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PSC Transportation Enforcement Officer Graduates from State Police Academy with High Honors

Sam Daugherty, a Public Service Commission Transportation Enforcement Officer, recently became the first officer currently serving in the agency to graduate from the West Virginia State Police Academy. During the 148th Basic Class commencement ceremony on December 23, 2011, Daugherty, who received the highest Grade Point Average in his class was honored as Valedictorian. He was also chosen by his classmates and the Academy staff to receive the Carl E. Kocher Outstanding Officer Award which is awarded to the graduate who has gone above and beyond during their Academy experience, excelling in all areas including skills training, academics and physical ability.

“I feel extremely fortunate and honored to have had this opportunity. I will be able to apply the skills I developed at the State Police Academy when making traffic stops with commercial vehicles and continue to work to keep West Virginia roads safe,” said Daugherty.

“Receiving both of these honors is truly a very rare accomplishment and it took a tremendous amount of effort and sacrifice from both Officer Daugherty and his family. It is truly an honor to serve in the same organization with Sam. Without reservation I know he will use his Academy experience to bring an even higher level of service to the citizens of West Virginia,” said Gary Edgell, Director of the PSC Transportation Enforcement Division.

Daugherty, who works in the Fairmont area, was first hired as a PSC Transportation Enforcement Officer in January 2003 and continued his work until November 2010. After a brief absence, Daugherty was rehired in March 2011. State Legislation was passed in 2007 requiring all newly employed officers to successfully complete Law Enforcement Certification at the West Virginia State Police Academy, if they had not previously been certified. Daugherty was the first officer hired after the Legislation passed required to attend the State Police Academy.

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