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Wisconsin State Patrol 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 this special recognition. Nominations for 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 Superintendent.

Awards Committee Members:

Captain Ryan Chaffee

Lieutenant Jeramy Foster

Lieutenant Timothy Weiberg

Sergeant Harmanjot Chahal

Trooper Kelly Lynch (Retired)

Law Enforcement Dispatch Supervisor Mitchell Giese

Executive Staff Assistant Shari Gress

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MEDAL OF VALOR

Recognizes actions taken by an employee 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 an 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 an employee who places themself at risk of injury while exceeding the expectations of their 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 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 an employee who performs a highly creditable act above and beyond the normal job expectation or recognizes accomplishments that contribute to the efficiency and effectiveness of the division and enhances the professional image to the public we serve. The Commendable Service recognition consists of a certificate and a white bar.

LIFESAVING

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

LIFESAVING EFFORT

Recognizes an 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.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENDATION

Recognizes an 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, and effective interpersonal relations. The individual must also 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, and effective interpersonal relations. The individual must also 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, and effective interpersonal relations. The individual must also 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, and effective interpersonal relations. The individual must also 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,

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Craig Thompson,

Deputy Secretary Paul Hammer,

Superintendent
Anthony Burrell,

and

Colonel
Timothy Carnahan

ARE PROUD TO RECOGNIZE
THE FOLLOWING
AWARD RECIPIENTS:

Lifesaving

Trooper Dan Stainbrook
Trooper Trevin Szulczewski
Inspector Tye Howver

On February 12, 2020, Trooper Dan Stainbrook, Trooper Trevin Szulczewski, and Inspector Tye Howver responded to a two-vehicle crash with the occupants trapped in their vehicle along County D in Adams County. Upon arrival, they located a minivan in a drainage ditch at the bottom of a steep embankment. Water had risen to the driver's side window and the two occupants could not escape.

Trooper Stainbrook entered the minivan through the rear hatch to assess the condition of the occupants. Inspector Howver and Trooper Szulczewski waded into the ice-cold water. With extraordinary patience and care, the officers removed the driver through a broken window and carried her up the embankment. Trooper Stainbrook and Szulczewski then assisted the passenger out of the vehicle and up the steep, slippery, and snow-covered bank. Both women were transported to the local hospital by ambulance and recovered fully.

For their professional and decisive actions, which ultimately led to saving lives, **Trooper Dan Stainbrook, Trooper Trevin Szulczewski,** and **Inspector Tye Howver** are presented the **Lifesaving Award.**

Lifesaving

Trooper Lor Lee

On December 2, 2019, Trooper Lor Lee responded to a rollover crash with ejection on I-41 northbound near WIS 142 in Kenosha County. Upon arrival, Trooper Lee observed a person performing CPR on a man lying in the mud. Trooper Lee immediately assisted with CPR and performed four to five rounds of chest compressions. Emergency Medical Services personnel arrived a short time later and took over patient care. The man was transported to Froedtert Hospital via Flight for Life and survived the incident.

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

Lifesaving

Sergeant Patrick Kraetke
Inspector Martin Messa

On May 13, 2020, Sergeant Patrick Kraetke and Inspector Martin Messa responded to a report of a possible heart attack victim in Washburn County. Upon arrival, the officers found a man lying on his back at the intersection of Larson Road and Townline Road. They assessed the victim and were unable to locate a pulse. Both officers administered CPR on the man for approximately 20 minutes until Emergency Medical Services arrived on scene. An automated external defibrillator was utilized, and several shocks were administered. His pulse was reestablished, and the man regained consciousness. He was transported by MedFlight to the University of Minnesota Hospital in Duluth where he recovered from the incident.

For their professional and decisive actions, which ultimately led to saving a life, Sergeant Patrick Kraetke and Inspector Martin Messa are presented the Lifesaving Award.

Lifesaving

Trooper Trevor Aldrich

On June 10, 2019, Trooper Trevor Aldrich responded to a medical call of a man unresponsive on the ground at a gas station near I-94 in Johnson Creek. Upon his arrival, a Johnson Creek officer already on scene advised that the patient had no pulse. With the assistance of the Johnson Creek officer and an automated external defibrillator, Trooper Aldrich performed CPR and administered two doses of Narcan. Emergency Medical Services personnel arrived and assisted with approximately 60 more seconds of CPR. The patient regained a pulse and eventually regained consciousness. The male patient was transported to a local hospital and survived the incident.

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

Lifesaving

Trooper Kristofer Mondloch

On September 7, 2019, Trooper Kristofer Mondloch was off duty, visiting a campground near Bancroft, when he was flagged down and informed that a woman was not breathing. He located the woman lying on the deck of her camper, gasping. Trooper Mondloch immediately began chest compressions and eventually a first responder arrived on scene with an automated external defibrillator (AED). Trooper Mondloch applied the AED to the patient and delivered the shock that was advised. The patient began to breathe on her own and regained a pulse after the shock. Emergency Medical Service personnel then arrived on scene and took over treatment of the patient who survived the incident.

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

Lifesaving

Trooper Dan Restrepo

On July 14, 2019, Trooper Dan Restrepo responded to a possible overdose at a residence in the city of Green Lake. Upon arrival, the patient was not breathing and was turning blue. Trooper Restrepo took over CPR from bystanders and a Green Lake County Sheriff's deputy administered Naloxone. Trooper Restrepo continued to care for the patient as he began to regain consciousness and breathe on his own. The patient was conscious and alert when Emergency Medical Services personnel transported him to the hospital, and he survived the incident.

For his professional and decisive actions, which ultimately led to saving a life, **Trooper Dan Restrepo** is presented the **Lifesaving Award. This is Trooper Restrepo's second Lifesaving Award.**

Lifesaving

Trooper Jason Tauschek

On September 21, 2019, Trooper Jason Tauschek responded to a possible overdose inside a vehicle in the village of Bonduel. Upon arrival, Trooper Tauschek observed an unresponsive male in the passenger seat of a pick-up truck. Trooper Tauschek performed a sternum rub attempting to wake the man, but there was no response. He then administered a single dose of Naloxone. The patient slowly became responsive and alert and refused any further medical attention. The man survived the incident.

For his professional and decisive actions, which ultimately led to saving a life, Trooper Jason Tauschek is presented the Lifesaving Award. This is Trooper Tauschek's second Lifesaving Award.

Lifesaving

Trooper Zachary Sincoular

On Thursday, February 13, 2020, Trooper Zachary Sincoular overheard Marinette County dispatchers requesting deputies and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to respond to a possible overdose at a nearby motel. Trooper Sincoular was less than a minute away and responded to the business. Upon his arrival, he observed a person frantically waving his arms near one of the rooms. As he approached the room, he observed a second person lying on the bathroom floor. Based on evidence at the scene, he believed the man was suffering from a possible opioid overdose. He performed a quick sternum rub with no response and then administered two doses of Narcan. Upon giving the Narcan, the man began to regain normal skin color. Once EMS arrived on scene, several more doses of Narcan were provided and the man fully regained consciousness. The man was able to walk to the ambulance and was transported to a local hospital.

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

Lifesaving

Lieutenant Edward Philip Witkiewicz

On Monday, January 20, 2020, Lt. Edward "Phil" Witkiewicz was off duty, shopping at the Wal-Mart in Sun Prairie. While waiting in the checkout line, he observed an individual run from the restrooms yelling for someone to call 911. Upon entering the restroom, Lt. Witkiewicz observed a man lying on the floor unconscious. He quickly assessed the situation and determined the man may be suffering from a drug overdose. With the assistance of a bystander, Lt. Witkiewicz performed CPR until officers from the Sun Prairie Police Department arrived on scene. Once there, a dose of Narcan was administered with no immediate effect. Lt. Witkiewicz continued with CPR until Sun Prairie EMS arrived. A second dose of Narcan was administered, upon which the man responded, regaining pulse and consciousness.

For his professional and decisive actions, which ultimately led to saving a life, Lieutenant Phil Witkiewicz is presented the Lifesaving Award. This is Lt. Witkiewicz's fourth lifesaving award.

Lifesaving

Trooper Cameron Doute

On January 15, 2020, Trooper Cameron Doute was on patrol in Fond du Lac County when he heard the Fond du Lac Sheriff's Department dispatch an ambulance to a residence for a female who possibly overdosed, was pulseless and not breathing. Trooper Doute and a Fond du Lac Deputy responded to the address and, upon arrival, observed a female lying on the living room floor. They were told the female had taken 60 sleeping pills. After confirming the woman had no pulse and was not breathing, Trooper Doute immediately administered CPR and the Deputy attached an automated external defibrillator to the woman. After the first 30 compressions, the woman regained consciousness and began to breathe on her own. The woman was subsequently transported by ambulance to a nearby hospital for further treatment.

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

Lifesaving

Trooper Allan Platt

On December 27, 2018, Trooper Allan Platt was dispatched to a residence in Lyndon Station for a call of a suicidal person. The caller appeared to be drifting in and out of consciousness while on the phone but managed to inform dispatch that she had cut herself. Trooper Platt, along with a Juneau County Deputy, arrived on scene and received no response at the front door. Based on urgent circumstances, Trooper Platt entered the house and located a female passed out in a bathtub. The woman had multiple cuts on both her wrists and had lost a significant amount of blood. The woman was breathing shallowly and had eyelid tremors. Trooper Platt removed the woman from the bathtub and administered first aid to the wounds. EMS arrived shortly after and the woman was transported to a local hospital for further treatment.

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

Lifesaving

Trooper Dustin Johanning

On October 26, 2019, while near the city of Madison, Trooper Dustin Johanning was monitoring the Dane County dispatch when he heard a call regarding a man who was not breathing and had no pulse. Trooper Johanning arrived shortly after and was first on scene. He was advised by the man's wife that he had a history of narcotic use. The man was unconscious, not breathing, but had a weak pulse. Recognizing this was a possible drug overdose, Trooper Johanning administered three doses of Narcan. After the third dose, the subject began breathing and regained consciousness. Emergency Medical Services arrived shortly after and took over patient care.

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

Lifesaving

Trooper Damian Wood

On July 14, 2020, Trooper Damian Wood responded to assist Baldwin Police Department with a suicidal subject who fled from a traffic stop and led law enforcement on a pursuit ending at his residence. The man pulled into the driveway of his house and fired multiple shots, striking himself once in the chest and once in the jaw. Trooper Wood arrived on scene and took over tactical control and coordinated a safe response to take the man into custody. Once in custody, Trooper Wood conducted a full evaluation of the subject, applied a chest seal over the chest wound and provided other first aid until the subject was transported to the hospital and gained a stable condition.

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

Lifesaving

Trooper Anthony Olson

On May 10, 2020, Trooper Anthony Olson responded to a residence in Burnett County for a possible heroin overdose. Family members advised that a man was in the bathroom, not breathing and there was a syringe and possibly heroin in the bathroom sink. Trooper Olson located the man on the bathroom floor and noted the subject's lips and nose were blue, he was not breathing, and there was no pulse. Trooper Olson administered a dose of NARCAN and began CPR with the assistance of a St. Croix/Hertel first responder. CPR was continued and Trooper Olson administered another dose of NARCAN. An automated external defibrillator was applied which advised "No Shock" and the first responders continued CPR until North Memorial emergency medical technicians arrived and took over care. The subject was breathing and had a heartbeat prior to being transported to the Spooner Hospital, where he made a full recovery.

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

Lifesaving

Inspector Adam Edwards

On May 1, 2020, while transporting a subject to the Douglas County Jail, Inspector Adam Edwards observed that the man under arrest was slouched forward in the back seat of the cruiser. Inspector Edwards stopped the cruiser to check on the subject in custody. Inspector Edwards opened the rear door, again asked if he was okay, and the subject began to convulse. Inspector Edwards removed the subject from his cruiser, placed him on the ground and checked vitals. The subject was breathing sporadically. Inspector Edwards requested an ambulance and administered a dose of NARCAN. The subject continued to convulse with sporadic breathing and another dose of NARCAN was administered. With the assistance of a Douglas County Deputy, the subject was placed into a recovery position until Emergency Medical Services and fire personnel arrived on scene and took over care. The subject was transported by ambulance to a hospital where he admitted to hospital staff that he had taken methamphetamine and fentanyl prior to being arrested.

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

Lifesaving

Trooper Alex Medina

On April 3, 2020, Trooper Alex Medina responded to assist Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) with a single vehicle property damage crash in Milwaukee County. MCSO Deputy Walton arrived on scene and removed the unresponsive subject from the vehicle. The subject did not respond to stimuli and was showing signs of an opioid overdose. Deputy Walton administered a dose of NARCAN. Trooper Medina arrived on scene, retrieved the deputy's automated external defibrillator (AED), administered a second dose of NARCAN and began CPR as the AED advised "No shock." Trooper Medina retrieved two additional doses of NARCAN from his cruiser and administered those to the subject. Trooper Medina provided rescue breaths between the rounds of chest compressions. The driver was transported to Froedtert Hospital where he made a full recovery.

For his professional and decisive actions, which ultimately led to saving a life, **Trooper Alex Medina** is presented the **Lifesaving Award. This is Trooper Medina's second Lifesaving Award.**

Lifesaving

Trooper Logan Christel

On March 22, 2020, Trooper Logan Christel and a deputy from the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office arrived at Fischerville Park in response to a female calling 911, telling the dispatcher to tell her daughter that she was loved. Trooper Christel and the deputy arrived on scene and found the woman hanging from a foot bridge in the park. They quickly cut her down and determined she had a weak pulse with shallow breaths. Emergency Medical Services arrived on scene and took over medical care. The female subject was transported to Sheboygan Memorial Medical Center for treatment where she made a full recovery.

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

Lifesaving Effort Award

Trooper Matthew J. Barlar
Trooper Sarah E. Burdick
Trooper Carey S. Cisewski
Trooper Scott P. Darin
Trooper Jacob G. Edwards
Trooper James A. Fetherston
Trooper Jake L. Fricke
Trooper Jonathan C. Kersten
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Trooper Eric A. Lloyd
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Trooper Scott B. Reignier
Trooper Ryan J. Roth
Trooper Justin T. Temperly
Trooper Robert W. Unruh
Trooper Timothy M. Westphal
Trooper Keegan D. Williams

For performing significant lifesaving measures during the compassionate performance of duty.

Unit Citation
MILWAUKEE STRIKE TEAM

Sergeant Scott Jarvela
Sergeant Matthew Noah
Sergeant Nathan Wright
Trooper Colton Bahling
Trooper Derek Bergum
Trooper Robert Borek
Trooper Vincent Caruso
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Trooper James Olrick

Trooper Kristian Perales

Trooper Cody Rahn

Trooper Brent Reiter

Inspector Nathan Schwabenlander

Trooper Chad Thompson

Inspector Alex Treesh

Trooper Sean Grey Wiedersheim

Unit Citation (continued)
MILWAUKEE STRIKE TEAM

The Wisconsin State Patrol's 22-member "Milwaukee Strike Team" was formed on the request of the city of Milwaukee Police Department (MPD) in response to widespread protesting and civil disorder. Responding to civil disturbances requires a complex balance for law enforcement between protecting lives, property and individual liberties as guaranteed by law.

The Strike Team was deployed to the intersection of West Locust Street and Martin Luther King Drive, just south of the MPD District 5 station, in response to MPD's assessment that the gathering was an unlawful assembly.

While pressing forward to regain control of the area and care for the wounded, the Strike Team was fired on twice and endured clouds of CS gas without the benefit of their gas masks. Several protesters and a Milwaukee Police officer were injured after being struck by recklessly driven vehicles. The Strike Team held their ground, providing defense for Emergency Medical Service personnel who were caring for and transporting injured people, as they continued to be challenged by protesters and hit and run vehicles.

The Milwaukee Strike Team's exceptional performance throughout this highly volatile and violent situation clearly rises above and beyond the call of duty. Their brave actions reflect the highest level of commitment and are a credit to themselves, the division and the law enforcement profession.

For their exceptional performance and teamwork in the efforts of restoring civil order and protecting the injured, the **Milwaukee Strike Team** members are presented the **Unit Citation Award.**

Unit Citation

MOTOR CARRIER INVESTIGATION UNIT

Sergeant Tim Austin
Investigator Michael Belanger
Investigator Todd Brantner
Investigator Tony Dries
Investigator Rich Hablewitz
Investigator Alana Hether
Investigator Travis Kraft
Investigator Timothy McGrath
Investigator Douglas Puent
Investigator Deborah Tyryfter
Investigator Brian Wiginton

From 2019 to 2020, the Wisconsin State Patrol Motor Carrier Investigation Unit (MCIU) distinguished itself with outstanding service and achievement for both their extensive motor carrier enforcement and their educational programs.

During this period, the MCIU completed more than 1,100 new entrant safety audits, 181 formal compliance reviews, 1,822 requests for data reviews and fielded more than 4,000 inquiries on the motor carrier help line.

Sergeant Timothy Austin

Investigator Michael Belanger

Investigator Todd Brantner

Investigator Tony Dries

Investigator Richard Hablewitz

Investigator Alana Hether

Investigator Travis Kraft

Investigator Timothy McGrath

Investigator Douglas Puent

Investigator Deborah Tyryfter

Investigator Brian Wiginton

Unit Citation (continued)

MOTOR CARRIER INVESTIGATION UNIT

In 2019, the MCIU also initiated the intra-state compliance review program and conducted 29 compliance reviews of Wisconsin based intra-state motor carriers. As a result of these reviews, both Federal and State enforcement actions have been taken for serious safety violations identified by the MCIU investigators. In recognition of the quality of work demonstrated by the MCIU investigators, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration tasked the unit with more complex investigations of large carriers with demonstrated safety concerns and those at a high risk of causing a serious highway crash.

In addition to their strong enforcement efforts, the MCIU conducted countless hours of education through seminars at local technical colleges and onsite safety presentations at motor carrier facilities.

The MCIU is one of the most visible units in the division for motor carrier officials and the investigators are often the first point of contact industry has with the State Patrol. The Motor Carrier Investigative 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 enforcement and education of motor carriers, the **Motor Carrier Investigation Unit** members are presented the **Unit Citation Award.**

Superintendent's Commendation

Trooper Gary Cowan

Trooper Gary Cowan patrols the highways in the Southwest Region, specifically, Monroe County. In 2019, through his proactive patrols, Trooper Cowan led all members of the State Patrol with his efforts in speed enforcement. His actions have had a profound impact on the division's goal of enhancing public safety, no doubt lowering the number of crashes and saving lives.

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

Superintendent's Commendation

Trooper Logan Christel

Trooper Logan Christel patrols the highways in the Northeast Region, specifically, Kewaunee County. In 2019, through his proactive patrols, Trooper Christel led all members of the State Patrol with his efforts in seatbelt enforcement. His actions have had a profound impact on the division's goal of enhancing public safety, no doubt saving lives.

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

Superintendent's Commendation

Trooper Allan Platt

Trooper Allan Platt patrols the highways in the Southwest Region, specifically, Juneau County. In 2019, through his proactive patrols, Trooper Platt led all members of the State Patrol with his enforcement efforts in impaired driving. His actions have had a profound impact on the division's goal of enhancing public safety, no doubt lowering the number of crashes and saving lives.

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

Superintendent's Commendation

Trooper Danial Langer

Trooper Danial Langer patrols the highways in the North Central Region, specifically, Marathon County. In 2019, through his proactive patrols, Trooper Langer was among the top of the State Patrol with his enforcement efforts in criminal interdiction. His actions have had a profound impact on the division's goals of enhancing public safety and combating crime and terrorism. Trooper Langer's efforts, no doubt, have lowered the number of crashes and saved lives.

For his commitment to enhancing public safety by enforcing Wisconsin controlled substance laws,
Trooper Danial Langer
is presented with the
Superintendent's Commendation Award.

Superintendent's Commendation

Trooper Timothy Larson

Trooper Timothy Larson patrols the highways in the Southwest Region, specifically, Columbia County. In 2019, through his proactive patrols, Trooper Larson was among the top of the State Patrol with his enforcement efforts in criminal interdiction. His actions have had a profound impact on the division's goals of enhancing public safety and combating crime and terrorism. Trooper Larson's efforts, no doubt, have lowered the number of crashes and saved lives.

For his commitment to enhancing public safety
by enforcing Wisconsin controlled substance laws,
Trooper Timothy Larson
is presented with the
Superintendent's Commendation Award.

Trooper of the Year

Trooper David Fowles

Trooper David Fowles is currently assigned to the Southeast Region-Waukesha Post. Trooper Fowles consistently demonstrates his strong and tireless commitment to his duties while maintaining a very high level of traffic and criminal enforcement while on patrol and consistently leads his troop in these enforcement efforts. Trooper Fowles has participated in several multi-agency initiatives relating to aggressive driving, speed enforcement and criminal interdiction. In addition, he has played an instrumental role at several critical incidents relating to scene security, suspect apprehension and major crash investigations.

In addition to his exceptionally busy enforcement and investigation activities, Trooper Fowles also serves a variety of additional and important duties for the State Patrol, such as, Background Investigator, CPR Instructor, Division Armorer, Highway Criminal Interdiction Instructor, Field Training Officer and dignitary protection at local venues. Excelling at public relations, Trooper Fowles represented the State Patrol at several events throughout the year ranging from the Wisconsin State Fair to safety talks at local area schools.

Trooper Fowles has clearly demonstrated his ability and willingness to contribute to the Wisconsin State Patrol mission at a high level and across a broad spectrum of duties. Most importantly, he has accomplished this while showing a consistently positive attitude.

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 David Fowles

is presented with the

2020 Trooper of the Year Award.

Inspector of the Year

Inspector Scott Hlinak

Inspector Scott Hlinak is currently assigned to the Northeast Region-Fond du Lac Post. Inspector Hlinak is a highly valued member of the State Patrol and consistently leads by example in his enforcement activities, both in quality and quantity. Inspector Hlinak has taken a leadership role in the use of predictive analytics and in his enforcement of aggressive driving behavior.

In addition to his daily operations, Inspector Hlinak is a RADAR/LASER Instructor, Traffic Incident Management Enhancement Instructor and Field Training Officer. He is a vital resource in these areas and takes advantage of every opportunity to share his knowledge and experience with other officers. Inspector Hlinak's commercial motor vehicle (CMV) post-crash inspections and follow-up reports are exemplary and considered the gold standard in the work unit. Inspector Hlinak is extremely detail oriented in his CMV inspection process and has become very well versed at the inspection of electronic logging devices, which drivers use to document their hours. In one incident Inspector Hlinak identified a driver who had concealed over 1,900 miles of driving, which posed a significant safety hazard to the motoring public.

Inspector Hlinak is an active community member outside of work, volunteering for programs in his community. He takes his position seriously and dedicates time outside of work to better himself. He is routinely called on by his coworkers for assistance and does so willingly.

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 Scott Hlinak
is presented with the
2020 Inspector of the Year Award.

Civilian Employee of the Year

Jacob V. Berger
IS Network Services Senior

Jacob Berger is a Network Services Senior assigned to the Production Support Unit within the Bureau of Transportation Safety. He has been employed with the State Patrol since 2015 and his technical expertise has played a critical role in several significant improvements throughout the State Patrol and Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

Mr. Berger has accomplished an unprecedented amount of work for many different entities across the division, including: cyber security implementation for critical DSP servers, automated email service for DSP alerts, remote application service of computer system upgrades for hundreds of DSP machines, extensive testing services of MACH and TraCS updates and MACH load testing to identify performance improvements. Mr. Berger also continued to provide support for many critical division systems and promptly responded to outages at all hours of the day and night. Even during a vacation to Germany, Jacob provided remote troubleshooting assistance.

Beyond his capable assistance, Mr. Berger has made continual efforts to identify and advocate for improvements to the division's operations, information technology performance, cybersecurity and budget. Mr. Berger's efforts resulted in several cost-effective measures which has also improved services for the entire division.

Mr. Berger's expertise, knowledge, work ethic and dedication has exceeded expectations and significantly benefited the operations of the division and our many traffic-safety partners.

In recognition of his outstanding work performance, initiative, and leadership, and for promoting a positive image of the Wisconsin State Patrol,
IS Network Services Senior Jacob Berger
is presented with the
2020 Civilian Employee of the Year Award.

Dispatcher of the Year

Law Enforcement Dispatcher Jean Bengston

Law Enforcement Dispatcher Jean Bengston, who has served State Patrol for 30 years, is currently assigned to the Communications Unit-Eau Claire Post. She is a strong leader, striving for accuracy and continuous improvement, and shows initiative to enhance professionalism and education.

During pursuits LED Bengston is the calm voice on the radio. During weather events, she handles the multitude of calls from citizens to a wide range of traffic partners, and completes rerouting, with ease. In addition to her dispatching duties, LED Bengston plays an active role in projects and assignments such as Communications Training officer, exam rater for the LED hiring board, assists with background checks for recruit classes, and has helped with outreach recruitment efforts.

Recently, LED Bengston used her expertise and the tools available to her in the communications center to locate the place of employment of a suspect in a hit and run crash. Her skills and initiative saved the investigating troopers countless hours of research and allowed them to focus their attention on other parts of the incident.

LED Bengston also coordinates Jeans Day at the Eau Claire post, for which employees donate to a charity to wear jeans to work. She collects all donations and distributes the money to different local charities every month.

LED Bengston continues to inspire and motivate her coworkers. She has the respect of the community we serve, as well as her peers at State Patrol.

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 Jean Bengston
is presented with the
2020 Dispatcher of the Year Award.

Superintendent's Star of Recognition

Sergeant James Sawyer

On the afternoon of May 30, 2020, while assigned as a strike team leader in response to civil unrest in Madison, Sergeant Sawyer commanded an 18-person strike team to preserve life and property near the Wisconsin State Capitol.

After successful deployment of all troops, State Patrol resources were released and advised they could go home. Soon after, chaos erupted near the Capitol. Sergeant Sawyer recalled all team members and requested additional troops. As troops began arriving back at the staging area they were deployed to the streets of Madison. Sergeant Sawyer kept a calm demeanor and was able to assemble State Patrol resources in formations to assist Madison Police as effectively as possible. As the State Patrol team was taking projectiles and deploying proper crowd control measures, Sergeant Sawyer was able to monitor for injuries and provide relief as needed. Sergeant Sawyer identified civilian personnel that needed medical attention and was able to deploy troops to assist.

Throughout all the chaos, Sergeant Sawyer was a beacon of leadership for all his team members. Several sent memos praising his leadership. Although State Patrol vehicles sustained damage during the event, losses and injuries could have been much greater without Sergeant Sawyers' leadership.

For his steadfast leadership during a time of civil unrest, **Sergeant James Sawyer** is presented the **Superintendent's Star of Recognition**

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