

March 16, 2016

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 January 2016 for your actions during a single month.

On Friday, January 8, 2016, while in Pasco County, you were stopped by an off duty police officer and advised that a man had broken through the fence in his backyard and threatened to kill him. You immediately responded and found that the suspect had attacked a second man nearby. The victim was sitting in a vehicle and the suspect had smashed the driver's door window and was striking the victim. You apprehended the assailant and rushed to the aid of the second victim. The suspect was taken into custody and booked into the Pasco County jail on multiple felony charges, including burglary and aggravated assault.

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
FHP Executive Staff
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April 6, 2016

Corporal Julio Torres
Florida Highway Patrol
5023 53rd Avenue
Bradenton, FL 34203

Dear Corporal Torres:

Congratulations for being selected as the Florida Highway Patrol *Trooper of the Month* for February 2016 for your actions during a single month.

On Wednesday, February 3, 2016, while in route to the Ft. Myers FHP Station, you witnessed a crash, just ahead of you. As a result of the collision, one the vehicles travelled through a guard rail and overturned into a retention pond with the driver trapped inside the vehicle. Without regard to your personal safety, you entered the water in an effort to save the driver's life. With the help of Officer Cassie McHale with the Ft. Myers Police Department, you were able to free the driver and initiated CPR until EMS arrived on the scene.

Although your efforts were not successful for long term results, your efforts greatly enhanced the driver's immediate chance of survival.

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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May 17, 2016

Corporal Matthew Simmons
Florida Highway Patrol
1350 West U.S. Highway 90
Lake City, FL 32055

Dear Corporal Simmons:

Congratulations for being selected as a co-recipient of the Florida Highway Patrol *Trooper of the Month* for March 2016 for your actions during a single month.

On Saturday, March 19, 2016, a BOLO was issued for two vehicles that were coming to Florida from Georgia. You, along with Trooper Alfred Hughes, Trooper Michael Oglesby, Sergeant Mark Boatright, and Sergeant Stephen Coody conducted two felony traffic stops, and as a result, one female juvenile victim was rescued and five suspects were arrested for warrants on human trafficking. A total of \$880 in counterfeit money and four fraudulent credit cards were also seized. You conducted the stops in a well-coordinated manner on suspects that might have been armed, while still considering the safety of the public and the victim.

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

Sincerely,



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Director
Florida Highway Patrol

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May 17, 2016

Sergeant Mark Boatright
Florida Highway Patrol
1350 West U.S. Highway 90
Lake City, FL 32055

Dear Sergeant Boatright:

Congratulations for being selected as a co-recipient of the Florida Highway Patrol *Trooper of the Month* for March 2016 for your actions during a single month.

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May 17, 2016

Sergeant Stephen W. Coody
Florida Highway Patrol
1350 West U.S. Highway 90
Lake City, FL 32055

Dear Sergeant Coody:

Congratulations for being selected as a co-recipient of the Florida Highway Patrol Trooper of the Month for March 2016 for your actions during a single month.

On Saturday, March 19, 2016, a BOLO was issued for two vehicles that were coming to Florida from Georgia. You, along with Trooper Alfred Hughes, Trooper Michael Oglesby, Corporal Matthew Simmons, and Sergeant Mark Boatright conducted two felony traffic stops, and as a result, one female juvenile victim was rescued and five suspects were arrested for warrants on human trafficking. A total of \$880 in counterfeit money and four fraudulent credit cards were also seized. You conducted the stops in a well-coordinated manner on suspects that might have been armed, while still considering the safety of the public and the victim.

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Florida Highway Patrol

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May 17, 2016

Trooper Michael Oglesby
Florida Highway Patrol
1350 West U.S. Highway 90
Lake City, FL 32055

Dear Trooper Oglesby:

Congratulations for being selected as a co-recipient of the Florida Highway Patrol Trooper of the Month for March 2016 for your actions during a single month.

On Saturday, March 19, 2016, a BOLO was issued for two vehicles that were coming to Florida from Georgia. You, along with Trooper Alfred Hughes, Corporal Matthew Simmons, Sergeant Mark Boatright, and Sergeant Stephen Coody conducted two felony traffic stops, and as a result, one female juvenile victim was rescued and five suspects were arrested for warrants on human trafficking. A total of \$880 in counterfeit money and four fraudulent credit cards were also seized. You conducted the stops in a well-coordinated manner on suspects that might have been armed, while still considering the safety of the public and the victim.

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

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Director
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May 17, 2016

Trooper Alfred Hughes
Florida Highway Patrol
1350 West U.S. Highway 90
Lake City, FL 32055

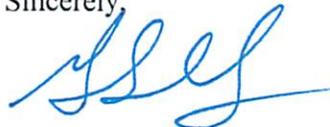
Dear Trooper Hughes:

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Terry L. Rhodes
Executive Director



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Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0500
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June 13, 2016

Trooper Ronald Rodriguez
Florida Highway Patrol
11305 N. McKinley Drive
Tampa, FL 34203

Dear Trooper Rodriguez:

Congratulations for being selected as the Florida Highway Patrol *Trooper of the Month* for April 2016 for your actions during a single month.

On Friday, April 8, 2016, a BOLO was issued for 2011 Chevrolet Impala in reference to an armed carjacking. You observed the Impala traveling within the city limits of Tampa, where it continued to travel onto Interstate 4. You conducted a felony stop, identified the driver as the carjacking suspect, and placed him under arrest without incident. The driver was charged with Possession of a Stolen Firearm/Ammo, Possession of Stolen Firearm/Ammo by a Convicted Felon, Grand Theft of a Motor Vehicle, No Valid DL, DUI, along with several other traffic infractions. You conducted the stop with sound judgment and exceptional officer safety. Because of your awareness and quick reaction surrounding the events, a suspect with a lengthy past criminal history was apprehended and taken off of the streets.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gene Spaulding".

Colonel Gene Spaulding
Director
Florida Highway Patrol

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July 6, 2016

Trooper Jose Pajon-Zuniga
Florida Highway Patrol
P.O. Box 540007
Green Acres, Florida 33454

Dear Trooper Pajon-Zuniga:

Congratulations for being selected as the Florida Highway Patrol *Trooper of the Month* for May 2016 for your actions during a single month.

On Friday, May 6, 2016, you encountered a male running northbound along Interstate 95 in Delray Beach. You pulled in front of the pedestrian and attempted to stop him, at which point the pedestrian struck you in the face and continued to run northbound. Without hesitating, you chased after the pedestrian across five lanes of traffic. You were unable to control the pedestrian, and for everyone's safety, you deployed your department issued Conducted Electrical Weapon (Taser). Since the Taser had no effect on him, you chased him for another half mile on foot before tackling him a second time. With the help of passing motorists, you were able to subdue the pedestrian and secure him for his own safety and others.

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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August 10, 2016

Trooper David A. Bryan
Florida Highway Patrol-Troop K
Turkey Lake Service Plaza, Bldg. 5318
Mile Post 263, Florida's Turnpike
Ocoee, Florida 34761

Dear Trooper Bryan:

Congratulations for being selected as the Florida Highway Patrol *Trooper of the Month* for June 2016 for your actions during a single month.

On Thursday, June 2, 2016, you observed a white SUV that was stopped on the left shoulder, facing southbound, on the Florida Turnpike. You pulled over to assist what you thought was a disabled vehicle. Upon approaching the vehicle, you realized that the driver and the infant in the back seat were in need of medical attention. Without hesitating, you contacted FHP Lake Worth Regional Communication Center and requested Osceola County Fire and Rescue. With the help of Osceola Sheriff Deputies Stockman and Clark, you were able to get into the vehicle.

When you opened the door, you immediately noticed a strong chemical odor that started affecting your skin, eyes and respiratory system. Even with discomfort, you and the Deputies still tried to get into the vehicle to try and help the driver and infant, who were unfortunately already deceased. After attempting to put the vehicle in park and turn it off, you contacted Hazmat to come and decontaminate you, the Deputies and the vehicle. Once you and the other Deputies were decontaminated, you all were transported to Osceola Regional Medical Center in Kissimmee to be evaluated.

You exposed yourself to great peril and personal danger that day by going above and beyond the normal call of duty to attempt to save the lives of the occupants in the vehicle.

Trooper Bryan
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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
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September 7, 2016

Trooper John R. Tallman
Florida Highway Patrol-Troop H
2100 Mahan Drive
Tallahassee, Florida 32308

Dear Trooper Tallman:

Congratulations for being selected as the Florida Highway Patrol *Trooper of the Month* for July 2016 for your actions during a single month.

On Saturday, July 2, 2016, you responded to a traffic crash at the intersection of US 98 and Woodville Highway in Wakulla County, involving a semi-tractor trailer that had crashed into a migrant farm bus. The crashed left live electrical power lines laying on the roadway and caused the semi-truck to catch fire then start spreading to the passenger-filled bus.

You promptly directed bystanders to move away from the deadly downed power lines and then you and the other emergency response responders proceeded to evacuate the injured passengers trapped inside the bus. You and another Deputy exposed yourselves to the fire to hold the bus's front door open while fire department personnel with fire protected gear entered the burning bus to rescue the passengers. You carefully moved one of the deceased bodies, to spare the victim from the fire that eventually consumed the bus. You and the other emergency response responders then proceeded to the back of the bus to rescue the passengers from the back of the bus.

Throughout the evacuation effort, you maintained contact with the Tallahassee Regional Communication Center so other personnel were prepared when they arrived on scene. You displayed heroic acts that placed your life in danger in order to possibly save the lives of other people. Your selfless acts of bravery are a credit to yourself and the Florida Highway Patrol. Your actions that day illustrate your dedication to the people of Florida and demonstrate the FHP Motto of Courtesy, Service and Protection.

You exposed yourself to great peril and personal danger that day by going above and beyond the normal call of duty to attempt to save the lives of the occupants on the bus.

Trooper Tallman
September 7, 2016
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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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September 28, 2016

Corporal Lena Ward
Florida Highway Patrol-Troop B
1350 West U.S. Highway 90, Suite 101
Lake City, Florida 32055

Dear Corporal Ward:

Congratulations for being selected as the Florida Highway Patrol *Trooper of the Month* for August 2016 for your actions during a single month.

On Friday, August 19, 2016, you arrived at the University of Florida Health Shands Hospital to follow up on an investigation. You observed a vehicle pull up and make an abrupt stop in the ambulance bay entrance, with a female screaming in the front passenger seat of the vehicle. The driver of the vehicle yelled that his wife was having a baby. You tried to get additional help from the hospital staff, but the female was in full labor leaving no time for them to arrive. You immediately took action and delivered the baby successfully with hospital staff taking over to provide medical care.

You are commended for your quick actions, which resulted in the successful birth of a new baby.

Sincerely,



Colonel Gene Spaulding
Director
Florida Highway Patrol

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November 9, 2016

Trooper Joshua M. Tucker
Florida Highway Patrol-Troop A
6030 County Road 2321
Panama City, Florida 32404

Dear Trooper Tucker:

Congratulations for being selected as the Florida Highway Patrol *Trooper of the Month* for September 2016 for your actions during a single month.

On Saturday, September 17, 2016, you were investigating a crash in the Molino area of Escambia County. You were advised, by dispatch, that another crash had occurred close to where you were working, involving a single vehicle versus a power pole with serious injuries. You immediately responded to the scene, where several bystanders, including family members of the victim, had already arrived. You ran up to the victim and started checking for his vital signs. He was not breathing, so you summoned some of the bystanders to assist you to get the victim out of the vehicle so you could begin CPR. You performed CPR until Escambia County EMS was able to get there and take over. Because of your quick actions, they were able to regain a pulse and transfer him to the hospital.

The victim was on life support until Monday, September 19, 2016, when he finally succumbed to his injuries. Since the victim was an organ donor and because of your quick actions in trying to help him, they were able to harvest his organs to help other victims have a second chance in life. If not for the lifesaving assistance you performed, this would not be possible.

Trooper Tucker
November 9, 2016
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You are commended for your quick actions during this incident. You represented the agency professionally and honorably while fulfilling the goal of making Florida a Safer State and you reaffirmed the Agency's commitment to the motoring public.

Sincerely,



Colonel Gene Spaulding
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November 30, 2016

Trooper Jazmin Grant
Florida Highway Patrol-Troop G
7322 Normandy Boulevard
Jacksonville, Florida 32205

Dear Trooper Grant:

Congratulations for being selected as the Florida Highway Patrol *Trooper of the Month* for October 2016 for your actions during a single month.

On Thursday, October 20, 2016, you were dispatched to a traffic crash on Interstate 95 at Emerson Street in Duval County. A 2010 Chevrolet Camaro had left the roadway and struck a median concrete barrier wall multiple times. You responded to the scene, where the driver of the Camaro was having an apparent medical issue. Two witnesses were giving the driver CPR on the shoulder of the Interstate.

You immediately took action, making contact with the subjects giving CPR. You offered relief to the subject giving chest compressions and retired Assistant Fire Chief Russell Earl Dodge, Jr., offered assistance to the other subject giving respiration. Chief Dodge checked for a pulse and after not finding one, you both began CPR on the driver. After one cycle of CPR, the driver had a pulse and his heartbeat and breathing had been restored. Jacksonville Fire Rescue arrived and transported the driver to Memorial Hospital in Jacksonville.

You are commended for your quick actions during this incident. You represented the agency professionally and honorably while fulfilling the goal of making Florida a Safer State and you reaffirmed the Agency's commitment to the motoring public.

Sincerely,


Colonel Gene Spaulding
Director
Florida Highway Patrol

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January 4, 2017

Trooper Shelia Walker
Florida Highway Patrol-Troop B
1350 West U.S. Highway 90
Lake City, Florida 32055

Dear Trooper Walker:

Congratulations for being selected as the Florida Highway Patrol *Trooper of the Month* for November 2016 for your actions during a single month.

On Thursday, November 22, 2016, you and Recruit Trooper Cody Singletary were patrolling State Road 93 near mile marker 427 when you stopped for a disabled vehicle. The driver of the vehicle was found to be breathing but unresponsive. As you both were trying to awaken the driver, one of you noticed a diabetic insulin pump and realized the driver may have been unresponsive due to a possible medical condition related to diabetes.

Due to your diligence to check the interstate for abandoned vehicles, you and Recruit Trooper Singletary saved the life of the driver, who was transported by Century EMS to Lake City Medical Center for treatment.

You and Recruit Trooper Singletary are to be commended for a job well done. Your hard work and dedication is in keeping with the highest standards of the Florida Highway Patrol.

Sincerely,



Colonel Gene Spaulding
Director
Florida Highway Patrol

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January 4, 2017

Recruit Trooper Cody Singletary
Florida Highway Patrol-Troop B
1350 West U.S. Highway 90
Lake City, Florida 32055

Dear Trooper Singletary:

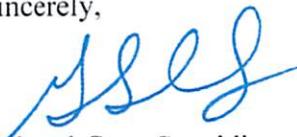
Congratulations for being selected as the Florida Highway Patrol *Trooper of the Month* for November 2016 for your actions during a single month.

On Thursday, November 22, 2016, you and Trooper Shelia Walker were patrolling State Road 93 near mile marker 427 when you stopped for a disabled vehicle. The driver of the vehicle was found to be breathing but unresponsive. As you both were trying to awaken the driver, one of you noticed a diabetic insulin pump and realized the driver may have been unresponsive due to a possible medical condition related to diabetes.

Due to your diligence to check the interstate for abandoned vehicles, you and Trooper Walker saved the life of the driver, who was transported by Century EMS to Lake City Medical Center for treatment.

You and Trooper Walker are to be commended for a job well done. Your hard work and dedication is in keeping with the highest standards of the Florida Highway Patrol.

Sincerely,



Colonel Gene Spaulding
Director
Florida Highway Patrol

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February 13, 2017

Sergeant Robert W. Harrigill
Florida Highway Patrol-Troop A
6030 County Road 2321
Panama City, Florida 32404

Dear Sergeant Harrigill:

Congratulations for being selected as the Florida Highway Patrol *Trooper of the Month* for December 2016 for your actions during a single month.

On Friday, December 23, 2016, while you were working at the Panama City Florida Highway Patrol Station doing your assigned duties, Ms. Jessica Carnley rushed into your office to inform you that your co-worker was choking and could not breathe. Without hesitation, you ran to the office to discover the co-worker crouched over in the work station. The co-worker had a bluish skin tone and was making unusual noises while attempting to breathe. You instructed Senior Clerk Wendi Warmack to call 9-1-1 while you started to perform the Heimlich maneuver on the co-worker. After two abdominal thrusts, the co-worker began to cough and started to breathe again. Since the co-worker was still a little unsteady, you had the co-worker sit while you monitored their breathing and the arrival of EMS.

You are commended for your heroic actions and for representing the highest standards of the Florida Highway Patrol.

Sincerely,



Colonel Gene Spaulding
Director
Florida Highway Patrol

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