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HPD Officers Receive 2017 MADD Award

Harrisonburg, Va. - On Wednesday, September 6, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), honored law enforcement officers from the region for their part in reducing drunk driving. The ceremony took place during a luncheon at James Madison University.

Harrisonburg Police Department Officers Terrell A. Johnson, Justin L. Kline, and Tyler M. Morris were recognized for their contributions in DUI enforcement and education. Combined, these officers accounted for more than one-third of all DUI-related arrests in the city during 2016.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 35,092 people died in traffic crashes in 2015 in the United States, including an estimated 10,265 people who were killed in drunk driving crashes involving a driver with an illegal BAC (.08 or greater). MADD was established in 1980, and its mission is to end drunk driving, help fight drugged driving, support the victims of these violent crimes and prevent underage drinking.

"DUI enforcement is an important police activity, both at night - and during the day," said HPD's Patrol Lieutenant Christopher Miller. "We are very appreciative for MADD's recognition of these officers, and our roadways are safer because of their enforcement efforts," he added.

Upon receiving his award, Officer Kline stated "Drunk driving continues to be a dangerous choice that some still make daily. Our enforcement efforts help, but continued education is needed for the betterment and future safety of our communities. I encourage everyone to contact their local MADD representative to see how they can help eliminate drunk and drugged driving through awareness, education, laws, and community programs."

For further information including the various ways Mothers Against Drunk Driving supports and advocates the fight against drunk driving, visit their website at www.MADD.org. For statistics

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and additional information regarding drunk driving, visit the National Highway Traffic Safety (NHTSA) at www.NHTSA.gov.

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