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15th ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

Snow Hill, 4/17/06 - Dr. Peter Luongo, Director of the Maryland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration will serve as the featured speaker for the 15th Annual Worcester County Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council Awards Banquet on May 12th at the Clarion in Ocean City. This event will be recognizing local efforts to combat substance abuse, awarding the winners of a school poster contest, and celebrating 23 years of this community based effort.

The evening will include the presentation of awards to law enforcement officers, youth, and community volunteers for their past year contributions to enforcement, treatment, and prevention efforts in the County.

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In 1983, the Worcester County Alcohol and Other Drugs Task Force was established by resolution of the County Commissioners. In the 2004 legislative session, it became law that every jurisdiction must have a Drug and Alcohol Council with specific stakeholders as members. The appointed board includes elected officials, human service agencies, law enforcement, students, and community representatives.

According to Marty Pusey, Prevention Director for the Worcester County Health Department, “Worcester County has been proactive in implementing a number of substance abuse prevention and treatment programs and is fortunate to have so many dedicated volunteers and professionals that have contributed to this effort.” The Council has focused primarily on educating youth by sponsoring or supporting school-wide assemblies, youth conferences, public forums, peer leadership training, after prom parties, distribution of a resource guide, and advocating for policy change. An annual plan has been developed with priorities identified for assuring ongoing treatment and prevention needs are met.

The Awards Banquet is open to the public and tickets may be purchased at \$20.00 per person or \$35.00 per couple by contacting the Worcester County Health Department at 410-632-4510 extension 1024. Reservations should be made by May 8th .

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