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Peace Officers Association Honors GA DNR Law Enforcement Director Colonel Eddie Henderson with Award



SOCIAL CIRCLE – Earlier this week, the Peace Officers Association of Georgia (POAG) awarded Georgia Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division Director, Colonel Eddie Henderson, with *The Arthur Hutchins Award for Meritorious Service* at their awards banquet in Savannah. The award is presented annually to law enforcement leaders who have provided outstanding service to the citizens of Georgia and made significant contributions to enhance the public safety 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 Colonel is a graduate of the FBI National Academy (Session 211), the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development (Session 71), and the Georgia Law Enforcement Command College. He is a Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Certified Instructor, and he was selected for the Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange with the 20th Delegation to Israel.

POAG, which has been in existence since the early 1900s, is the oldest and largest organization of "peace officers" in Georgia, with a diverse membership that includes local, state and federal officers of all ranks and duties. The Association encourages the education and training of peace officers and strives to improve the profession through development of character, education and practical skills.

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