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# News Release

## **HPD Officer Recognized at MADD/ASAP Banquet**

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An officer with the Harrisonburg Police Department was selected to receive an award from Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) and Rockingham/Harrisonburg Alcohol Safety Action Program (ASAP).

Yesterday afternoon the organizations presented Officer Justin Joiner with the Law Enforcement Award.

Joiner was nominated by his supervisor for his continued efforts in removing drunk drivers from the streets of Harrisonburg.

For the past nine years Joiner has also served as a volunteer with the Harrisonburg Rescue Squad. Not only does he see the tragic results from drinking and driving at work, he assists with these situations while volunteering for this community.

“This is an officer with the determination and commitment to make Harrisonburg a safer community,” said Stephen Monticelli, HPD’s Chief of Police. “We are honored to have someone like Officer Joiner being proactive and representing this department.”

Joiner started with HPD in 2008 and has led the Department with the highest number of DUI arrests for the past three years (2009-19 arrests, 2010-23 arrests, and 2011-38 arrests). He was also the recipient of the 2011 MADD/ASAP Law Enforcement Award.

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