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**BEDFORD COUNTY SHERIFF MIKE BROWN NAMED
'OUTSTANDING LAW ENFORCEMENT EXECUTIVE'**

RICHMOND, VA – Bedford County (VA) Sheriff Mike Brown received the Outstanding Law Enforcement Executive Award from the Federal Law Enforcement Officers' Association (FLEOA) on Oct. 13 at the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) Headquarters in Alexandria, VA.

"The Federal Law Enforcement Officers' Association seldom presents this Outstanding Law Enforcement Executive Award to anyone outside of active federal agency service," said Art Gordon, the Past President of FLEOA. "This award signifies recognition for acts of heroism and bravery, and we felt it appropriate to identify Sheriff Mike Brown, his 44 years of law enforcement service, and his tireless efforts in directing and supporting the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force."

In his 44-year career, Sheriff Brown has worked in law enforcement at local, national and international levels. He is a retired Senior Special Agent with the U.S. Treasury, and also has served in the Central Intelligence Agency, U.S. Army Military Police Corps, Metropolitan Police Department (Washington, D.C.) and the U.S. Department of Justice.

In 1998, Sheriff Brown established Operation Blue Ridge Thunder to investigate child pornography and exploitation. The operation has grown into the Southern Virginia Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, which includes investigators from 77 law enforcement agencies. The Safe Surfin' Foundation, which Sheriff Brown founded in 2000, educates the public about the dangers of online predators.

Since 2004, Sheriff Brown has served on the Board of Directors of the National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C), which provides training, research and investigative support to law enforcement investigating economic and high-tech crimes.

"The National White Collar Crime Center has benefited enormously from the experience, leadership and vision of Sheriff Brown," NW3C Director Don Brackman said. "His work with law enforcement nationwide has strengthened our efforts to provide high-quality training and services to those who protect our children from online predators."

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ABOUT NW3C

Funded primarily by the Department of Justice through the Bureau of Justice Assistance, NW3C has been a leader in the fight against economic and high-tech crime for more than 30 years. For more information, please visit www.nw3c.org.

EDITORS' NOTE: *Photo attached.* Caption: (from left to right) Don Brackman, NW3C Director; John Jones, Executive Director, Virginia Sheriffs' Association; Art Gordon, Past President, FLEOA; Sheriff Mike Brown; Ron Laney, Senior Adviser to the Administrator, U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention; and Darryl DuBois, retired ATF Senior Special Agent.