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**West Virginia Trooper of the Year Announced**

Senior Trooper Brandon R. Moore was named the 2009 Trooper of the Year Saturday at Morgantown's Lakeview Resort and Conference Center during the annual West Virginia Troopers Association (WVTA) Conference.

Moore was responsible for 37 felony drug investigations resulting in the seizure of over \$17,000 in illicit drugs and multiple seizures of U.S. currency. He also organized and conducted a drug roundup operation in Mingo County in February of 2009 which led to the arrest of more than 60 individuals and 162 felony charges according to 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Brian M. Brown, the District II commander who oversees the Williamson Detachment in Mingo County where Moore works.

Troopers are nominated for the award by their superior officers and others having first hand, direct knowledge of their job performance. The nominations are then reviewed by an awards selection committee consisting of the West Virginia State Police Superintendent, the WVTA Executive Board and WVTA Board of Directors who select the Trooper of the Year. Troopers of the Year recipients receive \$1,500 in cash and a plaque honoring their achievement.

“Senior Trooper Moore is a self reliant, self motivated and selfless in the performance of his duties,” said Brown in his nomination submission. “He serves the West Virginia State Police and the citizens of the state with pride, respect and the belief that what he is doing makes a difference in the community.”

During 2009 Moore received 11 letters of commendation for his professionalism, performance and productivity.

Four other West Virginia State Troopers were honored as 2009 Trooper of the Year Achievement Winners for their outstanding service and dedication to public safety. This year's achievement winners were:

**Trooper James K. Harris – Logan Detachment**  
**Senior Trooper Joshua P. Eldridge – Winfield Detachment**  
**Corporal Frederick L. Hammack II – Spencer Detachment**  
**Senior Trooper Ricardo A. Phillips – Huntington Detachment**

“The Troopers Association gives special thanks to these outstanding Troopers, and to all the West Virginia State Troopers who work diligently every day to keep our great state safe,” said Trooper's Association President John W. Smith, Jr.

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