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Governor's Challenge Awards Recognize Statewide Law Enforcement

Departments large and small recognized for contributions to highway safety

(MACON) A total of 25 different law enforcement agencies were honored today during the 18th Annual Governor's Challenge Awards program hosted by the Governor's Office of Highway Safety at the Macon Centreplex.

An annual recognition program for statewide law enforcement agencies of all sizes, the program features awards in seven different categories based on department size as well as several other specialty categories and a grand prize, the Governor's Cup, given to the top performing department among all categories.

The winners were as follows:

AWARD CATEGORY	PLACE
<i>Category 1: 1-10 Officers</i>	
Demorest Police Department	1st Place
Tennille Police Department	2nd Place
Remerton Police Department	3rd Place
<i>Category 2: 11-25 Officers</i>	
Byron Police Department	1st Place

Cornelia Police Department	2nd Place
Sandersville Police Department	3rd Place
<i>Category 3: 26-50 Officers</i>	
Calhoun Police Department	1st Place
Milledgeville Police Department	2nd Place
Franklin County Sheriff's Office	3rd Place
<i>Category 4: 51-100 Officers</i>	
Dalton Police Department	1st Place
Peachtree City Police Department	2nd Place
Rome Police Department	3rd Place
<i>Category 5: 101-250</i>	
Gainesville Police Department	1st Place
Alpharetta Department of Public Safety	2nd Place
Valdosta Police Department	3rd Place
<i>Category 6: 251-500</i>	
Columbus Police Department	1st Place
Hall County Sheriff's Office	2nd Place
Douglas County Sheriff's Office	3rd Place
<i>Category 7: 501+</i>	
Cobb County Police Department	1st Place
DeKalb County Police Department	2nd Place

Category 8: Campus and University Police	
Georgia Southern Police Department	1st Place
Category 9: Military and Federal Police	
Fort Gordon Law Enforcement Center	1st Place
SPECIAL CATEGORY AWARDS	
Calhoun Police Department	Impaired Driving
Fort Gordon Law Enforcement Center	Speed Award
Byron Police Department	Occupant Protection
Snellville Police Department	Distracted Driving
Cobb County Police Department	Motorcycle Safety
Centerville Police Department	Rookie of the Year
Cornelia Police Department	Child Passenger Safety
Columbus Police Department	Bike/Pedestrian Safety
Elbert County Police Department	Underage Alcohol Prevention
Gainesville Police Department	Technology Award
Northeast Traffic Enforcement Network	Traffic Enforcement Network Of The Year
Byron Police Department (173 Points)	Governor's Cup

"We look forward to this awards program every year because it gives us a chance to give our law enforcement agencies some much deserved recognition," GOHS Law Enforcement Services Director Roger Hayes said. "There is greatness in law enforcement all over Georgia, no matter how big or small the agency."

Designed to award outstanding achievements in highway safety enforcement and education, the awards recognize agencies for the approach and effectiveness of their overall highway safety programs. Agencies are evaluated not just for enforcement initiatives, but for unique problem-solving in their communities, using public information activities, and creating departmental policies that support their traffic enforcement campaign efforts.

"It's not about who wrote the most tickets," Hayes said. "It's about the men and women of these agencies taking an

active role in the betterment of their communities and improving safety on their roads."

For more information about the Georgia's Governor's Challenge program, visit www.gahighwaysafety.org or call 404-656-6996.