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512th MXS boasts AFRC NCO of the Year Ground Safety Award 2nd year in a row

Senior Airman Joe Yanik
512th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Air Force Reserve Command announced Master Sgt. Robert Wynn, the 512th Maintenance Squadron NCO in charge of the aerospace ground equipment dispatch and repair section, as the winner of the NCO of the Year Ground Safety Award for fiscal 2012, Nov 19.

Wynn won the safety award in the category of additional duty.

Wynn's accomplishments include reducing the occurrence of military recordable safety mishaps by 50 percent within his squadron and completing a course on operational risk management through the Delaware Safety Council.

"I was very excited to have learned that I won the award," said Wynn, who acknowledges the support of his supervisor, Senior Master Sgt. James Dowd, the 512th Airlift Wing ground and safety monitor Master Sgt. Kevin Casquarelli and his unit's alternate safety representative Staff Sgt. Kenneth Smolecki.

AFRC judges also took into account Wynn's volunteer efforts off duty as an instructor of the 25 and Alive Driving Education program on base and a school board member

for a pre-school in Seaford, Del.

He also contributed to increasing safety awareness by promoting safe motorcycle driving techniques throughout the Dover Air Force Base community.

As a motorcycle safety representative, Wynn worked with Senior Master Sgt. Bryan Ford, 512th MXS maintenance flight chief, to develop a motorcycle awareness pamphlet that is available for riders to carry with them.

"I'm proud MXS safety NCOs have captured this command-level award two years in a row," said Chief Master Sgt. Christopher Ford, 512th MXS superintendent. "More importantly, it's great to see Master Sgt. Wynn be recognized for the professionalism and dedication he has for the safety of our people and resources. He's a proven expert in this field."

Wynn said he thought one particular accomplishment that may have made him stand out among other candidates for the safety award was his implementation of a more enhanced safety continuity binder that is used to upload safety documents on the enterprise information management site. He said Airmen within his squadron can easily access these uploaded safety documents.

In 2011, AFRC awarded the same accolade to Tech. Sgt. Kevin Hitesman, for his efforts as safety monitor within the 512th MXS.



Master Sgt. Robert Wynn, 512th Maintenance Squadron NCO in charge of aerospace ground equipment dispatch and repair section, conducts an Alive at 25 Driving Education briefing here Nov. 28. This off-duty volunteer role as course instructor is one of many accomplishments that earned him Air Force Reserve Command NCO of the Year Ground Safety Award for fiscal 2012. (Photo by Senior Airman Joe Yanik)

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Air Force Reserve commander sends holiday season note

December issue of Citizen Airman magazine available online

General Paul Selva takes command of Air Mobility Command

Applications for '13 scholarships for military children begins



Keeping the fuel flowing

Senior Airman Lorenzo West, 512th Maintenance Squadron fuel systems repair journeyman, performs a routine fuel pump inspection for a C-5 Galaxy aircraft to ensure safety and function here Oct. 13. In the civilian sector, West is a bus driver with Delaware Area Transit First State. (Photo by Senior Airman Erika Brooke)

Casualty note:

If anyone has a claim for or against the estate of Senior Airman Ryan Hartnett, who died Nov. 12, please contact Capt. Sarah Ripma at (302) 363-9032.