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MERCER SHERIFF'S OFFICE WINS TOP STATE AWARD FOR CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT

(Trenton, NJ) ó The NJ Child Support Council awarded its 2016 Sheriff's Office of the Year Award to the Mercer County Sheriff's Office at its 35th Annual Luncheon in Atlantic City on March 3.

The Mercer County Sheriff's Office - Child Support Enforcement Team ranked first among 21 counties for their efforts to pursue the most egregious non-compliant parents or so-called "deadbeats". Mercer County is notably a consistent leader in the state with child support arrests, warrants executed, and total monies collected - to aid children.

In 2016, Mercer County was the leader in the state with over child support 300 arrests and total monies collected. The sum of arrears monies collected, for distribution by the NJ Family Support Payment Center of Mercer County, was over \$104,000. Notably, of all Mercer County child support warrants handed down in 2016, the Sheriff's Child Support Enforcement Team cleared 92% of those issued.

óCongratulations to our hardworking Child Support Enforcement Team,ö said Mercer County Sheriff Jack Kemler. öThe top recognition reflects the endless hours they spent to locate deadbeat parents,ö noted Kemler.

öHowever, it's not just about achieving arrest numbers, added Kemler. öWhen a parent does not pay support, it places their child at risk for not having their basic needs met for food, housing, clothing and health care.ö

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