



Hanover County Sheriff's Office

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The Hanover County Sheriff's Office is pleased to announce that Deputy Robert D. Hess has been recognized for his outstanding achievements during the month of August 2006.

Deputy Hess, while assigned to patrol areas in eastern Hanover County, initiated contact with the management and loss prevention staff of several major retail outlets in Mechanicsville to coordinate our efforts in the apprehension and prosecution of shoplifters. The meetings encouraged exchanging information between the establishments, in order to prepare for emerging trends and to ensure their policies are consistent and send a strong message of deterrence to the criminal element.

The Sheriff's Office responded to 214 shoplifting incidents in 2005, which was a 12% decrease over the previous year. So far this year, we are continuing the downward trend. This reduction is in large part due to the efforts of Deputy Hess and other officers who have taken measures to increase the likelihood of apprehension and successful prosecution of shoplifters.

Deputy Hess is a 9-year law enforcement veteran and has served with the Sheriff's Office since 1998.

For his perseverance, many contributions to law enforcement, and dedication, Deputy Hess is awarded the prestigious honor of Officer of the Month for June 2006.



Deputy Robert D. Hess