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Police Officer Named Recipient of 2002 American Legion “Service To Youth” Award

PFC Christopher Davis will receive the 2002 American Legion “Service to Youth” Award. This award recognizes individuals who have gone above and beyond in their service to the youth of Howard County. The award ceremony and reception will be held at the George Howard Building on Tuesday, November 19, 2002 at 4:00 p.m.

PFC Davis is a six-year veteran and is currently assigned to the Youth Services Section as an instructor for the Stopping Abuse For Everyone (S.A.F.E.) Program. S.A.F.E. is a school based drug prevention program developed in collaboration between the Howard County Board of Education and the Department of Police. The program is designed to educate students about the risks of abusing alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs and to help them make informed decisions in resisting drugs and violent behavior.

In addition to his normal duties, PFC Davis is the advisor for the Department’s Law Enforcement Explorer Post Program. This group of young men and women volunteered over 800 community service hours in 2002.

During the 2002 school year, PFC Davis spent over 200 hours in the classroom and has taught 1,200 elementary school students. PFC Davis is a dynamic instructor and has had a positive impact on his students. He interacts with students at lunch and recess, as well as other extracurricular and social activities. The extra time he spends with students outside the classroom emphasizes his presence as not only a teacher, but also a role model and friend.

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