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## **POLICE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES THE IACP TECHNOLOGY SPECIAL AWARD**

CITY OF WINTER PARK

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**WINTER PARK, Fla. a nationally recognized Crown Community and City Spirit Award winner** (July 25, 2006) –The Winter Park Police Department (WPPD) has won the 2005 International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Law Enforcement Challenge's Technology Special Award for the second year in a row. This award is the only one of its kind given to law enforcement agencies throughout the United States. Each year the WPPD participates in the Law Enforcement Challenge to showcase its award-winning traffic-safety measures with the nation.

This year, the WPPD introduced more top quality traffic safety equipment such as confirmation lights attached to the top of traffic signals that enable officers to identify signal changes from the rear and Electronic Ticket Writers to assist officers in producing more professional traffic citations, reducing time spent at a traffic stop. The use of Variable Message Boards was also featured to warn motorists of road construction, special events, and emergency evacuation routes.

In addition to winning the award, the WPPD was informed by the Florida Department of Transportation that its previous introduction of generators at traffic signal intersections will be used as a model for the construction of future intersections.

The Florida winners of the 2005 Law Enforcement Challenge will be announced on August, 18, 2006, at Walt Disney World Resort®, followed by the national awards ceremony in October in Boston, where the Winter Park Police Department will be nationally recognized.

The IACP is the world's largest nonprofit membership organization of police executives. It was founded in 1893 in Chicago as the National Chiefs of Police Union. The association's goals include advancing the science and art of the police industry, promoting enhanced practices throughout the law enforcement community, and developing cooperation and information exchange among police administrations.

To learn more about the Winter Park Police Department and its many contributions to the community, visit its official Web site at [www.wppd.org](http://www.wppd.org).

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