

Henderson County Sheriff Rick Davis has been nominated by the NC Mothers Against Drunk Driving to receive the 2009 Western NC DWI Sheriff's Hero Award. This award is presented to a law enforcement officer who through his or her efforts makes a significant contribution to the cause of MADD, to reduce DWI and provide awareness and education to the public toward that end.

Sheriff Davis was chosen to receive this award as a result of his Zero Tolerance policy for DWI, and his efforts to promote safer roads in Henderson County through a two pronged approach that includes active traffic law enforcement and an emphasis on awareness and education. He has been a leader in recognizing the effectiveness of active traffic enforcement as a tool to detect and reduce other criminal activities as well.

Sheriff Davis released the following statement regarding this award. "I will be accepting this award for the men and women of the Henderson County Sheriff's Office. They have worked diligently in an effort to reduce avoidable traffic fatalities and actively detect and reduce criminal activities through a common sense practical approach to traffic law enforcement; not instead, but in addition to their duties as protectors and keepers of the peace. They are the heroes for whom I accept this award."

The Sheriff received the honor in Raleigh NC at the annual MADD Law Enforcement/ Prosecutor Awards Ceremony on Friday the 22nd of January.

Further information regarding the awards as well as the mission of MADD can be obtained from Lori Brown - MADD State Development Officer and Event Director.
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