fauquier County Sheriff's Office	2
Sheriff 6: 126-300 Deputies	Place
Stafford County Sheriff's Office *	1
Hanover County Sheriff's Office	2
Spotsylvania County Sheriff's Office	3
Sheriff 7: 301-450 Deputies	Place
-- no entries in this category --	--
Sheriff 8: 451-700 Deputies	Place
Loudoun County Sheriff's Office	1

STATE ASSOCIATIONS (National Challenge Only)	Place
Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police *	1

SPECIAL AWARDS	
"Rookie of the Year" Award	<i>N/A, no first-time entries this year</i>
Occupant Protection Award	Fairfax County Police Department
Impaired Driving Award	Virginia Beach Police Department
Speed Awareness Award	Henrico County Division of Police
Child Passenger Safety Award	Lynchburg Police Department
Underage Alcohol Awareness Award	South Boston Police Department
Technology Award	James City County Police Department
Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Award	Bedford Police Department
Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Award	New Kent County Sheriff's Office
Commonwealth Award	TO BE ANNOUNCED

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Officer of the Year Award	TO BE ANNOUNCED