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Thurmont Police Officer recognized for Traffic Safety Contributions, Expertise

On Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, police officers representing law enforcement agencies throughout Maryland gathered in Gaithersburg to be recognized for their distinctive contributions to highway safety in Maryland.

The 2015 Maryland Traffic Safety Specialist (TSS) Awards Luncheon was presented at the Gaithersburg Marriott Washingtonian Center, and acknowledged law enforcement officers who have attained exceptional levels of experience, training and proficiency in highway safety and traffic enforcement methods and procedures.

**Thurmont Police Officer Jody A. Maybush was recognized as a 2015 TSS Award Recipient.**

The TSS Designation is awarded by the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commissions (MPCTC), and the program is open to all police officers, deputy sheriffs and state troopers from all Maryland law enforcement agencies, and to certain Federal law enforcement agencies.

TSS Designations are awarded at three levels: TSS-1, TSS-11, and TSS-111, with each successive level reflecting increasing degrees of experience and specialized training in traffic safety. Levels 11 and 111 also require submission of a formal paper which must be reviewed and approved by the TSS Executive Committee.

“Clearly these award recipients epitomize the spirit of the TSS program,” said Thomas J. Gianni, Chief of the Maryland Highway Safety Office. “Effective traffic enforcement translates to fewer crashes, fewer injuries, and fewer deaths on our roadways. Traffic safety is public safety, and we congratulate the awardees on their very distinguished achievement.”

Carroll County Sheriff Jim DeWees delivered the keynote address for the luncheon.

The TSS program is a collaborative project of the Maryland Highway Safety Office, the Maryland Chiefs of Police Association, the Maryland Sheriff’s Association, and the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commissions. The program is funded through a grant by the Maryland Highway Safety Office.

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