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## GA DNR LE Director Colonel Eddie Henderson Wins Governor's Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Profession



Forsyth, GA— Governor Nathan Deal presented Georgia Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division Director Colonel Eddie Henderson with the Governor's Award for Outstanding Contributions to his Profession at a ceremony yesterday at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center in Forsyth.

The Governor's Award for Contribution to Profession recognizes an individual which serves to enhance the public safety profession. The nominee must have a minimum of 25 years of service and be someone who has made a significant contribution to the betterment of their profession.

Before becoming Director of the Law Enforcement Division at the Georgia DNR in 2011, Colonel Henderson worked his way up through all the ranks in the Division, beginning as a Conservation Ranger (aka Game Warden) in 1982, giving him a great perspective on the duties at all levels.

He currently heads the Division of 190 Game Wardens and 19 non-POST (Peace Officer Standards and Training) support personnel, which includes coastal and aviation operations. During his career, he has been instrumental in developing the agency's K-9 program, the child abduction response team, and the disaster response plan. He was also the agency's liaison with the Georgia Emergency Management Agency, working on counter-terrorism task force development, exercise evaluation programs, communications, state operations center activation, and national terror alert systems.

The Governor's Public Safety Awards Program recognizes those men and women who have gone "above and beyond the call of duty" to protect the lives and property of the citizens of Georgia and those who have made significant contributions to their profession.

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