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Kentucky Law Enforcement Honored for Impaired Driving Enforcement

Ceremony salutes efforts to save lives on Kentucky roadways

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Nov. 29, 2023) – Today, more than 170 Kentucky state and local law enforcement officers were honored for extraordinary efforts to protect motorists from impaired drivers, in keeping with Gov. Andy Beshear’s high priority on highway safety.

The occasion was the Governor’s Impaired Driving Enforcement Awards, held at the Hyatt Regency in Lexington and hosted by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet’s (KYTC) Office of Highway Safety. Those receiving awards represented more than 150 law enforcement agencies.

“Our law enforcement are the heroes who work to keep our families safe by ensuring impaired drivers are removed from our roadways,” said KYTC Secretary Jim Gray. “Their efforts are saving lives, and we are grateful for their dedication to the commonwealth and our people.”

Awards were presented to those with the most impaired-driving arrests in each agency and in each division from Oct. 1, 2022 through Sept. 30, 2023. Award recipients received a plaque, while the top division winner was presented with the Highway Safety All-Star Award – a commemorative baseball bat from Louisville Slugger. There are six divisions, broken down by number of officers within the agency, and a division for Kentucky State Police:

- Division I 1-10 officers
- Division II 11-25 officers
- Division III 26-50 officers
- Division IV 51-100 officers
- Division V 100+ officers
- Division VI Kentucky State Police

Brian Swift, executive director and CEO of the Tarrant County Medical Society in Fort Worth, Texas, and spokesman for the [National Alliance to Stop Impaired Driving](#), addressed the attendees and praised their efforts to save lives in their communities.

“Today is more than just receiving an award,” said Swift. “It is about saving lives, and that is what officers do have the ability to do every time they pull over an impaired driver. The number of multi-substance impaired drivers on our roads today are staggering, and we must be diligent to enforce laws and utilize technologies that will ensure public safety.”

Swift's parents were [hit and killed by an impaired logging truck driver on March 20, 2013](#). His father, Tom, died on the scene, and his mother, Barbara, ultimately died of her injuries three days later.

"My whole life changed in a second, and it was 100% preventable," said Swift. "Don't be fooled: It can happen to you or your loved ones, and law enforcement is the first line of defense in getting irresponsible people off our roads."

According to the KOHS, last year in Kentucky there were 4,127 total crashes involving an impaired driver, resulting in 1,990 injuries and 189 deaths.

"Too many families have lost loved ones due to this selfish act," said KOHS Executive Director Bill Bell. "Our office will continue to support law enforcement efforts to remove impaired drivers from our roads, including providing federal funds for additional enforcement during this holiday season."

The KOHS, Kentucky State Police and local law enforcement agencies are partnering for the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over holiday enforcement campaign. Officers will be out Dec. 13, 2023, through Jan. 1, 2024, watching for any moving hazardous violation, with an emphasis on impaired driving. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration funds the campaign and reports high-visibility enforcement reduces impaired driving fatalities by as much as 20%.

Awards were presented to the following:

INDIVIDUAL AWARD WINNERS			
Title	First Name	Last Name	Agency
Sergeant	Nathan	Nogueras	Alexandria Police Department
Officer	Ben	Sullivan	Anchorage Police Department
Officer	Tyler	Ballard	Ashland Police Department
Patrolman	Colby	Patterson	Barbourville Police Department
Patrol Officer	Brian	Abell	Bardstown Police Department
Deputy	Wayne	Mays	Bath County Sheriff's Office
Patrolman	Timothy B.	McDaniel	Beaver Dam Police Department
Patrol Officer	Trevor	Bonar	Bellevue Police Department
Patrol Officer	Shelby	Tekulve	Bellevue Police Department
Patrolman	Jake	Darnell	Benton Police Department
Lieutenant	Chris	Neal	Berea Police Department
Deputy	Christopher	Weires	Boone County Sheriff's Office
Deputy	William	Hendrix	Bourbon County Sheriff's Office
Deputy	Seth	Hatfield	Boyd County Sheriff's Office
Officer	Tyler	Mitcham	Brandenburg Police Department
Major	Michael	Wolfe	Breathitt County Sheriff's Office
Deputy	Aaron	Duncan	Breckinridge County Sheriff Office
Deputy	Chad Edward	Simpson	Bullitt County Sheriff's Office
Peace Officer	Hunter	Tweedy	Burkesville Police Department
Deputy	Jonathan	Barks	Butler County Sheriff's Office

Deputy	Nicky	Knight	Calloway County Sheriff's Office
Patrolman	Brian	Coleman	Calvert City Police Department
Officer	Kristen	Fischer	Campbell County Police Department
Officer	Elliott	Taylor	Campbellsville Police Department
Officer	James	Dews	Carrollton Police Department
Deputy	Jacob	Atwood	Casey County Sheriff's Office
Police Officer	Rafael	Casas	Cave City Police Department
Officer	Braden	Riley	Central City Police Department
K9 Patrol Deputy	Josh	Strauch	Christian County Sheriff's Office
Corporal	Jacob	Waid	Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Airport Police Department
Officer	Jeremiah	Gailey	Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Airport Police Department
Deputy	Stuart	Morris	Clark County Sheriff's Office
Officer	Nolan	Verst	Cold Spring Police Department
Patrolman	Chris	Brown	Corbin Police Department
Specialist	Douglas	Ullrich	Covington Police Department
Deputy	Lance	Watson	Cumberland County Sheriff's Office
Officer	Ryan	Rock	Cynthiana Police Department
Officer	Aaron	Steele	Danville Police Department
Deputy	Nickolas	Hines	Daviess County Sheriff's Office
Officer	Ryan	Fern	Dayton Police Department
Sergeant	J.	Buchanan	Edgewood Police Department
Patrolman	Dustin	Clemmons	Edmonton Police Department
Chief of Police	Bobby	Sexton	Elkhorn City Police Department
Officer	Keilo	Jefferson	Elkton Police Department
Officer	Chase	Dewitt	Eminence Police Department
Patrol Officer	Jerod	Lonaker	Erlanger Police Department
Detective	Brett	Ritchie	Flatwoods Police Department
Deputy	Josh	Patrick	Fleming County Sheriff's Office
Officer	Haley	Ransler	Florence Police Department
Patrolman	Matt	Arlinghaus	Fort Mitchell Police Department
Patrolman	Geoff	Lucas	Fort Thomas Police Department
Officer	Taylor	Bellau	Fort Wright Police Department
Officer	Anthony	Catania	Frankfort Police Department
Deputy	Brandon	Purnell	Franklin County Sheriff's Office
Officer	Ben	Miciotto	Franklin Police Department
Deputy	Troy	Willard	Garrard County Sheriff's Office
Patrolman	Kaleb	Hartley	Georgetown Police Department
Officer	Grant	Ward	Glasgow Police Department
Deputy	Trenton	Dalton	Grant County Sheriff's Office
Deputy	Garret	Clark	Graves County Sheriff's Office
Sergeant	Kyle	Smith	Grayson Police Department

Patrolman	Aaron	Gunterman	Greenville Police Department
Sergeant	Brian	Maas	Harlan County Sheriff's Office
Patrolman	Kenneth	Helton	Harlan Police Department
Patrolman	Hunter	Kelly	Harrodsburg Police Department
Deputy	Lateef	Johnson	Henderson County Sheriff's Office
Patrol Officer	Austin	Miller	Henderson Police Department
Officer	Jason L.	Hendrix	Heritage Creek Police Department
Patrolman	Zachary	Burton	Highland Heights Police Department
Officer	Michael	Dennis	Hillview Police Department
Sergeant	Terry	Riley	Hodgenville Police Department
Detective	Jonathan	Knight	Hopkinsville Police Department
Sergeant	Jason	Conrad	Irvine Police Department
Patrolman	Fred	Neace	Jackson Police Department
Officer	Brian	Colebank	Jeffersontown Police Department
Deputy	Hannah	Rose	Jessamine County Sheriff's Office
Deputy	Isaac	Owens	Johnson County Sheriff's Office
Conservation Officer	Zachary	Carney	Kentucky Dept. of Fish & Wildlife
Sergeant	Michael	Hamblin	KSP CVE Central Region
Officer	Michael	Smith	KSP CVE West Region
Senior Trooper	Landon	Stewart	KSP Post 01
Senior Trooper	Justin	Cornett	KSP Post 02
Trooper	Evan	Smith	KSP Post 03
Trooper	Cameron	Wright	KSP Post 04
Trooper	Colt	McGuire	KSP Post 05
Trooper	Chris	Johnson	KSP Post 06
Trooper	Bobby	Estes	KSP Post 07
Trooper	Jordan	Barnett	KSP Post 08
Trooper	Terry	Mounts	KSP Post 09
Trooper	Joshua	Jones	KSP Post 10
Trooper	Steve	Walker	KSP Post 11
Trooper	Robert	Stepp	KSP Post 12
Trooper	Skyler	Taylor	KSP Post 13
Trooper	Tyler	Daniels	KSP Post 14
Trooper	Trey	Binder	KSP Post 15
Trooper	Clayton	Jones	KSP Post 16
Officer	Jady	Wade	LaGrange Police Department
Patrolman	Christopher	Steward	Lakeside Park-Crestview Hills Police Department
Officer	John	Grevious	Lancaster Police Department
Chief Deputy	Jamie	Ferrie	LaRue County Sheriff's Office
Deputy	Tommy	Houston	Laurel County Sheriff's Office
Patrol Officer	Robbie	Lile	Lawrenceburg Police Department
Sergeant	Sammy	Knopp	Lebanon Police Department

Patrol Officer	Tycondi	Whitaker	Leitchfield Police Department
Deputy	Corey	Harr	Lewis County Sheriff's Office
Officer	Michael	Steele	Lexington Police Department
Deputy	Ron	Luster	Lincoln County Sheriff's Office
Deputy	Quintin	Wright	Logan County Sheriffs Office
Sergeant	Drew	Jackson	London Police Department
Patrolman	Teddy	Newsome	Louisa Police Department
Detective	Darell	Wagner	Louisville Metro Police Department
Officer	Mark	Girten	Louisville Metro Police Department
Officer	Lee	Cravens	Lyndon Police Department
Sheriff	Brent	White	Lyon County Sheriff's Office
Deputy	Jeremey	Hamilton	Madison County Sheriff's Office
Officer	Dustin	Scott	Madisonville Police Department
Patrol Officer	Kendric	Smith	Manchester Police Department
Deputy	John	Ferguson	Mason County Sheriff's Office
Officer	Nick	Workman	Mayfield Police Department
Officer	Cara	Woods	Maysville Police Department
K9 Deputy	Troyal	Cox	Menifee County Sheriff Office
Patrolman	Jacob	Quillen	Middlesboro Police Department
Sergeant	Jared	Garland	Montgomery County Sheriff's Office
Deputy	Cas	Grass, Jr.	Montgomery County Sheriff's Office
Patrolman	William Blake	Carver	Morehead Police Department
Patrol Officer	Jacob	Patton	Mt. Sterling Police Department
Officer	Zachary	King	Mt. Vernon Police Department
Officer	Brad	Aubin	Mt. Washington Police Department
Deputy	Kyler	Harvey	Muhlenberg County Sheriff's Office
Patrol Officer	Griffin	Deese	Murray Police Department
Patrolman	Patrick	Reynolds	Newport Police Department
Officer	Parker	Harris	Nicholasville Police Department
Sergeant	Michael	Platero	Oak Grove Police Department
Sergeant	Jacob	Phelps	Ohio County Sheriff's Office
Officer	Parker	Thomas	Oldham County Police Department
Deputy	Chris	Fitzner	Oldham County Sheriff's Office
Patrolman	Jakob	Mueller	Owensboro Police Department
Sergeant	Justin	Sutherland	Owingsville Police Department
Officer	Alex	Whitworth	Paducah Police Department
Officer	Devin	Helvey	Paris Police Department
Sergeant	Brian	DeWaine	Park Hills Police Department
Patrolman	Zach	Bowens	Pikeville Police Department
Officer	Brandon	Hollingsworth	Pineville City Police Department
Chief	Jimmy	Beadnell	Powderly Police Department
Patrolman	Keegan	Williams	Prestonsburg Police Department
Patrol Officer	Chadwick	Spence	Raceland Police Department

Officer	Ryan	Boyd	Radcliff Police Department
Patrolman	Charles	Campbell	Richmond Police Department
Detective	Samuel A.	Brock	Rockcastle County Sheriff's Office
Deputy	Gerald G.	Wooldridge II	Russell County Sheriff's Office
Officer	Mason	Miniard	Russell Springs Police Department
Patrol Officer	Greg	Bellar	Russellville Police Department
Deputy	Caleb	Conley	Scott County Sheriff's Office
Sergeant	John	Duncan	Scottsville Police Department
Sergeant	Tavis	Elzy	Shelbyville Police Department
Officer	Travis	Simmons	Shively Police Department
Patrol Officer	James	Fetty	Simpsonville Police Department
Police Officer	Caleb	Haynes	Somerset Police Department
Patrolman	Joseph W.	Boyce	Southgate Police Department
Deputy	Kevin	Stallings	Spencer County Sheriff's Office
Patrolman	Jonathan	Milburn	Stanford Police Department
Sergeant	Ian	Morton	Stanton Police Department
Deputy	Andrew	Regan	Taylor County Sheriff Department
Officer	Billy G.	Roberts	Taylor Mill Police Department
Deputy	Derek	Baumann	Todd County Sheriffs Office
Sergeant	Joshua	Oden	Trigg County Sheriff's Office
Officer	Robert	Vander Laan	University of Kentucky Police Department
Officer	Chan	Evans	Vanceburg Police Department
Sergeant	Jeremy	Miller	Versailles Police Department
Officer	Ashley	Mairose	Villa Hills Police Department
Deputy	Caleb	Holloway	Warren County Sheriff's Office
Patrolman	Jonathan	Holbrook	West Liberty Police Department
Master Police Officer	Dustin	Lee	Western Kentucky University Police Department
Officer	Hunter	Holbrook	Whitesburg Police Department
Sergeant	Jacob	Zink	Wilder Police Department
Officer	Dorman	Patrick, Jr.	Williamsburg Police Department
Sergeant	Cody	Blevins	Williamstown Police Department
Patrolman	Wesley	Craycraft	Winchester Police Department

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Division 1	Patrolman	Colby	Patterson	Barbourville Police Department
Division 2	Deputy	Ron	Luster	Lincoln County Sheriff's Office
Division 3	Deputy	Quintin	Wright	Logan County Sheriff's Office
Division 4	Officer	Alex	Whitworth	Paducah Police Department
Division 5	Officer	Michael	Steele	Lexington Police Department
Division 6	Trooper	Steve	Walker	KSP Post 11

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NOTE TO EDITORS: Ceremony photos can be viewed [here](#).

