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Chatham County Sheriff's Office deputy awarded for DUI arrests

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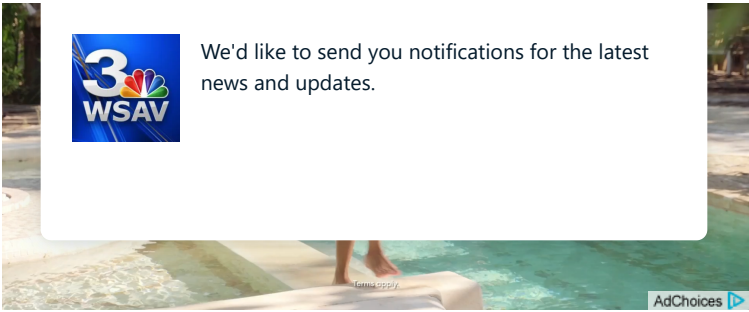
CHAHTAM COUNTY, Ga. (WSAV) — A Chatham County Sheriff's Office deputy was awarded for his commitment to keeping Georgia's roads safe from impaired drivers by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) and Governor's Office of Highway Safety.

Deputy Rodheem Greene with CCSO's K-9 and traffic unit said he's always had a passion for law enforcement since he was a young child, but his goal to keep impaired drivers off the road became personal seven years ago.

On Thanksgiving night in 2019, Greene was crossing the intersection of East Henry Street and Harman Street, when an impaired driver blew through a red light and hit him on the driver side door.

"I was blessed because I've worked so many scenes where vehicle turnovers don't end in the way of me being able to get drug out and not have any broken bones and still be alive today," said Greene.





Ever since then, Greene said he's been focused on keeping Georgia roads safe. Now, after making 100 DUI arrests in 2025, he's received MADD's award for DUI Achievement at their 22nd annual Golden Shield Honors last month.

Larry Coggins, regional executive director of MADD Georgia said the annual event showcases the "best of the best" in saving lives and working to reduce the number of people killed in Georgia because of an impaired driver.

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"MADD's recognition of these heroes along with the training provided at no burden to the taxpayer are proven counter measures to save lives, create a safer Georgia, and end impaired driving," said Coggins.

Greene said it was an honor to win the award, but he sees it as an overall team effort.

According to CCSO's Statistics department the sheriff's office had over 850 DUI arrests in the past year. Chief Deputy McArthur Holmes said Green's achievement is a motivator to continue doing what they do.

"If you just get one, it could be that you saved a life," said Holmes.

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