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Celebrating Success

The Newport News Sheriff's Office has had a year full of successes from individual accomplishments to organizational milestones. As has become tradition, we celebrate at year's end with our Annual Promotions & Awards Ceremony.

This year, we are honored to have **Secretary of Public Safety John W. Marshall** as **our keynote speaker**. We are equally pleased to hold the ceremony at one of the city's most prized event halls. The Ella Fitzgerald Theater inside the Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center is one of the premiere jewels in the City of Newport News.

WHO: Newport News Sheriff's Office
WHAT: 3rd Annual Promotion & Awards Ceremony
WHEN: Tuesday, December 16th at 6:00 p.m.
WHERE: Downing-Gross Cultural Arts Center; Ella Fitzgerald Theater
2410 Wickham Avenue, Newport News, VA 23607

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Secretary of Public Safety John W. Marshall

Sergeant Chanelle Zanders saved a man from choking to death on a Delta flight. She will be one of seven Life Saving Medal recipients. Retired school teachers Glenda MacDonald and Vera Ross have volunteered a combined 20-years inside the Newport News City Jail. They will each receive a Citizen Service Medal for their uncompromising desire to educate and empower individuals. Corporal Brian Dodge was left partially blind from an altercation with a mentally ill inmate. He will be given the Purple Heart Medal for injuries suffered in the line of duty.

Those are just a few of the individual stories on-tap for the evening. As the name of the ceremony implies, we will also be celebrating promotions that took place throughout the year 2008.

The media is invited and encouraged to attend this event.

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