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Henrico County Police Division Receives Traffic Safety Awards

The Henrico County Police Division received several awards recognizing its efforts in promoting traffic safety within Henrico County during 2016. The awards were presented during the Virginia Chiefs of Police (VACP) Conference which was held September 19 - 22, 2017 in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

The awards are part of the Virginia Law Enforcement Challenge. The Law Enforcement Challenge is a traffic safety recognition program that recognizes agencies that excel in keeping their roadways safe. It is designed to strengthen and support traffic safety and provides agencies an opportunity to make a difference in the communities they serve, learn from each other, and establish future goals in traffic education and enforcement.

The Virginia Law Enforcement Challenge program is coordinated by the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police and is supported by a grant from DMV: Virginia Highway Safety Office with additional support from private entities. It recognizes and rewards the best overall traffic safety programs in Virginia.

For 2016 The Henrico County Police Division received the following awards:

1st Place Virginia Law Enforcement Challenge: Municipal Agencies 426 thru 800 Officers

1st Place Virginia Law Enforcement Challenge: Impaired Driving Award

Additionally, the Henrico County Police Division was awarded the prestigious **Commonwealth's Award** for exemplary service in promoting traffic safety in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The Commonwealth's Award is an individual award for the most outstanding traffic safety program in Virginia in 2016, regardless of agency size or type.

According to the VACP, "These awards are symbols of the extraordinary and tireless work put forward by the men and women of the Henrico County Police Division in maintaining and improving traffic safety within Henrico County and the Commonwealth of Virginia. These awards demonstrate attainment of a fundamental goal of the agency to achieve the highest level of safety possible on our streets through education, enforcement and high visibility".

On the Police Division receiving these awards, Chief Cardounel commented, "Providing for a safe Henrico County community is one of our primary missions and that includes safety on our roadways. These awards illustrate our commitment to citizen safety through prevention, awareness, education, and enforcement. Safe roadways save lives."



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The Henrico County Police Division has finished first in its agency size category every year since 2010. Additionally, this year's Commonwealth's Award is the second Commonwealth's Award for the best traffic safety program in the Commonwealth of Virginia for Henrico Police since 2010.



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