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### **Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Yearly Law Enforcement Recognition**

On Saturday, April 18, 2009, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) California State Organization hosted their annual Statewide Law Enforcement & Community Recognition Dinner in Sacramento. The purpose of the recognition dinner was to honor those people throughout the state – from law enforcement agencies to media personnel – who contribute to the fight against drunk driving.

This year, the Redding Police Department was honored to nominate **Officers Chris Smyrnos and Jacob Provencio** as our recipients for this prestigious award.

This past year, Officers Smyrnos and Provencio were assigned in our Traffic Unit as a DUI Specialist. During this time, they were instrumental in helping our agency reprioritize the arrest of those driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs. The efforts of Officers Smyrnos and Provencio contributed to the overall success our Patrol Division had in identifying and arresting these offenders, evident by the rise in the number of DUI arrests from 616 in 2006 to 1010 in 2007, a 64 percent increase.

Officer Provencio led the department with 109 DUI arrests over the last 12 months, followed closely by Officer Smyrnos, who made 105 DUI arrests. They assisted with DUI checkpoints, conducted DUI warrant sweeps, probation checks, and did surveillance and searches on habitual offenders.

Curtailing the number of traffic collisions caused by those who drive under the influence continues to be a significant concern of the Redding Police Department. Officers Smyrnos and Provencio have shown an exemplary effort during this past year to support our goal, and we would like to thank them for their continued dedication and hard work in making our community a safe place to live.

A photograph of the officers receiving their awards at the MADD event can be viewed at [www.reddingpolice.org](http://www.reddingpolice.org).

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