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OCEAN CITY POLICE RECEIVE GOVERNORS CRIME PREVENTION AWARD

On December 8, 2009, the Maryland Community Crime Prevention Institute held its 30th Annual Governor's Crime Prevention Awards luncheon. The Ocean City Police Department received a Governor's Crime Prevention Award for outstanding Proactive Crime Prevention Programs in Maryland.

The OCPD was recognized for its innovative use of internet based "social media" such as "Twitter", "YouTube", "Blog" and community based email outreach program to keep citizens informed of relevant and up to date public safety and crime prevention information.

The OCPD Community Outreach Email and Social Media Programs have become a huge success throughout the Ocean City Community.

By posting public safety and crime prevention information on twitter, Facebook, YouTube and the OCPD Official Blog the Police department is using technology to provide citizens with relevant crime and public safety information in a matter of seconds. In addition, press releases are emailed to participants of the program that detail police involved incidents that are happening in the communities in which they live and the neighborhoods they visit.

Ocean City Police Chief Bernadette A. DiPino, Public Affairs Specialist Jessica King and PFC Michael Levy were in attendance to accept the award from the institute. Chief DiPino remarked, "We will continue to exploit available technology to facilitate the dissemination of information to the citizens of Ocean City, because a well informed citizen; is the best form of crime prevention."

For current crime prevention tips and news, please visit our blog at: <http://ocpdmdinfo.blogspot.com> and you can follow us on Twitter at: <http://twitter.com/ocpdmdinfo> and our official YouTube channel at: www.youtube.com/user/ocpdmd.



Pictured from left to right: OCPD Public Affairs Specialist Jessica King, OCPD Chief Bernadette A. DiPino and Public Safety and Correctional Services Secretary **Gary D. Maynard**

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Quite often, citizens' hunches turn out to be valuable information to us. If you have information that you feel we should know, we encourage you to leave us e-mail. OCPD@ococan.com

For additional public safety information, go to the Official OCPD Blog at: <http://ocpdmdinfo.blogspot.com> or view real-time public safety advisories on "Twitter" by searching OCPDMDInfo.