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Office of the Administrator

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Mr. Dana Ward  
York City Police Department  
50 West King Street, Box 509  
York, PA 17401

Dear Mr. Ward:

Each year the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) recognizes the extraordinary efforts of a law enforcement officer who has made a significant investigative or program contribution to the safety of children. It is with great pleasure to inform you that you have been selected as the recipient of the 2011 Missing Children's Child Protection Award, which will be announced at the National Missing Children's Day Ceremony in Washington, DC. You were nominated by Deborah Harrison, Executive Director, York County Children's Advocacy Center.

In May 1983, President Reagan proclaimed the first National Missing Children's Day. Since that time, family members, friends, public agencies, and private organizations have gathered in communities throughout the country to rededicate our country's determination to find our nation's missing children, celebrate the heartwarming stories of recovery, and honor those who can only be with us in our hearts and memories.

I am delighted to invite you to receive your award at this year's ceremony, which will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on May 25<sup>th</sup> at the Department of Justice's Great Hall. Deputy Attorney General James Cole will provide the keynote address. The observance will highlight the Department's commitment to protect children and bring missing children home safely. Guests will include families who have missing children, child advocates, and federal, state and local agency representatives who have supported programs to locate and recover missing children.

You will be receiving information from Fox Valley Technical College regarding the schedule and arrangements for your trip to Washington, DC. Please make sure to bring two valid forms of identification (one must include a photo) for entrance into the Department of Justice. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (202) 616-7323, or at [ron.laney@usdoj.gov](mailto:ron.laney@usdoj.gov).

Once again, congratulations, and I look forward to seeing you on May 25<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

Ron Laney  
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