

ANNOUNCEMENT: The 2018 RCPS Kaleidoscope Award Recipient

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NEWARK, NJ – The Rutgers Center on Public Security (RCPS; rutgerscps.org) presents the Kaleidoscope Award each year to a recipient who has demonstrated innovative applications of Risk Terrain Modeling that advance research and practice for the public good.

Congratulations to:

José Eugenio Medina

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Dr. Medina is an Associate Professor in Criminal Law and Environmental Criminology at the Crímina research center at Spain's Miguel Hernández University. He is also Lieutenant at Elche's Police Department. His general research areas include crime analysis, environmental criminology and traffic safety. Dr. Medina has worked on multiple projects focused on traffic safety over the years. In 2010, he was awarded the Rafael Bonet prize for his work titled "Perfil geográfico de la conducción influenciada: Una aproximación a la reducción de la delincuencia y la accidental a través del análisis del delito." (Geographical profiling of driving under the influence: An approach to reducing crime and accidents through crime analysis). Dr. Medina incorporates professional judgment into risk analysis, planning and strategies that are place-based and actionable. And he has demonstrated a unique ability, and passion, for maximizing local resources and expertise to solve problems. As a professional researcher and police practitioner, Dr. Medina has advanced Risk Terrain Modeling through innovative applications to traffic safety in the Spanish provinces of Cádiz and Alicante. He has shed new light on various aspects of comparative predictive modeling and how RTM can be applied to the field of transportation safety and intoxicated driving. His latest RTM-related article is published in the *European Journal of Criminal Policy and Research*.

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