



January 5, 2012

Dear Georgia Law Enforcement Partners:

MADD Georgia will be hosting the 8th annual statewide law enforcement recognition banquet, *Golden Shield Honors*, on **Thursday, March 22th, 2012, from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.** at the Georgia International Convention Center, 2000 Convention Center Concourse, College Park, GA 30037.

The 8th *Annual Golden Shield Honors* is our way of saying “thank you” for all you do to stop drunk driving, support the victims of this violent crime, and prevent underage drinking. Nominations will be accepted through February 11, 2012 to recognize law enforcement agencies, officers, and individuals in the community who make a difference. Honorees also have the option to dedicate their award to a victim of drunk driving that has touched their lives (family, friend, co-worker, or other) under “Victim Dedication” on the application.

There will be online application submission again this year. It was such a success last year and because it streamlines the process by collecting information in one primary location allowing us to maintain a more accurate account of applications. **Simply**

(1) Go to www.maddga.org and on left side find Golden Shield Honors click on the link, this will take you to the applications;”

(2) Select the appropriate award category; For pins and certificate no letter is needed. All others there is a letter required.

(3) Once you complete the form and please make sure the applicants name is spelled correctly and DUI numbers are also correct. Click **“submit”**. That’s all! You will receive electronic confirmation that your application has been received and will be reviewed by the award committee.

We strongly encourage submitting applications via our online nomination system. However, we will still accept applications via mail and fax. Online and faxed applications must be received by February 11, 2012, 11:59pm. There will be no mailed applications this year unless an agency does not have access to the computer or internet. Please call the MADD state office and let us know..

We will be showing a special presentation during the banquet. Please help us showcase your work by sending photos of your agency, officers, patrol cars, etc.

Thank you for all you do to keep the roads in Georgia safe. We hope to see you on Thursday, March 22, 2012! If you plan to attend this honorary event, please RSVP Precious Johnson via email (precious.johnson@madd.org) or phone by February 11th!

Sincerely,



Precious Johnson
State Program Specialist
MADD Georgia
770-790-5533

*Submit completed nominations applications and supporting information by
February 11, 2012 to:*

www.maddga.org, then click “Law Enforcement Recognition Application”

OR

MADD Georgia Attn: Precious Johnson
1000 Circle 75 Pkwy, Suite 45; Atlanta, GA 30339
Email: precious.johnson@madd.org Fax: 770-615-3738

**2012 MADD Georgia *Golden Shield Honors* - Statewide Law Enforcement Recognition
Banquet
Nomination Criteria & Applications**

Review the nomination instructions and complete the respective application for achievements from January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011. Self nominations are encouraged. All nominated officers must be in good standing with their agency.

MADD Georgia DUI Achievement pins: Awarded to officers with DUI arrests as follows: BRONZE: 25-49 DUI arrests, SILVER: 50-99 DUI arrests, GOLD: 100-149 DUI arrests, RED: 150+ DUI arrests. **Complete top part of Officer application ONLY. No letter of support necessary.**

Officer DUI HERO: Awarded to officer with highest total of DUI arrests. (1 per agency category. See below). **Complete top part of Officer application ONLY. No letter of support necessary.**

Statewide Officer of the Year: Awarded to a state trooper, officer or deputy in good standing with their agency who has excelled in many areas which might include but are not limited to DUI arrest, traffic safety, DUI victim services, underage drinking prevention programs, work ethic, etc. **Letter of support (limit 1000 words) required** outlining why the nominee should receive this award detailing specific examples and statistics of how the officer has excelled beyond the call of duty.

Statewide Rookie of the Year: Awarded to a state trooper, officer, or deputy in good standing with their agency with less than one year of service who has excelled in many areas which might include but are not limited to DUI arrest, traffic safety, DUI victim services, underage drinking prevention programs, work ethic, etc. **Letter of support (limit 1000 words) required** outlining why the nominee should receive this award, detailing specific examples and statistics of how the officer has excelled beyond the call of duty.

Agency DUI HERO: Awarded to the agency with highest total of DUI arrests. (1 per agency category. See below). **Complete top part of Agency application ONLY. No letter of support necessary.**

Statewide Agency of the Year: Awarded to a Law Enforcement Agency that has demonstrated excellence in implementing innovative techniques in the detection and deterrence of traffic violations, DUI, and underage drinking prevention. **Letter of support (limit 1000 words) required** outlining why this agency should receive this award, including any supporting statistics.

Statewide Post of the Year: Awarded to a Georgia State Patrol Post that has demonstrated excellence in implementing innovative techniques in the detection and deterrence of traffic violations, DUI, and underage drinking prevention. **Letter of support (limit 1000 words) required** outlining why this post should receive this award.

HEAT Unit/ DUI Task Force of the Year: Awarded to a H.E.A.T. unit that has demonstrated excellence in education and enforcement of drunk driving and aggressive traffic and has been successful in reducing the number of crashes, fatalities and injuries on our highways, and has excelled in many areas which might include but are not limited to DUI arrest, deterrence of traffic violations, and underage drinking prevention. **Letter of support (limit 1000 words) required** outlining why this agency should receive this award.

Georgia Traffic Enforcement Network Award: Awarded to a Georgia Traffic Enforcement Network that has demonstrated excellence in implementing innovative techniques in the detection and deterrence of DUI, underage drinking prevention, has had high attendance at network meetings, high percentage reporting, number of sobriety check points implemented, participation in statewide collaborations such as OZT. **Letter of support (limit 1000 words) required** outlining why your network should receive this award.

Jerry Thompson Law Enforcement Partnership Award: Awarded to a courageous prosecuting attorney who has shown excellence in DUI prosecution and assisting law enforcement in the courtroom. **Letter of support (limit 1000 words) required.**

Golden Achievement Award: Awarded to a citizen, officer, agency, group or organization with outstanding expertise in the field of traffic safety, DUI prevention, and/or community intervention who made a significant contribution to MADD's mission and Georgia traffic safety in 2011. **Letter of support (limit 1000 words) required.**

AGENCY CATEGORIES:

Category 1: 1-10 Officers

Category 2: 11-25 Officers

Category 3: 26-50 Officers

Category 4: 51-100 Officers

Category 5: 101-250 Officers

Category 6: 251+ Officers

Category 7: Georgia State Patrol Post