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Captain Perry Huffman Named Police Supervisor of the Year



Perry Huffman, Police Captain at the Hot Springs VA Medical Center has been selected as Police Supervisor of the Year for 2011- Medium Size Facility, by the Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Security and Law Enforcement.

In his position as police operations supervisor at the Hot Springs VAMC, VA Black Hills Health Care System, Captain Huffman is dedicated to the safety and security of all employees, patients and visitors and has played a large role in the success of the VA Black Hills police department which was recognized in 2011 after a compliance inspection with the highest possible rating. In February 2011, while traveling between VA medical centers, he saved the life of a mentally impaired child who was wandering into on-coming interstate traffic. He was also recognized by “NY Says Thank You” Foundation as a hero who saved a drowning child and was given the privilege of stitching the US flag flown at Ground

Zero on 9/11 while the flag was at Mt. Rushmore. He also assisted US Marshals in the capture of a fugitive felon sex offender. Captain Huffman served as Acting Police Chief at Tomah VAMC in Wisconsin in November-December 2011, where he made an invaluable impact on the success of that department.

“We are very proud of Captain Huffman and his accomplishments, and are pleased that he has been recognized for his courage and dedication”, said Steve DiStasio, Director. “The VA Black Hills is indeed fortunate to have someone of Captain Huffman’s caliber on our staff.”

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