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Maryland Community Crime Prevention Institute Sponsors 30th Annual Governor's Crime Prevention Awards

TOWSON, MD (December 8, 2009) --- Maryland's top crime prevention efforts were recognized today at this year's Governor's Crime Prevention Awards Luncheon. The awards are sponsored by the Maryland Community Crime Prevention Institute (MCCPI), which is an agency under the auspices of the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commissions (MPCTC) and the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS).

Each year the MCCPI takes on this massive effort to highlight those in our communities that have gone above and beyond to prevent crime. Patricia Sill, the director of the MCCPI, was also honored for her 30 years of service to crime prevention in Maryland, and for coordinating this event since its inception in 1979.

Twenty-three agencies from Western Maryland to the Eastern Shore submitted winning nominations this year. Recipients represented private citizens, community groups, military organizations, colleges and universities and law enforcement agencies and officers.

Recipients are being honored for activities such as organizing and maintaining Neighborhood Watch programs; working with youth; offering Hispanic outreach programs; working with seniors; and providing crime prevention training to both civilians and law enforcement on numerous topics. Two communities, Pocomoke City, and the C.S.A.F.E. Hope Community in Cambridge, were honored for their development/continuance of comprehensive community-based anti-crime strategies in Maryland. Also, twelve law enforcement officers received awards for the performance of residential and/or commercial security surveys in their communities. Businesses that were honored included Chick-Fil-A of Waldorf and Wal-Mart in Pocomoke City.

The nomination categories included Law Enforcement Agencies; Individual Officers; Community Groups, Organizations and Individual Citizens; Outstanding Proactive Crime Prevention Programs; Achievers' Award; and Comprehensive Community-Based Anti-Crime Strategies. See the MCCPI [Crime Prevention Awards](http://www.mccpi.org/CrimePreventionAwards) website for a complete list of winners in these categories.

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