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**Bowie Police Department Honored**  
**for Excellence in Traffic Safety Enforcement**  
*Maryland Law Enforcement Challenge Recognizes Top Statewide Agencies*

*Bowie, MD* The Bowie Police Department was honored this week as the top agency in its category at the annual Maryland Law Enforcement Challenge recognition ceremony in Baltimore, Maryland. Receiving a Participant Law Enforcement Challenge award signifies not only excellence in traffic safety enforcement, but also a commitment to overall public safety. The 2010 campaign featured an emphasis on seat belt, DUI, and aggressive driving enforcement and education activities.

“Traffic safety is one of our top priorities,” stated Chief John Nesky. “Receiving recognition for involvement in the Maryland Law Enforcement Challenge represents our agency’s commitment to highway safety, and the healthy competition that the program provides helps allow us to breed a culture of excellence within the Bowie Police Department.”

Co-sponsored by the Maryland Chiefs of Police Association, the Maryland Sheriff’s Association and the Maryland Highway Safety Office, the Maryland Law Enforcement Challenge promotes competition among Maryland police agencies, while recognizing and honoring those that excel in traffic safety enforcement.

“More than 500 people are killed every year on Maryland’s roadways,” said Maryland Chiefs of Police Association President Chief Bernie Gerst. “I want to congratulate the officers of the Bowie Police Department for their commitment to the Maryland Law Enforcement Challenge and their service to the community.”

“Lives are at stake and our message is simple,” said Chief Nesky, “buckle up, slow down and always drive sober. We will continue to educate people in Bowie but when that outreach fails, we are dedicated to enforcing Maryland’s traffic safety laws.”

For more information about the Maryland Law Enforcement Challenge, visit  
<http://stko.maryland.gov/Enforcement/MarylandLEC/tabid/122/Default.aspx> .