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**Motor Transportation Police Officer Awarded**  
**Drug Interdiction Efforts Honored**

Indianapolis, IN—Officer James “Cody” Smid has been honored as Commercial Motor Vehicle Criminal Interdiction Officer of the Year at the Criminal Interdiction, Intelligence Networking and Training Conference in Indianapolis, IN today.

Officer Smid is a Motor Transportation Police Division officer working in the Gallup area. His outstanding performance in removing illicit drugs from our streets has earned him this honor.

He has found smuggled drugs in 57 commercial motor vehicles in his seven year career. These trucks have yielded over 33,000 pounds of marijuana, 1,800 pounds of cocaine and 20 pounds of crystal methamphetamine.

From January 1, 2008 to July 1, 2009 he has stopped 16 trucks carrying smuggled pot and cocaine. These loads have totaled 8,727 pounds of pot, 684 pounds of cocaine and over \$5,000 in cash.

MTD was also awarded the “Award of Excellence” in CMV Drug interdiction which was presented by Darrell Ruban of the US DOT and Federal Motor Carriers Safety Alliance.

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Photo courtesy of the Department of Public Safety, in the photo are Lt. Robert Baca, Chris Alvarez, Major Jose Salazar and James “Cody” Smid accepting the award for MTPD presented by Darrell Ruban.

