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**December 1, 2016**

**Denise Hanchulak**  
**American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators**  
**Program Director, Certification & Standards**  
**AAMVA**  
**4401 Wilson Blvd, Suite 700**  
**Arlington, VA 22203**

**Dear Ms. Hanchulak:**

**The State of West Virginia is proud to nominate Russell K. Ryder, of the Winfield Regional DMV Office, as the 2016 AAMVA IDEC Examiner of the Year.**

**Mr. Ryder began his career as a Driver Examiner with the West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles in March of 2010. The enclosed recommendation will show that Mr. Ryder exceeds expectations while performing the duties of a Certified Driver Examiner and upholds the examiner professional code of ethics.**

**Mr. Ryder represents our agency in a professional manner at all times and is an outstanding role model for new employees and his peers. Mr. Ryder performs his duties in a knowledgeable, courteous, and objective manner; therefore, we are recognizing him as West Virginia's 2016 Certified Driver Examiner of the Year.**

**Sincerely,**

**William D. Totten, Deputy Commissioner**  
**West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles**

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**Enclosures**



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December 5, 2016

**William D. Totten**  
5707 MacCorkle Ave, SE  
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Dear Deputy Commissioner Totten:

Our nomination for the Driver Examiner of the Year from the Winfield Regional Division of Motor Vehicles is Russell K. Ryder. Rusty has been with the Division of Motor Vehicles in Winfield since March 2010. From the time he started with the DMV he let us know of his interest in the Driver Examination section of our office. He had the CDE/CME training in September 2011 and became a Certified Driver Examiner in September 2012.

Rusty has had the highest number of Driver Skills Tests in our office for the past four years. He always performs the examiner duties in a responsible manner and is always courteous to our customers. Rusty knows that this time in an individual's life is a milestone for new drivers, as well as a livelihood for others as they are getting back and forth to employment. He will always explain to the new drivers and their guardians their individual responsibilities with the given restrictions, if any, for their class of license. He will also advise the individuals testing, which skills they need to be practicing on to become a safe licensed driver in our state. Rusty has many requests for him to administer the test because his reputation among young testers precedes him. He is known, even by applicants that have failed to be calm, patient, kind and consistent.

Sincerely,

**Jill Patterson**  
Transportation Services Manager  
Winfield Regional Office  
Division of Motor Vehicles

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