



# WHAT'S WORKING

A Message from  
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## We're Safe Behind The Wheel, Too

### *DJJ Gets Virginia State Police Award For Fewest Preventable Crashes*

In FY2017, DJJ employees drove 408,846 miles during their daily work serving our youth, and did not have a single preventable crash, proving that we are taking seriously our guiding principle of “Safety” not only in the workplace, but behind the wheel as well.

Since 1948, the Virginia State Police (VSP) have taken note of such achievements by bestowing their Interdepartmental Safety Program award as part of their Uniform Accident Prevention Program. This year, DJJ won the award in the 100,000-500,000 miles category.

“It really began as a friendly competition between agencies to



*Virginia State Police Superintendent Col. Gary Settle congratulates DJJ Procurement and Logistics Manager Garry Barnes, who accepted a plaque noting our achievement of having the fewest preventable crashes per 100,000 miles among agencies in the 100,000-500,000 mile category.*



see who could have the fewest accidents involving state-owned motor vehicles,” says VSP Lt. Matthew Patterson, whose agency chairs the Uniform Accident Prevention Committee (UAPC). “It has grown into a much more formal recognition in which we award agencies every year in four categories for excellent driving.”

The purpose of the program is to emphasize the importance of safe driving, develop a sense of responsibility among all employees in the operation of state-owned vehicles, create awareness of the need to drive defensively at all times, and foster

a spirit of competition among state agencies and employees operating state-owned vehicles.

Whenever a state-owned vehicle is involved in a crash, it's classified as preventable, not preventable, or an incident. The accident review committee then recommends any necessary remedial training to help prevent future accidents.

As this recognition shows, our guiding principles of safety, connection, purpose and fairness extend to all aspects of the work we do. Congratulations to everyone for the excellent driving record. Keep up the good work.