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**ABC Agent Receives MADD Hero Award**

*ABC Bay Area Field Enforcement Office Agent Michelle Ott is Honored*

**(Statewide)** – ABC Agent Michelle Ott has been honored by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) for her efforts to save lives by enforcing alcoholic beverage and driving under the influence (DUI) laws.

Agent Ott is assigned to the Bay Area Field Enforcement Office, covering the counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, San Mateo and Solano.

In 2014, Agent Ott made 54 arrests for crimes related to underage drinking, which included violations of selling alcohol to minors, minors possessing alcohol and minors possessing false identification.

In addition, Agent Ott made 36 arrests for other alcohol-related crime, including public drunkenness and sales to intoxicated patrons occurring at and around ABC licensed businesses. On the highways, Agent Ott made 7 arrests for DUI in 2014.

“I am honored to receive the Mothers Against Drunk Driving Hero Award on behalf of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. Every DUI arrest makes our streets safer and this is just one way our agency makes a positive difference in our communities,” said Agent Michelle Ott.

Her dedicated contributions toward the prevention of underage drinking and DUI enforcement have made communities and highways throughout the Bay Area safer.

“The officers recognized with the MADD California Hero Award are experts in the field of impaired driving enforcement. They are leaders in the department in arrests, prevention efforts, and training. Over 140 officers were recognized for the efforts over the last year and we believe that all of the officers have certainly saved lives by removing impaired drivers from California’s roads,” said Aaron Wade, MADD California Law Enforcement Specialist.

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