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### **Tennessee Highway Patrol Colonel Receives Prestigious Achievement Award**

**Arlington, VA** - The American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA) presented Colonel Tracy Trott of the Tennessee Highway Patrol (THP) with the 2016 AAMVA Martha Irwin Award for Lifetime Achievement in Highway Safety, Law Enforcement Category. Trott was presented with his award at the 2016 AAMVA Annual International Conference in Williamsburg, Virginia, August 16-18. 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 Trott began his career with the Tennessee Highway Patrol in 1978 as a road trooper, before ascending the ranks to his current position as the commander of the THP forces. He spearheaded and passed legislation in the past year to double the fine for failure to use a seat belt. The Tennessee Highway Patrol, under his guidance and leadership, has developed the first of its kind predictive analytics program to reduce and prevent serious injury and fatality crashes. Tennessee has experienced five out of the six lowest years in fatality numbers under his administration dating back to 1963 when miles driven were one-fifth of what they are today. Colonel Trott also led an effort to develop and build the first in the nation Traffic Incident Management training facility to teach and promote traffic incident management in all first responder disciplines.

“Colonel Tracy Trott has been dedicated to highway safety over his distinguished career with the Tennessee Highway Patrol,” said AAMVA President and CEO, Anne Ferro. “His advocacy and dedication to reducing injuries and fatalities on the roads and his commitment to improving traffic incident management 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](http://www.AAMVA.org).

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