



WISCONSIN STATE PATROL
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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.

Awards Committee Members:

Major Ryan Chaffee

Section Chief Jody Wormet

Lieutenant Jeramy Foster

Sergeant Harmanjot Chahal

Trooper Justin Hart

Inspector Joshua Maurer

Law Enforcement Dispatcher Shauna Unger

Program Supervisor Jan Grebel

Executive Staff Assistant Shari Gress

Wisconsin State Patrol Division Awards

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.

INNOVATION AND EXCELLENCE

Recognizes an employee who creates, or has a key leadership role in the creation of, a significant process or project that generates important efficiencies that improve policies, practices, and/or procedures. This award consists of a certificate.

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.

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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.

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 must project 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 must project 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 must project 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 must project 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.

*Governor Tony Evers,
Secretary Craig Thompson,
Deputy Secretary Paul Hammer,
Superintendent Anthony Burrell,
and Colonel Tim Carnahan*

ARE PROUD TO RECOGNIZE
THE FOLLOWING
AWARD RECIPIENTS:

Lifesaving

Inspector Teresa Burchard



On Wednesday, June 17, 2020, Inspector Teresa Burchard responded to a report of an impaired driver on I-39 in Dane County. As Inspector Burchard began to follow the suspected driver, she saw the vehicle narrowly strike construction barrels in a construction zone, sideswipe the median wall, and continue to drive on a shredded tire before coming to a stop. The driver was arrested for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated. Inspector Burchard secured the driver in the back of a cruiser. She later found the man unconscious in the back of her car with his head tilted back and his eyes rolled into the back of his head. Inspector Burchard noted the man appeared to be overdosing. Inspector Burchard administered a dose of naloxone while holding his head to keep his airway open. Within 30 seconds, the man started breathing normally and within a minute he was conscious and alert. The patient was transported to the hospital for a medical evaluation.

FOR HER PROFESSIONAL AND DECISIVE ACTIONS,
WHICH ULTIMATELY LED TO SAVING A LIFE,
INSPECTOR TERESA BURCHARD IS PRESENTED THE
LIFESAVING AWARD.

THIS IS INSPECTOR BURCHARD'S SECOND LIFESAVING AWARD.

Lifesaving

Trooper Matthew Chambers



On Saturday, April 3, 2021, Trooper Matthew Chambers was at a convenience store in Onalaska when someone called him over to her car. Trooper Chambers approached the vehicle and saw a man bent over, grasping his throat with both hands. Trooper Chambers asked him if he was choking and needed help. The man nodded, so Trooper Chambers moved into position and performed the Heimlich maneuver. After the fifth attempt, a piece of food flew out of the man's mouth and he said he was OK. A nurse who happened to be on scene checked the man over and determined no further treatment was needed.

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

Lifesaving

Trooper Cody Digre



On Saturday, April 17, 2021, Trooper Cody Digre was on traffic patrol in La Crosse County when dispatch reported a crash with an unresponsive driver on Highway 35 near Riders Club Road. Trooper Digre arrived on scene and saw the driver slumped over the steering wheel, unresponsive and turning blue. Trooper Digre recognized this as a possible overdose, so he tried to revive the person but could not. Trooper Digre then removed the driver from the vehicle and administered two doses of naloxone. A La Crosse County sheriff's deputy administered another dose and the driver eventually began breathing again. The person was taken to a hospital for evaluation.

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

Lifesaving

Trooper Cameron Doute



On Sunday, May 30, 2021, Trooper Cameron Doute was sent to a home in Sheboygan County to help an unresponsive man. Trooper Doute and officers from the Plymouth Police Department found the man lying on the floor of the home. He did not have a pulse and was not breathing. They started CPR and worked together to continue compressions and set up a mask for rescue breaths. After an officer administered two doses of naloxone, Trooper Doute continued compressions until the man started breathing and his pulse returned. The man regained consciousness and a medical team took over patient care.

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

THIS IS TROOPER DOUTE'S SECOND LIFESAVING AWARD.

Lifesaving

Trooper Philip Goldman



On Wednesday, May 19, 2021, Trooper Philip Goldman responded to a medical emergency at a restaurant in Black River Falls. When Trooper Goldman arrived, a restaurant employee and a bystander were giving CPR to an unresponsive man. Trooper Goldman worked with the employee to continue CPR compressions and set up a mask for airflow. Black River Falls Fire Department responded and took over CPR and then took the man to the hospital.

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

Lifesaving

Trooper Joshua Helmer



On Wednesday, March 31, 2021, Trooper Joshua Helmer responded to a reckless driving complaint from the Washington County Sheriff's Office, involving a possible impaired driver with an unresponsive passenger. Trooper Helmer spotted the vehicle traveling about 90 mph in Dodge County. He pulled the driver over, approached the vehicle and saw an unresponsive passenger with a weak pulse in the front seat. He quickly detained the driver, retrieved his medical bag, and removed the passenger from the vehicle. Trooper Helmer tried to revive the passenger, but the person was still unresponsive. He then administered naloxone and held the patient's airway open. After about 30 seconds, the person started to breathe regularly. He continued to monitor them and observed gradual improvement over time. EMS arrived and administered another dose of naloxone. The patient regained consciousness and was taken to a hospital.

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

Lifesaving

Trooper Daniel Hester



Trooper Kory Schultz



On Sunday, February 21, 2021, Trooper Daniel Hester and Trooper Kory Schultz responded to the scene of an officer involved shooting near the Oneida Police Department. The suspect had been shot multiple times in the legs. When the troopers arrived, Trooper Schultz applied a tourniquet to one of the suspect's legs and successfully stopped most of the bleeding. Trooper Hester saw one leg was still bleeding and applied pressure to the wounds. Both troopers continued to talk to the suspect to keep him awake and provided aid until the suspect was transported by ambulance to a local hospital.

FOR THEIR PROFESSIONAL AND DECISIVE ACTIONS,
WHICH ULTIMATELY LED TO SAVING A LIFE,
TROOPER DANIEL HESTER AND TROOPER KORY SCHULTZ
ARE PRESENTED
THE LIFESAVING AWARD.

Lifesaving

Trooper Christina Holtz



On Saturday, January 16, 2021, Trooper Christina Holtz responded to a home near Wilton in Monroe County to help a woman who did not have a pulse and was not breathing. Trooper Holtz arrived and was led into a room where the woman was in a fetal position on the bed. Her face and lips were blue and she didn't appear to be breathing. Trooper Holtz and two bystanders moved the woman to the floor. Trooper Holtz began administering CPR until EMS crews arrived. Trooper Holtz helped them use a defibrillator and administer oxygen for the patient. These life saving measures restored the woman's pulse and she was then transported to the hospital.

FOR HER PROFESSIONAL AND DECISIVE ACTIONS,
WHICH ULTIMATELY LED TO SAVING A LIFE,
TROOPER CHRISTINA HOLTZ IS PRESENTED
THE LIFESAVING AWARD.

Lifesaving

Trooper Carson Konkol



On Saturday, April 17, 2021, Trooper Carson Konkol was on traffic patrol in La Crosse County when he was sent to a possible fire at an apartment in Onalaska. Trooper Konkol went inside the building and saw smoke filling the hallway near one of the apartments. Trooper Konkol knocked on the door but there was no response. Trooper Konkol and an Onalaska officer forced the door open and heavy smoke came pouring out. They found an older woman inside. Trooper Konkol was able to pull her out of the apartment and move her into the hallway. The officers carried the woman outside and found she was unresponsive but had a pulse. The Onalaska Fire Department arrived and provided oxygen while Trooper Konkol assisted with CPR. The woman was eventually taken to a hospital for treatment.

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

Lifesaving

Trooper George Negron



On Friday, January 8, 2021, Trooper George Negron was patrolling on Rib Mountain Drive in Wausau. As he was crossing the McCleary Bridge, which spans over the Big Rib River, he saw a girl on the other side of the bridge with her right hand and right foot dangling over the bridge rail, suspended above the ice that had formed below. Trooper Negron quickly turned his cruiser around to check on her. As he approached, he could see she was only hanging from the railing by her fingertips. Trooper Negron and a passing driver took decisive action, secured the girl's arms, and pulled her back over the guardrail to safety. An ambulance took the girl to a hospital for a medical evaluation. Trooper Negron's quick action saved the girl from certain injury and possible death.

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

Lifesaving

Trooper Kevin Powell



On Wednesday, September 16, 2020, Trooper Kevin Powell responded to a crash in Winnebago County where a vehicle had rolled over in the ditch and was in flames. Trooper Powell grabbed his fire extinguisher from his cruiser and approached the vehicle. He could hear someone trapped inside. The fire was so large that the extinguisher was ineffective, so Trooper Powell used it to break the passenger side windows. He was able to pull the driver out of the vehicle through a broken window. The woman had cuts and severe burns but remained conscious because of Trooper Powell's response. Trooper Powell suffered a minor burn to his hand during the rescue. The driver was transported to a nearby hospital by ambulance and later to a burn center in Madison.

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

Lifesaving

Trooper Daniel Restrepo



On Sunday, November 1, 2020, Trooper Daniel Restrepo responded to a home in Berlin in Green Lake County to assist local authorities on a medical call. When Trooper Restrepo arrived, Berlin first responders were performing CPR on an unresponsive man. Trooper Restrepo was told the man choked on food, stopped breathing, and collapsed. He did not have a pulse. Trooper Restrepo took over chest compressions and after several minutes, the man's pulse returned. The man was taken to a hospital for additional care. Trooper Restrepo's actions and teamwork with the other first responders saved the individual's life.

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

THIS IS TROOPER RESTREPO'S THIRD LIFESAVING AWARD.

Lifesaving

Trooper Ryan Roth



On Friday, March 26, 2021, Trooper Ryan Roth responded to a motel in Eau Claire to assist Eau Claire first responders with a report of a possible overdose in one of the motel rooms. Trooper Roth examined the man who was lying on the floor and found he had a weak pulse and was in respiratory arrest. Suspecting an overdose, Trooper Roth administered one dose of naloxone and assisted with rescue breathing. A short time later the man became alert and conscious. He was able to stand up and walk out of the motel room to the ambulance and was then transported to a local hospital.

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

Lifesaving

Trooper Christopher Saraniecki



On Monday, April 26, 2021, Trooper Christopher Saraniecki responded to a call in Iron River for a possible overdose. A 16-year-old boy was breathing but unresponsive. When Trooper Saraniecki arrived, he saw the teenager on the floor. His skin was blue-gray and he was sporadically breathing. The boy's mother believed he had used heroin. Trooper Saraniecki administered one dose of naloxone. Several minutes later, the teenager began breathing normally again and color came back to his skin. After several more minutes, the boy opened his eyes, began talking and was able to sit in a chair. He was taken to a hospital.

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

THIS IS TROOPER SARANIECKI'S SECOND LIFESAVING AWARD.

Lifesaving

Inspector Joseph Stephens



On Saturday, June 19, 2020, Inspector Joseph Stephens was traveling on I-894 near Oklahoma Avenue in Milwaukee County when he saw a vehicle that appeared to have crashed into the barrier wall and was partially in traffic. Inspector Stephens stopped and saw two young children, ages two and three, in the back seat. The driver was unresponsive and appeared to be suffering from an overdose. Inspector Stephens administered two doses of naloxone and removed the driver from the vehicle. The driver still wasn't breathing, so he began CPR and continued until paramedics arrived. The driver's pulse returned, and the person eventually regained consciousness. Paramedics cleared the driver after providing oxygen. The children, who were not hurt in the crash, were reunited with their mother at post headquarters.

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

Lifesaving Effort Award

Inspector Teresa Burchard

Trooper Danny Daniels

Trooper Jeffrey Hoffman

Inspector Brandon Howell

Trooper Robert Liddell

Trooper David Meredith

Trooper Zachary Mulholland

Trooper Daniel Restrepo

Trooper Kyle Scott

Trooper Trevin Szulczewski

Trooper Robert Unruh

FOR PERFORMING SIGNIFICANT LIFESAVING
MEASURES DURING THE COMPASSIONATE
PERFORMANCE OF DUTY.

Commendable Service

Jessica Bader



Budget and Policy Analyst Jessica Bader has been a great asset to the Division of State Patrol to help operations run seamlessly throughout the year. She manages the budget in an effective way. When the agency started teleworking in 2020, Jessica disseminated important human resources information to employees. She filled in for vacant positions throughout the year, performed many purchasing-related activities and trained other staff in this area. In addition, she worked on several high-level projects throughout the year, including acquiring a new radio system, assisted with the development of the Wisconsin Interoperable System for Communications (WISCOM) by providing budget guidance, the tower infrastructure project, and the creation of Memorandums of Understanding with the Department of Military Affairs and the Department of Natural Resources. Jessica has gone above and beyond by continuously taking on tasks that are well outside her job duties.

FOR GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND THE NORMAL JOB EXPECTATION AND CONTRIBUTING TO THE EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE DIVISION, JESSICA BADER IS PRESENTED THE COMMENDABLE SERVICE AWARD.

Commendable Service

Lieutenant Colonel David Fish



Shortly after Lt. Col. David Fish took over as Director of the Bureau of Field Operations in 2020, the state dealt with a series of unparalleled challenges that disrupted normal agency functions. Throughout the coronavirus pandemic, Lt. Col. Fish maintained close supervision of Division of State Patrol leaders while quickly adapting to the challenges of distance meetings and trainings without the benefit of face-to-face contact. He was

frequently faced with making decisions based upon evolving information but was able to effectively communicate to a statewide organization.

Lt. Col. Fish worked through mutual aid requests from other agencies as their ranks diminished and provided key insight into modified enforcement operations and emergency alternatives to prepare for possible COVID-19 staffing disruptions.

Under his leadership, DSP coordinated a key component of the State Emergency Operations Center, overseeing distribution and security of the Strategic National Stockpile of COVID-19 PPE. Toward the end of 2020, DSP's vaccine distribution operation was so successful it was shared with other states.

Additionally, Lt. Col. Fish ensured staff stayed safe and essential services were maintained as he oversaw the reallocation of tasks and the prioritizing of spending requests. Lt. Col. Fish also served on the WisDOT command team for the Democratic National Convention and played an important role in key event subcommittee planning.

During a period of unprecedented challenges, Lt. Col. Fish displayed exceptional leadership and was indispensable to the State Patrol's ability to maintain key public safety services during a nationwide emergency. He effectively responded to protests in multiple locations in the state and was a key component in managing DSP resources during the COVID-19 pandemic.

FOR GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND THE NORMAL JOB EXPECTATION
AND CONTRIBUTING TO THE EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF
THE DIVISION, LT. COL. DAVID FISH IS PRESENTED
THE COMMENDABLE SERVICE AWARD.

Meritorious Service

Trooper Ryan Roth



On Sunday, November 22, 2020, Trooper Ryan Roth responded to a home in Eau Claire to assist the Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office with a domestic disturbance involving an armed and intoxicated suicidal person. When Trooper Roth arrived, he joined other officers as they attempted to diffuse the situation. At one point, the man came out of the house wielding large knives. Trooper Roth and other officers immediately ordered him to stop and drop the weapons. Despite trying to de-escalate the situation, they could not stop the armed man. As he approached officers, Trooper Roth and an Eau Claire County sheriff's deputy fired their weapons to stop the threat. The man died, despite life-saving efforts.

BY SELFLESSLY RISKING HIS OWN PERSONAL SAFETY TO HELP THE PUBLIC, TROOPER RYAN ROTH DEMONSTRATED HIGH LEVELS OF BRAVERY AND DEDICATION IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES.

FOR HIS EXEMPLARY EFFORTS, TROOPER ROTH IS PRESENTED THE MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD.

Meritorious Service

Trooper Briant Russell



On Saturday, September 26, 2020, Trooper Briant Russell was dispatched to the scene of a crash in Iowa County. When he arrived, he found a vehicle in flames and a driver trapped inside a severely damaged SUV. Bystanders could not get the driver out of the vehicle because the airbags had deployed. The flames from the other vehicle were growing bigger and hotter and the SUV was leaking flammable fluids nearby. Trooper Russell could feel the intense heat from the burning vehicle and knew something had to be done to save the driver trapped in the SUV. Trooper Russell returned to his cruiser and used his push bumper to move the SUV a safe distance away from the burning vehicle. Once safe from the fire, Trooper Russell, an Iowa County deputy, and several bystanders forced the driver's door open and were able to help the person out of the SUV. The driver was taken to a hospital with two broken ankles. Trooper Russell had minor injuries on his hands from broken glass. Trooper Russell's heroic actions ensured the driver of the SUV survived the crash.

BY SELFLESSLY RISKING HIS OWN PERSONAL SAFETY TO HELP ANOTHER, TROOPER BRIANT RUSSELL 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
David Heinisch



Trooper
Alexander Polizzi



Trooper
Cody Rahn



Trooper
Keegan Williams



On Wednesday, December 9, 2020, Troopers David Heinisch, Alexander Polizzi, Cody Rahn, and Keegan Williams bravely put themselves at risk to keep the public safe during a dangerous incident in Jefferson County. It started when Trooper Rahn was in pursuit of a vehicle that drove off from a traffic stop. During the chase, the driver pointed a handgun out the window and fired at Trooper Rahn. He remained calm and professional when relaying this information to dispatch and other officers.

Despite the danger, Trooper Polizzi set up to deploy tire deflation devices. As the suspect vehicle passed Trooper Polizzi, the driver pointed the gun out the window and shot at him. Throughout the 17-mile pursuit, the suspect continued to point the gun at officers, creating a significant threat to safety.

The suspect vehicle eventually crashed. The driver got out and again pointed the gun at officers. The suspect then tried to steal a bystander's car, pointing the gun at the driver. As officers ordered the suspect to drop the weapon, he pointed the gun at officers again. The troopers were forced to shoot at the suspect to protect themselves and the public. Trooper Rahn, Trooper Williams, Trooper Polizzi and Trooper Heinisch immediately secured the suspect and began life saving measures until EMS arrived.

All officers involved showed unyielding courage and bravery in their effort to protect the public.

BY SELFLESSLY RISKING THEIR OWN PERSONAL SAFETY TO HELP THE PUBLIC, TROOPERS HEINISCH, POLIZZI, RAHN AND WILLIAMS DEMONSTRATED HIGH LEVELS OF BRAVERY AND DEDICATION IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES.

FOR THEIR EXEMPLARY EFFORTS, THEY ARE PRESENTED THE MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD.

Innovation and Excellence

Chief David Harvey



Public Safety Technology Services Section Chief David Harvey played a vital role in allowing the Division of State Patrol to quickly and effectively transition from a conventional office work environment to remote work during the COVID-19 pandemic.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, all areas of state government moved to widespread telecommuting and adopted other public health measures. While the leadership demands were significant, Chief

Harvey was able to effectively transition the work environments in just a few days. Chief Harvey used the state's web-based collaboration site SharePoint as a valuable tool to track DSP deliveries of COVID-19 vaccines. Chief Harvey and his team also coordinated many surveys for the division.

Chief Harvey also created a mechanism for effectively gathering Southwest Region mobile phone usage logs and user survey results. He created a centralized, shared location for the DSP Motor Carrier Enforcement section and all DSP region content. He also created DSP graphic logos and communications template sites in SharePoint.

Chief Harvey took part in the planning and preparations for the 2020 Democratic National Convention, gathering information from involved staff while also serving as the Geospatial Committee representative for the WisDOT and DSP.

FOR GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND THE NORMAL JOB EXPECTATION AND CONTRIBUTING TO THE EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE DIVISION, DAVID HARVEY IS PRESENTED THE INNOVATION AND EXCELLENCE AWARD.

Innovation and Excellence

Darlene Schwartz

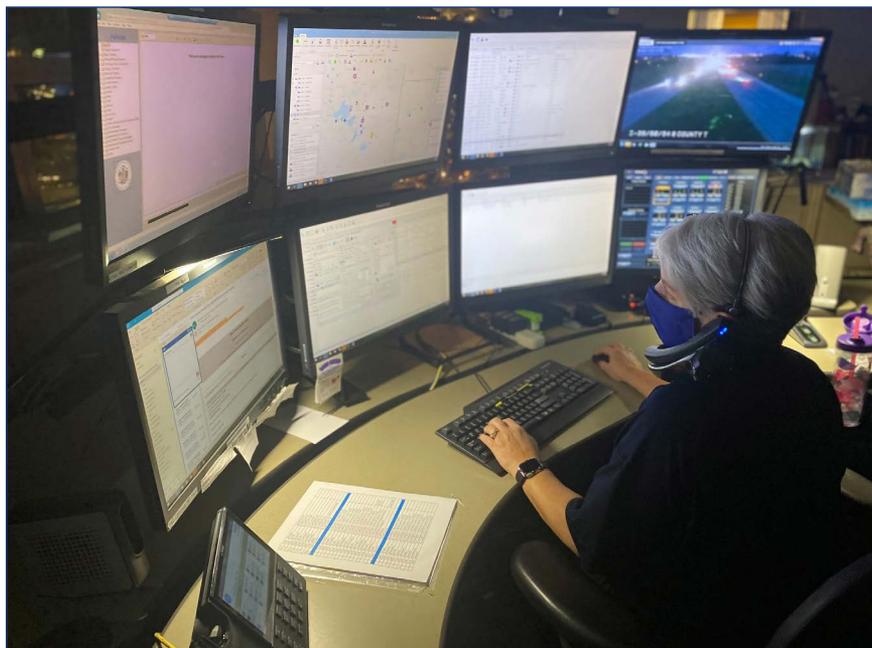


Darlene Schwartz is the supervisor of the Division of State Patrol Badger Traffic and Criminal Software (TraCS) Unit. TraCS is an application that allows Wisconsin's 550 law enforcement agencies to share data on crashes, citations, and inspections. As the TraCS Program Manager, Darlene oversees a unit of developers that use the software to create and maintain forms for law enforcement and technical support staff. The forms assist agencies with TraCS implementation, maintenance, and training.

The unit also creates and maintains TraCS user and administrator documentation, hosts a well-attended annual Statewide TraCS User Conference, and runs a TraCS Forms Advisory Committee and related subcommittees. Given the broad adoption of TraCS in Wisconsin, Darlene and her team also serve as technical liaisons for those who use the TraCS systems, including circuit and municipal courts, the Wisconsin Department of Justice, and other law enforcement agencies.

As the TraCS Program Manager, Darlene worked with partner entities to help expand the use of TraCS across Wisconsin. Her approach to moving TraCS forward involved regularly gathering information and feedback from user agencies and working with the TraCS Forms Advisory Committee. She guides her unit to create additional forms that could most benefit the user agencies and partners. The future of TraCS for Wisconsin holds a great deal of promise thanks to Darlene's more than 30 years of dedicated WisDOT service.

FOR GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND THE NORMAL JOB EXPECTATION
AND CONTRIBUTING TO THE EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF
THE DIVISION, DARLENE SCHWARTZ IS PRESENTED
THE INNOVATION AND EXCELLENCE AWARD.



Innovation and Excellence

Lieutenant Daniel Steele (ret.)



In December 2020, former Lt. Daniel Steele was tasked with coordinating the transport of Wisconsin's first COVID-19 vaccines to the many medical facilities that would serve as vaccine sites. This important task required Lt. Steele to work closely with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Wisconsin Emergency Management, and all Division of State Patrol regions.

Lt. Steele coordinated with DSP Information Technologies and developed a comprehensive tracking log where officers could enter their time, mileage, and other details of the delivery. He generated weekly reports that were shared with the Secretary's Office and used as a tool to cover the costs of the deliveries.

During the execution of Lt. Steele's plan, the deliveries were conducted in a timely and organized manner. The model of operation Lt. Steele developed was shared with other states and a private delivery company that ultimately took over deliveries in February 2021.

FOR GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND THE NORMAL JOB EXPECTATION
AND CONTRIBUTING TO THE EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF
THE DIVISION, LIEUTENANT DANIEL STEELE IS PRESENTED
THE INNOVATION AND EXCELLENCE AWARD.

Innovation and Excellence

Laura Vande Hey



Bureau of Transportation Safety (BOTS) Program and Policy Supervisor Laura Vande Hey has demonstrated exceptional leadership in collecting, analyzing, and returning actionable crash data to outside agencies. Her vision and strategic planning continue to grow the influence of traffic safety as she improves, innovates, and analyzes crash data.

Laura's leadership has had a direct impact on traffic safety in Wisconsin. Her ability to gather people together and get them invested in traffic safety

has been a valuable key to the success of BOTS. She embodies the values of integrity, diversity, equity, and accountability.

Laura continues to be an ambassador of traffic safety and represents the State Patrol in a highly professional manner. She coordinated the annual highway safety plan, editing and delivering it to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration for grant funding and activities. She collaboratively developed Community Maps with the UW Traffic Operations Safety Lab to deliver data as actionable information. Laura also developed Predictive Analytics to be accessible and actionable for all law enforcement agencies in Wisconsin. She chairs the Strategic Highway Safety Plan and Development Committee, coordinating several other operational plans in the Department of Transportation. Plus, Laura chairs the Traffic Records Committee, which seeks out projects that improve the quality, timeliness, accuracy, and accessibility of information for all partners.

Laura has not only represented the State Patrol, Department of Transportation, and BOTS as an employee, but has invested herself and her vision to the division, the bureau and to traffic safety. Throughout her time with WisDOT, she has always delivered quality results beyond expectation and cleared a path for others to follow or join.

FOR GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND THE NORMAL JOB EXPECTATION AND CONTRIBUTING TO THE EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE DIVISION, Laura Vande Hey IS PRESENTED THE INNOVATION AND EXCELLENCE AWARD.

Unit Citation

Fleet Installation Center

The team at the Wisconsin State Patrol's Fleet Installation Center (FIC) has distinguished itself with outstanding service and achievement based on their commitment to innovations in fleet upfitting.

In 2020 and 2021, the COVID-19 pandemic required the team to build consoles, wire harnesses and work on other components critical to fleet upfitting all while working from home. Once they returned to work in person, the team had to make up for lost time. Through creative scheduling, production tracking, and committed employees, the FIC was able to complete the model year 2020 fleets ahead of schedule.

In addition, the FIC was the focus of a WisDOT Leadership Development Program (LDP) project. The program identified several innovations pointing to a culture of continuous improvement, including task-specific work areas, a new wiring station, pre-wired center consoles, and new machines to improve upfitting and facilitate custom fabrications. In all, the LDP project team estimated the FIC has saved about 48 work hours per week, leading to increased vehicle production.

The FIC team's professionalism, growth and achievement reflects the highest level of commitment and credit upon themselves, the division, and the law enforcement profession.

FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN ENHANCING PUBLIC SAFETY THROUGH
INNOVATION AND PROFESSIONALISM, THE FLEET INSTALLATION
CENTER TEAM MEMBERS ARE PRESENTED
THE UNIT CITATION AWARD.

Network Communications
Supervisor
John Scherbert



Network Communications
Systems Analyst
Shawn Murphy



Network Communications
Systems Analyst
Jacob Rein



Electronics Technician
Brandyn Rein



Electronics Technician
Benjamin Hoffman



Office Operations
Associate Shelly Hughes



Trooper
Brandon Ferrell



Unit Citation

Public Safety Technology Services Section - Production Support Unit

Through the critical support provided to the Division of State Patrol during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Production Support Unit (PSU) of the division's Public Safety Technology Services Section distinguished itself with outstanding service and achievement. The PSU's non-sworn and sworn IT professionals support more than 100 physical and virtual servers and more than 1,500 mobile devices.

The PSU's early recognition of special IT support needs during the pandemic led to rapid planning and preparation in response to agency telework policies. These preparations included an immediate inventory and deployment of laptops, mobile data computers, peripheral devices, cellular hotspots and phones, and other technology. These technologies and services supported more than 180 teleworkers.

PSU also led the effort to acquire additional phone client licenses and purchased Bluetooth headsets, which allowed staff to manage calls and voicemail remotely and more efficiently.

Finally, PSU was instrumental in creating and implementing resources for managing staff availability, tracking the impacts of positive COVID-19 cases, coordinating the distribution of vaccines, and compiling other COVID-19 resources from a variety of sources.

The Production Support Unit's professionalism, growth and achievement reflects the highest level of commitment and credit upon themselves, the division, and the law enforcement profession.

FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN ENHANCING PUBLIC SAFETY THROUGH
THE CRITICAL SUPPORT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT TECHNOLOGY, THE
PRODUCTION SUPPORT UNIT MEMBERS ARE PRESENTED
THE UNIT CITATION AWARD.

Chief
David Harvey



IS Supervisor 2
James Larson (ret.)



IS Network Services-
Senior
Jacob Berger



Production Support
Unit Supervisor
Jennifer Mobley



IS Network Services-
Senior
Scott Jennings



IS Comprehensive
Services-Senior
Brian Kalinoski



IS Technical Services-
Professional
Peter Blankenheim



IS Data Services-
Senior
Geoffrey Grant



IS Technical Services-
Senior
Tina Goede



Inspector Travis Lauer



Inspector Mark Fetzer



Inspector Thomas Tweedy





Superintendent's Commendation

Trooper Logan Christel



Trooper Logan Christel serves in the Northeast Region and is assigned to Kewaunee County. In 2020, through his proactive patrols, Trooper Christel demonstrated exceptional performance in his effort to improve public safety with a focus on seat belt enforcement. His actions have had a profound impact on the division's goal of saving lives.

For his commitment to enhancing public safety by enforcing Wisconsin traffic law, Trooper Logan Christel is presented the Superintendent's Commendation Award.

FOR HIS COMMITMENT TO ENHANCING PUBLIC SAFETY BY
ENFORCING WISCONSIN TRAFFIC LAW,
TROOPER LOGAN CHRISTEL IS PRESENTED
THE SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENDATION AWARD.

Superintendent's Commendation

Trooper Scott Darin



Trooper Scott Darin patrols the highways in the Southeast Region, specifically assigned to Washington County. In 2020, Trooper Darin had an exceptional impact on public safety through his efforts to identify, stop, and prevent crimes. His criminal interdiction enforcement has had a profound impact on the division's goals of combating crime and terrorism. His efforts have undoubtedly lowered the number of crashes and saved lives.

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

Superintendent's Commendation

Trooper Christina Holtz



Trooper Christina Holtz patrols the highways in the Southwest Region, specifically assigned to Monroe County. In 2020, Trooper Holtz had an exceptional impact on public safety through her proactive patrols in speed enforcement. Her actions have played a significant role in preventing crashes, improving driver behaviors, and saving lives.

FOR HER COMMITMENT TO ENHANCING PUBLIC SAFETY BY
ENFORCING WISCONSIN TRAFFIC LAW,
TROOPER CHRISTINA HOLTZ IS PRESENTED
THE SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENDATION AWARD.

Superintendent's Commendation

Trooper Justin Temperly



Trooper Justin Temperly serves in the Southwest Region and is assigned to Sauk County. Through his proactive patrols, Trooper Temperly played a substantial role in deterring impaired driving in 2020, helping reduce the risk on the roads, which has earned him the Superintendent's Commendation.

Trooper Temperly's performance is recognized with a second commendation for his exceptional work in criminal interdiction, preventing illegal activity like drug use, terrorism, and human trafficking. His actions have had a profound impact on the division's goal of enhancing public safety, no doubt lowering crashes and saving lives.

FOR HIS COMMITMENT TO ENHANCING PUBLIC SAFETY BY
ENFORCING WISCONSIN TRAFFIC LAW,
TROOPER JUSTIN TEMPERLY IS PRESENTED WITH
THE SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENDATION AWARD
IN TWO AREAS OF EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE.

Dispatcher of the Year

Law Enforcement Dispatcher Colleen Keough



Law Enforcement Dispatcher (LED) Colleen Keough is currently assigned to the Fond du Lac Post Communications Unit. LED Keough is also a Background Investigator and a member of the Peer Support Team.

With more than 32 years of experience as a state employee, 22 as a dispatcher, she is a strong leader and shows initiative to enhance professionalism and education. LED Keough has great rapport with field personnel and her fellow dispatchers, and recently

took on the duties of training new employees. As new incidents unfold in the Communications Center, she explains each one in detail and the reasons behind the Communication team's responses. LED Keough's positive attitude gives our new dispatchers a good impression of the State Patrol dispatch centers.

Earlier this year, LED Keough was able to use her expertise and the tools available to her in the communications center to locate a vehicle that had struck a wall on I-41. She monitored the vehicle on the cameras until it was able to be stopped, at which point the driver was arrested for impaired driving.

LED Keough volunteers regularly in her community by organizing fundraisers, creating raffle baskets, and selling raffle tickets.

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 COLLEEN KEOUGH IS PRESENTED WITH THE 2021 DISPATCHER OF THE YEAR AWARD.

Inspector of the Year

Inspector Joshua Maurer



Inspector Joshua Maurer is currently assigned to the Eau Claire Post in the Northwest Region. Inspector Maurer is a highly valued member of the State Patrol and consistently leads from the front in his enforcement activities, both in quality and quantity. Inspector Maurer has been an important resource for size and weight regulations and farm vehicle questions.

In addition to his daily operations, Inspector Maurer is a background investigator, Field Training Officer, size and weight instructor, Event Data Recorder technician, Mobile Field Force member, and an extrication team member. He is also on the Division Awards Committee. Inspector Maurer is a vital resource in these areas and takes advantage of every opportunity to share his knowledge and experience with other officers and local businesses.

Inspector Maurer received a Letter of Recognition from Hudson Police Department for his role in identifying a commercial motor vehicle carrier and driver involved in a hit and run crash. From nothing but a parking lot camera video, Inspector Maurer helped identify the carrier and driver so Hudson police could complete their investigation.

Inspector Maurer is an active community member outside of work. He is the president of the Baldwin Woodville Youth Ball Association, treasurer and past president of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Woodville, a youth baseball and softball coach for the past 17 years, and a WIAA high school basketball official for the past 13 years.

**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 JOSHUA MAURER IS PRESENTED
WITH THE 2021 INSPECTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD.**

Civilian Employee of the Year

Investigator Paul Schilling



Investigator Paul Schilling is an investigator assigned to the Motor Carrier Enforcement Section in the Bureau of Field Operations. He is the only investigator assigned to inspect every ambulance that operates in Wisconsin, before they are first put into service and every year after. This requires Investigator Schilling to coordinate with more than 430 ambulance companies throughout Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, and Minnesota. Investigator Schilling travels extensively to inspect over 1,200 ambulances a year.

Investigator Schilling is also tasked with overseeing updates to state laws for ambulances and their provider companies. Investigator Schilling used his expertise to keep the rules current with industry standards and best practices, including finding areas that would be problematic if implemented equally for both rural and urban ambulance companies. Investigator Schilling worked with division management, department attorneys, the Secretary's Office, legislators, and industry professionals to make these changes happen. Because of those efforts, Governor Evers recently appointed Investigator Schilling to the State Emergency Medical Services Board.

Outside of work, Investigator Schilling is very involved in his community, regularly preparing barbeque ribs to raise money for area schools and charities. Investigator Schilling is also a member of the Phillips Area Chamber of Commerce and the Phillips United Methodist Church.

**IN RECOGNITION OF HIS OUTSTANDING WORK PERFORMANCE,
INITIATIVE, AND LEADERSHIP, AND FOR PROMOTING A POSITIVE
IMAGE OF THE WISCONSIN STATE PATROL,
INVESTIGATOR PAUL SCHILLING IS PRESENTED WITH
THE 2021 CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARD.**

Trooper of the Year

Trooper Allen Vick



Trooper Allen Vick is currently assigned to the Waukesha Post in the Southeast Region. Trooper Vick has consistently demonstrated exemplary performance in his work unit for his speed and seat belt enforcement. Trooper Vick has also participated in numerous high-profile details involving presidential and vice-presidential visits. Trooper Vick regularly participates in efforts to eliminate crashes in construction zones and handles major crash investigations safely.

In addition to his exceptional traffic enforcement, Trooper Vick also serves in a variety of other roles for the State Patrol, including Speedmeter Technician. He is an instructor in firearms, scenarios, civil disturbance and Visual Average Speed Computer and Recorder (VASCAR). Trooper Vick regularly instructs at the region level, for recruit classes and during in-service. Trooper Vick also serves as a Field Training Officer to hold new troopers to the highest standards of the division.

Trooper Vick has clearly demonstrated his ability and willingness to contribute to the Wisconsin State Patrol mission at a high level and across a broad spectrum. He has accomplished this with a consistently positive attitude and professional manner.

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 ALLEN VICK IS PRESENTED WITH THE 2021 TROOPER OF THE YEAR AWARD.

Superintendent's Star of Recognition

Sergeant John Heffernan (ret.)



Former Wisconsin State Patrol Program Director Sergeant John Heffernan supervised the last seven recruit classes. From the 60th Recruit Class in 2014 to the 66th in 2021, Sergeant Heffernan was the foundation that allowed the division to continue to operate an employer-based recruit academy. Creating and maintaining a 26-week class schedule that meets all the requirements of the Department of Justice Training and Standards Bureau was an enormous undertaking. Sgt. Heffernan operated at a high level of proficiency for longer than any other program director assigned to the recruit class. This not only required the highest attention to the smallest details, but a commitment to constantly adapt to the challenges of a six-month program. Sgt. Heffernan handled coordination of programs with the accuracy and care needed to ensure the entire division could receive excellent preparatory training.

This is a position of significant and sustained responsibility. Sergeant Heffernan distinguished himself by his exceptional achievement in the performance of this very important duty. There is no doubt that his work has contributed to the overall mission of the Division in a profound manner by ensuring staff are well-trained to provide essential public safety services. Sergeant Heffernan accomplished this year after year while striving for excellence in all that he does.

FOR HIS STEADFAST LEADERSHIP AND COMMITMENT TO THE
SUCCESS OF THE DIVISION'S RECRUIT PROGRAM,
SERGEANT JOHN HEFFERNAN IS PRESENTED
THE SUPERINTENDENT'S STAR OF RECOGNITION.

