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POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD

PURCELLVILLE, Va. September 10, 2020 —The Purcellville Police Department is pleased to announce Officer Joshua Calhoun as the recipient of the Officer of the Year Award. This award is chosen by an anonymous vote by all members of the Purcellville Police Department. Officer Calhoun was selected for his willingness to always help those in need, dedication to his fellow officers and Department, his positive attitude, readiness to take on new projects, and proactive community engagement. Officer Calhoun currently serves as the Training Coordinator for the Department, and also received the Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Award last year for the highest number of DUI arrests. Please join us in congratulating Officer Calhoun for all his hard work!



**Chief Cynthia McAlister, Officer Joshua Calhoun, and Operations Lieutenant Barry Dufek
(left to right)**

The Town of Purcellville, Virginia

“Purcellville-your small Town, where history and progress intersect and people prosper,” is an award-winning town of over 10,000 residents located in Loudoun County, approximately 50 miles west of Washington, DC. Having received the

prestigious Siemens Sustainability Award for Small Communities, Purcellville continues to be honored for its green initiatives with most recently being the Tree City USA recipient for the 12th year. The Town was reaffirmed as a AAA rated community by S&P Global Ratings, the highest credit rating possible, and is recognized as one of the safest towns in Virginia. Once a stop along the W&OD rail line, which has been converted to a multi-use trail from Alexandria, VA to Purcellville, the Town has maintained its historic old-town feel through the restoration and maintenance of its many downtown structures, reflecting the Victorian architecture popular during the early 1900s. Today, Purcellville is the economic hub of western Loudoun County and a popular weekend destination for antiquing, equestrian activities, farmer's markets, wineries, breweries, distilleries and restaurants. More info at www.purcellvilleva.gov.

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