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Mothers Against Drunk Driving and the Riverside County AVOID the 30 Campaign Recognize Officers for DUI arrests.

Riverside, CA – MADD California presented awards to 149 law enforcement officers at the annual Riverside County Law Enforcement Recognition and DUI Training Seminar on February 20, 2013, at the Riverside Auditorium and Events Center in Riverside, CA.

Nearly 300 people from Riverside County attended this prestigious luncheon this year. Awards are given to individual officers, departments, and to California Highway Patrol Officers who have made a great impact on impaired driving in the communities they serve.

The OTS/MADD/AVOID Law Enforcement Recognition & DUI Training Seminar is not just an awards ceremony; it is also a powerful medium acknowledging the courage and strength of the members of our community who stand up every day to make us safer. Additional training was provided at the event by Phil Rennick of the Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor Program to bring officers up to speed on recent changes in the laws regarding DUI Enforcement.

The Riverside County AVOID the 30 campaign also recognized officers and volunteers for their outstanding participation in the AVOID the 30. This campaign is a regional effort by multiple agencies to utilize enforcement to reduce the number of people killed and injured in alcohol-related crashes while providing public awareness and education to prevent people from making the bad, and illegal decision to drive under the influence.

The 2012 top arresting officer was Officer Eric Robinson with the Moreno Valley Police Department who made an outstanding 306 DUI arrests. He was recognized by MADD for his outstanding DUI enforcement efforts.

“The officers recognized at this event have made huge sacrifices in their lives to become the top in the field of traffic safety and enforcement. Many of them have personal stories, since traffic collisions are the number one killer of law enforcement officers in our nation they may be victims themselves. They have seen firsthand the tragedies and devastation that drunk driving crashes have caused and they have set out to help protect the community from that devastation. For that, we honor them today.” Said Silas Miers, MADD California Program Manager.

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.

For additional information, the list of awardees, or pictures, please contact Silas Miers at 916-709-2289.

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