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To: Assistant Chief Chris Crossen  
  
From: Sergeant David Saylor  
  
Re: 2024 Traffic Officer of the Year

The selected awardee has repeatedly proven himself through his tireless efforts to maintain orderliness on Dalton's roads.

Amongst many notable accomplishments, one cannot overlook his stance against drunk driving. By addressing many DUI-related offenses, he effectively deterred individuals from engaging in such dangerous behavior, safeguarding lives within the community. Furthermore, his relentless pursuit of speeding violators underscores his dedication to promoting adherence to traffic regulations, which could prevent severe injuries or loss of life due to high-speed collisions.

He has demonstrated exceptional proficiency in combating distracted driving, a pervasive issue plaguing modern society. Additionally, his involvement in enforcing occupant protection laws exemplified his concern for driver and passenger welfare, reflecting a holistic approach to traffic safety.

Beyond direct enforcement activities, He played an integral role in educating the public about responsible driving practices. He actively participated in various events organized by the department, providing knowledge about traffic safety to audiences of diverse age groups. Such initiatives are crucial for fostering safer driving habits among motorists across all demographics.

It is our pleasure to recognize Officer Ruben Ruiz as the recipient of the 2024 Traffic Officer of the Year Award.