



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **St. Mary's Corporal Clayton Safford Receives "Work Hard and Be Nice" Award**

On November 18, 2010, St. Mary's County Detective Corporal Clayton Safford was selected to receive the St. Mary's County Superintendent of Schools "Work Hard and Be Nice" Award. Corporal Safford is a volunteer School Resource Deputy at Evergreen Elementary School as part of the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office and Board of Education's "Adopt-a-School" program.

Corporal Safford was nominated for the award by Evergreen Elementary School Principal Kim Summers. Principal Summers acknowledged the many hours Corporal Safford spends interacting with the students and faculty. Corporal Safford is often seen out in front of the school greeting students in the morning and helping to load students onto buses in the afternoon. He spends quality time with the students, interacting with them one-on-one, and does so in the cafeteria and on the playground, as well.

On two occasions Corporal Safford's presence and assistance aided staff in addressing concerns of school visitors. Principal Summers lauded Corporal Safford: "The staff knows that if there is ever an incident where they might need your professional assistance, you will be there for them and the students will recognize you as a member of the Evergreen Elementary School team."

"The 'Work Hard and Be Nice' award is my way of recognizing the special efforts of our outstanding employees. Clayton, you are a very deserving recipient, and I heartily congratulate you for earning this tribute." (Dr. Michael J. Martirano, Superintendent of Schools)

"The Adopt-a-School program is doing exactly what we intended, which is to bring together educators, students, parents and law enforcement in a cooperative effort to improve the safety and security of our schools. Corporal Safford's efforts exemplify the vision of this program." (Sheriff Timothy K. Cameron)

Congratulations Corporal Safford.



Corporal Clayton Safford