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Doug Hamilton Awarded Melvin Shein Honor

RICHMOND, KY (Nov. 24, 2009) – The 2009 Melvin Shein Award recently was given to Edward “Doug” Hamilton for his distinguished law enforcement service to the commonwealth.

The Shein Award, named for Dr. Melvin Shein of Louisville, has been awarded annually since 1973. The recipient of the award is a person who has contributed the most to assist and promote law enforcement during the previous year.

Hamilton has dedicated his entire adult life to law enforcement in Kentucky, starting with the Louisville Division of Police at a time when 18 year olds still were hired. He served the agency for 28 years – serving eight of those years as chief of police.

Upon his retirement, Hamilton was appointed United States Marshall for the Western District of Kentucky and served in that role from 1999 to 2002.

Hamilton now serves as executive director of the MetroSafe Communications Center in Louisville, providing dispatch services for Metro Louisville police, fire and emergency medical services. He also is active as a parliamentarian and former president of the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police.

Dr. Shein graduated in 1939 from Berea College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in chemistry. He graduated from the University of Louisville with a Doctor of Medicine degree in 1943, and earned a Master of Science degree in Pathology from the University of Louisville in 1950.

He was a clinical instructor in medicine at the School of Medicine, University of Louisville, and has been a lecturer for the Kentucky State Police Academy. Early in 1972, Shein gratuitously conducted four, half-day seminars for the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council in Frankfort, Bowling Green, Richmond and Louisville. Through these seminars, Shein gave of his knowledge to many police officers in the techniques and procedures of emergency childbirth and external cardiac resuscitation.

Shein has made outstanding commitments and contributions to the law enforcement field in Kentucky. His conscientiousness was demonstrated when he donated to the Kentucky

Law Enforcement Council a plaque, which is presented annually to the person contributing the most to assist and promote law enforcement in the Commonwealth for the previous year. Each year the recipient of this award is acknowledged on the Shein Award, which is displayed in the office of the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council in Richmond. Additionally, the recipient is presented with a plaque of his own.



Kentucky Law Enforcement Council Executive Director Larry Ball, left, and KLEC Chairman Keith Cain, right, present Doug Hamilton with the 2009 Shein Award.