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**MADD GEORGIA HONORS LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS  
COMMITTED TO HIGHWAY SAFETY AT ITS “PARTNERS FOR LIFE” AWARDS PROGRAM**

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FORSYTH, GEORGIA - Georgia Public Safety Training Center.

MADD Georgia honored law enforcement officers and agencies for their efforts to stop drunk driving, prevent underage drinking and support the victims of this violent crime at its annual Law Enforcement Awards Recognition Program. The theme for the 2005 program was “Partners for LIFE”. Mr. Ricky Rich of the Governor’s Office Of Highway Safety delivered the keynote address.



The first DUI victim road signs in the nation were unveiled at the event. Signs have a deceased victim’s name on it at no charge to the victim’s family. The sign is a huge win for DUI victims in Georgia putting a human face on a violent, tragic and senseless crime that is committed too frequently and is easily preventable.

Signs are currently available only to crimes committed AFTER May 13, 2004, the day Governor Perdue signed the legislation. State Representative Ben Bridges acknowledged that many victims whose crime occurred before the date may want a sign. At this time it is unknown if an amendment will be introduced to permit families who wish to purchase a sign for past crimes to do so at their own expense. Families should contact their local legislator if they wish to support such an amendment.

No victim’s name has been formally placed on a sign as of yet. Applications for DOT approval are still pending.

”Please remember that even though most of us will never have a sign placed where our loved ones were killed, they will never be forgotten-- ever”, said [Cynthia C. Hagain, State Victim Services Coordinator](#).

Families seeking more information should contact Ms. Hagain, at (404) 223-3331 or toll free (888) 833-6033 or by email at [cchagain@maddga.org](mailto:cchagain@maddga.org)

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**About MADD Georgia:** MADD is the premiere organization working to stop drunk driving, support the victims of this violent crime and prevent underage drinking. MADD is a 501(c) 3 charity with approximately 600 chapters and 2 million members nationwide.

Nearly 270,000 lives have been saved since MADD’s founding in 1980. Media/Press interested in furthering the program should contact Grant Hawkins at (706) 506-5134 or by email [ghawkins@maddga.org](mailto:ghawkins@maddga.org) ,or Monica Coleman at (678) 904-1608 or by email [monica.coleman@madd.org](mailto:monica.coleman@madd.org) .