

**NYCR
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

September 20, 2011

TO: Officer Edward A. Pague

FROM: Chief Mark L. Bentzel

SUBJECT: Achievement Award - Chief's Commendation

On July 3, 2011, you were assigned as a line officer at a DUI Sobriety Checkpoint on North George Street at Sixth Avenue in North York Borough.

While at that location your job was to contact drivers entering the checkpoint and to look for signs of intoxication. At 0029 hours, a maroon Chevrolet Blazer entered the checkpoint. The vehicle was operated by a male and had a female passenger. The male displayed signs of intoxication and was removed from his vehicle to perform field sobriety tests.

While moving his vehicle off the road and into a safety area, you could smell a strong odor of raw marijuana coming from inside the vehicle. After you parked the vehicle, you began to conduct a plain view search and located a black duffle bag in the rear-seat area. You could see the duffle bag was not fully closed and observed cash and marijuana inside the bag.

You secured the vehicle and had it impounded at the Northern York County Regional Police Department's Range Building. After obtaining a search warrant for the vehicle on July 5, 2011, you searched and located approximately one pound of marijuana and more than \$3,300 in cash. Most of the marijuana had been repackaged for sale and the remainder was in bulk form.

As a result of your observations and actions on that evening, the vehicle owner/operator was charged with felony Drug Possession With Intent to Deliver.

The Board of Commissioners and this Administration recognize your actions on July 3, 2011, and are very proud and honored to present you with this Chief's Commendation. Congratulations for a job well done!