

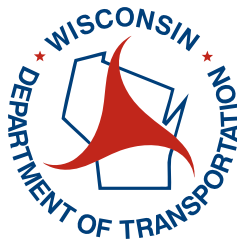


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Awards Ceremony

May 3, 2024

Presented by:

Superintendent Timothy Carnahan
Colonel David Fish



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.

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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.

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 and blue 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 Kristina Boardman,
Superintendent Tim Carnahan,
and Colonel David Fish*

ARE PROUD TO RECOGNIZE
THE FOLLOWING
AWARD RECIPIENTS:

Commendable Service

Lieutenant Andrew Martin



Lieutenant Andrew Martin took over as the lieutenant of the Dignitary Protection Unit (DPU) in 2016. His leadership has elevated the DPU into an elite, prestigious and honorable unit that is recognized as one of the top units in the nation.

The State Patrol DPU has been a fully accredited protection unit through the National Governors Security Association (NGSA) since 2017 because of Lieutenant Martin's forethought and planning. The unit had never obtained accredited status prior to his promotion to detail leader.

Lieutenant Martin served as the NGSA's Midwest Vice President for one term while also completing his duties as lieutenant of the DPU. Due to his honorable service as the Midwest Vice-President, he gained the respect of his fellow NGSA members and was elected secretary of the organization in 2022. He currently holds that title in the NGSA.

Lieutenant Martin has been instrumental in transforming the DPU. He wrote the first ever standard operating procedure manual for the unit, created an annual training program specifically designed for small unit dignitary protection, and created a mentor training program for acclimating new members to the DPU.

*For going above and beyond the normal job expectation and contributing to the efficiency and effectiveness of the division, **Lieutenant Andrew Martin** is presented with the **Commendable Service Award**.*

Commendable Service

Christopher Smith - IS Network Services Specialist



Bureau of Network Engineering and Data Infrastructure (BNEDI) IS Network Services Specialist Christopher Smith exceeds unit, bureau and division expectations in his delivery of networking innovations and implementations. Smith is currently one of three employees with statewide jurisdiction and responsibility for the State Patrol network.

Over the last year, Smith was instrumental in several activities. He researched and implemented new coding to network appliances to alleviate a software anomaly. He was also heavily involved in the implementation and configuration of the identity services engine, which will enhance many facets of the State Patrol network and provide additional network security. He configured and deployed several new Wisconsin Interoperable System for Communications (WISCOM) network routers and helped support the statewide digital microwave network upgrades. He also worked closely with the Voice Over Internet Protocol (VoIP) telephone system vendor to identify an issue with the firmware, provide a temporary work-around, obtain and implement the new firmware, and restore the system with minimal effect or downtime. As the primary State Patrol point of contact for network firewalls, he maintained the firewall and associated rules as BNEDI works toward a new model of access rules. At the Southwest Region-DeForest Post, he supported the implementation of the secure wireless network and helped overhaul the main IT room.

Smith frequently works long days with significant travel to ensure the State Patrol network is operating properly. Despite the heavy workload, he maintains a friendly demeanor, a positive attitude, and a willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty.

Christopher Smith is open, honest, hard-working and forward-thinking. When the work demands, he can be extremely creative in coming up with solutions to solve most any problem. Smith is not afraid of work and will eagerly do what is necessary to resolve an issue.

*For going above and beyond the normal job expectation and contributing to the efficiency and effectiveness of the division, **Christopher Smith** is presented with the **Commendable Service Award**.*



Meritorious Service

Trooper Michael Lawson



On October 1, 2022, Trooper Michael Lawson responded to a single vehicle crash on I-94 near WIS 142 in Kenosha County. The vehicle had crashed into the median wall and started on fire. The driver was semi-conscious in the vehicle and did not respond to multiple commands to open the door. Trooper Lawson broke out the driver's window to gain access and pulled the driver from the burning vehicle. The driver was not seriously injured in the crash and was later arrested for OWI.

On February 9, 2023, Trooper Lawson responded to a wrong-way driver traveling northbound in the southbound lanes of I-43 in Walworth County. Trooper Lawson located the vehicle and observed the suspect traveling north with two Delavan police squads behind it. After all three vehicles passed Trooper Lawson's location, he turned around to follow them. He immediately observed the wrong-way vehicle crash head-on with another vehicle. The suspect vehicle caught fire, and when Trooper Lawson approached it, he saw the driver lying over the steering wheel, unconscious. With heavy smoke emitting from the vehicle, Trooper Lawson held his breath and used a knife to cut the driver's seat belt. He then dragged the unconscious driver out of and away from the vehicle. The driver soon regained consciousness and was transported to a hospital where he was treated for his injuries.

*By selflessly risking his own personal safety to help another, **Trooper Michael Lawson** demonstrated high levels of bravery and dedication in the performance of his duties. For his exemplary efforts, he is presented with two **Meritorious Service Awards**.*

Innovation and Excellence

Jordan Bergeman - Information System Supervisor



Jordan Bergeman is an Information Systems Supervisor with the Bureau of Network Engineering and Data Infrastructure (BNEDI). Bergeman is one of three employees with statewide jurisdiction and is responsible for the entire Division of State Patrol network.

Through rapid identification and adoption of best practices, modernization of IT tools and data systems, and creation of innovation that prioritizes continuous process improvement, Bergeman led, managed and implemented several large projects around the state. Those projects included leading a successful upgrade of the division's digital microwave data network, managing an improvement to the Douglas County two-way radio communication network, and implementing an improved Department of Natural Resources forestry voice over internet protocol dispatch system. Bergeman also led a complete overhaul of the Southwest Region-DeForest Post network room and upgrades to the entire State Patrol telephone system.

As a new supervisor, Bergeman possesses strong leadership skills to tackle new challenges head on, is well spoken, intelligent, highly organized and a technical visionary, trying to see the road ahead, plan for new technology, and predict possible threats facing the networking infrastructure. Whether he and his team are changing a network configuration, replacing equipment that is near end-of-life, improving network security, or implementing network redundancy, all updates are designed to make the State Patrol network more resilient, redundant and secure.

Jordan Bergeman continues to evaluate and prioritize key networking projects across the state. He ensures critical systems remain online, listens to his staff, solicits feedback from the BNEDI management team, and closely coordinates his work to ensure business continuity. In short, he is an indispensable member of the division's technical workforce who keeps a positive attitude and a warm smile on his face. His work reflects positively on the entire division and the agency.

*For going above and beyond the normal job expectation and contributing to the efficiency and effectiveness of the division, **Jordan Bergeman** is presented the **Innovation and Excellence Award**.*

Unit Citation

Wisconsin State Patrol Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team

Inspector Kris Anderson	Trooper Kristian Perales
Trooper Colton Bahling	Inspector Mike Larsen
Sergeant Sean Berkowitch	Captain Craig Larson
Inspector Robert Borek	Inspector Joshua Lintula
Trooper Joseph Desprez	Sergeant Nicholas Lorenzen
Sergeant Kyle Dudek	Trooper Adam Lukaszewski
Trooper Steven Frantal	Sergeant Bret Manke
Trooper Caleb Grabow-Hohensee	Trooper Jeremy McNulty
Lieutenant Dean Haigh	Inspector Martin Messa
Sergeant Michael Heffernan	Inspector Daniel O'Connor
Trooper Joshua Helmer	Trooper Anthony Olson
Inspector Jeffrey Hill	Sergeant Jon Pedersen
Sergeant Jeffry Hudacek	Trooper Aaron Poehlman
Inspector Lewis Judge	Trooper Kevin Powell
Trooper Carson Konkol	Trooper Scott Reignier
Trooper Mitchell Kraetke	Sergeant Nathan Wright

The State Patrol SWAT Team is a group of highly trained personnel with skills in tactical response, hostage rescue, marksmanship, dignitary protection, woodland operations, mechanical breaching, and the deployment of chemical/diversionary munitions. The SWAT Team serves as a specialized, flexible and mobile unit able to respond to any incident in the state of Wisconsin and also assist other jurisdictions through mutual aid requests. The team is activated to assist with containment, de-escalation and control of situations beyond the capabilities of a standard patrol officer.

Because of the team's professionalism, they are called on for assistance by local, state and federal agencies. Each year the number of training hours and call-ups to incidents continue to increase for the members. The SWAT Team provides site security, sniper overwatch, counter-assault teams and intelligence gathering teams for presidential, vice-presidential, gubernatorial and other dignitary visits every year. They also provide those services for recent fallen officer funerals around the state during overwhelming and stressful times for partner agencies.

In 2022 and 2023, SWAT members deployed to more than 90 incidents around the state as part of the State Patrol SWAT Team and as members of local SWAT Teams with county and municipal officers. Those incidents have included hostage situations, active shooter incidents, armed and barricaded individuals, overwatch details, search and/or arrest warrants, and others.

Due to accurate tracking mechanisms, as well as the development of specialized strategies and tactics, the SWAT Team was able to achieve goals outlined in the division's Strategic Plan towards Combatting Crime and Terrorism. Each member of the team has held themselves to the highest ideals of standards and accountability. Day in and day out, this team exhibits a significant degree of team effort that has directly resulted in outstanding service and successful achievements for the division.

*For their efforts in enhancing public safety, the **SWAT Team members** are presented the **Unit Citation Award**.*



Front Row – Left to Right – Captain Craig Larson, Sergeant Kyle Dudek, Trooper Adam Lukaszewski, Trooper Kevin Powell, Inspector Jeffrey Hill, Trooper Joseph Desprez, Trooper Steven Frantal, Trooper Jeremy McNulty, Sergeant Sean Berkowitch, Trooper Caleb Grabow-Hohensee, Trooper Carson Konkol, Lieutenant Dean Haigh.

Back Row – Left to Right – Trooper Colton Bahling, Inspector Lewis Judge, Inspector Mike Larsen, Trooper Scott Reignier, Inspector Joshua Lintula, Inspector Martin Messa, Sergeant Nicholas Lorenzen, Sergeant Jeffry Hudacek, Sergeant Nathan Wright, Trooper Aaron Poehlman, Inspector Daniel O'Connor, Sergeant Bret Manke, Trooper Kristian Perales, Trooper Joshua Helmer.

Not Pictured: Inspector Kris Anderson, Inspector Robert Borek, Sergeant Michael Heffernan, Trooper Mitchell Kraetke, Trooper Anthony Olson, Sergeant Jon Pedersen.

Unit Citation

Wisconsin State Patrol Fleet Installation Center

Trooper Brandon Ferrell
Benjamin Hoffman
Shelly Hughes
Shawn Murphy
Cole Pulver
Brandyn Rein
Jacob Rein
John Scherbert

BNEDI Network Communications Supervisor John Scherbert and his team at the Fleet Installation Center continue to exceed bureau and division expectations in their delivery of fleet vehicles and fleet innovation.

Over the last year, the Fleet Installation Center team has been instrumental in the planning, design, configuration, testing and implementation of public safety equipment in multiple vehicles which each presented its own challenge with electrical wiring, lighting placement and overall space. The Fleet Installation Center team was able to overcome all these challenges and put out a product State Patrol personnel were happy to drive.

The team also had to plan, design, configure, test and install new land mobile radio equipment in the “tour packs” of State Patrol motorcycles. This project included the installation of unique communication units, wireless two-way radios, auto-switching equipment and a custom-designed and fabricated cantilevered mobile data computer docking station platform and arm.

At the same time, the team received a new plasma computer numerical control machine with computer-aided design to custom design and create fleet components for fabrication. They had to install the machine and learn how to use it.

Despite recent, and fairly significant, law enforcement fleet vehicle ordering, manufacturing and delivery delays, Supervisor Scherbert and the Fleet Installation Center team continue to display a positive attitude, an eagerness to innovate, a commitment to fleet excellence, and a persistent desire to make the safest and most functional law enforcement fleet vehicles in the state of Wisconsin.

Unit Citation

Wisconsin State Patrol Fleet Installation Center

Trooper Brandon
Ferrell



Benjamin Hoffman



Shelly Hughes



Shawn Murphy



Cole Pulver



Brandyn Rein



Jacob Rein



John Scherbert



*For their efforts in supporting and enhancing public safety, the **Wisconsin State Patrol Fleet Installation Center team members** are presented the **Unit Citation Award**.*

Lifesaving Effort

Trooper Jacob Anderson
Trooper Jack Barker
Inspector Thomas Behm
Trooper Kyle Braun
Trooper Cameron Doute
Sergeant Brandon Gray
Robert Griak
Inspector Jonathan Fenrick
Trooper Kent Hamoud (2)
Sergeant Jeffry Hudacek
Trooper Brandon Jensen
Special Agent Corey Johnsrud, FBI
Inspector Lewis Judge
Trooper Christopher Kile
Trooper Michael Kline
Trooper Timothy Knutson
Inspector Stephen LaVigne
Sergeant Joshua Maurer
Trooper Kristopher Mondloch
Trooper Jacob Morris
Inspector Cory Pratt
Inspector Kevin Riordan
Trooper Kate Sampson
Trooper Zachary Sincoular
Trooper Jeffery Splinter
Inspector Dylan Strasburg
Trooper Raymond Tolliver (2)
Trooper Joseph Youngblood

Lifesaving

Sergeant Erica Ballweg-Larsen



On December 30, 2022, Sergeant Erica Ballweg-Larsen responded to a distress call from a motorist who had been cleaning a rifle while driving intoxicated. The driver unintentionally discharged a rifle round into his left calf at point blank range. When Sergeant Ballweg-Larsen arrived on scene on WIS 19 at I-39/90/94 in Dane County, a DeForest police officer had already applied a tourniquet and a Dane County sheriff's deputy applied gauze, but the blood loss was still rapid and uncontrolled. Sergeant Ballweg-Larsen retrieved her medical bag and began to apply gauze bandages while holding the subject's calf muscle in place. After applying direct pressure and multiple rolls of gauze bandages, the bleeding finally stopped. The individual was transported to the hospital and survived the incident.

*For her professional and decisive actions, which ultimately led to saving a life, **Sergeant Erica Ballweg-Larsen** is presented the **Lifesaving Award**.*

Lifesaving

Trooper Kyle Cook



On February 15, 2023, Trooper Kyle Cook was conducting a traffic stop in Winnebago County when he heard dispatch advise of a disturbance at a business. A man was previously removed from the business and returned with a handgun. The manager of the business physically confronted the man. During the confrontation, the man discharged the handgun into his own leg. The manager then disarmed the man and took possession of the firearm. Trooper Cook was first to arrive on scene and secured the firearm in his squad. During this time, bystanders attempted to provide first aid. Trooper Cook took over care, observing a gunshot wound on the man's upper leg. Trooper Cook determined that, due to the location of the injury, a tourniquet was not appropriate. Trooper Cook packed the wound with gauze and continued providing aid until a medical team arrived to transport the man to a local hospital.

*For his professional and decisive actions, which ultimately led to saving a life, **Trooper Kyle Cook** is presented the **Lifesaving Award**.*

Lifesaving

Trooper Scott Darin



On August 28, 2022, Trooper Scott Darin responded to assist the Washington County Sheriff's Office with an emergency medical call in the town of West Bend. It was reported that a 33-year-old man did not have a pulse and was not breathing. When Trooper Darin arrived, he was informed the man had an existing heart condition. Trooper Darin and a deputy performed CPR and the deputy administered four shocks with an automated external defibrillator (AED). Because of Trooper Darin's quick actions, the man was revived and transported to a local hospital to receive further care.

*For his professional and decisive actions, which ultimately led to saving a life, **Trooper Scott Darin** is presented the **Lifesaving Award**.*

Lifesaving

Inspector Thomas Fleming



On May 26, 2023, Inspector Thomas Fleming responded to a multi-vehicle crash on US 2, east of US 53, in Douglas County. Inspector Fleming was the first officer to arrive and observed bystanders attempting to wake an unresponsive person who was involved in the crash. The person wasn't breathing and did not have a pulse.

With the help of bystanders, Inspector Fleming removed the man from the vehicle and lowered him to the ground to begin CPR. A Douglas County sergeant arrived and was able to find a pulse, but the person was still not breathing. Lifesaving efforts were continued until emergency medical crews arrived. The person was later flown to a hospital where he recovered and was able to speak with officers the next day.

*For his professional and decisive actions, which ultimately led to saving a life, **Inspector Thomas Fleming** is presented the **Lifesaving Award**.*

Lifesaving

Trooper Megan LaFave



On May 5, 2023, the Shawano County Dispatch Center broadcast a report of a possible overdose at a gas station. Trooper Megan LaFave and a Shawano County deputy responded and saw a person on the floor of the men's bathroom who was unresponsive and turning blue. They observed indicators of possible drug use, so Trooper LaFave administered a single dose of Naloxone (Narcan) and received no response from the subject. Trooper LaFave administered a second dose and the person began to show signs of labored breathing but was still unresponsive. After a third dose was administered, the person eventually became conscious and alert. Emergency medical personnel arrived and took over care, taking the person to a hospital for further treatment.

*For her professional and decisive actions, which ultimately led to saving a life, **Trooper Megan LaFave** is presented the **Lifesaving Award**.*

Lifesaving

Inspector Todd Monson



On April 25, 2023, Inspector Todd Monson heard a Douglas County dispatch call to a home in Parkland for a 33-year-old man who had overdosed. When Inspector Monson arrived, the man was on the bedroom floor with his grandmother attempting to help him. The man's family had already given him two doses of Narcan. Inspector Monson administered another dose and then provided rescue breathing with a bag mask. The man's pulse stopped and Inspector Monson began CPR. When a medical team arrived, they provided two AED shocks and requested Monson administer another dose of Narcan. CPR continued. Eventually, the patient began to breathe on his own and his pulse was strong. The man was airlifted to a hospital.

*For his professional and decisive actions, which ultimately led to saving a life, **Inspector Todd Monson** is presented the **Lifesaving Award**.*

Lifesaving

Trooper Daniel Restrepo



On November 19, 2022, Trooper Daniel Restrepo responded to a call in the town of Princeton for a man who had fallen off a roof. The caller was unable to get him turned over. Trooper Restrepo arrived and helped a Princeton police officer move a cherry picker away from the man. He then went to the man who was receiving CPR. The patient was wedged against a TV antenna. Trooper Restrepo was able to pull the man by his legs to get him away from the obstruction. Trooper Restrepo stood by to assist with CPR until a medical team arrived on scene.

*For his professional and decisive actions, which ultimately led to saving a life, **Trooper Daniel Restrepo** is presented the **Lifesaving Award**.*

Lifesaving

Trooper David Schwoerer



On February 6, 2023, Trooper Schwoerer located a disabled vehicle with a subject requiring medical attention on I-90/94 in Columbia County. Trooper Schwoerer saw someone giving a man CPR next to the vehicle. The man was unresponsive with labored breathing and a low pulse rate. Trooper Schwoerer administered one dose of Narcan and took over chest compressions, while also directing the other person to provide breaths. A Columbia County deputy arrived and applied an AED, two additional doses of Narcan, and a manual resuscitator. Trooper Schwoerer administered three total rounds of CPR and assisted with tilting the man's head for rescue breaths. The man regained consciousness and was assessed by emergency medical responders.

*For his professional and decisive actions, which ultimately led to saving a life, **Trooper David Schwoerer** is presented the **Lifesaving Award**.*

Lifesaving

Trooper David Schwoerer



Deputy Jordan Jones



Lieutenant Mark Smit



Trooper Dettrick Zimmerman



On August 28, 2023 Trooper David Schwoerer, Trooper Dettrick Zimmerman, Columbia County Deputy Jordan Jones and Columbia County Lieutenant Mark Smit responded to an ambulance call for an unresponsive female at the westbound rest area bathroom. Trooper Zimmerman and Lieutenant Smit worked for several minutes trying to breach the secure metal doorway. After breaching the door to the family restroom, Trooper Schwoerer and Deputy Jones found a woman slumped over on the floor. Her lips were purple. Deputy Jones positioned the patient on her back so Trooper Schwoerer could administer two doses of Narcan. The woman was still unresponsive and not breathing, so they provided rescue breaths. After a medical team arrived, the person became responsive and was transported to a hospital for treatment.

*For their professional and decisive actions, which ultimately led to saving a life, **Trooper David Schwoerer, Trooper Dettrick Zimmerman, Deputy Jordan Jones and Lieutenant Mark Smit** are presented the **Lifesaving Award**.*

Lifesaving

Trooper Christopher Splinter



On April 3, 2023, Trooper Christopher Splinter responded to assist the Adams County Sheriff's Office with taking a wanted subject into custody. While responding, the person ran away. When Trooper Splinter and sheriff's deputies caught up with him, he revealed a knife and cut himself. Trooper Splinter assisted with taking the subject into custody but noticed he was beginning to lose consciousness. Trooper Splinter applied a tourniquet to the person's arm and was able to stop the bleeding. A deputy applied a tourniquet to the other arm. The officers continued to provide aid until the person was airlifted to a hospital for treatment.

*For his professional and decisive actions, which ultimately led to saving a life, **Trooper Christopher Splinter** is presented the **Lifesaving Award**.*

Lifesaving

Trooper Christopher Sukis



On May 26, 2023, Trooper Christopher Sukis responded to a report of an Ultralight plane crash in a field near Gays Mills. Trooper Sukis retrieved his medical kit and rode a family member's ATV up the hill to the site of the crash. He saw the pilot was seriously injured, so he applied a tourniquet to the person's leg and continued aid until medical crews arrived. The pilot was airlifted to a hospital where he recovered.

*For his professional and decisive actions, which ultimately led to saving a life, **Trooper Christopher Sukis** is presented the **Lifesaving Award**.*

Lifesaving

Trooper Justin Temperly



On May 30, 2023, Trooper Justin Temperly responded to a two-vehicle crash on US 12 in the town of Roxbury in Dane County. Once on scene, Trooper Temperly met with a Dane County deputy who was at a vehicle that had rolled over. The deputy requested assistance applying a tourniquet on a passenger's leg. Trooper Temperly applied the tourniquet and stopped the passenger's blood loss. Trooper Temperly and the deputy continued to talk with the occupants of the vehicle to ensure they were still conscious and alert. Once a medical team arrived on scene, they applied an additional tourniquet and bandages to the passenger. The passenger was airlifted to a hospital to be treated for her injuries.

*For his professional and decisive actions, which ultimately led to saving a life, **Trooper Justin Temperly** is presented the **Lifesaving Award**.*

Lifesaving

Trooper Sean Wiedersheim



On August 27, 2022, Trooper Wiedersheim was finishing his shift and on his way home when he heard a Milwaukee County dispatch call about a motorcycle crash on I-43 at Hampton Avenue. Trooper Wiedersheim was in the area and responded. He was the first on scene and immediately rendered aid to the injured rider. Trooper Wiedersheim applied a tourniquet on the rider's leg. Trooper Wiedersheim's actions stopped the bleeding on the motorcyclist's leg and helped save the person's life.

*For his professional and decisive actions, which ultimately led to saving a life, **Trooper Sean Wiedersheim** is presented the **Lifesaving Award**.*



Superintendent's Commendation

Trooper Brett Boley



Trooper Brett Boley serves in the Northwest Region and is assigned to Eau Claire County. Through his proactive patrols, Trooper Boley played a substantial role in deterring impaired driving in 2022, helping reduce the risk on the roads. 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 Brett Boley** is presented the **Superintendent's Commendation Award.***

Superintendent's Commendation

Trooper David Arndt



Trooper David Arndt serves in the Southwest Region and is assigned to Rock County. Through his proactive patrols, Trooper Arndt played a substantial role in deterring impaired driving in 2023, helping reduce the risk on the roads. 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 David Arndt** is presented the **Superintendent's Commendation Award**.*

Superintendent's Commendation

Trooper Christina Holtz



Trooper Christina Holtz serves in the Southwest Region and is assigned to Monroe County. In 2022, through her proactive patrols, Trooper Holtz demonstrated exceptional performance in her effort to save lives with a focus on seat belt enforcement.

Trooper Holtz is also presented with a Superintendent's Commendation for her effort to improve public safety through speed enforcement. Her collective 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** in two areas of exceptional performance.*

Superintendent's Commendation

Trooper Steven Kuhnke



Trooper Steven Kuhnke serves in the Northeast Region and is assigned to Winnebago County. In 2023, through his proactive patrols, Trooper Kuhnke 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 Steven Kuhnke** is presented the **Superintendent's Commendation Award**.*

Superintendent's Commendation

Trooper Joshua Sasse



Trooper Joshua Sasse patrols the highways in the Northeast Region, specifically assigned to Manitowoc County. In 2023, Trooper Sasse had an exceptional impact on public safety through his proactive patrols in speed enforcement. His actions have played a significant role in preventing crashes, improving driver behaviors and saving lives.

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

Superintendent's Commendation

Trooper Timothy Knutson



Trooper Timothy Knutson patrols the highways in the Northwest Region, specifically assigned to Dunn County. In 2022, Trooper Knutson 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 Timothy Knutson** is presented the **Superintendent's Commendation Award**.*

Superintendent's Commendation

Trooper Joseph Redman

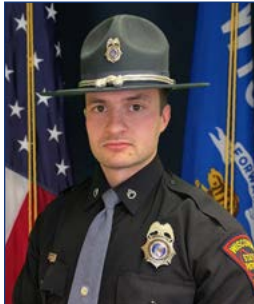


Trooper Joseph Redman patrols the highways in the Northwest Region and is assigned to Eau Claire County. In 2022, Trooper Redman had an exceptional impact on public safety through his efforts to identify, stop and prevent crimes. His criminal interdiction enforcement has had a profound impact on the 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 Joseph Redman** is presented the **Superintendent's Commendation Award**.*

Superintendent's Commendation

Trooper Justin Temperly



Trooper Justin Temperly patrols the highways in the Southwest Region and is assigned to Iowa County. In 2022, Trooper Temperly 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 Justin Temperly** is presented the **Superintendent's Commendation Award**.*

Superintendent's Commendation

Trooper Caleb Truax



Trooper Caleb Truax patrols the highways in the Northeast Region and is assigned to Marinette County. In 2023, Trooper Truax 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 Caleb Truax** is presented the **Superintendent's Commendation Award**.*



Civilian Employee of the Year

Steven Doll - IS Comprehensive Services Senior



Steven Doll is an IS Comprehensive Services Senior with the Production Support Unit in the Bureau of Transportation Safety and Technical Services. Doll is a seasoned IT professional with knowledge that spans hardware, software, wireless networking and many other facets of division-supported IT infrastructure. When he joined the State Patrol IT team, Doll was quick to take on his new responsibilities due to his extensive knowledge, experience and resourcefulness. By building sound working relationships with federal partners, division staff and partner law enforcement agencies, he was able to rapidly assume the many duties of his position including: assisting regional motor carrier staff and investigators in troubleshooting IT related issues, transitioning the Engine Control Model (ECM) download software to new computers, providing software updates in a timely manner, leading a software transition, obtaining statistical information for internal and external entities, assisting county and municipal partners in the Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) and creating efficiencies in obtaining motor carrier data for the MCSAP quarterly and annual report. Doll's leadership and resourcefulness also allowed for training other new Production Support Unit staff.

Doll's primary work assignments involve providing IT support for the State Patrol's motor carrier enforcement section and other motor carrier enforcement partners. Doll is quick to offer his assistance to other employees and regularly shares knowledge from his previous work experiences in discussions that help guide the division's decision making. Doll has also contributed outside his normal duties, including providing technical assistance and troubleshooting for the mobile data computer refresh effort and assisting with a division-wide inventory of IT equipment.

Outside of work, Steven Doll has served as a member of Edgerton School Board for close to nine years. In that capacity he has held committee assignments that included six years focused on policy and a current assignment on auxiliary services. Doll is also a member of the Edgerton "Chili Mania" Board, which hosts an annual concert series that raises money for housing and food assistance for the community, as well as for multiple scholarships for the school district.

*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, **IS Senior Steven Doll** is presented with the **2023 Civilian Employee of the Year Award**.*

Trooper of the Year

Trooper James Fetherston



Trooper James Fetherston is currently assigned to the Northwest Region – Eau Claire Post. Trooper Fetherston serves the region and division in many important roles including Field Training Officer, Court Officer and Honor Guard Unit member. He is also an instructor for honor guard training for the division and other agencies. Fetherston’s professionalism and passion for the Honor Guard Unit and the division is on full display during these events. In the past year, he has displayed a willingness, at personal expense, to provide services under tragic circumstances in the Northwest Region when three officers were killed in the line of duty. Fetherston is a leader in the Honor Guard Unit, coordinating events, recruiting and instructing.

Trooper Fetherston is a role model for other employees by displaying a positive attitude toward the division’s mission to provide exceptional public safety services with his involvement in programs such as the Northern Wisconsin State Fair, division recruitment, recruit class graduations and many more events.

Despite these commitments, Trooper Fetherston remains active in enforcement and balances these varied responsibilities to maintain high performance. He has consistently provided outstanding work performance throughout his more than 30-year career and continues to lead his troop in proactive enforcement.

In addition to his law enforcement service, James Fetherston is a board member on the city of Osseo’s Merchants Baseball Committee. He works with a team to organize fundraisers and oversee facility maintenance and year-to-year financing. The board’s work is fundamental to providing positive extracurricular activities for the community’s youth. For more than 11 years, Fetherston has volunteered his time to be a youth baseball coach and a high school assistant varsity baseball coach in Osseo. Fetherston’s outstanding commitment to his community is evident in mentorship he provides for the boys’ and girls’ baseball programs.

*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 James Fetherston** is presented the **2023 Trooper of the Year Award**.*

Dispatcher of the Year

Law Enforcement Dispatcher Grant Moxon



Law Enforcement Dispatcher (LED) Grant Moxon is currently assigned to the Communications Unit – DeForest Post. LED Moxon has frequently demonstrated leadership skills and initiative while at work and in his personal time. He has successfully trained dozens of dispatchers and helped other dispatchers become trainers as well. Moxon knows when to allow his trainees and partners to lead but doesn't hesitate to step up and take action when needed.

Moxon quickly recognizes when a dispatcher needs assistance and steps in to help, especially during critical events. He routinely takes the initiative to run traffic cameras during pursuits to help his co-workers see what is happening while the event takes place. During an incident in Dane County, a vehicle was fleeing a Madison police officer and LED Moxon was able to locate the incident on the traffic cameras as it was occurring. He tracked the occupants after they ditched the vehicle and ran away, then guided nearby State Patrol officers to find them. LED Moxon has assisted like this on multiple occasions and his skills have even earned him compliments from the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

LED Moxon is an advocate for mental health and takes time to work with newer dispatchers in the Southwest Region when they are struggling from major incidents. Moxon is open about his mental health issues from the military and works to connect with his co-workers to ensure they are getting the help they need. He goes out of his way to make sure that his peers are aware of the resources available to them. Moxon's support has made a difference in the team's ability to process difficult calls and heal from the day-to-day stress that builds from a difficult job.

Grant Moxon believes it's vital to give back to the community outside of work and has, on more than one occasion, participated in blood drives. Moxon also volunteers to assist in transporting people with disabilities to stores to allow them the freedom to experience a normal day with friends away from the health facility. Moxon has a 'can do' attitude and is quick to help those in need.

*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, **LED Grant Moxon** is presented the **2023 Dispatcher of the Year Award**.*

Inspector of the Year

Inspector Cory Shilts



Inspector Cory Shilts is currently assigned to the Northwest Region – Spooner Post. Inspector Shilts is an excellent example of a leader and demonstrates that in numerous ways. Shilts excels in his primary role as a mobile inspector in Ashland and Bayfield counties. He is extremely active in mobile weight enforcement and has led the state in portable scale usage for the past two years. Inspector Shilts is often requested by other regions for his expertise. He was the Field Training Officer for an employee who transitioned from trooper to inspector last year and their sole trainer for HAZMAT certification. Inspector Shilts scheduled, planned and stopped a variety of vehicle types to ensure the training was as beneficial as possible.

Despite the time spent on training, Inspector Shilts led all mobile positions in his troop in commercial motor vehicle inspections, out-of-service violations and citations. His enforcement activity is contagious and is a positive influence on others in the division. Inspector Shilts takes the initiative in identifying areas that need additional enforcement and will coordinate with other inspectors and troopers to establish enforcement details to address the issue. He has a vast amount of knowledge and often takes the time to help other employees.

Inspector Shilts has also taken on extra responsibilities as a Background Investigator, EDR/ECM Download Technician for heavy vehicles, and inspector of human service vehicles, school buses, passenger vehicles and salvage vehicles. He coordinated and performed the yearly inspections for various companies and is a reliable resource for them. He also coordinates salvage vehicle inspections for the Spooner Post, files the necessary paperwork, and promptly answers questions from the hotline.

Inspector Shilts is always enthusiastic when working enforcement, education and recruitment details. During large events, such as the Birkebeiner and Musky Fest, he is always eager to help and has great relationships with the other law enforcement agencies in the area. Inspector Shilts is always willing to work any hour of the day and never hesitates to make changes to his shifts for division needs and enforcement on short notice.

*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 Cory Shilts** is presented the **2023 Inspector of the Year Award**.*



