SUBJECT: Outstanding Dedication to DUI Enforcement & Prevention Award given to UFPD by MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving)

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NARRATIVE:

During an event on July 24-25, 2015, the UFPD was awarded the “Outstanding Dedication to DUI Enforcement and Prevention- University/College Agency” category by the MADD organization. Officer Kyle Peterson accepted the award on behalf of Chief Linda-Stump Kurnick. This award is given out annually in Florida to recognize Law Enforcement agencies for their dedication & prevention of drunk & drugged driving.

In 2014, the UFPD had 97 DUI arrests, and also presented or participated in numerous alcohol awareness events within the UF campus during SCOPE (Student Community Oriented Policing Effort) events. These events included but were not limited to alcohol & awareness presentations, tabling at special campus events, UF Preview, UFPD’s Spring Break Safety Fair and working with campus partners such as the Inter-Fraternity Council and Panhellenic Council.

At MADD, their mission statement is “To end drunk driving, help fight drugged driving, support the victims of these violent crimes, and prevent underage drinking.” Enforcement of DUI traffic laws is an important duty of law enforcement officers charged with safeguarding the public. Drivers impaired by alcohol or drugs represent a significant threat to public safety. It’s a simple fact: DUI Enforcement & Prevention programs save lives. Statistics show that every day, 300,000 people drive impaired. Every day, almost 30 people in the United States die and someone is injured every two minutes in motor vehicle crashes that involve an alcohol-impaired driver.

The officers of the UFPD recognize these facts and work to support the efforts of MADD through its aforementioned proactive enforcement endeavors.

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