

# Dept. of Transportation: Honors 62 Wisconsin State Patrol employees for their lifesaving efforts and extraordinary public service

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Some of the awards recognize officers who saved lives or put themselves in physical danger. Others acknowledge accomplishments that have made Wisconsin's public services more efficient and effective to meet WisDOT's goal of highway safety.

"The State Patrol embodies the highest standards of professionalism and service. Those employees who've gone above and beyond to patrol our state's highways, develop safety initiatives and streamline services are indispensable," WisDOT Secretary Craig Thompson said.

Every year, award recipients are nominated by their peers who appreciate their dedication to the division's values. Sworn officers and civilian employees are honored across all sections of the division of State Patrol.

"We all share the pride in our hearts as we recognize the exceptional individuals who have carried out their duties under extraordinary circumstances. Through these acts and achievements, you have made Wisconsin a safer and better place," Wisconsin State Patrol Superintendent Anthony Burrell said.

Secretary Thompson and Superintendent Burrell were joined by Governor Tony Evers during a virtual awards ceremony Thursday evening to recognize the award recipients.

"Whether enforcing our traffic laws and sharing information about the importance of

safe driving, developing new transportation initiatives and services, helping folks get to work safely each day, or keeping traffic and the freight that our state's key industries depend on flowing, State Patrol employees play a critical role in the safety of our people, our communities, and our state every day," Gov. Evers said.

The annual awards ceremony was [presented on Facebook](#).

More information about the awards recipients and their work is in the [ceremony program](#) and below.

Photos of the recipients are available here:

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#### Lifesaving Award

**Officer**

[Inspector Teresa Burchard](#)

[Trooper Matthew Chambers](#)

[Trooper Cody Digre](#)

[Trooper Cameron Doute](#)

[Trooper Philip Goldman](#)

[Trooper Joshua Helmer](#)

[Trooper Daniel Hester](#)

[Trooper Christina Holtz](#)

[Trooper Carson Konkol](#)

[Trooper George Negron](#)

[Trooper Kevin Powell](#)

[Trooper Daniel Restrepo](#)

[Trooper Ryan Roth](#)

[Trooper Christopher Saraniecki](#)

[Trooper Kory Schultz](#)

[Inspector Joseph Stephens](#)

**Post**

DeForest

Tomah

Tomah

Fond du Lac

Eau Claire

Fond du Lac

Fond du Lac

Tomah

Tomah

Wausau

Fond du Lac

Wausau

Eau Claire

Spooner

Fond du Lac

Waukesha

#### Lifesaving Effort Award

**Officer**

[Inspector Teresa Burchard](#)  
[Trooper Danny Daniels](#)  
[Trooper Jeffrey Hoffman](#)  
[Inspector Brandon Howell](#)  
[Trooper Robert Liddell](#)  
[Trooper David Meredith](#)  
[Trooper Zachary Mulholland](#)  
[Trooper Daniel Restrepo](#)  
[Trooper Kyle Scott](#)  
[Trooper Trevin Szulczewski](#)  
[Trooper Robert Unruh](#)

**Post**

DeForest  
Waukesha  
DeForest  
Wausau  
Eau Claire  
Wausau  
Spooner  
Eau Claire  
Wausau  
Wausau  
Eau Claire

Unit Citation

**Production Support Unit**

[Section Chief David Harvey](#)  
[Inspector Mark Fetzer](#)  
[Geoffrey Grant](#)  
[Scott Jennings](#)  
[Brian Kalinoski](#)  
[Inspector Travis Lauer](#)  
[Jennifer Mobley](#)  
[Inspector Thomas Tweedy](#)  
[James Larson](#)  
[Jacob Berger](#)  
[Peter Blankenheim](#)  
[Christine Goede](#)

**Fleet Installation Center**

[Trooper Brandon Ferrell](#)  
[Benjamin Hoffman](#)  
[Shelly Hughes](#)  
[Shawn Murphy](#)

[Brandyn Rein](#)  
[Jacob Rein](#)  
[John Scherbert](#)

## Special Recognition

<b>Award</b>	<b>Award recipient</b>	<b>Post</b>
Commendable Service	<a href="#">Jessica Bader</a>	Headquarters
Commendable Service	<a href="#">Lt. Col. David Fish</a>	Headquarters
Meritorious Service	<a href="#">Trooper David Heinisch</a>	Waukesha
Meritorious Service	<a href="#">Trooper Alexander Polizzi</a>	Waukesha
Meritorious Service	<a href="#">Trooper Cody Rahn</a>	Waukesha
Meritorious Service	<a href="#">Trooper Ryan Roth</a>	Eau Claire
Meritorious Service	<a href="#">Trooper Briant Russell</a>	DeForest
Meritorious Service	<a href="#">Trooper Keegan Williams</a>	Waukesha
Innovation and Excellence	<a href="#">Section Chief David Harvey</a>	Headquarters
Innovation and Excellence	<a href="#">Darlene Schwartz</a>	Headquarters
Innovation and Excellence	<a href="#">Lt. Daniel Steele</a>	Retired
Innovation and Excellence	<a href="#">Laura Vande Hey</a>	Headquarters
Superintendent's Commendation	<a href="#">Trooper Scott Darin</a>	Waukesha
Superintendent's Commendation	<a href="#">Trooper Christina Holtz</a>	Tomah
Superintendent's Commendation (2)	<a href="#">Trooper Justin Temperly</a>	DeForest
Superintendent's Commendation	<a href="#">Trooper Logan Christel</a>	Fond du Lac
Superintendent's Star of Recognition	<a href="#">Sgt. John Heffernan</a>	Retired

## Employees of the Year

<b>Award</b>	<b>Award recipient</b>	<b>Post</b>
Dispatcher of the Year	<a href="#">Dispatcher Colleen Keough</a>	Fond du Lac
Inspector of the Year	<a href="#">Inspector Josh Maurer</a>	Eau Claire

Civilian Employee of the Year  
Trooper of the Year

[Investigator Paul Schilling](#)  
[Trooper Allen Vick](#)

Headquarters  
Waukesha