

March 17, 2017

Trooper Phillip Payne
Florida Highway Patrol-Troop G
7322 Normandy Boulevard
Jacksonville, Florida 32205

Dear Trooper Payne:

Congratulations for being selected as the Florida Highway Patrol *Trooper of the Month* for January 2017 for your actions during a single month.

On January 11, 2017, while you were working an enforcement detail in Saint Augustine, you were monitoring the local Police Department radio and heard there could be a possible suicide attempt at the top of the State Road 312 and Inter Coastal Waterway Bridge. Since you were in the vicinity, you were able to respond in less than a minute.

Upon your arrival, you noticed a man straddling the concrete barrier wall. You verbally engaged the suspect while walking towards him. The suspect responded to you, but you acted as if you could not hear the suspect because of the traffic in hopes the suspect would get off the wall, which worked. The suspect walked towards you and you began to talk to the suspect. The suspect confided in you that he wanted to kill himself by jumping off the bridge and had previously attempted suicide. You assured him that everything would be okay and had the suspect transported to the hospital under a Baker Act.

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

GSS/meb

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

Terry L. Rhodes
Executive Director



2900 Apalachee Parkway
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0500
www.flhsmv.gov

March 31, 2017

Trooper Jeffery Sudlow
Florida Highway Patrol-Troop C
11305 N. McKinley Drive
Tampa, Florida 33612

Dear Trooper Sudlow:

Congratulations for being selected as a co-recipient for the Florida Highway Patrol *Trooper of the Month* for February 2017 for your actions during a single month.

While you and Trooper Mick Whitsel were patrolling, a pursuit began after a suspect that had carjacked his own mother's vehicle with an infant in the backseat. The pursuit covered three counties and involved multiple agencies. As the pursuit entered Citrus County, you drove to the pursuit while Trooper Whitsel stayed in front of it. You were able to relay a current location to Trooper Whitsel so he could position himself ahead of the suspect. As the suspect approached Trooper Whitsel, he lost control of the vehicle and spun out into a ditch, allowing the other vehicles to surround the suspect and stop the pursuit. The infant in the vehicle was returned to its mother unharmed.

You and Trooper Whitsel displayed great dedication to the safety of the public while assisting multiple agencies with the capture of the suspect. Had the two of you not worked together to end this pursuit, the outcome could have been different for the infant and everyone else involved.

You are commended for your quick and creative thinking 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

GSS/meb

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

Terry L. Rhodes
Executive Director



2900 Apalachee Parkway
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0500
www.flhsmv.gov

May 15, 2017

Trooper Jean Torres
Florida Highway Patrol-Troop E
1011 Northwest 111 Avenue
Miami, Florida 33172

Dear Trooper Torres:

Congratulations for being selected as a co-recipient for the Florida Highway Patrol *Trooper of the Month* for March 2017 for your actions during a single month.

At 9:30 a.m. on Friday, March 17, 2017, while you, Trooper Llanio and Trooper Rodriguez were conducting a speed enforcement detail on State Road 836, Trooper Carlos Rosario-Flores was struck by a vehicle. Without hesitation, you along with Trooper Rodriguez and Trooper Torres started providing critical lifesaving first aid to Trooper Rosario-Flores since he had sustained serious life-threatening injuries as a result of the crash.

You, Trooper Llanio and Trooper Rodriguez were instrumental in immediately notifying the Miami Regional Communication Center of the seriousness of the incident and relaying specific information for responding Miami-Dade Fire Rescue ground personnel and their Air Rescue helicopter. The assistance you all rendered to Trooper Rosario-Flores and the information you relayed to the pilot expedited his flight to the Trauma Center.

All three of you are to be commended for your heroism and professionalism in the face of a highly traumatic event involving a fellow trooper. Because of all of your actions, it saved crucial time that contributed greatly to Trooper Rosario-Flores survival.

Sincerely,



Colonel Gene Spaulding
Director
Florida Highway Patrol

GSS/meb

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

Terry L. Rhodes
Executive Director



2900 Apalachee Parkway
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0500
www.flhsmv.gov

May 30, 2017

Trooper Michael Ford
Florida Highway Patrol-Troop C
11305 N. McKinley Drive
Tampa, Florida 33612

Dear Trooper Ford:

Congratulations for being selected for the Florida Highway Patrol *Trooper of the Month* for April 2017 for your actions during a single month.

On Thursday, April 13, 2017, you responded to the top of the Skyway Bridge because of a call about a female leaning over the side of the bridge. Upon arrival, you contacted the female and after speaking with her you determined she was about to jump. You were able to quickly gain control of her and have her transported to a hospital to seek further attention.

It is because of your quick response and actions that saved the female's life. You are to be commended for your professionalism, decisive actions and compassion for others.

Sincerely,

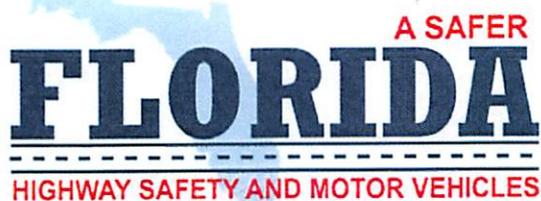
A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gene Spaulding".

Colonel Gene Spaulding
Director
Florida Highway Patrol

GSS/meb

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

Terry L. Rhodes
Executive Director



2900 Apalachee Parkway
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0500
www.flhsmv.gov

July 18, 2017

Trooper Emily Purvis
Florida Highway Patrol-Troop G
7322 Normandy Boulevard
Jacksonville, Florida 32205

Dear Trooper Purvis:

Congratulations for being selected for the Florida Highway Patrol *Trooper of the Month* for May 2017 for your actions during a single month.

On Friday, May 5, 2017, as you were returning home to Jacksonville from the Florida Highway Patrol Academy, you observed a vehicle in the wood line off I-10. You stopped to investigate and discovered an unresponsive female in the driver's seat of the locked vehicle. After immediately summoning rescue personnel, you shattered the driver's side window with the help of an off-duty police officer and opened the door.

After discovering a slight pulse, you returned to your patrol car to retrieve your seat belt cutter and CPR mask while the off-duty police officer stayed with the driver. You cut the driver from her seatbelt, removed her from the vehicle and then checked her vitals again to find she was not breathing. You and the off-duty police officer began CPR on the driver and were able to restore her pulse and placed her in recovery position. While waiting for rescue personnel, the driver's breathing stopped for a second time and you performed CPR on her again until you were relieved by rescue personnel.

Although the driver passed away days later, your efforts gave the driver a chance at survival. Your actions exemplify what it is to be a Florida State Trooper. You are commended for a job well done and your attention to your duties and responsibilities as a Florida Highway Patrol Trooper.

Trooper Purvis
July 18, 2017
Page Two

Sincerely,



Colonel Gene Spaulding
Director
Florida Highway Patrol

GSS/meb

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

August 14, 2017

Trooper William J. Lewis
Florida Highway Patrol-Troop A
6030 County Road 2321
Panama City, Florida 32404

Dear Trooper Lewis:

Congratulations for being selected for the Florida Highway Patrol *Trooper of the Month* for June 2017 for your actions during a single month.

On Friday, June 30, 2017, while you were off duty in your personally owned vehicle (POV) on Highway 177 in Holmes County, you observed an individual behaving erratically. The individual was yelling and appeared to be trying to car jack a postal worker's vehicle. After calling 911 and informing them of the situation, you started to approach and verbally told the individual you were a law enforcement officer and showed your credentials. You instructed the individual to get on the ground, which the individual disobeyed and fled on foot. While fleeing, the individual stole a bus from a church. You returned to your POV and followed from a safe distance while still keeping in contact with dispatch about the location of the individual. Once you noticed responding units had arrived you backed off. Dispatch informed you once the individual was in custody so you could give a statement.

Your actions are to be commended. You assisted in the capture of a dangerous suspect and, in turn, reduced the potential for loss of life and property.

Sincerely,



Colonel Gene Spaulding
Director
Florida Highway Patrol

GSS/meb

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

Terry L. Rhodes
Executive Director



2900 Apalachee Parkway
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0500
www.flhsmv.gov

September 1, 2017

Corporal Michael Manfredo
Florida Highway Patrol-Troop D
133 South Semoran Boulevard, Suite A
Orlando, Florida 32807

Dear Corporal Manfredo:

Congratulations for being selected for the Florida Highway Patrol *Trooper of the Month* for July 2017 for your actions during a single month.

On Thursday, July 25, 2017, you observed a black GMC Denali parked on the shoulder of the entrance ramp of I-4 westbound at mile marker 114 in Volusia County. A woman was standing outside of the vehicle cradling a small child and appeared to be in distress. You stopped to check on the lady and observed the small child was turning blue in the face and her mouth was opened, but there was no sound coming from her. You immediately grabbed the child and provided three thrusts to her back until three pink pom-poms were dislodged from her throat. After the pom-poms were dislodged, the child started to cry and regained her normal complexion.

You are to be commended for your professionalism and heroic actions that saved the child from impending death or permanent disability.

Sincerely,

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

Colonel Gene Spaulding
Director
Florida Highway Patrol

GSS/meb

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

Terry L. Rhodes
Executive Director



2900 Apalachee Parkway
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0500
www.flhsmv.gov

October 24, 2017

Corporal Robert Friesen
Florida Highway Patrol-Troop C
11305 North McKinley Drive
Tampa, Florida 33612

Dear Corporal Friesen:

Congratulations for being selected as a co-recipient for the Florida Highway Patrol *Trooper of the Month* for August 2017 for your actions during a single month.

On Tuesday, August 8, 2017, you and Trooper Kristen Middleton were dispatched to a possible suicidal suspect in the north rest area of the Skyway Bridge, where you saw the subject walking on the access ramp to the north fishing pier.

You contacted the subject, who reassured you that he was waiting for his doctor. Once Trooper Middleton arrived the subject fled from you both and jumped over the bridge and into the water where he proceeded to try and commit suicide by drowning himself. You and Trooper Middleton secured your duty belts and jumped in after the subject to try and prevent the subject from harming himself. The two of you swam out to the subject and performed rescue swimming to return the subject to the shore and began CPR until the paramedics arrived on scene and took over life saving techniques.

You and Trooper Middleton's actions that day undoubtedly saved the life of another and for that, you are to be commended

Sincerely,

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

Colonel Gene Spaulding
Director
Florida Highway Patrol

GSS/meb

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

October 24, 2017

Trooper Kristen Middleton
Florida Highway Patrol-Troop C
11305 North McKinley Drive
Tampa, Florida 33612

Dear Trooper Middleton:

Congratulations for being selected as a co-recipient for the Florida Highway Patrol *Trooper of the Month* for August 2017 for your actions during a single month.

On Tuesday, August 8, 2017, you and Corporal Friesen were dispatched to a possible suicidal suspect in the north rest area of the Skyway Bridge, where Corporal Friesen saw the subject walking on the access ramp to the north fishing pier.

Corporal Friesen contacted the subject, who reassured the Corporal that he was waiting for his doctor. Once you arrived the subject fled from you both and jumped over the bridge and into the water where he proceeded to try and commit suicide by drowning himself. You and Corporal Friesen secured your duty belts and jumped in after the subject to try and prevent the subject from harming himself. The two of you swam out to the subject and performed rescue swimming to return the subject to the shore and began CPR until the paramedics arrived on scene and took over life saving techniques.

You and Corporal Friesen's actions that day undoubtedly saved the life of another and for that, you are to be commended

Sincerely,


Colonel Gene Spaulding
Director
Florida Highway Patrol

GSS/meb

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

November 28, 2017

Trooper Robert Roxbury
Florida Highway Patrol-Troop D
133 South Semoran Boulevard, Suite A
Orlando, Florida 32807

Dear Trooper Roxbury:

Congratulations for being selected for the Florida Highway Patrol *Trooper of the Month* for September 2017 for your actions during a single month.

On Tuesday, September 19, 2017, you were off-duty at your residence when you heard a loud banging on your front door. As you approached the door, you could hear frantic crying coming from outside. When you opened the door, your neighbors were holding an unresponsive two-week old infant. One of your neighbors was screaming that the infant was not breathing, and you observed the lifeless infant turning blue. The lady informed you that the infant had just consumed formula and was possibly choking on it.

You immediately took the infant and positioned her at a downward angle and performed three back blows. You observed a thick mucus, saliva and fluids excrete from the infant's mouth and nose area. The infant began to cry and open her eyes, but soon thereafter became unresponsive again. You positioned the infant in a downward angle again and administered more back blows. The lady provided you with a nose-suction bulb and you were able to suction the fluids from the infant's mouth. You continued to keep the infant crying and responsive until St. Cloud Fire Rescue responded to the 911 call and transported the infant to the hospital. She has recovered and, according to her doctor, she is alive because of your efforts.

Trooper Roxbury
November 28, 2017
Page Two

You are an asset to your district and the Florida Highway Patrol. You strive to further the agency's image with every opportunity you get. Even in your off-duty capacity, you were still immediately ready to help someone in need, and for that, you are to be commended.

Sincerely,



Colonel Gene Spaulding
Director
Florida Highway Patrol

GSS/meb

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

Terry L. Rhodes
Executive Director



2900 Apalachee Parkway
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0500
www.flhsmv.gov

December 18, 2017

Trooper Michael Corrao
Florida Highway Patrol-Troop C
11305 North McKinley Drive
Tampa, Florida 33612

Dear Trooper Corrao:

Congratulations for being selected for the Florida Highway Patrol *Trooper of the Month* for October 2017 for your actions during a single month.

On Friday, October 6, 2017, you were dispatched to a possible suicidal suspect at the top of the Skyway Bridge. When you arrived, you saw the subject on the outside shoulder looking over the concrete barrier wall.

You contacted the subject and opened a dialogue with him. The subject told you he was going to jump off the bridge. While talking to the subject you noticed the subject start to climb over the wall to commit suicide. At this point you quickly rushed to the subject and grabbed him to prevent him from going over the side of the bridge. You escorted the subject to the ground until another Trooper arrived on scene to assist you. The subject was transported to the Pinellas Mental Health Service Facility where he was Baker Acted.

Your actions that day undoubtedly saved the life of another and you are to be commended for your selfless actions and empathy shown toward a citizen of Florida.

Sincerely,

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

Colonel Gene Spaulding
Director
Florida Highway Patrol

GSS/meb

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

Terry L. Rhodes
Executive Director



2900 Apalachee Parkway
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0500
www.flhsmv.gov

January 12, 2018

Trooper Joshua W. Seay
Florida Highway Patrol-Troop I
2900 Apalachee Parkway
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear Trooper Seay:

Congratulations for being selected for the Florida Highway Patrol *Trooper of the Month* for November 2017 for your actions during a single month.

On Sunday, November 26, 2017, you were en route to K9 school when you approached a single vehicle crash on I-10 west bound at mile marker 290 in Suwannee County. There were four occupants in the crash with one ejection.

Upon your arrival, you deployed your medical first aid kit and began assessing the victim's injuries with Sergeant Wilson. During your initial assessment, the victim was unconscious and had a faint pulse. While you were administering first aid to the victim, the victim stopped breathing. It was at that time that you decided to begin doing rescue breaths while Officer Nobles of the Florida Department of Agriculture began the chest compressions until EMS arrived on scene. Once EMS arrived on scene, you took over chest compressions from Officer Nobles while the victim was moved into the ambulance. The victim was transported to Shands Live Oak.

Due to your quick actions, and application of training by all members on scene, you were able to save the victim's life. You are to be commended for your selfless actions and empathy shown toward a citizen of Florida.

Sincerely,

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

Colonel Gene Spaulding
Director
Florida Highway Patrol

GSS/meb

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

Terry L. Rhodes
Executive Director



2900 Apalachee Parkway
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0500
www.fhsmv.gov

February 12, 2018

Captain Bryant Gay
Florida Highway Patrol-Troop J
1551 E. International Speedway Boulevard
Deland, Florida 32724

Dear Captain Gay:

Congratulations for being selected for the Florida Highway Patrol *Trooper of the Month* for December 2017 for your actions during a single month.

During the month of December, you responded to a medical emergency call at the I-95-mile marker 303 Rest Area. Upon your arrival, you located an unresponsive employee that was not breathing. You began life-saving measures, providing CPR until the emergency medical crew could arrive. With your assistance, the EMS crew was able to regain the pulse of the victim.

Due to your quick actions, and application of training by all members on scene, you were able to save the victim's life. You are to be commended for your selfless actions and empathy shown toward a citizen of Florida.

Sincerely,

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

Colonel Gene Spaulding
Director
Florida Highway Patrol

GSS/meb

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