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The luncheon speaker on Tuesday will be John Sidor, Executive Director, Council of State Community Development Agencies, Washington, D.C. Sidor has vast experience and a unique perspective of the development and administration of community agencies of all types.

Five sessions include over 40 concurrent workshops presented in two days. Block Grants, early intervention and prevention programs, funding models, community service opportunities, school and church involvement, rural program development, and some unique community services that benefit the families of Oklahoma will be discussed. Two workshops will address the phenomenon of community unity in crisis as exemplified by Oklahoma City's response to the bombing of the Murrah building. A diverse and recognized group of presenters from public and private agencies will explore organizational strategies and networking during the first annual "Creating Partnerships" conference.

To close the conference, there will be a rally on the south steps of the Oklahoma State Capitol celebrating "Children's Day" from 2-3 p.m. on Tuesday. Notable speakers, including national "Take Five for Kids" child advocate Nancy Amidei from Washington state, will address the participants at the rally prior to visitation with state legislators.

To pre-register contact Karen Gunter, Carter County DHS, 925 W. Broadway, Ardmore, Oklahoma 73402 (1-800-225-9927). Registration for the entire conference is \$50. On-site registration will be accepted at the door as space is available.

## TROOPER OF THE YEAR AND TRAFFIC SAFETY AWARDS CEREMONY ANNOUNCED

From Department of Public Safety

■(OKLAHOMA CITY) The annual Troopers of the Year awards and the Jerry Marx Memorial awards will be presented on Wednesday, March 13, 1996, it was announced by Public Safety Commissioner Bob Ricks, and Bobby Green, chairman of the Oklahoma Highway Users Federation.

The awards will be presented at the Highway Users Federation's annual Highway Safety Recognition Luncheon at 11:45 a.m. at Applewoods Restaurant, 4301 S.W. 3rd Street in Oklahoma City.

The 1995 heroism award recipient will be the trooper who apprehended the man charged with the Murrah Federal Building bombing in a traffic stop for speeding near Perry. The humanitarian awards will be awarded to the 13 Oklahoma Highway Patrol troopers who participated in the Murrah Federal Building rescue in downtown Oklahoma City.

Other awards to be presented at the Highway Safety Luncheon will be the annual Community Traffic Safety award from the Oklahoma Highway Safety Office (OHSO). The OHSO will also present the media awards for use of traffic safety public service announcements. The Oklahoma Department of Public Safety will recognize the print, broadcast and television media with the annual Jerry Marx awards for excellence in traffic safety reporting.

This year, the AAA Pedestrian Protection Program awards will be presented by the Automobile Club of Oklahoma and AAA Oklahoma to cities and towns who have provided a safe environment for pedestrians in their corporate limits.

*"A hero is no braver than an ordinary man, but he is brave five minutes longer."*

*Ralph Waldo Emerson*