

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 24, 2017

Contact:

Claire Jeffrey, Communications and Multimedia Manager, AAMVA

cjeffrey@aamva.org

Retired Missouri State Highway Patrol Colonel Receives Prestigious Achievement Award

Arlington, VA - The American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA) presented Retired Colonel Ronald K. Replogle, formerly with the Missouri State Highway Patrol, with the 2017 AAMVA Martha Irwin Award for Lifetime Achievement in Highway Safety, Law Enforcement Category. Replogle was presented with his award at the 2017 AAMVA Annual International Conference in San Francisco, California, August 21-23. This award is presented to a distinguished individual in recognition of his or her commitment to and accomplishments in highway safety over the course of his or her career.

Colonel Replogle served and protected the people of Missouri as a trooper from 1984 until he retired in 2015. He served as colonel of the Missouri State Highway Patrol from March 1, 2010 to May 1, 2015. Replogle also served on a number of highway safety-oriented committees and boards. During his tenure, statewide fatality totals decreased by seven percent. Mothers Against Drunk Driving named the Missouri State Highway Patrol as its 2010 Outstanding Enforcement Agency, which occurred during his tenure; and Ron later served on the MADD National Board of Directors. Replogle also served on the AAMVA International Board of Directors from 2011-2015. Last year, he joined the staff of Mothers Against Drunk Driving as the national law enforcement initiatives manager.

“Retired Colonel Ronald Replogle has been a leader in highway safety over his distinguished career with the Missouri State Highway Patrol,” said AAMVA President and CEO, Anne Ferro. “His passion and dedication to reducing injuries and fatalities on the roads is what makes him such a deserving candidate for the Martha Irwin Award for Lifetime Achievement in Highway Safety.”

AAMVA’s awards program fosters a tradition of excellence in the motor vehicle and law enforcement community by honoring individuals, teams, and organizations who have committed their time and resources to safety initiatives, outstanding customer service, and public affairs and consumer educational programs throughout North America. The Martha Irwin Award for Lifetime Achievement in Highway Safety is presented annually to an AAMVA member jurisdiction employee, or other individual whose primary function is directly associated with highway and traffic safety efforts. An award is presented for achievement in highway safety in Motor Vehicle Administration and one for achievement in highway safety in Law Enforcement. Each year, AAMVA receives numerous outstanding submissions in each category and through a

rigorous judging process selects those that are exemplary. The Martha Irwin Awards are presented at our Annual International Conference in August.

Founded in 1933, AAMVA serves North American motor vehicle and law enforcement agencies to accomplish their missions. The association's vision of *Safe Drivers, Safe Vehicles, Secure Identities, Saving Lives* guides AAMVA's activities, resources, and programs in driver licensing, vehicle titling/registration, motor carrier services, identity management, and technology solutions. For more information about AAMVA and its awards program, please visit our website at www.AAMVA.org.

****AAMVA****