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Hanover County Sheriff's Office Awarded NACo Achievement Award

The Hanover County Sheriff's Office is the recipient of the 2011 National Association of Counties (NACo) Achievement Award for the newly formed Motorists Assistance Program.

NACo recognizes effective and innovative programs which contribute to and enhance county government in the United States. This is the 42nd year the award has been given by NACo. NACo Executive Director Larry Naake wrote, "NACo is proud to confer this award and recognize your county's hard work to promote quality, efficient, and responsive management and administration."

As part of a growing volunteer initiative, the Sheriff's Office has recently trained 17 Hanover residents to participate in a Motorist Assistance Patrol program. These volunteers work in pairs and drive well-marked Ford Explorers equipped with yellow emergency lights. Their duties include helping stranded motorists, conducting traffic direction, assisting with traffic hazards, and providing guidance and assistance to travelers.

Those participating in the Motorist Assistance Patrol have graduated from the Sheriff's Office Citizens Police Academy and have completed additional training in basic first aid, traffic direction, radio communications, and safety procedures.

"The Sheriff's Office is very fortunate that among the over 550+ graduates of the Citizens Police Academy, many have decided to stay on and actively contribute to the operations of the Sheriff's Office and provide a valuable service to our citizens. This award is a testament to their dedication to the citizens of Hanover County. We are indebted to them for their service to the Sheriff's Office and proud of their effort to ensure our County remains a great place to live," said Colonel David R. Hines.

This is the second NACo award received by the Sheriff's Office. In 2007 NACo recognized the Sheriff's Office for our Crime Management Initiative, a program that continues to aid in the identification of crimes trends and proper deployment of personnel.

For more information on the Hanover County Sheriff's Office Motorists Assistance Program, please visit www.hanoversheriff.com. NACo's website is <http://www.naco.org/programs/recognition/Pages/AchievementAwards.aspx>

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