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Police Chief Thomas Manger Selected as Peacemaker of the Year

Bethesda -- The Conflict Resolution Center of Montgomery County (CRCMC) has selected Chief J. Thomas (Tom) Manger of the Montgomery County Police Department as its 2015 Peacemaker of the Year. Chief Manger will be recognized during CRCMC's annual Peacemaker Awards Gala Dinner on October 12, 2015 at VisArts in Rockville, Md.

Manger has been the Chief of Police in Montgomery County, Maryland, since February 2004. He began his law enforcement career in 1977 with the Fairfax County (Virginia) Police Department. He rose through the ranks to become Chief of Police in 1998. During his tenure in Fairfax County, Chief Manger received numerous awards including the Silver Medal of Valor.

Chief Manger is credited with reorganizing and expanding the Police Department's Community Policing efforts. His commitment to the highest ethical standards for policing and his enactment of new policies to increase departmental accountability earned significant recognition from the community, including the Fairfax County Human Rights Commission Award for outstanding contributions, and the N.A.A.C.P.'s Community Service Leadership Award. In 2012, Chief Manger was inducted into the Montgomery County Human Rights Hall of Fame.

"Law enforcement officers play an enormous role in minimizing conflicts between the residents of Montgomery County. Many of them are aware that not every dispute needs to end up in court and they understand that mediation is often the best solution for many conflicts. Chief Manger is an excellent symbol of the cooperative relationship between the police and the local mediation community in our county," said Christopher Page, CRCMC executive director.

Founded in 1999, CRCMC is a non-profit organization that provides free conflict resolution services for residents of Montgomery County. CRCMC services include mediation, facilitation, training, in-school mediations and other services. To learn more about CRCMC visit www.crcmc.org.

