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### **Rep. Pat Boyd Receives COST's Town Crier Award**

The Connecticut Council of Small Towns (COST), which represents 115 smaller communities throughout Connecticut, presented four lawmakers with Town Crier Awards at its annual meeting on February 8 at the Aqua Turf in Plantsville, Connecticut.

COST's Town Crier Award was established to recognize and honor state lawmakers and public officials who have distinguished themselves as outstanding advocates on issues affecting Connecticut's small towns.

"This is an amazing award that is being bestowed upon me," Rep. Pat Boyd said. "There are many in the CT legislature that deserve this award, and the fact that it has been given to me shows us why we continue the great work we do at Hartford. I can not begin to say how thankful I am."

"We are honored to present Rep. Pat Boyd with COST's Town Crier Award," said Betsy Gara, COST's Executive Director. Rep. Boyd represents the small towns of Ashford, Brooklyn, Eastford, Hampton, Mansfield, Pomfret, and Woodstock.

"Rep. Boyd was selected to receive COST's Town Crier Award in recognition of his leadership role in passing legislation to address accreditation issues affecting small towns with constabularies and resident troopers. He has also been instrumental in supporting efforts to address the shortage of police, fire, and emergency services personnel," said Gara.

"Rep. Boyd has proven to be a staunch advocate for the state's small towns, championing efforts to address the concerns of the state's rural towns and other smaller communities," she added.

This year's other recipients are:

- **State Senator Cathy Osten** (*D - Columbia, Franklin, Hebron, Lebanon, Ledyard, Lisbon, Marlborough, Montville, Norwich, and Sprague*)
- **State Senator Ryan Fazio** (*R - Greenwich, Stamford, and New Canaan*)

- **State Representative Devin Carney** (*R-Lyme, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook and Westbrook*)

*Founded in 1975, The Connecticut Council of Small Towns (COST) is an advocacy organization committed to giving small towns a strong voice in the legislative process. Its members are Connecticut towns with populations of less than 35,000.*

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