

Lexington Police Detective Receives Honorable Mention For Service

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Congratulations to Detective Chris Russell who is being honored by the National Association of Police Organizations, as part of their Top Cops Awards.

Each year the TOP COPS Awards pay tribute to outstanding law enforcement officers across the country for actions above and beyond the call of duty. TOP COPS awardees are nominated by their fellow officers for outstanding service during the preceding calendar year. The TOP COPS are selected by an Awards Selection Committee comprised of national law enforcement representatives who choose one TOP COPS case from each state and U.S. territory. There are also honorable mentions, for outstanding service. Detective Chris Russell is one of this year's honorable mentions.

Detective Russell was nominated for his work involving a 2014 investigation in which handicapped, adult children were being abused and neglected by their parents. Detective Russell dedicated months to meticulous evidence collection and follow-up with the victims; to ensure they were connected with the services they needed to recover from the years of neglect. His dedicated investigative work led to the successful prosecution of the case. In June 2014 the suspects pleaded guilty, and were sentenced to 50 years in prison.

Commonwealth's Attorney Ray Larson said of Detective Russell's work, "His remarkable intelligence and dogged persistence at finding collaborative evidence to prove these crimes is astounding; he always goes the extra mile. Detective Russell is part police officer, part advocate and 100% hero, as he stands up for those who often can't speak for themselves".