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WINTER PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT IS AWARDED \$42,000 STEALTH MUSTANG FOR THEIR SAFE-DRIVING ENFORCEMENT INITIATIVES

STEALTH MUSTANG PHOTO OPPORTUNITY
Monday, August 13 – 3 p.m.
Public Safety Facility, 500 North Virginia Avenue

CITY OF WINTER PARK

401 Park Avenue South

Winter Park, Florida

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WINTER PARK, Fla., a nationally recognized Silver Circle Award and National Merit Award winner (August 13, 2007) – In recognition of their successful traffic safety programs, the Winter Park Police Department (WPPD) became the owner a brand new \$30,000 red Mustang coupe at the annual Law Enforcement Challenge (LEC) held at the Omni Rosen Hotel on August 9. The Mustang is fully equipped with \$12,000 of traffic-monitoring technology. For the first time, WPPD is adding unmarked vehicles to their fleet and will use the Mustang as an unmarked car to assist in their efforts to combat aggressive driving in Winter Park.

According to Winter Park Deputy Police Chief Bill McEachnie, “This vehicle will certainly facilitate our ability to identify and apprehend aggressive drivers. We will use any opportunity to make sure our roads are as safe as possible for vehicular and pedestrian traffic.”

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the Institute of Police Technology and Management (IPTM) host the annual LEC as a means to evaluate which traffic safety initiatives are most effective. The LEC program recognizes agencies for their commitment to making the community safer by conducting traffic enforcement, education and awareness, and public information campaigns.

In order to participate, Florida law enforcement agencies must complete a lengthy application detailing the efforts they have made in the previous year to help reduce the number of traffic accidents, red-light violations and other traffic safety related issues. The entries are judged by out-of-state officials who select first, second and third place winners among agencies of similar size. The WPPD has placed in the top two positions of their category for the past seven years. They obtained 10,000 points for traffic safety efforts, placing them in the top two positions again this year.

Along with WPPD, twelve additional top-performing agencies were given an opportunity to participate in a lucky key drawing for the new stealth Mustang. After choosing the lucky key, WPPD Sergeant John Bologna placed the key in the ignition and the car started. The flashing lights came on and a roar of celebration from the WPPD could be heard throughout the building.

For more information regarding the City of Winter Park Police Department and the annual Law Enforcement Challenge, please contact Sergeant Pam Marcum at 321-303-5898, or visit the department’s official Web site at www.wppd.org.

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