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Officer Schenck Receives 2011 Law Enforcement Award of Excellence from WRAP for DUI Enforcement

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA . . . Police Officer Jeremy Schenck was awarded the 2011 Law Enforcement Award of Excellence for "outstanding commitment in the fight against drunk driving in the Greater Washington area" from the Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP). This is the second consecutive year that he received this honor.

Officer Schenck, an 11-year veteran of the Prince William County Police Department, was one of 11 Washington-metropolitan area police officers recognized by WRAP at its annual awards banquet today. "While numerous officers have recorded double-digit DUI arrests, one of the region's most accomplished 'DUI Aces' is Officer Schenck of the Prince William County Police Department," WRAP noted in a news release announcing the awards.

Thus far in 2011, Officer Schenck has made 173 drunk-driving arrests – an average of one DUI arrest every other day. Officer Schenck attributes his unmatched record to superior training and close observation of driving behaviors associated with drunk driving: lane drifting and subtle evasive moves such as turning down a side street or driving below the speed limit.

Prince William County's DUI enforcement efforts include sobriety checkpoints conducted at certain times throughout the year, participation in state and national impaired driving education and enforcement campaigns, and local public education through the use of electronic sign boards on roadways and on displays in public buildings.

Founded in 1982, WRAP is an award-winning public-private coalition formed to fight drunk driving, drugged driving and underage drinking in the Washington-metropolitan area. This is the 11th year that WRAP has conferred these awards to law enforcement officers from more than a dozen metropolitan agencies.

Through public education, innovative health education programs and advocacy, WRAP is credited with keeping the metro-Washington area's alcohol-related traffic deaths consistently lower than the national average. Area residents, however, may best know WRAP via the organization's popular, free cab-ride service for impaired drivers, SoberRide.

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Pictured: Nine of the 11 law enforcement officers who were honored today by WRAP. Prince William County Police Officer Jeremy Schenck is at the far left.