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Bismarck Police Department Officers Receive Awards at Traffic Safety Summit in Bismarck

Bismarck Police Department's Officers Colt Bohn and Officer Damien Girodat were presented with awards last week during the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) Annual Traffic Safety Partner Summit in Bismarck. Officer Bohn was presented with the *2015 Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Officer of the Year* award, while both Officer Bohn and Officer Girodat received the *Beyond the Traffic Stop* award.

The *2015 DRE Officer of the Year* is presented to the officer who excels in conducting evaluations, active in promoting the DRE program within their agency and provides education and awareness to their peers and community about the dangers of drug use and drugged driving. The *Beyond the Traffic Stop* award honors officers who made exceptional cases by using their enforcement and investigational skills during a routine traffic stop.

"With Officer Bohn's traffic safety training and nearly six years of experience, he was able to keep North Dakota roads safe by further investigating a routine traffic stop that led to the seizure of over 25 pounds of marijuana," states Sergeant Tim Krous, Bismarck Police Department. "In addition, Officer Girodat used his years of expertise in traffic safety to elicit the arrests of two individuals manufacturing drugs and child abuse/neglect. They both take pride in accomplishing our department's mission to preserve Bismarck's quality of life and keep the roads safe."

Other traffic safety awards presented during the Summit were *2015 Officer of the Year*, *Traffic Safety Honor Roll*, *Traffic Safety Media Award*, and recognition of those officers receiving Commemorative Coins. NDDOT Deputy Director for Driver and Vehicle Services, Mark Nelson, and Chief Justice Gerald VandeWalle of the North Dakota Supreme Court presented the winners with awards (photo attached).

Nominations can be submitted by any law enforcement personnel and are reviewed by a team at NDDOT.

For more information on traffic safety efforts to reduce motor vehicle deaths and serious injuries in North Dakota, visit www.codefortheroad.com.