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### **SUFFOLK POLICE OFFICER RECEIVES MADD AWARD**

SUFFOLK, VA (September 11, 2019) Suffolk Police Master Police Officer Clifton Sessoms was honored at the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Regional Law Enforcement Awards Dinner hosted by MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers) Virginia, the Chesapeake ASAP (Alcohol Safety Action Programs), Peninsula ASAP, and Southeastern Virginia ASAP. The event was held on Tuesday, September 10, 2019, in Portsmouth, Virginia, and recognized local law enforcement officers and agencies for their work in reducing drunk driving.

MPO Sessoms ended the year with a total of 127 DUI arrests which was the highest number for all law enforcement agencies in the region.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving has been at the forefront of advocating for stricter DUI policies and their mission since 1980 has been to stop drunk drivers, support victims of such crimes, and to prevent underage drinking. Statistically, every 48 minutes a fatality occurs involving a drunk driver.

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