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## **Christiansburg Police Department Recognized for Fighting Car Theft**

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(Christiansburg, Virginia) – Virginia State Police (VSP) has recognized the Christiansburg Police Department for their efforts in preventing car theft.

Officer D. Heath Hyatt was recognized in the 2013 LEO Award competition during the annual meeting of the Virginia Chapter of the International Association of Special Investigation Units (VA-IASIU) in Richmond on May 15, 2014.

The LEO Awards are part of a cooperative program between VSP, the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles, and local law enforcement agencies. LEO Award Winners are selected for their exemplary actions related to Intelligence, Prevention, Enforcement and Recoveries in fighting the crime of vehicle theft. Their skills and attention toward these areas help to increase public awareness of the HEAT program -- Help Eliminate Auto Theft.

HEAT operates in a manner similar to Crime Solvers, Crime Stoppers and the Drug Hotline. Citizens may call the statewide toll-free hotline at 1-800-947-HEAT to report information about suspected carjacking, auto thefts or chop-shop operations. Callers remain anonymous throughout the process and those who supply tips leading to arrests are eligible for rewards of up to \$25,000.

For more information about H.E.A.T. and the Program's reward, visit [www.HeatReward.com](http://www.HeatReward.com).

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