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## **LaGrange Police Department and Chief Dekmar Honored for Law Enforcement Excellence**

***LaGrange, Ga. August 4, 2020*** – The LaGrange Police Department and Chief Lou Dekmar are being honored by the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police (GACP) for its community outreach program.

LPD and Chief Dekmar received first runner-up for the 2020 Dr. Curtis E. McClung/Motorala Award for Excellence for its Community Outreach/Trust Building program. LPD received the award July 20th.

This award honors achievements in innovative programs for community outreach that:

- Have an impact on a department's mission, goals and objectives,
- Have widespread implications on community/department and the law enforcement profession,
- Most effectively utilizes or deploys resources to accomplish a stated goal,
- Affects quality of life issues of the community,
- Impacts professionalism in law enforcement,
- Promotes community and media relations,
- Enhances the spirit of cooperation among agencies of multiple jurisdictions, and

- Addresses an operational challenge (i.e., natural disaster, unique crime problem, etc.).

The Curtis E. McClung Award, which is co-sponsored by the Motorola Corporation, is given annually to an agency in recognition of an innovative program initiated by the department that fosters law enforcement excellence.

Oglethorpe Police Department was named as the award recipient this year with the Southwest Georgia Community Policing Resource Center. The Marietta Police Department was also honored as an additional runner-up for its community relation program, the ASSIST program.

Both runner-ups received \$500 to foster the growth of those very professional community relations programs.

This prestigious award is named after Dr. Curtis McClung of Columbus, who is credited with bringing Georgia's law enforcement community into the modern era while also assisting the GACP in its pursuit of excellence, especially with respect to management training.

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