



WISCONSIN STATE PATROL
Awards Ceremony

October 30, 2019

Presented by:
Superintendent Anthony Burrell
Colonel Charles Teasdale



Program Agenda

Welcome

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Pledge of Allegiance

Colonel Charles Teasdale

Superintendent Anthony Burrell

WisDOT Secretary Craig Thompson

Governor Tony Evers

Presentation of Awards

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Wisconsin State Patrol Division Awards

The Wisconsin State Patrol publicly honors those employees who have demonstrated outstanding service or performance. All honorees have been nominated by fellow employees for performing actions that deserve special recognition. These nominations for division awards are evaluated by the Division Awards Committee. The committee reviews all nominations and recommends to the Superintendent those persons the committee believes deserve recognition. The final determination is made by the Division Superintendent.

Division Awards Committee Members

Captain Ryan Chaffee

Lieutenant Jeramy Foster

Sergeant Timothy Weiberg

Sergeant Harmanjot Chahal

Trooper Kelly Lynch

Law Enforcement Dispatch Supervisor Mitchell Giese

Executive Staff Assistant Shari Gress

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MEDAL OF VALOR

Recognizes actions taken by an employee of the division who has demonstrated valor, courage, or bravery to a high degree, well beyond the normal expectations of an individual. The Medal of Valor consists of a certificate, medal with ribbon, and a red, white, and blue bar.

PURPLE HEART

Recognizes a division employee who suffered significant injuries caused by another, was wounded, or who lost his/her life while in the performance of duty. The Purple Heart consists of a certificate, medal with ribbon, and a purple and white bar.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE

Recognizes a division employee who places himself/herself at risk of injury while exceeding the expectations of his/her duties. The Meritorious Service recognition consists of a certificate, medal with ribbon, and a green, white, and blue bar.

SUPERINTENDENT'S STAR OF RECOGNITION

Recognizes a division supervisory employee for distinguished and or exceptional achievements accomplished in the performance

of duty to a degree that contributes to the mission of the division in a profound manner. The Superintendent's Star of Recognition consists of a certificate, medal with ribbon, and a blue, and white bar.

COMMENDABLE SERVICE

Recognizes a division employee who performs a highly creditable act above and beyond the normal job expectation or recognizes accomplishments that contribute to the efficiency and effectiveness of the division and enhances the professional image to the public we serve. The Commendable Service recognition consists of a certificate and a white bar.

LIFESAVING

Recognizes a division employee who performs a lifesaving effort resulting in maintaining or saving a life. The Lifesaving recognition consists of a certificate and a red and white bar.

LIFESAVING EFFORT

Recognizes a division employee who provides significant or prolonged lifesaving efforts to a victim or victims but whose actions do not yield lifesaving results. The Lifesaving Effort recognition consists of a certificate.

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UNIT CITATION

Recognizes all members of a work unit who have collectively exhibited a significant degree of team effort that directly results in outstanding service or successful achievement of a Division goal. The Unit Citation consists of a certificate and a red bar.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENDATION

Recognizes a division employee who has achieved a superior level of proficiency in law enforcement activities. Efforts must be sustained and compelling to a degree that is exceptional in comparison to the employee's peers within the agency and having a profound positive impact on achievement of identified agency strategic goals and initiatives. The Superintendent's Commendation consists of a certificate.

TROOPER OF THE YEAR

Recognizes a sworn, non-supervisory trooper who displays outstanding work performance, initiative, leadership, effective interpersonal relations and projects a positive image of the Wisconsin State Patrol both on and off duty. The Trooper of the Year award consists of a certificate and a plaque.

INSPECTOR OF THE YEAR

Recognizes a sworn, non-supervisory inspector who displays outstanding work performance, initiative, leadership, effective interpersonal relations and projects a positive image of the Wisconsin State Patrol both on and off duty. The Inspector of the Year award consists of a certificate and a plaque.

DISPATCHER OF THE YEAR

Recognizes a non-supervisory law enforcement dispatcher who displays outstanding work performance, initiative, leadership, effective interpersonal relations and projects a positive image of the Wisconsin State Patrol both on and off duty. The Dispatcher of the Year award consists of a certificate and a plaque.

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Recognizes a non-sworn, non-supervisory employee who displays outstanding work performance, initiative, leadership, effective interpersonal relations and projects a positive image of the Wisconsin State Patrol both on and off duty. The Civilian Employee of the Year award consists of a certificate and a plaque.



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Secretary Craig Thompson,
Deputy Secretary Paul Hammer,
Assistant Deputy Secretary
Joel Nilsestuen,
Superintendent Anthony Burrell,
and Colonel Charles Teasdale*

ARE PROUD TO RECOGNIZE
THE FOLLOWING
AWARD RECIPIENTS

Unit Citation

Wisconsin State Patrol K-9 Unit

Sergeant Todd Brehm,
Trooper Alex Trofin and K-9 Cirus,
Trooper Justin Glasener and K-9 Roni,
Trooper Christopher Reyna and K-9 Atos,
Trooper Dillon Larson and K-9 Nora,
Trooper Evan Fox and K-9 Rocky,
Trooper Dave McCarthy and K-9 Capo,
Trooper Derek Bergum and K-9 Mater,
Trooper Darrick Lorbecki and K-9 Lord

THE WISCONSIN STATE PATROL K-9 UNIT was created in 2007 and is an extremely valuable resource used to deter criminal activities along roadways in Wisconsin communities. The K-9 Unit consists of nine specially-trained troopers from around the state along with eight dogs trained in explosives and drug detection.

The State Patrol K-9 Unit operates under the, “All Threats, All Crimes, All Hazards,” motto by focusing on criminal enterprises who utilize several different modes of transportation while committing illegal acts such as drug or human trafficking, theft, fraud and terrorism.

This past year, the K-9 Unit saw 828 deployments with over 400 drug seizures. These seizures often led to larger, further-reaching investigations, dismantling large criminal operations. They assisted local law enforcement partners on 213 occasions on incidents ranging from search warrants to bomb threats.

The K-9 Unit was utilized for many high-profile events throughout the year including VIP events with the Governor, Speaker of the House, and visits from the President of the United States. They were also used to conduct security sweeps at events like UW Badger football games, EAA Air Venture in Oshkosh, and the annual Birkebeiner Ski Race in Hayward. In addition to this pre-event planning, they have also responded to areas of actual bomb threats and have been instrumental in searching and deeming the area safe in a timely and efficient manner.

The K-9 Unit recognizes the importance of educating fellow officers and the community. They have been responsible for ongoing education in the area of Highway Criminal Interdiction at all State Patrol Regions and the Wisconsin State Patrol Academy. They also represent the State Patrol at various community events where they educate the public in motor vehicle safety, the dangers of drugs, and the growing problem of human trafficking.

FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN CRIMINAL INTERDICTION
AND COMBATING CRIME AND TERRORISM, THE
-WISCONSIN STATE PATROL K-9 UNIT MEMBERS
ARE PRESENTED THE UNIT CITATION AWARD.



Lifesaving
TROOPER
JEFFERY SPLINTER
TROOPER
TIMOTHY WESTPHAL
INSPECTOR
CREIGHTON SCHWARK

ON MARCH 28, 2019, Troopers Jeffery Splinter, Timothy Westphal and Inspector Creighton Schwark responded to a medical emergency call in the parking lot of a Lake Delton restaurant for a woman having a possible heart attack. Upon arrival, the officers found the pulseless, non-breathing female lying in the parking lot and took immediate action. Trooper Westphal began to clear the airway and provide ventilations while Trooper Splinter and Inspector Schwark performed chest compressions. After approximately 15 minutes of CPR, with the assistance of local EMS personnel, the victim regained a pulse and was transported to a local hospital.

FOR THEIR PROFESSIONAL AND DECISIVE ACTIONS,
WHICH ULTIMATELY LED TO SAVING A LIFE,
TROOPER JEFFERY SPLINTER, TIMOTHY WESTPHAL
AND INSPECTOR CREIGHTON SCHWARK
ARE PRESENTED THE LIFESAVING AWARD.



Lifesaving

TROOPER RYAN RATTUNDE

ON MAY 14, 2019, Trooper Ryan Rattunde responded to Buckhorn State Park for a report of an elderly male drowning. Trooper Rattunde was the first officer on scene and observed the subject clinging to a partially submerged kayak in the middle of the lake. Trooper Rattunde removed his gear, secured a canoe and paddled out to the subject. Since the elderly male was too fatigued and could not be physically lifted into the canoe, Trooper Rattunde entered the water, had him grasp the opposite side of the canoe and pulled him back to the shoreline. The subject was then turned over to EMS personnel for evaluation.

FOR HIS PROFESSIONAL AND DECISIVE ACTIONS,
WHICH ULTIMATELY LED TO SAVING A LIFE,
TROOPER RYAN RATTUNDE IS PRESENTED
THE **LIFESAVING AWARD**.



Lifesaving

TROOPER DARRICK LORBECKI

TROOPER JEFFERY ZUZUNAGA

ON FEBRUARY 26, 2019, Trooper Zuzunaga and Trooper Lorbecki were dispatched to a residence in Columbia County for a 20-year-old male who was choking. Upon arrival, Trooper Zuzunaga retrieved his first aid bag and his Automated External Defibrillator (AED) from his cruiser. Trooper Zuzunaga and Trooper Lorbecki entered the residence and observed the subject lying on the floor in a bathroom. The man was pulseless and not breathing. Trooper Zuzunaga prepared his AED and powered it on. Due to no recognizable heart rhythm, no shock was advised. Divine Savior Paramedics arrived and requested

Trooper Lorbecki prepared his bag valve mask by hooking it up to oxygen while they worked on the man's obstructed airway. A large piece of meat was removed from the man's mouth and CPR was continued. Trooper Lorbecki took over compressions while Trooper Zuzunaga was asked to support an Intravenous (IV) unit and maintain the proper pressure to assist in its effectiveness. Trooper Lorbecki continued compressions for almost 10 minutes until the man developed a heart rhythm. Rescue breaths were continued and Trooper Zuzunaga continued to maintain the IV unit. Trooper Zuzunaga and Trooper Lorbecki assisted in carrying and loading the subject from his residence to the ambulance. The subject was transported to the hospital where his condition was stabilized.

FOR THEIR PROFESSIONAL AND DECISIVE ACTIONS,
WHICH ULTIMATELY LED TO SAVING A LIFE,
TROOPER DARRICK LORBECKI AND
TROOPER JEFFERY ZUZUNAGA ARE PRESENTED
THE LIFESAVING AWARD.



Lifesaving

TROOPER MICHAEL KNOWLTON

ON JANUARY 26, 2019, Trooper Michael Knowlton responded to a restaurant in the village of Pleasant Prairie for a woman who was reported as not breathing. Trooper Knowlton was the first officer on scene and was directed to the woman who was lying on the ground, unresponsive and pulseless. Trooper Knowlton began to perform chest compressions and the woman responded by opening her eyes. Trooper Knowlton was able to keep the woman awake and in a semi-conscious state until local EMS personnel arrived and transported her to a hospital.

FOR HIS PROFESSIONAL AND DECISIVE ACTIONS,
WHICH ULTIMATELY LED TO SAVING A LIFE,
TROOPER MICHAEL KNOWLTON IS
PRESENTED THE LIFESAVING AWARD.



Lifesaving

TROOPER COADY SCHILTZ

ON NOVEMBER 20, 2018, Trooper Coady Schiltz was dispatched to an unresponsive person lying in a driveway in Lyndon Station. Upon arrival, Trooper Schiltz assessed the woman. The woman was not breathing and had a weak pulse. The woman's father advised she was a recovering heroin addict. Trooper Schiltz administered a dose of NARCAN and began rescue breaths. After 1 ½ minutes, Trooper Schiltz re-evaluated the woman. The woman still was not breathing and her pulse continued to be weak. Trooper Schiltz administered another dose of NARCAN and continued rescue breaths. After approximately 30 seconds, the woman started to breathe on her own and her pulse improved. Trooper Schiltz continued to monitor the woman until emergency medical services arrived five minutes later. The woman was transported to the hospital where she made a complete recovery.

FOR HIS PROFESSIONAL AND DECISIVE ACTIONS,
WHICH ULTIMATELY LED TO SAVING A LIFE,
TROOPER COADY A. SCHILTZ IS PRESENTED
THE **LIFESAVING AWARD**.



Lifesaving

TROOPER BROCK RIZZO

ON FEBRUARY 19, 2019, Trooper Brock Rizzo responded to a residential gas leak. The woman who called 911 was suffering the effects and was becoming disoriented but advised her husband was already passing out. A Taylor County Deputy and Trooper Rizzo arrived at the scene and could smell a strong odor of gas. Recognizing the occupant's prolonged exposure both officers selflessly risked their well-being and entered the residence through a back patio door to get the occupants to safety. The deputy assisted the female in walking out the front door. Trooper Rizzo located the male resident who was unable to stand without assistance and was having difficulty breathing. Trooper Rizzo assisted the man in walking to the front door. The man was unable to continue on his own so Trooper Rizzo picked him up and carried him away from the house and the noxious gas. Emergency medical services arrived and transported the man to the hospital. Both occupants of the residence survived the incident.

FOR HIS PROFESSIONAL AND DECISIVE ACTIONS,
WHICH ULTIMATELY LED TO SAVING A LIFE,
TROOPER BROCK A. RIZZO IS PRESENTED
THE LIFESAVING AWARD.



Lifesaving

INSPECTOR MARK BARLAR

ON DECEMBER 14, 2018, Inspector Mark Barlar responded to a person who had fallen through the ice on a pond. Upon arrival to the scene, Inspector Barlar observed a man approximately 50 yards from the shore. The man was having trouble keeping his head above water and was unable to pull himself back onto the ice. Inspector Barlar threw an ice rescue rope throw bag to the man. The man was too cold to do anything more than hold onto the rope. With assistance from other law enforcement officers, Inspector Barlar held the rope and was able to keep the man from going below the water. The fire department arrived with water rescue personnel. One rescue person went out to the man, entered the water and secured him. Inspector Barlar assisted with pulling both the rescue person and the man to shore. While pulling them to shore, they broke through the ice again but Inspector Barlar and other rescue personnel were able to pull them to shore. The man was then taken to the hospital for treatment and survived the incident.

FOR HIS PROFESSIONAL AND DECISIVE ACTIONS,
WHICH ULTIMATELY LED TO SAVING A LIFE,
INSPECTOR MARK. E. BARLAR IS PRESENTED
THE LIFESAVING AWARD.



Lifesaving

SERGEANT CLARISSA JUSTMANN

ON AUGUST 30, 2018, while working as a Trooper in the Northeast Region, Clarissa Justmann responded to the wayside on I-41 in Dodge County to a report of two females who were unresponsive in the restroom. Upon arrival, Trooper Justmann and a Lomira police officer, found the women unconscious in a bathroom stall, blocking the door. Trooper Justmann and the Lomira police officer were able to work the door open and move the women. Trooper Justmann assessed each of them and determined they were suffering the effects of an opioid overdose. Trooper Justmann administered a dose of NARCAN to one woman and placed her in a recovery position. She then administered a dose of NARCAN to the second woman. Both women began to respond to the NARCAN. Trooper Justmann monitored the women until emergency medical services arrived on scene and administered additional doses of NARCAN. Both women were transported to a hospital and survived the incident.

FOR HER PROFESSIONAL AND DECISIVE ACTIONS,
WHICH ULTIMATELY LED TO SAVING A LIFE,
SERGEANT CLARISSA K. JUSTMANN IS
PRESENTED THE **LIFESAVING AWARD.**



Lifesaving

SERGEANT CLARISSA JUSTMANN

ON DECEMBER 20, 2018, while working as a Trooper in the Northeast Region, Clarissa Justmann responded to a motor vehicle crash on I-41. Upon arrival, Trooper Justmann assessed the driver of the vehicle that crashed and was in the median. The driver was rigid, not responding to questions, and combative. Trooper Justmann was able to obtain a weak pulse on the driver. Trooper Justmann recognized CPR may be needed and removed him from the vehicle. Trooper Justmann observed blood coming from one nostril of the driver and recognized this as a symptom of a possible opioid overdose. Trooper Justmann administered a dose of NARCAN. The driver then became responsive and less rigid. The driver was transported to the hospital by emergency medical services and survived the incident.

FOR HER PROFESSIONAL AND DECISIVE ACTIONS,
WHICH ULTIMATELY LED TO SAVING A LIFE,
SERGEANT CLARISSA K. JUSTMANN IS PRESENTED
THE LIFESAVING AWARD.



Lifesaving

TROOPER TODD CARL

ON MAY 31, 2019, Trooper Todd Carl responded to a person trapped under a riding lawn mower. Trooper Carl arrived at the residence with the Darlington Police Chief. They located the man down a steep hill behind of the residence pinned under the riding lawn mower. The weight of the mower was on the man's chest and pinning his body against the garage. The man was not breathing and was turning blue. Trooper Carl and the Darlington Police Chief tipped the mower to alleviate some pressure from the man which allowed him to draw breaths. They determined if they moved the mower all the way off the man without further assistance, it could result in further injury. The man started gasping for air once the weight of the machine was held by Trooper Carl and the Chief. While they waited for assistance, they held the machine to alleviate the pressure and keep it from falling back against the man. Emergency medical services arrived on scene to assist with removing the mower and rendering first aid. The man was transported to the hospital and survived the incident.

FOR HIS PROFESSIONAL AND DECISIVE ACTIONS,
WHICH ULTIMATELY LED TO SAVING A LIFE,
TROOPER TODD M. CARL IS PRESENTED
THE **LIFESAVING AWARD.**



Lifesaving

SERGEANT LUKE NEWMAN

SERGEANT CLINT BECK

TROOPER JORDAN MATUSESKI

DOCTOR ANDREW RADOVAN

ON NOVEMBER 7, 2018, Trooper Matuseski observed a woman running down the shoulder of I-41, waving her arms near two vehicles stopped along the Interstate. Upon arrival, the woman told Trooper Matuseski that a man in one vehicle was having a medical emergency. Trooper Matuseski located the man who was unconscious and did not have a pulse. Trooper Matuseski moved the man from the vehicle onto the shoulder. He reassessed the man's condition and began CPR. A passing motorist, Andrew Radovan, stopped at the scene. With his medical training and expertise, he was able to provide medical assistance. Doctor Radovan provided rescue breaths while Trooper Matuseski performed chest compressions. They performed CPR for several minutes. Sergeant Newman and Sergeant Beck arrived at the scene and assisted with chest compressions. Doctor Radovan continued to monitor the man's airway and provide rescue breaths. CPR was continued until emergency medical services arrived on scene. EMS took over CPR and administered advanced measures to restore a heart rhythm. The man regained consciousness and was responsive. It was later determined the man had a major heart blockage and was treated at the hospital.

FOR THEIR PROFESSIONAL AND DECISIVE ACTIONS, WHICH
ULTIMATELY LED TO SAVING A LIFE, **SERGEANT LUKE
NEWMAN, SERGEANT CLINT BECK, TROOPER JORDAN
MATUSESKI AND DOCTOR ANDREW RADOVAN**
ARE PRESENTED THE LIFESAVING AWARD.



Lifesaving

SERGEANT JENNIFER AUSTIN CARMEN McVANE

ON MAY 17, 2019, Sergeant Jennifer Austin came upon a scene of a motor vehicle crash scene on I-41. Sergeant Austin observed the male driver still seated in the vehicle with his head down. A witness, Carmen McVane, who had stopped at the scene, was assisting at the crashed vehicle and advised the man was unresponsive and not breathing. Several people assisted with moving the driver out of the vehicle and onto the ground. Sergeant Austin assessed the condition of the man and found that he was not breathing and did not have a pulse. Ms. McVane performed chest compressions while Sergeant Austin administered rescue breaths. An Oconto County deputy arrived at the scene and administered an AED providing a shock to the man. Sergeant Austin and Ms. McVane continued CPR until the subject began to breathe on his own. Emergency medical services arrived at the scene and transported the man to the hospital for further treatment.

FOR THEIR PROFESSIONAL AND DECISIVE ACTIONS,
WHICH ULTIMATELY LED TO SAVING A LIFE,
SERGEANT JENNIFER S. AUSTIN AND
CARMEN D. McVANE ARE PRESENTED
THE LIFESAVING AWARD.



Lifesaving

INSPECTOR JERRICK KRUEGER

ON FEBRUARY 6, 2019, Inspector Jerrick Krueger responded to a report of a truck driver experiencing shortness of breath and an accelerated heartbeat at the Flying J Travel Center in Roberts, WI. Upon arrival, Inspector Krueger found the man unresponsive seated in his semi-truck. The Roberts Police Chief and Inspector Krueger removed the man from the truck and positioned him on the pavement so they could begin CPR. Chief McWilliams performed chest compressions while Inspector Krueger applied AED pads on the man. The AED administered a successful shock to the man which resulted in him showing signs of life. After a couple shallow breaths, the man stopped breathing again. Inspector Krueger administered two rescue breaths while Chief McWilliams started chest compressions. Emergency medical personnel arrived, took over lifesaving efforts and transported the man to the hospital. The man survived the incident.

FOR HIS PROFESSIONAL AND DECISIVE ACTIONS,
WHICH ULTIMATELY LED TO SAVING A LIFE,
INSPECTOR JERRICK KRUEGER IS PRESENTED
THE LIFESAVING AWARD.



Lifesaving Effort

TROOPER
JONATHAN KERSTEN

TROOPER
DAVID MEREDITH

ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2018, Trooper Jonathan Kersten and Trooper David Meredith responded to a single vehicle crash on US-41 in Oconto County. Upon arrival, a witness was performing CPR on a victim. Trooper Kersten took over chest compressions while Trooper Meredith provided respirations using a bag valve mask. Both Troopers continued CPR until they were relieved by EMS personnel. Despite the significant lifesaving efforts, the subject did not survive.

FOR THEIR PROFESSIONAL, DECISIVE ACTIONS
AND TAKING SIGNIFICANT LIFESAVING MEASURES,
TROOPER JONATHAN KERSTEN AND
TROOPER DAVID MEREDITH ARE PRESENTED
THE LIFESAVING EFFORT AWARD.



Lifesaving Effort

OFFICER JOHN WHITE

ON DECEMBER 29, 2018, while working as a trooper in the Southeast Region, Trooper John White responded to a rescue call for a man having a seizure and not breathing at a business on WIS 167 in the village of Richfield. Upon arrival, the man was located inside the restaurant, pulseless and not breathing. Trooper White, along with a Washington County Deputy, performed CPR for approximately two minutes. Emergency medical personnel arrived on scene and transported the man to the hospital. Despite the significant lifesaving efforts, the man did not survive.

FOR HIS PROFESSIONAL, DECISIVE ACTIONS
AND TAKING SIGNIFICANT LIFESAVING MEASURES,
OFFICER JOHN WHITE IS PRESENTED
THE LIFESAVING EFFORT AWARD.



Lifesaving Effort

TROOPER DAVID GIBSON

ON JANUARY 7, 2019, Trooper David Gibson responded to a vehicle versus house crash on WIS 21 in Waushara County. Upon arrival, Trooper Gibson observed the driver was still in the vehicle and was unresponsive with no pulse. Trooper Gibson removed the driver from the vehicle and immediately began CPR. A Waushara County Deputy later arrived on scene with a defibrillator and a shock was administered to the driver. Local EMS arrived and took over medical duties. Despite the significant lifesaving efforts, the driver did not survive.

FOR HIS PROFESSIONAL, DECISIVE ACTIONS
AND TAKING SIGNIFICANT LIFESAVING MEASURES,
TROOPER DAVID GIBSON IS PRESENTED
THE LIFESAVING EFFORT AWARD.



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Lifesaving Effort

TROOPER MARK SAMBORSKI

ON SEPTEMBER 2, 2018, Trooper Mark Samborski responded to a call of a pulseless, non-breathing person found outside of a residence along County E in Jefferson County. Trooper Samborski arrived to find bystanders performing CPR on the subject. He took over chest compressions for the fatigued bystander and directed the same person on how to give rescue breaths. Trooper Samborski administered chest compressions for approximately eight minutes until relieved by emergency medical personnel. Despite the significant lifesaving efforts, the subject did not survive.

FOR HIS PROFESSIONAL, DECISIVE ACTIONS
AND TAKING SIGNIFICANT LIFESAVING MEASURES,
TROOPER MARK SAMBORSKI IS PRESENTED
THE LIFESAVING EFFORT AWARD.



Lifesaving Effort

TROOPER LOGAN CHRISTEL

ON APRIL 21, 2019, Trooper Logan Christel responded to assist the Kewaunee County Sheriff's Office at a residence for a non-breathing, pulseless 59-year-old male. Upon arrival, Trooper Christel observed two first responders providing CPR. Trooper Christel offered assistance and took over chest compressions. Trooper Christel continued chest compressions for approximately three minutes until relieved by other responders. The subject was loaded into an ambulance and transported to a local hospital. Despite the significant lifesaving efforts, the subject did not survive.

FOR HIS PROFESSIONAL, DECISIVE ACTIONS
AND TAKING SIGNIFICANT LIFESAVING MEASURES,
TROOPER LOGAN CHRISTEL IS PRESENTED
THE LIFESAVING EFFORT AWARD.



Lifesaving Effort

DISPATCHER

BRIAN PAYNE

INSPECTOR

CREIGHTON SCHWARK

INSPECTOR

DYLAN STRASBURG

SHORTLY AFTER NOON ON JUNE 13, 2019, the State Patrol DeForest Dispatch Center received a call from a woman driving on the Interstate who reported her husband was having a heart attack and not breathing. The woman was directed to the DeForest Post parking lot and was met by Dispatcher Brian Payne, Inspector Creighton Schwark and Inspector Dylan Strasburg. The man was removed from the vehicle. LED Payne inserted an airway and provided breaths while Inspectors Schwark and Strasburg took turns providing chest compressions. An AED was applied by LED Payne and two shocks were administered. With the assistance of DeForest Emergency Medical Services, a heart rhythm was re-established and the man was transported to a local hospital. Despite the significant life-saving efforts, the man did not survive.

FOR THEIR PROFESSIONAL, DECISIVE ACTIONS
AND TAKING SIGNIFICANT LIFESAVING MEASURES,
**LED BRIAN PAYNE, INSPECTOR CREIGHTON SCHWARK
AND INSPECTOR DYLAN STRASBURG ARE PRESENTED THE
LIFESAVING EFFORT AWARD.**



Lifesaving Effort

TROOPER ANNA WATERMAN

ON JULY 4, 2019, Trooper Anna Waterman responded to a lake in rural Washburn County for a subject who had been found underwater and was not breathing. Trooper Waterman arrived on scene to find the subject had been pulled out of the water and onto a dock. Trooper Waterman began performing CPR along with the assistance of a Washburn County Deputy. When paramedics arrived, the subject was loaded into the ambulance. Trooper Waterman traveled inside the ambulance and assisted paramedics until they arrived at a local hospital. Despite the significant lifesaving efforts, the subject did not survive.

FOR HER PROFESSIONAL, DECISIVE ACTIONS
AND TAKING SIGNIFICANT LIFESAVING MEASURES,
TROOPER ANNA WATERMAN IS PRESENTED
THE LIFESAVING EFFORT AWARD.



Lifesaving Effort

TROOPER TROY STAGE

ON JUNE 19, 2019, Trooper Troy Stage responded to a rural residence in Douglas County for a pulseless, non-breathing subject. Trooper Stage was the first responder to arrive on scene and made entry into the residence where he found a family member attempting CPR on the subject. Trooper Stage began CPR and continued for several minutes until paramedics arrived and completed their assessment. A defibrillator did not recognize a heart rhythm that would benefit from being shocked. Despite the significant lifesaving efforts, the subject did not survive.

FOR HIS PROFESSIONAL, DECISIVE ACTIONS
AND TAKING SIGNIFICANT LIFESAVING MEASURES, **TROOPER
TROY STAGE** IS PRESENTED
THE LIFESAVING EFFORT AWARD.



Meritorious Service

TROOPER ANTHONY OLSON

ON NOVEMBER 29, 2018, at approximately 6:45 p.m., Trooper Anthony Olson was on the phone speaking with EMT Matt Benson when EMT Benson notified Trooper Olson that his EMT pager just went off advising of a residential house fire near Trooper Olson's residence. Trooper Olson was off duty at his residence but was the closest person to the scene of the house fire.

Trooper Olson responded in his personal vehicle along with the Spooner Police Department and Washburn County Sheriff's Office. Trooper Olson observed the west side of the house was fully engulfed in flames. Shortly after his arrival, flames started shooting out from the west side of the residence from what he believed to be a gas line. With the help of other officers on scene, the door on the east side of the residence was opened and Trooper Olson was the first to enter the residence.

Upon entering, Trooper Olson observed a heavy cloud of smoke in the residence and located a male on the floor approximately five feet into the room. Trooper Olson dragged the male out of the residence and checked for breathing and a pulse. The male was then carried to a nearby ambulance where EMTs took over treating the patient. Other officers on scene also recovered a female who was located further into the residence. Both individuals who were removed from the residence survived the fire, unfortunately, one individual was unable to be removed and did not survive.

BY SELFLESSLY RISKING HIS OWN PERSONAL SAFETY
TO HELP ANOTHER, **TROOPER ANTHONY OLSON**
DEMONSTRATED HIGH LEVELS OF BRAVERY AND DEDICATION
IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES.
FOR HIS EXEMPLARY EFFORTS, HE IS PRESENTED
THE MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD.



Meritorious Service

TROOPER JACOB EDWARDS

ON JANUARY 6, 2019, at approximately 3:10 p.m., Trooper Edwards responded to reports of two juveniles that had fallen through the ice on Perch Lake in Sparta, WI. Trooper Edwards responded to the scene and observed one individual in the water approximately 60 feet from the shore near a hole in the ice. Trooper Edwards observed approximately 100-150 feet of solid ice extending from the north side of the lake. As other officers arrived on scene to the north side of the lake, Trooper Edwards secured his duty belt, removed his uniform shirt and ballistic vest, and grabbed his issued rope from the trunk of his squad. Trooper Edwards tied the rope around his waist and proceeded onto the ice towards the child.

Trooper Edwards proceeded approximately 60-80 feet out onto the ice. He laid prone on the ice to widely distribute his body weight and crawled on the ice until he was close enough to provide an anchor and allow the other officers to reach the child. After several attempts at tossing ropes, the child got hold of the rope and the other officers were able to pull him out of the water and onto the ice. The child was treated by an ambulance service and then transported to Sparta Mayo Hospital. Trooper Edwards was also advised of a second child who was underwater and had been since his arrival. The second child was located approximately 25 feet away from the hole in the ice and, although transported to Mayo Health in Rochester, could not be revived.

BY SELFLESSLY RISKING HIS OWN PERSONAL SAFETY
TO HELP ANOTHER, **TROOPER JACOB EDWARDS**
DEMONSTRATED HIGH LEVELS OF BRAVERY AND
DEDICATION IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES.
FOR HIS EXEMPLARY EFFORTS, HE IS PRESENTED
THE **MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD.**



Meritorious Service

INSPECTOR TRAVIS LAUER

LIEUTENANT ANDREW LYGA

ON JULY 5, 2019, at approximately 12:30 a.m., Inspector Lauer was across the street from his home when he and his neighbor, Wisconsin Department of Corrections Lieutenant Andrew Lyga, heard a car horn being honked repeatedly a short distance away. Looking in the direction of the sound, Inspector Lauer and Lt. Lyga saw an orange glow of what appeared to be flames extending above the tree line. They both immediately ran towards what turned out to be a house that was on fire approximately one block away. Upon arrival, Inspector Lauer and Lt. Lyga made contact with the occupants of the car that was stopped in front of the residence. The vehicle occupants stated they had seen the fire as they were driving by, and had called 911 to report it. At this point, the attached garage was completely engulfed in flames.

Inspector Lauer proceeded to the front door of the residence while Lt. Lyga ran to the rear. Recognizing that the fire was growing and working its way into the residence, Inspector Lauer kicked in the locked front door to determine if there were any occupants. Upon making entry, he found two children who had apparently been awakened by the commotion. After determining there were others inside as well, Inspector Lauer called out that the house was on fire and that everyone needed to get out. The two children were joined by their aunt and two grandparents as smoke began to fill the residence and as the smoke alarms began to sound. All five occupants and their two dogs were successfully evacuated prior to the home being lost to the fire.

BY SELFLESSLY RISKING THEIR OWN PERSONAL SAFETY TO HELP OTHERS, INSPECTOR TRAVIS R. LAUER AND LIEUTENANT ANDREW LYGA DEMONSTRATED HIGH LEVELS OF BRAVERY AND DEDICATION. FOR THEIR EXEMPLARY EFFORTS, THEY ARE PRESENTED THE MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD.

Meritorious Service

TROOPER BRANDON FERRELL

ON MAY 25, 2019, at approximately 2:30 p.m., Trooper Brandon Ferrell responded to a call of multiple subjects in the water who had fallen out of canoes in Murwin Park near Edgerton, Wisconsin. Trooper Ferrell was the first officer on scene and was directed to where the subjects were by the 911 caller.

Due to recent rains, the water was abnormally high and moving quickly. The victims were trapped on top of debris in a bend in the river and were calling for help, stating that a 14 year old juvenile was submerged under the water. Unable to help from the shore, Ferrell entered the water and swam out to the victim and her brother who was actively trying to rescue her. The girl was pinned under a capsized canoe and a submerged log making recovery difficult.

With the help of fire and rescue personnel, the juvenile was freed and transported to the shore where life saving measures were immediately started. The juvenile was then transported to a local hospital where she succumbed to her injuries. The remaining members of the party were rescued by boat and taken ashore.

BY SELFLESSLY RISKING HIS OWN PERSONAL SAFETY
TO HELP ANOTHER, **TROOPER BRANDON FERRELL**
DEMONSTRATED HIGH LEVELS OF BRAVERY AND
DEDICATION IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES.
FOR HIS EXEMPLARY EFFORTS, HE IS PRESENTED
THE **MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD.**



Commendable Service

NETWORK COMMUNICATIONS SUPERVISOR JOHN SCHERBERT

JOHN SCHERBERT IS CURRENTLY a network communications supervisor at the Fleet Installation Center (FIC) with the Wisconsin State Patrol. Through his ongoing leadership and innovation, Mr. Scherbert has implemented significant efficiencies which have uniquely contributed to fleet vehicle installation operations and safety.

Throughout the last two years, the FIC has implemented the bluePRINT® intelligence and user programmable emergency lighting and siren control system in all new fleets. This system allows officers to maintain concentration and focus on the job at hand by helping manage emergency light and siren functions through a series of driver inputs. Through his leadership, initiative and innovation, Mr. Scherbert developed a unique program designed, tested and customized with the State Patrol end user in mind. In addition, he spent numerous hours developing informational videos and training tools for both end users and regional technicians during the new fleet vehicle delivery process. The integration of bluePRINT® has significantly improved the emergency light and siren control systems.

Mr. Scherbert has also created many more efficiencies by developing installation plans for retrofitting procedures, utilizing improved appliances for partition component mapping and installation, and developing pre-fabricated wiring harnesses for use during the vehicle build process. These innovative strategies have led to significant reductions in cost, time, and frustration.

BY PERFORMING AT A LEVEL ABOVE AND BEYOND
THE NORMAL JOB EXPECTATIONS, **JOHN SCHERBERT**
CONTRIBUTED TO THE EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS
OF THE DIVISION IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES.

FOR HIS EXEMPLARY EFFORTS, HE IS PRESENTED
THE **COMMENDABLE SERVICE AWARD.**



Commendable Service

INSPECTOR MARK BARLAR

IN DECEMBER 2015, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) published an Electronic Logging Device (ELD) regulatory mandate requiring commercial motor vehicle (CMV) operators to switch from paper log books to an ELD. This new regulatory language affected more than 500,000 motor carriers and 15.5 million CMV operators within the United States.

Inspector Mark Barlar took the initiative to learn how to inspect previous implementation versions of the Automatic On-board recording devices (AOBRD) before the final rule change to ELDs. Inspector Barlar discovered that the recording devices were still capable of being manipulated by drivers and carrier officials to hide hours of service violations. Inspector Barlar took this knowledge and became the only FMCSA state partner to instruct their AOBRD inspection course called Electronic Monitoring and Mapping Technology (EMMT) Roadside Basic Course in 2013. In 2014, Inspector Barlar instructed FMCSA's train-the-trainer course to certify other FMCSA partners on how to instruct the EMMT course to other CVSA certified DOT inspectors.

In 2016, Inspector Barlar took it upon himself to learn the new ELD regulations published by FMCSA and put together an instructional course on the new ELD regulations during the 2016 MCSAP In-service to all Division inspectors and municipal officers that are CVSA certified. Inspector Barlar was chosen to be the Division's subject matter expert and attended FMCSA's course on ELD's before the implementations in December of 2017. He was then tasked with setting up training in each region prior to the ELD implementation date.

Inspector Barlar held trainings statewide and conducted a training course for every DSP inspector prior to the date of implementation. He created an innovative inspection technique that reduced the amount of time needed from over one hour to less than 15 minutes with a focus on finding hidden hours of service violations.

Inspector Barlar is recognized as an AOB RD and ELD inspection expert not only within the Division, but in the motor carrier industry as well. He has worked with the FMCSA to identify deficient ELDs and has worked with ELD vendors, national CMV insurance providers, FMCSA DOT consultants, and directly with motor carriers. Inspector Barlar's expertise, experience and training has greatly enhanced the Division's ability to enforce FMCSA's hours of service regulations. His training program and expertise has established an improved and efficient inspection process. It has also enhanced the skills and abilities of inspectors reviewing and using these devices to ensure compliance with FMCSA regulations and ultimately removing fatigued and tired CMV drivers from our nation's roadways.

BY PERFORMING AT A LEVEL ABOVE AND BEYOND THE NORMAL JOB EXPECTATIONS, INSPECTOR **MARK BARLAR** CONTRIBUTED TO THE EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE DIVISION IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES.

FOR HIS EXEMPLARY EFFORTS, HE IS PRESENTED THE **COMMENDABLE SERVICE AWARD.**



Commendable Service

INSPECTOR KARL KRONAU

INSPECTOR KARL KRONAU is currently assigned to the Southwest Region in Rock County. Over the course of his career, Inspector Kronau has developed an extensive knowledge of hazardous materials and the federal regulations associated with them. Inspector Kronau is a certified instructor in both General Hazardous Materials and Other Bulk Packaging. Both of these disciplines require an enormous amount of knowledge to be able to instruct to numerous personnel around the state.

Inspector Kronau has taken it upon himself to seek additional training to enhance his knowledge and ability to instruct. Because of this knowledge, Inspector Kronau has become a go-to person that inspectors from around the state contact to assist in their own hazmat inspections. Inspector Kronau took the initiative to create a program that will assist other inspectors in understanding hazmat regulations. This program was distributed to all inspectors at the 2019 MCSAP inservice.

The program contains all information from the 738-page-long FMCSA regulations in one place, and in a format that is all linked together. An inspector is now able to walk his or her way through an inspection by just following the links to all applicable regulations, saving the inspector time from having to filter through a variety of regulation books. This process enhances efficiencies within the Division and ensures that the inspector does not miss important steps or forget any part of the inspection along the way.

BY PERFORMING AT A LEVEL ABOVE AND BEYOND THE NORMAL JOB EXPECTATIONS, INSPECTOR KARL KRONAU CONTRIBUTED TO THE EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE DIVISION IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES.

FOR HIS EXEMPLARY EFFORTS, HE IS PRESENTED THE
COMMENDABLE SERVICE AWARD.



Commendable Service

FACILITY and GROUNDS SUPERVISOR ROBERT STEIN

AS THE FACILITY AND GROUNDS SUPERVISOR at the Wisconsin State Patrol Academy, Robert Stein maintains all aspects of the facility and grounds. He ensures the classrooms, lodging, common areas, and dining facilities always project a professional image on the division. Under his direction, cadets and law enforcement students have the best environment to learn and perform at their highest level. His commitment to the Academy makes it the premier training facility, not only for the State Patrol, but for other agencies as well.

In 2018, Mr. Stein was the chairperson for the Division's Uniform and Equipment Committee, a position that is typically held by a sworn supervisor. Under his leadership, the committee has been able to purchase equipment proven to be extremely beneficial out in the field to include tactical helmets, vests, individual first aid kits and tourniquets. He has also developed a streamlined process to distribute equipment and uniforms, statewide, in a faster, more efficient way than years past. His knowledge of contracts sets him above many in the State Patrol. He has consistently worked with the Department of Administration in identifying contracts to purchase recommended equipment. Mr. Stein has continually performed above and beyond expectations. He repeatedly proves to be an asset not only to our Division, but to state government as a whole.

FOR HIS HIGHLY CREDIBLE WORK, ABOVE AND BEYOND
THE NORMAL JOB EXPECTATION, AND IN RECOGNITION OF
ACCOMPLISHMENTS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO THE EFFICIENCY,
EFFECTIVENESS, AND ENHANCEMENT OF THE
PROFESSIONAL IMAGE TO THE PUBLIC WE SERVE,
**ROBERT STEIN IS PRESENTED WITH THE
COMMENDABLE SERVICE AWARD.**



Superintendent's Commendation

TROOPER DAVID ARRAS

TROOPER DAVID ARRAS is assigned to the Northwest Region–Eau Claire Post. In 2018, through his proactive patrols, Trooper Arras led all members of the State Patrol with his efforts in traffic enforcement. His actions have had a profound impact on the Division's goals of enhancing public safety, reducing crashes and saving lives.

IN RECOGNITION OF HIS SUPERIOR LEVEL OF PROFICIENCY
IN LAW ENFORCEMENT AND HAVING A PROFOUND
POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE ACHIEVEMENT OF AGENCY
STRATEGIC GOALS AND INITIATIVES IN ENHANCING PUBLIC
SAFETY, **TROOPER DAVID ARRAS** IS PRESENTED THE
SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENDATION AWARD.



Superintendent's Commendation

TROOPER RONALD ZENK

TROOPER RONALD ZENK IS assigned to the Southwest Region–DeForest Post. In 2018, through his proactive patrols, Trooper Zenk led all members of the State Patrol with his efforts in traffic enforcement. His actions have had a profound impact on the Division's goal of enhancing public safety, preventing injuries and saving lives.

IN RECOGNITION OF HIS SUPERIOR LEVEL OF PROFICIENCY
IN LAW ENFORCEMENT AND HAVING A PROFOUND
POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE ACHIEVEMENT OF AGENCY
STRATEGIC GOALS AND INITIATIVES IN ENHANCING PUBLIC
SAFETY, **TROOPER RONALD ZENK** IS PRESENTED THE
SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENDATION AWARD.



Superintendent's Commendation

TROOPER BRETT BOLEY

TROOPER BRETT BOLEY is assigned to the Northwest Region—Eau Claire Post. In 2018, through his proactive patrols, Trooper Boley led all members of the State Patrol with his efforts in impaired driving enforcement. His actions have had a profound impact on the Division's goals of enhancing public safety, preventing crashes and saving lives.

IN RECOGNITION OF HIS SUPERIOR LEVEL OF PROFICIENCY
IN LAW ENFORCEMENT AND HAVING A PROFOUND
POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE ACHIEVEMENT OF AGENCY
STRATEGIC GOALS AND INITIATIVES IN ENHANCING PUBLIC
SAFETY, **TROOPER BRETT BOLEY** IS PRESENTED THE
SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENDATION AWARD.



Superintendent's Commendation

INSPECTOR DANIEL SLICK

INSPECTOR DANIEL SLICK is a Compliance Review inspector and represents the State Patrol and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) to many members of the motor carrier industry. He oversees the Division's Motor Carrier Safety Hotline which receives dozens of calls per day from truck drivers, fleet managers and the general public with motor carrier related questions.

Inspector Slick is a certified FMCSA Master Instructor and not only trains State Patrol personnel, but other municipal, county, and state partner agencies nationwide as well. He also makes monthly appearances on two radio stations, answering call-in questions concerning motor carrier operations in Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Inspector Slick also utilizes his expertise by being assigned to the Division's federally-mandated quality control program, which allows motor carriers to challenge any warnings or citations that affect the company's safety score. This responsibility tasks him with fielding nearly 1,000 requests per year. Regardless of the outcome, he uses each and every request as an opportunity to educate all parties involved.

IN RECOGNITION OF HIS SUPERIOR LEVEL OF PROFICIENCY
IN LAW ENFORCEMENT AND HAVING A PROFOUND POSITIVE
IMPACT ON THE ACHIEVEMENT OF AGENCY STRATEGIC
GOALS AND INITIATIVES IN COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE
OPERATIONS, **INSPECTOR DANIEL SLICK IS**
PRESENTED WITH THE **SUPERINTENDENT'S**
COMMENDATION AWARD.



Superintendent's Commendation

CHEMIST SENIOR MELISSA KIMBALL

MELISSA KIMBALL WORKS as a Chemist Senior in the Division of State Patrol's Chemical Testing Section. In 2018, Melissa distinguished herself within the Division through her leadership and extensive knowledge in both instrumentation and courtroom related matters. She has made improvements to the state's laboratory to create a more efficient and effective space, saving time and money.

Ms. Kimball is routinely contacted by law enforcement officers, court officials, and other toxicologists who wish to consult with her when faced with difficult questions or situations. She strives to educate herself on the latest technology and case law to assist anyone with questions related to breath testing and OWI adjudication.

FOR HER COMMITMENT TO ENHANCING PUBLIC SAFETY
BY SUPPORTING WISCONSIN TRAFFIC LAW IN RELATION
TO IMPAIRED DRIVING, CHEMIST SENIOR MELISSA
KIMBALL IS PRESENTED THE SUPERINTENDENT'S
COMMENDATION AWARD.



Superintendent's Commendation

TROOPER ZACH SINCOULAR

TROOPER ZACH SINCOULAR is currently assigned to the Northeast Region–Fond du Lac Post. In 2018, through his proactive patrols, Trooper Sincoular led all members of the State Patrol with his enforcement efforts in criminal interdiction. His actions have had a profound impact on the Division's goals of enhancing public safety and combating crime and terrorism. His efforts have removed dangerous drugs from our communities and likely saved lives.

FOR HIS COMMITMENT TO ENHANCING PUBLIC SAFETY BY ENFORCING WISCONSIN'S CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE LAWS, **TROOPER ZACH SINCOULAR** IS PRESENTED THE **SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENDATION AWARD.**



Dispatcher of the Year

LAW ENFORCEMENT DISPATCHER CAROL WALSH

LAW ENFORCEMENT DISPATCHER CAROL WALSH is currently assigned to the Traffic Management Center–Eau Claire Post. Assigned to the midnight shift, she handles many pursuits and other significant incidents while working solo in the dispatch center. She is an excellent multi-tasker and is very efficient and thorough when working high stress incidents, always remaining calm and providing a calm and clear voice to both troopers and inspectors as well as the public.

Earlier this year, LED Walsh facilitated the reunion of a mother and child that became separated at a Greyhound bus stop when the bus left the stop with the child before the mother had boarded. She coordinated with Greyhound and troopers along the route to get the bus stopped and transport the child back to the mother.

LED Walsh coordinated the annual Cram the Cruiser campaign where she contacted a local shelter and obtained a list of needed items. She secured a location for the items to be dropped off and had a trooper “Cram the Cruiser” with the donated items. She arranged for bio-metric screenings of employees at the Eau Claire post. She also has been the coordinator of the Wisconsin Special Olympics Torch Run and Run with the Cops for the last 20 years.

IN RECOGNITION OF HER OUTSTANDING WORK
PERFORMANCE, INITIATIVE, AND LEADERSHIP,
AND FOR PROMOTING A POSITIVE IMAGE OF THE
WISCONSIN STATE PATROL, BOTH ON AND OFF DUTY,
LAW ENFORCEMENT DISPATCHER
CAROL WALSH IS PRESENTED WITH THE
2019 DISPATCHER OF THE YEAR AWARD.



Trooper of the Year

TROOPER JAMIE KAHKOLA

TROOPER JAMIE KAHKOLA is currently assigned to the Northeast Region–Fond du Lac Post. His hard work while on patrol, expertise in countless areas, and the ability to balance numerous specialized assignments consistently exceeds the expectations of the Trooper position. Trooper Kahkola’s character and integrity, while at high-risk or complex scenes, exemplifies his leadership qualities. His good judgement, ethical decision making, and fair treatment have created positive interactions throughout the year, earning him the utmost respect from his peers, other agencies, management, and the community in which he serves.

In addition to his regular assignment, Trooper Kahkola is a founding member of the State Patrol’s Honor Guard Unit, provides training for current members, and contributes to the selection of new members. He has traveled both within and out of the state and has represented the State Patrol Honor Guard Unit in a positive manner at a variety of events.

Trooper Kahkola will often assist the Dignitary Protection Unit when the governor attends Green Bay Packer games. He has an extensive knowledge of Lambeau Field and is always a professional representative of the State Patrol. Trooper Kahkola is not only a member of the Honor Guard Unit, but also a division background investigator, field training officer, and firearms instructor. All of these additional duties command a significant amount of time and he is still able to perform efficiently in the State Patrol’s core areas of enforcement.

IN RECOGNITION OF HIS OUTSTANDING WORK
PERFORMANCE, INITIATIVE, AND LEADERSHIP,
AND FOR PROMOTING A POSITIVE IMAGE OF THE
WISCONSIN STATE PATROL, BOTH ON AND OFF DUTY,
**TROOPER JAMIE KAHKOLA IS PRESENTED WITH
THE 2019 TROOPER OF THE YEAR AWARD.**



Inspector of the Year

INSPECTOR RYAN SCHULTZ

INSPECTOR RYAN SCHULTZ is currently assigned to the North Central Region–Wausau Post. Inspector Schultz is a highly-valued member of the State Patrol and can be counted on to assist wherever and whenever he is needed. He leads by example, not only with his co-workers but also with his peers from across the region and throughout the state.

Inspector Schultz is an EDR/ECM Download Technician, Speedmeter Technician, a Post-Crash Trained–CMV Advanced, Truck Law Instructor, and a Field Training Officer. He is an instructor for the Division’s annual Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) In-service, and has completed numerous safety talks for members of the motor carrier industry and their highway safety partners. This past year, he was able to fulfill all of these extra obligations all while providing a high quality training experience for his trainee.

Inspector Schultz was chosen to compete at the 2018 North American Inspectors Championship in Columbus, OH, where he placed 17th out of 52 total competitors from the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Outside of the State Patrol, Inspector Schultz was awarded the 2018 Wausau Noon Optimist Club’s Law Enforcement Award, given to a law enforcement officer who exemplifies a positive, professional, and hardworking attitude. He is also a member of the Wisconsin Waterfowl Association in which he volunteers countless hours towards education, habitat sustainability through clean-up efforts, and fundraising.

IN RECOGNITION OF HIS OUTSTANDING WORK
PERFORMANCE, INITIATIVE, AND LEADERSHIP, AND FOR
PROMOTING A POSITIVE IMAGE OF THE WISCONSIN STATE
PATROL, BOTH ON AND OFF DUTY, INSPECTOR RYAN
SCHULTZ IS PRESENTED WITH THE
2019 INSPECTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD.



Civilian Employee of the Year

RESOURCE SUPPORT TECHNICIAN

PAUL BURKARD

Paul Burkard is a Resource Support Technician assigned to the Crash Records Unit (CRU) in the Bureau of Support Services. He has served with the State Patrol since April, 2015 and has quickly taken on a leadership role within the CRU.

Paul has contributed on two Lean Six Sigma projects that have generated over \$46,000 in savings for the Department and taxpayers. His innovation has created many efficiencies within the unit including documentation for CRU processes, email templates with approved responses, and a metrics dashboard for support calls.

As a member of the CRU, Paul was involved in the rollout of the online Driver Report of Crash and Resolve system that was developed as a tool for improving crash records. He also initiated an automation IT project for Crash Insurance Reporting which was completed this year. This new online tool allows vehicle owners, or those involved in a crash, to provide their insurance information online vs. mailed correspondence.

Paul has overseen efficiency initiatives that have: improved the average speed to answer support calls by 59 percent; eliminated a backlog of 871 email messages and improved response time from 32 days to a same-day response; increased crash form revenue by 4.8 percent from 2017 to 2018, an increase of over \$23,000. Other efforts include reducing callbacks by 64 percent, improving service performance ratings, eliminating a backlog in crash report requests, and updating the CRU procedure guide.

Paul's dedication to improve the many functions of the CRU has greatly exceeded expectations, significantly benefited the public, the Division, and our many traffic safety partners.

IN RECOGNITION OF HIS OUTSTANDING WORK PERFORMANCE, INITIATIVE, AND LEADERSHIP, AND FOR PROMOTING A POSITIVE IMAGE OF THE WISCONSIN STATE PATROL, RESOURCE SUPPORT TECHNICIAN PAUL BURKARD IS PRESENTED WITH THE 2019 CIVILIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD.

