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Creedmoor Safety Department Recognized by OMH

Awarded Department of the Year

Albany, NY – The Safety Department at Creedmoor Psychiatric Center was recognized by the New York State Office of Mental Health as “Department of the Year” by the Deputy Director of Administrative Services.

Each year one program or department that has gone above and beyond the call of duty is recognized by OMH. The Safety Department is being recognized for its strong commitment to maintaining a safe and secure environment for patients, staff and visitors at the psychiatric center. That commitment was highlighted by safety and security officers who responded and thwarted two patient escapes, as well as two officers that freed a trapped motorist who hit a fire hydrant and flipped his car several times outside of the facility in February of 2017.

“ I am extremely proud that OMH recognized the Safety Department at Creedmoor. The staff continually goes above and beyond the call of duty despite the many challenges they face. With limited staffing and increased demands, the staff maintains a high level of professionalism and integrity amidst a very dangerous work environment. I commend all of our members who contributed to this recognition. They have set a high bar for others to strive to”, stated John Harmon, Law Enforcement Vice President.

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