

DATE: August 26, 2013

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.

Lifesaving Award:

Tpr. Randy Parros is receiving the Lifesaving Award for saving the life of a young woman. On March 24, 2013, while on patrol, Trooper Parros observed a vehicle with several occupants acting suspicious. Noticing a violation, Trooper Parros conducted a traffic stop and upon contact, observed that a young woman in the backseat was unconscious and unresponsive. The young passenger began to vomit and rolled onto her back. Trooper Parros called for medical personnel and then pulled the female from the vehicle, rolling her on her side and clearing her airway. Emergency medical personnel arrived and transported the woman to the hospital where she was listed in serious condition with a blood alcohol content of 0.38%. Thanks to Trooper Parros' decisive decision to stop the suspicious vehicle and his knowledge of first aid, the young woman survived.

Tpr. Matthew Unterbrink is receiving the Lifesaving Award for saving the life of another. On December 6, 2012, Trooper Unterbrink responded to a head-on collision involving two vehicles. Both drivers were trapped inside and one of the vehicles was on fire. A Detroit Police Department officer utilized a patrol vehicle to push the vehicles apart, allowing Trooper Unterbrink enough room to gain entry to one of the vehicles. With the assistance of a Detroit Fire Department firefighter, Trooper Unterbrink and the officer were able to remove one of the drivers before the flames reached his vehicle. Thanks to Trooper Unterbrink's quick actions, the man survived.

Tpr. Denis McGuckin is receiving the Lifesaving Award for saving the life of a child. On June 9, 2013, Trooper McGuckin was off duty attending the Owosso Curwood Festival with his family when a gentleman in front of Trooper McGuckin started shaking his three-year-old son and screaming for help. Trooper McGuckin saw that the child's face was turning blue and the father was in a panic. Trooper McGuckin grabbed the child and observed he was not breathing or responding. Trooper McGuckin administered four to five back blows, which partially dislodged a piece of candy he was choking on. The child started gagging so Trooper McGuckin did a finger sweep and cleared the rest of the candy blocking his airway. Due to Trooper McGuckin's quick and effective use of first aid, the child started breathing again.

Tpr. Brian Lucha is receiving the Lifesaving Award for saving the life of another. On May 25, 2013, Trooper Lucha responded to an attempted suicide involving a man who had cut a four-inch long laceration on his lower arm. Trooper Lucha arrived to find the man lying face down in his backyard in a large pool of blood. Even though Trooper Lucha's attempts to provide first aid were met with resistance from the subject he was able to maintain physical control over the man and apply a tourniquet and wound packing. Trooper Lucha's efforts were successful in slowing and then stopping the bleeding, allowing the man to be transported to the hospital. If not for the quick actions of Trooper Lucha, the man may not have survived.

Tpr. Casey LaLone, Tpr. Jeffrey Merrill, Tpr. Erica Somers and Tpr. Andrew Wilson are receiving the Lifesaving Award for saving the life of another. On June 26, 2013, these troopers responded to a vehicle crash with an active engine fire and a trapped driver. Troopers Somers, Wilson, and LaLone utilized fire extinguishers to attempt to put the fire out from underneath the car as it rested atop several trees. The troopers depleted all available fire extinguishers and the engine fire re-ignited. Trooper LaLone then broke the glass from the

passenger side window so Trooper Merrill could enter the burning vehicle to cut the driver's safety belt in an attempt to remove him. Trooper LaLone broke the glass from the sun roof and entered the burning vehicle to assist with removing the driver. During this time, Trooper Somers and Trooper Wilson continued attempts to suppress the engine fire. With the help of emergency medical personnel the troopers were able to get the driver's side door open and remove the driver from the vehicle. If not for the quick actions of Troopers LaLone, Merrill, Somers, and Wilson, the victim may not have survived.

Tpr. James Early and **Tpr. Ronald Rabineau** are receiving the Lifesaving Award for saving the life of another. On December 5, 2012, Troopers Early and Rabineau responded to a medical emergency. They arrived on scene to find a male performing CPR as instructed by a 911 dispatcher on an unconscious female. Troopers Early and Rabineau took over performing CPR and utilized their Automated External Defibrillator (AED) to administer a shock. The troopers continued performing CPR until emergency medical personnel arrived to transport the victim to the hospital. Thanks to Trooper Early and Trooper Rabineau's knowledge of first aid techniques, the victim survived.

Professional Excellence:

Sgt. Craig W. Johnson
D/Tpr/Spl. Sarah Krebs-Sanchez
Tpr. Gregory Primeau
Tpr. Andrew Jeffrey
Tpr. Richard Carlson
Tpr. John Janicki
Tpr. Kyle Kelley
Tpr. James Leonard
D/Sgt. Lil Drew
D/Sgt. Kenneth Ducker
D/Sgt. Kevin Nance

Unit Citation:

D/Tpr/Spl. Brian Jarema
D/Sgt. Scott Wood
D/Tpr/Spl. Chad Gruenwald
D/Tpr/Spl. Christopher Pena
D/Sgt. William Prince

The next Board of Awards Committee meeting is December 12, 2013.