

DATE: July 22, 2014

The following citations were approved by the department's District and Division Review Panels and the Board of Awards Committee. The ranks of the officers are those held at the time of the request for citation.

Bravery Award:

Tpr. Jeffrey Short is receiving the Bravery Award for his heroic actions on October 10, 2013. Trooper Short was on directed patrol in the City of Saginaw as part of the Saginaw Secure Cities Partnership. Saginaw Central Dispatch sent out a broadcast that a shooting had occurred and numerous subjects were fighting in the street. Several patrol units responded and a brief description of a subject who had shot at an intended victim was given. Trooper Short and his partner, Tpr. Justin Kemerer, split up and began searching for the suspect on foot. Trooper Short observed a subject matching the description of the shooter walking down the sidewalk. Trooper Short declared himself as a Michigan State Police trooper and commanded the subject to stop. The subject disregarded the command and continued to walk down the sidewalk toward a residence. When Trooper Short reached the residence, he determined the house was vacant and the suspect was cornered inside. The residence was extremely dark with the only light coming from Trooper Short's flashlight. As he was providing dispatch with a location, the suspect appeared from the back of the house coming toward Trooper Short. Trooper Short ordered the suspect to stop, show his hands, and get to the ground. The suspect immediately pulled a handgun and began firing at Trooper Short. One of the suspect's shots struck Trooper Short in the chest; however, Trooper Short maintained his composure, continued to illuminate the suspect, and returned fire. Trooper Short was shot again in the lower leg, but continued to stay in the fight. Trooper Short shot the suspect and the suspect dropped to the ground and continued shooting at Trooper Short. Trooper Short returned fire until it was determined the suspect was no longer a threat. The suspect was turned over to arriving officers. In awarding the department's Bravery Award, the Board of Awards recognizes the brave and decisive actions of Trooper Short in risking his life to bring this dangerous situation to an end.

Lifesaving Award:

Spl/Sgt. Kevin Lucidi is receiving the Lifesaving Award for saving the life of another. On March 30, 2014, Spl/Sgt. Kevin Lucidi and Spl/Tpr. Chad Lindstrom were investigating an accident on southbound I-75 in the City of Detroit when a second crash occurred on the northbound side. They arrived to find a lone female driver pinned in the vehicle. Spl/Trooper Lindstrom broke the driver side rear window and Spl/Sergeant Lucidi entered and found the driver not breathing and without a pulse. Spl/Sergeant Lucidi stabilized the driver's neck and head, allowing the victim to begin breathing on her own. Spl/Sergeant Lucidi continued neck and head stability until emergency medical personnel arrived. Thanks to the expert response of Spl/Sergeant Lucidi, the victim made a full recovery.

Tpr. Tyler Roots is receiving the Lifesaving Award for saving the life of another. On March 21, 2014, Trooper Roots and Tpr. Christopher Shoemaker heard a broadcast that an officer in Barry County was in pursuit of a vehicle refusing to stop. The suspect plunged his vehicle into a field severely flooded from river overflow and fled on foot. Troopers Roots and Shoemaker, a Barry County officer, and a canine unit set up a perimeter in an attempt to locate the subject. The suspect was spotted clinging to a tree partially submerged in water. It was determined the suspect had already been exposed to the frigid water and had been enduring the elements for over an hour. The troopers could hear the suspect pleading "help me." The fire department was requested, but their arrival time was unknown. After 15 minutes of waiting, Trooper Roots feared the suspect was in danger of falling in the water and possibly drowning or becoming hypothermic. Trooper Roots began to navigate his way through the icy waters to the stranded suspect. Trooper Roots encountered water levels over his head, but was able to locate two stumps to climb upon and reach the suspect whom was still saying "help me, please help me." Trooper Roots was able to help him to higher ground and then to shore. The suspect was turned over to emergency medical personnel and admitted he had been drinking. The suspect was admitted to the hospital intensive care unit for hypothermia. It was discovered the suspect's core temperature was 86 degrees and had it went below 80 degrees, it would have been life-threatening. The courageous and self-less act displayed by Trooper Roots saved the suspect's life.

Tpr. Jason Sweet is receiving the Lifesaving Award for saving the life of another. On February 2, 2014, Trooper Sweet responded to an attempted homicide of a victim who had his throat slashed with a knife. Upon arrival, Trooper Sweet found the victim seated at the kitchen table bleeding profusely from the neck area. Trooper Sweet immediately began applying direct pressure to the neck region and continued providing medical attention until emergency medical personnel arrived. Without the swift action of Trooper Sweet, it is likely the victim would not have survived the attack.

Professional Excellence:

Tpr. Andrew Feehan

The next Board of Awards Committee meeting is October 21, 2014.