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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.

Distinguished Service Award

Sgt. David Cope (Rockford Post) is receiving the Distinguished Service Award for his outstanding efforts to improve the department's Field Training Officer (FTO) program. In late 2015, Sergeant Cope took on the responsibility of coordinating and updating the FTO program. In the 21-year history of the FTO program, Sergeant Cope was the first coordinator to make significant changes to the training. His efforts resulted in a fully revised program that improved the quality of training, eased the transition of probationary troopers from recruit school to the field, and produced more meaningful and defensible documentation. Additionally, the new program now incorporates several aspects of the department's vision outlined in the Strategic plan, including a focus on community service and the 21st Century Policing model.

Meritorious Service Awards

D/Lt. Neil Donahue, D/Sgt. Chris Corriveau (1st District Detective Unit), and **D/Sgt. Pat Roti** (3rd District Detective Unit) are receiving the Meritorious Service Award for their diligence and perseverance in the re-investigation of a quadruple homicide. On September 17, 2007, a quadruple homicide occurred in Detroit. Following investigation by the Detroit Police Department, Davontae Sanford, a 14-year-old mentally impaired and partially blind juvenile, pled guilty to the homicides and was sentenced to 37-90 years in prison. While investigating a case involving a former Detroit Police Department homicide investigator, D/Sergeant Corriveau learned of the quadruple homicide case involving Sanford when a subject he interviewed confessed to the homicides and claimed that Sanford was innocent. With this information, D/Sergeant Corriveau and his supervisor arranged a meeting with the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office to discuss the case. Following this meeting, on May 4, 2015, the Wayne County Prosecutor formally requested investigative support from the Michigan State Police (MSP) to re-investigate the 2007 quadruple homicide. An investigative team of D/Lieutenant Donahue, D/Sergeant Corriveau, and D/Sergeant Roti worked the case for a year, re-examining evidence, documents, and reports, as well as re-interviewing countless witnesses.

During the course of their investigation, one of the key witnesses admitted to perjury during the trial. In addition, the team also discovered multiple errors made in the original investigation and uncovered new evidence and findings. They completed their investigative report and on June 8, 2016, a Wayne County Circuit Court Judge released Sanford from prison. Approximately one month later, on July 19, 2016, all charges against Sanford were dismissed. If not for the initiative shown by D/Sergeant Corriveau to request this case be re-opened and then the investigative work done by D/Lieutenant Donahue, D/Sergeant Corriveau, and D/Sergeant Roti, a wrongfully convicted individual would have spent the majority of his life in prison for a crime he didn't commit.

Lifesaving Awards

Tpr. Daniel Clise and **Tpr. Ty Purdy** (both from the Brighton Post) are receiving the Lifesaving Award for saving the life of another. On July 16, 2016, Troopers Clise and Purdy stopped to assist a motorist with a flat tire. During their interaction with the motorist, he became unresponsive and did not have a pulse. Trooper Purdy immediately started chest compressions, while Trooper Clise applied an automated external defibrillator (AED). Both troopers continued chest compressions until emergency medical personnel arrived on scene. The motorist was transported to the hospital in critical condition. If not for the quick actions of Troopers Clise and Purdy, the subject would not have survived.

Tpr. Jordan Long (Monroe Post) is receiving the Lifesaving Award for saving the life of another. On June 13, 2016, while in route to a hit and run vehicle crash, Trooper Long encountered a male lying on the road with a female kneeling by his side. As Trooper Long moved toward the individual, he realized the individual appeared to be unresponsive and his face was turning blue. Trooper Long requested medical assistance and then began CPR. The individual had a rapid heartbeat, but he was not breathing. Trooper Long repositioned the individual's head to open his airway and continued performing CPR until emergency medical personnel arrived. The individual eventually regained consciousness and was able to breath on his own before being transported to the hospital. If not for the actions of Trooper Long, the individual may not have survived.

Tpr. Kevin Doyle (2nd District DRANO Team #1) is receiving the Lifesaving Award for saving the life of another. On July 25, 2016, Trooper Doyle was on patrol when he was signaled by pedestrians that there was a man hunched over the wheel in a vehicle. The individual was unresponsive when Trooper Doyle arrived on scene. In order to gain access to the driver, Trooper Doyle used his window punch to break the passenger side window. With the assistance of an off-duty fireman, Trooper Doyle removed the individual from the vehicle and began checking his vital signs. The individual had no pulse and was not breathing. Trooper Doyle and the off-duty fireman began administering CPR until emergency medical personnel arrived. The individual was transported to the hospital in stable, but critical condition. If not for the actions of Trooper Doyle, the individual may not have survived.

Tpr. Benjamin Sonstrom (2nd District Hometown Security Team) is receiving the Lifesaving Award for saving the life of another. On June 16, 2016, Trooper Sonstrom witnessed an individual walk out of a factory with his hands near his face, who then began stumbling and fell face first to the ground. After requesting emergency medical services, Trooper Sonstrom placed the unconscious male on his back and opened his airway. Trooper Sonstrom evaluated his vital signs and began providing first aid. Trooper Sonstrom suspected the individual was suffering from a drug overdose, at which time he administered a dose of Narcan spray. After receiving several doses of Narcan, the individual regained consciousness and was able to breathe on his own before being transported to the hospital. Thanks to the quick actions of Trooper Sonstrom, the individual survived.

Tpr. Gabor Godri (Metro North Post), **Tpr. Daniel Saldana** (2nd District Hometown Security Team), and **Tpr. Jonathan Walden** (Metro North Post) are receiving the Lifesaving Award for saving the life of another. On July 26, 2016, Troopers Godri, Saldana, and Walden were dispatched to a vehicle blocking the right lane of a road. When troopers arrived on scene, they found the male driver unresponsive and slumped over the wheel, with the car still running and in drive. After breaking a window to gain access to the vehicle, Trooper Walden placed the vehicle in park and checked the subject's vital signs. Trooper Godri held the driver in C-spine, but his pulse and breathing quickly diminished. The troopers immediately pulled the driver from the vehicle and began CPR until emergency medical personnel arrived. The driver was transported to the hospital for treatment, where he eventually made a full recovery. If not for the actions of Troopers Godri, Saldana, and Walden, the individual may not have survived.

Tpr. Mark Bessner (Metro South Post) is receiving the Lifesaving Award for saving the life of another. On July 13, 2016, Trooper Bessner and Tpr. Jacob Liss were flagged to a vehicle where a woman was having a medical emergency. Trooper Bessner gained access to the vehicle and found the female unresponsive, profusely sweating, and with labored breathing. It appeared to Trooper Bessner that the woman was suffering from a drug overdose, which was confirmed by an individual at the scene. Trooper Bessner administered several dosages of Narcan spray. The woman fully regained consciousness shortly after receiving the last dose of Narcan. The woman was able to confirm she had injected herself with heroin. Thanks to Trooper Bessner's quick response, the woman survived.

Tpr. Daniel Lubelan (Flint Post) is receiving the Lifesaving Award for saving the life of another. On January 2, 2015, Trooper Lubelan witnessed an individual being thrown approximately 30 feet from a vehicle involved in a rollover crash with another car. Trooper Lubelan quickly approached the individual, who was facedown and unconscious. Trooper Lubelan quickly administered first aid and opened the woman's airway, at which time she began breathing on her own. Trooper Lubelan ensured the woman's airway remained open until emergency medical personnel arrived. Thanks to Trooper Lubelan's quick response, the woman survived.

Tpr. Mike Curtis (Tri-City Post) is receiving the Lifesaving Award for saving the life of another. On June 5, 2016, Trooper Curtis located a suicidal subject, who was on a "be on the lookout" list. Trooper Curtis initiated a traffic stop, but the subject refused to stop, resulting in a vehicle pursuit. After approximately ten miles, the suspect finally stopped and exited the vehicle, armed with a shotgun. The subject began firing at his vehicle's fuel tank in what appeared to be an attempt to blow himself up. The subject then placed the barrel of the weapon in his mouth. At this time, Trooper Curtis utilized his patrol car's PA system to make contact with the subject and encouraged the subject to call his cell phone. The subject called Trooper Curtis, which allowed Trooper Curtis to build a positive relationship with him. Eventually, the standoff resulted in the surrender of both the weapon and the subject with no further issues. The subject was transported to a hospital and was later admitted for mental health treatment. If not for the actions of Trooper Curtis, the individual may not have survived.

Tpr. Casey Trucks (Rockford Post) is receiving the Lifesaving Award for saving the life of another. On July 6, 2016, Trooper Trucks was interviewing a felonious assault victim, when the individual suddenly stopped speaking and fell to the ground due to a suspected seizure. Trooper Trucks called dispatch to send emergency medical personnel and held the individual's head

steady until the seizure ended. Trooper Trucks then moved the individual into the recovery position, which caused him to stop breathing. Trooper Trucks rolled him onto his back and shifted his head to open his airway, which allowed him to breathe freely on his own. Trooper Trucks maintained the individual's head position until emergency medical personnel arrived. The individual was transported to the hospital for further treatment. Thanks to the quick response by Trooper Trucks, the individual survived.

Tpr. Dillard Hayes (Mt. Pleasant Post) is receiving the Lifesaving Award for saving the life of another. On July 20, 2016, Tpr. Blake Bitner and Trooper Hayes responded to a call for a suicidal female, who cut her wrist and still had possession of the knife. After arriving on scene, the troopers spotted the female and noticed she was losing an abundant amount of blood. When the subject saw the troopers, she tried running into a wooded area. Troopers Hayes and Bitner ran after her and observed she was in possession of a knife and an ice pick. After the subject ignored verbal commands to drop the weapons, Trooper Bitner utilized his Taser. Trooper Bitner was then able to secure both weapons and the subject, allowing Trooper Hayes to administer first aid to her wounds. Applying gauze and pressure was not controlling the bleeding, so Trooper Hayes applied a tourniquet to her arm, stopping the blood loss. Once emergency medical personnel arrived, she was transported to the hospital for further treatment. Thanks to the efforts of both troopers, including Trooper Hayes' first aid techniques, the woman survived.

Tpr. Kyle Rademacher (Lakeview Post) is receiving the Lifesaving Award for saving the life of another. On October 1, 2016, Trooper Rademacher responded to a call involving an unresponsive female. Upon arrival, Trooper Rademacher assessed the individual's vital signs and began performing CPR until she was able to breath on her own. Based on the individual's symptoms, Trooper Rademacher suspected she was experiencing a drug overdose. A witness stated the individual was a heroin user, but was not certain if she had used any that day. The individual stopped breathing again, at which time Trooper Rademacher administered several doses of Narcan spray, allowing her to begin breathing on her own. Trooper Rademacher remained with the individual until emergency medical personnel arrived to transport her to the hospital. If not for the actions of Trooper Rademacher, the individual would not have survived.

Rec. Rachel Ramey (130th Recruit School) is receiving the Lifesaving Award for saving the life of another recruit. On August 22, 2016, Recruit Ramey witnessed a fellow recruit choking. Recruit Ramey approached the recruit and asked if she was okay. The recruit was able to briefly speak and indicated she was choking on a mint. Recruit Ramey encouraged her to keep coughing to help dislodge the mint. The recruit suddenly stopped speaking, at which time Recruit Ramey leaned the recruit forward and applied several back blows. After approximately five back blows, the mint was dislodged from her airway, allowing the recruit to breathe normally again. If not for the actions of Recruit Ramey, the individual may not have survived.

Professional Excellence

D/Sgt. Rebecca MacArthur 2nd District Metro North Detective Unit
D/Sgt. Raymond Pechman 2nd District Tobacco Tax Enforcement Unit
Rec. Jordon Flotkoetter131st Recruit School
D/Sgt. Kyle Gorham BID Polygraph Unit
Sgt. Michael McCarthy Training Division, Precision Driving Unit

The next Board of Awards Committee meeting is March 2, 2017.