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Exemplary Public Safety Efforts by an Individual Award Trooper Prendi V. Garcia

Nominated by Captain W. F. Landon.

Captain W. F. Landon wrote:

Trooper Prendi V. Garcia was appointed to the Maryland State Police in July 2002. Upon graduation from the Police Academy, he was assigned to Barrack "I", Easton. Within his assigned geographical area of responsibility for patrol exists Caroline County. In recent years there has been a tremendous influx of Hispanic speaking persons and Hispanic migrant workers in northern Caroline County.

Along with all of Trooper Garcia's attributes, he is bilingual in English and Spanish. As such, he and his ability to communicate with numerous non-English speaking immigrants have become essential with regards to numerous issues and incidents involving Hispanic citizens living in Caroline County, Maryland.

Above and beyond his expected dedication to duty as a Maryland State Trooper, Prendi Garcia has become an integral part of the Hispanic community previously mentioned. He is sought out both professionally and personally for his knowledge of the Hispanic citizens, their traits, habits, beliefs, and customs as they come into contact with non-Spanish speaking members of federal, state, county and municipal government entities. Trooper Garcia is often sought out for translation services for

instances that have little or nothing to do from a law enforcement perspective. On many occasions, specifically during calendar year 2004, Trooper Garcia has provided assistance to, with, and for the Hispanic community without remuneration.

Trooper Garcia constantly volunteers his efforts and time assisting Hispanic citizens that require help. His generosity, kindness, and commitment to a fair treatment of those he serves and protects has resulted in a positive influence on the Hispanic community. He serves as a leader, role model, and friend to many persons who otherwise would have no guidance.

Trooper Prendi Garcia and his unyielding commitment to the Hispanic community has and will continue to improve the quality of life for persons who have chosen to live in Maryland, and in most instances become hard-working citizens of the United State and Maryland. For some Hispanic persons, this would not be possible without Trooper Prendi V. Garcia.



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