

March 2, 2015

Trooper Christine Gracey
Florida Highway Patrol
1011 N.W. 111th Avenue
Miami, FL 33172

Dear Trooper Gracey:

Congratulations for being selected as the Florida Highway Patrol *Trooper of the Month* for January 2015, for your actions during a single month.

On Wednesday, January 21, 2015, you responded as a back-up unit for Monroe County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) Sergeant Sidney Whitehouse, who was in pursuit of a violent felon. The subject fled a neighborhood making multiple maneuvers in an attempt to evade law enforcement. The subject fired shots at the MCSO unit and sideswiped your patrol unit on the passenger side as they attempted to return to the travel lanes of CR-905.

You and Sergeant Whitehouse followed the subject south. The subject stopped briefly on several occasions and you were going to conduct a felony stop, but the subject drove off. The subject's vehicle and Sergeant Whitehouse's patrol vehicle became briefly locked together, during which time shots were fired by the subject striking the windshield and blue light of the patrol car. You were able to return fire before the subject fled the scene and the subject was later taken into custody by the Monroe County Sheriff's Office.

You are commended for your actions during this incident and your demonstrated commitment to the residents of the State of Florida.

Sincerely,



Colonel David H. Brierton
Director
Florida Highway Patrol

April 9, 2015

Sergeant Richard K. Benton
Florida Highway Patrol
7651 US 19 North
Pinellas Park, FL 33781

Dear Sergeant Benton:

Congratulations for being selected as the Florida Highway Patrol *Trooper of the Month* for February 2015, for your actions during a single month.

On Wednesday, February 18, 2015, you were dispatched to investigate a subject stopped at the top of the Sunshine Skyway Bridge. It was reported that a subject was out of his vehicle and hanging over the bridge's barrier wall near the top of the main span. Upon arrival you observed the subject seated in the driver's seat of his vehicle, and as you spoke with him, you determined that he had contemplated suicide and had intentions of jumping off the bridge.

While waiting on backup you continued to monitor the subject and his behavior. You determined there was insufficient time to wait for back-up to arrive so you immediately secured the individual so that he could be safely transported and medically evaluated.

Without your quick response and decisive action, there could have been grave consequences. You are commended for your actions during this incident and your demonstrated commitment to the residents of the State of Florida.

Sincerely,



Colonel David H. Brierton
Director
Florida Highway Patrol

May 22, 2015

Trooper Mark J. Baker
Florida Highway Patrol
2100 Mahan Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32308

Dear Trooper Baker:

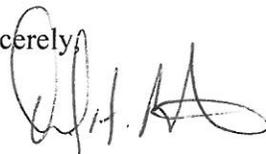
Congratulations for being selected as the Florida Highway Patrol *Trooper of the Month* for March 2015 for your actions during a single month. During the month of March, you had six (6) incidents that were deserving of recognition.

On Friday, March 20, 2015, you conducted a traffic stop which resulted in the arrest of a convicted felon with the possession of a stolen firearm. On Sunday, March 22, 2015, you and Trooper Brian Speigner stopped a vehicle at gunpoint that had just committed an aggravated assault with a gun on a crowd of people. On Monday, March 23, 2015, you conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle that resulted in the seizure of 102 Alprazolam pills and 11.3 grams of Methamphetamine.

On Wednesday, March 25, 2015, you conducted a traffic stop that resulted in the seizure of 29 grams of marijuana and approximately 15-20 Xanax pills. On Friday, March 27, 2015, you conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle that was possibly involved in an aggravated assault with a firearm which resulted in the arrest of a suspect for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. On Saturday, March 28, 2015, you responded to an incident that involved multiple shooting victims. During the incident, you assisted with establishing a perimeter and took a suspect into custody. In addition to the aforementioned incidents, you removed seven (7) impaired motorists from the highways of the State of Florida.

You are commended for your actions during these incidents and your demonstrated commitment to the residents of the State of Florida.

Sincerely,



Colonel David H. Brierton
Director
Florida Highway Patrol

June 9, 2015

Trooper Clara Condo-Varner
Florida Highway Patrol
6030 County Road 2321
Panama City, FL 32404-5732

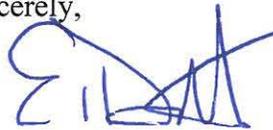
Dear Trooper Condo-Varner:

Congratulations for being selected as the Florida Highway Patrol *Trooper of the Month* for April 2015, for your actions during a single month.

On Tuesday, April 14, 2015, while patrolling US-231, you observed two males involved in a physical altercation at the Exxon Gas Station; you turned around and pulled into the parking lot. As you were entering the parking lot the suspect fled the scene, you immediately relayed the suspect's description as well as the direction of travel and then began to aid the victim. The victim's throat had been slashed and was bleeding badly; you maintained pressure on the victim's neck while waiting on EMS to arrive.

You are commended for providing crucial information which led to the suspect's apprehension as well as providing lifesaving aid to the victim. Without your quick response and decisive action, there could have been grave consequences.

Sincerely,



Lt. Colonel Ernesto Duarte
Acting Director
Florida Highway Patrol

ED/rs

cc: Terry L. Rhodes, Executive Director
FHP Executive Staff
Troop Commanders
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August 3, 2015

Trooper Nicholas Hagedorn
Florida Highway Patrol
3247 Lakeland Hills Blvd.
Lakeland, FL 33805-2266

Dear Trooper Hagedorn:

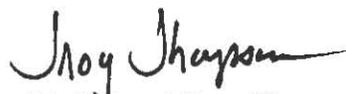
Congratulations on being selected as the Florida Highway Patrol *Trooper of the Month* for May 2015, for your actions during a single month.

On Friday, May 15, 2015, the Tampa Bay Regional Communications Center received a call from a citizen advising that a vehicle was stopped on the Skyway Bridge and there appeared to be a man out of his vehicle looking over the side of the bridge.

Upon arrival, you made contact with the man and determined that he was contemplating suicide. You were able to calm him down and detain him for everyone's safety and made arrangements to have him transported to a mental health facility under the Baker Act.

Without your quick response and decisive action, there could have been grave consequences. You are commended for your actions during this incident and your demonstrated commitment to the residents of the State of Florida.

Sincerely,



Lt. Colonel Troy Thompson
Acting Director
Florida Highway Patrol

TT/rs

cc: Terry L. Rhodes, Executive Director
FHP Executive Staff
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August 10, 2015

Trooper Robert S. Duckers
Florida Highway Patrol
7651 US 19 North
Pinellas Park, FL 33781

Dear Trooper Duckers:

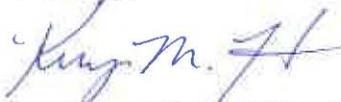
Congratulations for being selected as the Florida Highway Patrol *Trooper of the Month* for June 2015, for your actions during a single month.

As you were helping a disabled motorist on I-275, you were approached by a citizen that witnessed a vehicle crash and noticed the vehicle had caught on fire. You immediately drove to the scene of the crash and observed the driver was unconscious and still seated in the burning vehicle.

As the fire grew in size, you attempted to break the driver's window to extricate the driver. After breaking the window with your fist, you extricated the unconscious driver from the burning vehicle.

Without your quick response and decisive action, there could have been grave consequences. You are commended for your actions during this incident and your demonstrated commitment to the residents of the State of Florida.

Sincerely,



Lt. Colonel Kelly Hildreth
Acting Director
Florida Highway Patrol

KH/rs

cc: Terry L. Rhodes, Executive Director
FHP Executive Staff
Troop Commanders
Personnel File

August 31, 2015

Lieutenant Channing Taylor
Florida Highway Patrol
133 S. Semoran Blvd., Suite A
Orlando, FL 32807

Dear Lieutenant Taylor:

Congratulations for being selected as the Florida Highway Patrol *Trooper of the Month* for July 2015 for your actions during a single month.

On Sunday, June 14, 2015, you observed an older model pickup enter the parking lot of a Pilot gas station that was not utilizing its headlights as required by Florida law. You approached the driver and requested her driver's license. As you and the driver approached the vehicle, the passenger fired several shots striking you in the right shoulder. You returned fire fatally wounding the subject. The driver fled the scene and crashed shortly afterwards where she was apprehended.

You are commended for your actions during this incident and your demonstrated commitment to the residents of the State of Florida.

Sincerely,



Colonel Gene Spaulding
Director
Florida Highway Patrol

GS/rs

cc: Terry L. Rhodes, Executive Director
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October 12, 2015

Sergeant Benjamin D. Weaver
Florida Highway Patrol
6030 County Road 2321
Panama City, FL 32404-5732

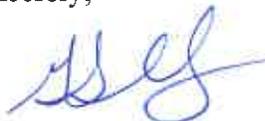
Dear Sergeant Weaver:

Congratulations for being selected as the Florida Highway Patrol *Trooper of the Month* for August 2015 for your actions during a single month.

On Friday, August 7, 2015, the Tallahassee Regional Communications Center advised that a Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission Officer had been shot and requested assistance to search for the suspects. You responded to assist and direct Florida Highway Patrol units to the areas where they were needed. After hearing a gunshot, you and a Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission Officer caught and arrested one of the suspects that you observed jumping from a broken window. The second suspect was arrested nearby and the third suspect fled the scene and was apprehended a short time later.

You are commended for your actions during this incident and your demonstrated commitment to the residents of the State of Florida.

Sincerely,



Colonel Gene S. Spaulding
Director
Florida Highway Patrol

cc: Terry L. Rhodes, Executive Director
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November 10, 2015

Trooper Michael Grider
Florida Highway Patrol
4700-3 Terminal Drive
Ft. Myers, FL 33907

Dear Trooper Grider:

Congratulations for being selected as the Florida Highway Patrol *Trooper of the Month* for September 2015 for your actions during a single month. During the month of September, you had two incidents that were deserving of recognition.

On Sunday, September 6, 2015, you were working an aircraft detail when Sergeant Schluter advised you of a vehicle approaching at a high rate of speed. Upon stopping the vehicle and the initial interview of the subject you felt something wasn't right with the driver's story. Upon further investigation you found out that the driver of the vehicle was a person of interest in Georgia for the murder of the owner of the car he was driving. The driver of the vehicle was arrested and transported to the Lee County Jail where he was held until he was later indicted and transported back to Georgia for murder.

On Wednesday, September 30, 2015, while on patrol you noticed an elderly gentleman that seemed confused. While assisting him, you were told by Ft. Myers Regional Communication Center that a silver alert had been issued to him. You stayed and assisted him until he was reunited with his family.

You are commended for your actions during this incident and your demonstrated commitment to the residents of the State of Florida.

Sincerely,



Colonel Gene Spaulding
Director
Florida Highway Patrol

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