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Visalia Officer Receives DUI Hero Award

Visalia Police Department Traffic Unit

Visalia Police Officer Amerie Norman was recognized during the 14th Annual Statewide Law Enforcement and Community Recognition event in Sacramento on June 1, 2013.

Officer Norman received the 2013 MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) California Hero Award for her outstanding efforts in the apprehension of drunk drivers. Officer Norman made 143 DUI arrests in 2012, and has been motivated to make the roadway safer with her dedication to locating and arresting impaired drivers.

“The officers recognized with the MADD California Hero Award are experts in the field of impaired driving enforcement. They are leaders in the department in arrests, prevention efforts, and training. Over 160 officers were recognized for the efforts over the last year and we believe that all of the officers have certainly saved lives by removing impaired drivers from California’s roads.” Said Silas Miers, MADD California Program Manager.

The California Statewide Law Enforcement & Community Recognition event is not just an awards ceremony; it is a powerful medium acknowledging the courage and strength of the members of our community who stand up every day to make us safer. Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

MADD is a non-profit organization with approximately 2 million members and supporters and 600 affiliates nationwide. MADD's mission is to stop drunk driving, support the victims of this violent crime and prevent underage drinking. To learn more, contact your local MADD affiliate or visit www.madd.org.

Please remember---DUI crashes are not “accidents.”

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