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WCI-North Branch Correctional Team Wins Award At Annual Law Enforcement Awareness Day

TOWSON, MD (September 28, 2009)---The WCI-North Branch Tactical Breaching Team, composed of highly trained correctional officers from Cumberland's two Division of Correction prisons, has won top honors during Law Enforcement Awareness Day at Frostburg State. The team won Best Display/Demonstration honors during the annual event on September 16.

The Tactical Breaching Team supports both Cumberland prisons and their tactical teams during crisis and emergency situations. The team utilizes special entry/exit and containment procedures honed during many hours of training. The team exists to protect officers and staff, as well as inmates, during emergency situations, and is a vital component of Division of Correction special security operations.

Law Enforcement Day featured highly trained professionals from a number of state, local, and federal agencies employing a variety of special operations and tactics. Participants included teams from Maryland State Police, the federal Bureau of Prisons, the State Fire Marshal's office, and various local and county law enforcement agencies. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms brought robotic bomb squad equipment.

DPSCS is very proud of the Cumberland prisons' Tactical Breaching Team, and congratulates the members on their fine achievement.

A photo of the group is on the page below.

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THE WCI-NORTH BRANCH TACTICAL BREACHING TEAM

