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### **SUFFOLK POLICE DEPARTMENT TOP COP HONORED**

SUFFOLK, VA (November 7, 2018) Suffolk Police Officer Clifton E. Sessoms, Jr. was honored as the Suffolk Police Department's Top Cop at the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Greater Hampton Roads Regional Crime Lines Inc. Dinner & Top Cop Awards held in Virginia Beach, Virginia on Saturday, November 3, 2018.

As his awards nomination letter noted, Officer Sessoms' work ethic has been nothing short of outstanding in 2017. Officer Sessoms is currently assigned to the Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Task Force Unit that is grant funded by the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles. Officer Sessoms completed and re-certified as one of only three Drug Recognition Experts (DRE) in the entire Hampton Roads area. He was honored by the Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD) Organization as the Officer with the most DUI arrests from the City of Suffolk during 2016 and 2017. Officer Sessoms was the 3<sup>rd</sup> Officer with the highest arrests in the Hampton Roads area only behind 2 Virginia Beach Officers.

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During 2017, Officer Sessoms conducted 196 Standard Field Sobriety Tests (SFST) resulting in 70 DUI arrests, 61 Open Container of Alcohol violations, 33 Refusal to Submit Breath/Alcohol Test violations and 4 Underage Drinking violations. He assisted Street Patrol Officers with 14 DUI arrests and provided 25 Drug Recognition Evaluations to assist other Officers in Driving Under the Influence of Drugs (DUID) arrests.

Officers Sessoms is also well versed in other traffic and criminal enforcement initiatives with the City. His proactive enforcement resulted in summonses for 696 speeding violations, 76 reckless driving violations, 35 seatbelt violations, 72 fail to obey highway sign violations, 33 vehicle inspection violations, 39 drive without license violations, 74 driving while revoked/suspended license violations (31 DUI related), 3 no vehicle insurance violations, 1 child safety seat violation, 31 vehicle registration violations, 23 equipment violations and 60 miscellaneous violations. Officer Sessoms' efforts also resulted in 15 felony arrests, 38 misdemeanor drug arrests, 27 weapons related arrests, and 20 warrant arrests.

The Greater Hampton Roads Regional Crime Lines Inc. Top Cop Awards honor Police Officers and others who have demonstrated a commitment to a safer Hampton Roads community. Award recipients are leaders and role models for both their peers and their community. A total of 16 Top Cops were named from law enforcement agencies across the Hampton Roads area during the event.

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