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## **MC Officer Parling of the Michigan State Police Lakeview Post to receive award from Governor's Traffic Safety Advisory Commission**

MC Ofcr. Mickey Parling of the Michigan State Police (MSP) Lakeview Post, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division (CVED), is being recognized by the Governor's Traffic Safety Advisory Commission (GTSAC) for helping to reduce and eliminate traffic crashes involving commercial vehicles.

He will be honored during the Traffic Safety Awards Virtual Ceremony, via Microsoft Teams, at 10 a.m., Tuesday, May 24, 2022. The GTSAC recognizes organizations, programs and individuals for their involvement in traffic safety.

As an Outstanding Traffic Safety Achievement Award recipient, MC Officer Parling is commended for unparalleled patrol activities as well as his mentoring and mask initiatives.

Potentially hazardous commercial vehicles traveling the roadways significantly increase the risk of traffic crashes. MC Officer Parling set extensive and measurable monthly goals to seek out vehicles with the greatest risk of harm to the motoring public. Since the COVID-19 restrictions were lifted, he has been able to produce unmatched activity.

His efforts were expanded by creating and implementing a mentoring program that bridges the gap for officers wanting to develop stronger and more refined skills pertaining to commercial vehicle enforcement.

"This program has been well received and assisted multiple officers to expand their abilities in identifying, inspecting, properly documenting critical safety violations with the potential to be imminent hazards, and removing them from the roadways," said Lt. David Haynes in nominating the officer.

In addition to the mentoring program, MC Officer Parling requested additional masks to provide directly to commercial drivers at the height of the pandemic, which created an opportunity for him to meet and communicate with them.

The GTSAC was formed in 2002 to serve as the state's forum for identifying key traffic safety challenges and developing and implementing plans to address those issues. The commission includes representatives from the MSP and the departments of Transportation, Education, State, and Health & Human Services, as well as the Office of the Governor, the Aging and Adult Services Agency, and the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning. There are also three representatives from local government appointed by the governor.

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