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Media Release

Incident: 2011 Officer of the Year Award
Location: LETSAC Conference, Lake Ozark, Mo.
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Details:

A veteran Boone County sheriff's deputy was recognized last night (7/14/11) by the Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Advisory Council (LETSAC) as its Large Department 2011 Officer of the Year at the agency's annual conference in Lake Ozark, Mo.

Deputy Mark Winchester, 33, is assigned to the department's traffic unit and last year made 222 arrests for Driving While Intoxicated in Boone County. Deputy Winchester has been with the department since 2003 and is a certified Field Sobriety Test Instructor, Drug Recognition Expert Instructor and Accident Reconstructionist. The "Large Department" category is considered a law enforcement agency in the state of Missouri that has at least 40 sworn officers.

"We're all very proud of Deputy Winchester," said Sheriff Dwayne Carey. "He is totally committed to removing impaired drivers from the roadways of Boone County and making the community a safer place."

About 250 law enforcement officers from Missouri attended the LETSAC Conference. This year's training emphasized identifying various drugs that impair driving, rolling methamphetamine labs, roadside safety, commercial vehicle inspection, legal issues and accident reconstruction.

This year's conference was sponsored by the Missouri Department of Transportation and the Missouri Safety Center.

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