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Va. Capitol Police officer named a MADD Hero for 2024

RICHMOND – Breanna Saunders, a young officer with the Virginia Division of Capitol Police who has quickly distinguished herself for her efforts to combat drunken driving, has been selected as a MADD Hero by the Virginia chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

Saunders was honored Thursday December 12th, 2024, and is one of the officers from across the state to be honored by the Virginia chapter of MADD with the MADD Virginia Law Enforcement Award. The ceremony took place at noon, at the DoubleTree by Hilton at 1021 Koger Center Boulevard in Chesterfield County.

“It’s hard to put into words just how proud we are of Officer Saunders,” said Col. John T. McKee, the Capitol Police chief. “Stopping someone from driving while they are drunk or under the influence of drugs is critical to saving lives on the roadways in Virginia.”

Saunders joined Capitol Police in June 2023 after graduating from the 100th Basic Law Enforcement Academy of the Crater Criminal Justice Training Academy. While at the academy, Saunders earned the physical fitness improvement award for her progress during the six-month session and was voted the class secretary/treasurer by her peers.

Last month, Saunders was named the rookie of the year by Capitol Police.

“Officer Saunders has done a commendable job of demonstrating her commitment to the division’s core values of Devotion, Character and Professionalism,” McKee said. “She has worked hard in many areas, including keeping our streets safer.”



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