



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Corporal William A. Raddatz was recently selected as the Maryland Sheriff's Association Deputy Sheriff of the Year for Community Service**

On September 14, 2011 at the Maryland Sheriff's and Chief's of Police Annual Training Conference, Detective Corporal William A. Raddatz received the Deputy Sheriff of the Year Award for Community Service from the Maryland Sheriff's Association.

Detective Corporal Raddatz was nominated for the Maryland Sheriff's Award by Captain Terry Black. Captain Black highlight's Detective Corporal Raddatz's accomplishments:

"Beginning in 2002, Corporal Raddatz was instrumental in implementing the "Shop with a Cop Program" in St. Mary's County, Maryland. This program assists the neediest children, within the community, based on family financial criteria. Over the past eight years the program has been able to provide over 1,000 children with the purchase of gifts for themselves and family members during the holiday season as well as "Back to School" clothing and supplies."

"Corporal Raddatz has raised over \$500,000 from individual and local business donations within the community utilizing various fund raisers and resoures, all done on volunteer bases. Corporal Raddatz has brought together nine different law enforcement agencies from the Southern Maryland region to participate in the event each year which his held at the California, Maryland WalMart. The event initially started with approximately 50 children in 2002. Through Corporal Raddatz diligent efforts, the number of children able to participate has risen to over 170, each having approximately \$200 to spend during each Shop with a Cop event. As a result of Cpl. Raddatz's tireless efforts and volunteer service, the program has grown over threefold from its beginning in 2002."

Congratulations Detective Corporal Raddatz!



Sheriff Timothy K. Cameron and Detective Corporal Raddatz