



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Tenth Annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Day**

On Tuesday, May 11, 2010 the St. Mary's Board of County Commissioner's and the Department of Aging Triad/Seniors and Law Enforcement Together (S.A.L.T.) Council sponsored the Tenth Annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Day honoring the men and women of Law Enforcement who serve in St. Mary's County, Maryland.

The Honorable Francis Jack Russell, President of the Board of County Commissioner's was the Master of Ceremonies for the event. Open remarks were provided by St Mary's County Sheriff Timothy K. Cameron and Lieutenant Michael Thompson, Maryland State Police Leonardtown Barrack Commander.

National Police Week was established in 1962 by President John F. Kennedy and a joint resolution of Congress. The memorial week pays special tribute to law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others. At Tuesday's ceremony a memorial service remembering fallen officers was led by Rev. George L'Heureux and St. Mary's County Board of County Commissioner's issued a Proclamation in honor of 2010 National Police Week.

Seven local officers were honored as Officers of the Year for their dedicated service in 2009. Those officers included:

Deputy Melissa L. Green – St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office  
Sergeant Louis W. Mileto – St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office, Corrections Division  
Trooper Gary A. Thompson – Maryland State Police Leonardtown Barracks  
Public Safety Officer Mary Johnston – St. Mary's College of Maryland, Public Safety  
Officer First Class Timothy Kraemer – Maryland Natural Resources Police  
Trooper First Class Tabitha Mattingly – Maryland State Police Aviation Division  
Deputy Fire Marshall II Caryn L. Moreland – Office of the State Fire Marshall

After the ceremony lunch was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Ned Brinsfield. Wyle, Red-Inc. and SMECO also provided generous donations for the ceremony.