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OCPD Officers Recognized for Lifesaving Traffic Safety Efforts

The Ocean City Police Department is pleased to announce that Sgt. Douglas Collier and PFC Alan Hawk have received the designation of Traffic Safety Specialist -I (TSS-I) from the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commissions (MPCTC). The TSS program recognizes police officers for their experience, training and proficiency in traffic safety enforcement operations and is open to all officers, deputies and troopers in the State of Maryland.

"We are very proud of Sgt. Collier and PFC Hawk and their achievement of reaching the designation of TSS-I," said Chief Bernadette DiPino. "Effective traffic enforcement translates to fewer crashes, fewer injuries and fewer deaths on our roadways. Traffic safety is public safety and we congratulate Sgt. Collier and PFC Hawk on their very distinguished achievement."



Sponsored as a joint partnership between the MPCTC, the Maryland Chiefs of Police Association, the Maryland Sheriffs Association, and the Maryland Highway Safety Office, the TSS program is a multi-tiered program that recognizes officers for their advancing achievements in traffic safety. To qualify for the TSS Level I Designation, an officer must have at least two years of independent patrol experience and must be certified in Speed Detection Equipment and Standardized Field Sobriety Testing procedures. In addition, the officer seeking a TSS-I designation must have achieved at least 16 hours of advanced traffic safety-related training and completed a series of electives intended to demonstrate the officer's continuing commitment to traffic safety.

For more information on Maryland's TSS Program, please contact Sgt. Douglas Collier at 410-520-5320 or by e-mail at dcollier@oceancitymd.gov

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