



March 19, 2018

Trooper Bryan C. Lewis  
Florida Highway Patrol-Troop D  
133 South Semoran Boulevard  
Orlando, Florida 32807

Dear Trooper Lewis:

Congratulations for being selected as a co-recipient for the Florida Highway Patrol *Trooper of the Month* for January 2018 for your actions during a single month.

On Thursday, January 11, 2018, you were traveling west on US-192 in Kissimmee in Osceola County. As you approached the intersection of International Drive, you observed a dark-colored SUV stopped on southbound International Drive at the intersection of US-192. As the SUV attempted to turn right onto westbound US-192, it immediately collided with a female cyclist. The SUV driver quickly realized she had run over a bicycle and stopped her vehicle within the intersection. The driver exited her vehicle and realized the cyclist was completely trapped underneath and unable to move due to the SUV resting on top of her.

The SUV driver re-entered her vehicle to move it from on-top of the cyclist, but you stopped her and instructed her not to move her vehicle but to remain still. You immediately informed Orlando Regional Communications Center of the crash and requested EMS to respond. Sergeant John H. Britt and Trooper Vicente Torres-Rivera arrived within minutes of the crash. When they arrived, you were laying on the ground beneath the vehicle holding the cyclist's hand to calm her down. You notice the cyclist was unable to breath due to her final rest position and the weight of the vehicle squarely on top of her. Sergeant Britt and Trooper Torres-Rivera retrieved two vehicle jacks and placed them under the vehicle to raise the vehicle's left side tires approximately four inches above the roadway. This allowed the cyclist to breath but was still not enough room to remove the cyclist from under the vehicle.

Once Osceola EMS arrived you, Sergeant Britt and Trooper Torres-Rivera reassured the cyclist that everything was being done to safely remove her from under the vehicle. After the vehicle was raised from the cyclist, she was removed and transported to Osceola Regional Medical Center as a trauma alert. You made sure to check on her recovery during her stay in the hospital.

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Due to the heroic actions of you, Sergeant Britt and Trooper Torres-Rivera the cyclist is expected to make a full recovery. Your quick reactions and calm resolve were in no doubt instrumental in saving the cyclist's life. Your actions exemplify your commitment to making a Safer Florida a daily part of your duties as a Florida State Trooper.

Sincerely,



Colonel Gene Spaulding  
Director  
Florida Highway Patrol

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Sergeant John H. Britt, Jr.  
Florida Highway Patrol-Troop D  
133 South Semoran Boulevard  
Orlando, Florida 32807

Dear Sergeant Britt:

Congratulations for being selected as a co-recipient for the Florida Highway Patrol *Trooper of the Month* for January 2018 for your actions during a single month.

On Thursday, January 11, 2018, Trooper Bryan Lewis was traveling west on US-192 in Kissimmee in Osceola County. As he approached the intersection of International Drive, he observed a dark-colored SUV stopped on southbound International Drive at the intersection of US-192. As the SUV attempted to turn right onto westbound US-192, it immediately collided with a female cyclist. The SUV driver quickly realized she had run over a bicycle and stopped her vehicle within the intersection. The driver exited her vehicle and realized the cyclist was completely trapped underneath and unable to move due to the SUV resting on top of her.

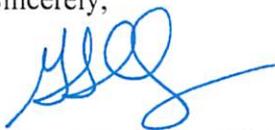
The SUV driver re-entered her vehicle to move it from on-top of the cyclist but was stopped by Trooper Lewis, who had observed the crash. Trooper Lewis instructed her not to move her vehicle, but to remain still. He immediately informed Orlando Regional Communications Center of the crash and requested EMS to respond. You and Trooper Vicente Torres-Rivera arrived within minutes of the crash. Trooper Lewis was lying on the ground beneath the vehicle holding the cyclist's hand to calm her down. Trooper Lewis notice the cyclist was unable to breath due to her final rest position and the weight of the vehicle squarely on top of her. You and Trooper Torres-Rivera retrieved two vehicle jacks and placed them under the vehicle to raise the vehicle's left side tires approximately four inches above the roadway. This allowed the cyclist to breath but was still not enough room to remove the cyclist from under the vehicle.

Once Osceola EMS arrived you, Trooper Torres-Rivera and Trooper Lewis reassured the cyclist that everything was being done to safely remove her from under the vehicle. After the vehicle was raised from the cyclist, she was removed and transported to Osceola Regional Medical Center as a trauma alert.

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Sincerely,



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Director  
Florida Highway Patrol

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Trooper Vicente Torres-Rivera  
Florida Highway Patrol-Troop D  
133 South Semoran Boulevard  
Orlando, Florida 32807

Dear Trooper Torres-Rivera:

Congratulations for being selected as a co-recipient for the Florida Highway Patrol *Trooper of the Month* for January 2018 for your actions during a single month.

On Thursday, January 11, 2018, Trooper Bryan Lewis was traveling west on US-192 in Kissimmee in Osceola County. As he approached the intersection of International Drive, he observed a dark-colored SUV stopped on southbound International Drive at the intersection of US-192. As the SUV attempted to turn right onto westbound US-192, it immediately collided with a female cyclist. The SUV driver quickly realized she had run over a bicycle and stopped her vehicle within the intersection. The driver exited her vehicle and realized the cyclist was completely trapped underneath and unable to move due to the SUV resting on top of her.

The SUV driver re-entered her vehicle to move it from on-top of the cyclist but was stopped by Trooper Lewis, who had observed the crash. Trooper Lewis instructed her not to move her vehicle, but to remain still. He immediately informed Orlando Regional Communications Center of the crash and requested EMS to respond. You and Sergeant John H. Britt arrived within minutes of the crash. Trooper Lewis was lying on the ground beneath the vehicle holding the cyclist's hand to calm her down. Trooper Lewis notice the cyclist was unable to breath due to her final rest position and the weight of the vehicle squarely on top of her. You and Sergeant Britt retrieved two vehicle jacks and placed them under the vehicle to raise the vehicle's left side tires approximately four inches above the roadway. This allowed the cyclist to breath but was still not enough room to remove the cyclist from under the vehicle.

Once Osceola EMS arrived you, Sergeant Britt and Trooper Lewis reassured the cyclist that everything was being done to safely remove her from under the vehicle. After the vehicle was raised from the cyclist, she was removed and transported to Osceola Regional Medical Center as a trauma alert.

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Sincerely,



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Director  
Florida Highway Patrol

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April 10, 2018

Sergeant Richard Davis, Jr.  
Florida Highway Patrol - Troop G  
7322 Normandy Boulevard  
Jacksonville, Florida 32205

Great Job!  
Gene

Dear Sergeant Davis:

Congratulations for being selected as the Florida Highway Patrol *Trooper of the Month* for February 2018 for your actions during a single month.

On Thursday, February 22, 2018, you observed what appeared to be a disabled commercial motor vehicle at the intersection of U.S. 301 and State Road 228. As you turned around to set up behind the disabled commercial motor vehicle, another Trooper arrived and stated he had just clocked the vehicle exceeding the speed limit and believed the commercial motor vehicle had struck another vehicle. The struck vehicle was no longer at the scene, leading the Trooper to believe it had fled the scene after the impact. Based on the evidence remaining in the roadway, you began to investigate the crash further by searching the wood line on both shoulders.

You found the victim, an elderly man with serious head injuries, in his vehicle approximately 100 yards away from the area of impact, lodged in the trees. The victim was disoriented and entrapped. As the vehicle began to catch fire, you quickly extricated the victim from the vehicle and then utilized your department-issued fire extinguisher to extinguish the fire.

Had it not been for your investigative skills that led to the discovery of the crash victim, he would have remained entrapped and undetected and the crash would have most likely resulted in a fatality due to the victim's inability to remove himself from the burning vehicle. Your attention to detail, dedication to duty, and quick thinking surely saved the victim's life that day.

Sincerely,



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Director  
Florida Highway Patrol

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May 21, 2018

Trooper Roberto A. Ortiz  
Florida Highway Patrol - Troop D  
133 South Semoran Blvd., Suite A  
Orlando, Florida 32807

Dear Trooper Ortiz:

Congratulations for being selected as the Florida Highway Patrol *Trooper of the Month* for March 2018 for your actions during a single month.

On Friday, March 30, 2018, you were patrolling Interstate 4 westbound near the 101 Mile Marker, when you observed two vehicles and a Road Ranger's service truck parked on the grass shoulder near a retention pond. You stopped to make sure everything was okay and heard a lady's voice through the woods close to the retention pond. As you got closer to them you heard the Road Ranger alerting a dispatcher to the situation and that a blue pick-up truck was rapidly sinking in the retention pond. There were already two people in the water trying to help the victim get out of the pick-up truck, but the driver was unresponsive. You notified the Orlando Regional Communications Center of the situation, and then realized the truck was sinking even faster.

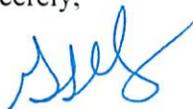
You entered the retention pond and climbed onto the truck's hood and saw the water had begun to cover the victim's legs. You shattered the passenger side window to rescue the victim from the sinking truck. While pulling the victim free, his feet became lodged in the steering wheel and he began to submerge with the truck. With no regard to your personal safety, you swam under the water back into the cab of the truck where you were able to completely dislodge his feet, so he could be pulled to safety. The victim was taken immediately by ambulance to the local hospital for treatment and it is believed that the victim suffered a medical issue at the time of the incident.

Your quick actions and calm resolve were instrumental in saving the victim from drowning after suffering a medical emergency while driving. Your willingness to set aside your personal

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safety to save a life from imminent death was not only instrumental in saving the victim's life that day, it also exemplifies your commitment to making a Safer Florida part of your fundamental duties as a Florida State Trooper.

Sincerely,



Colonel Gene Spaulding  
Director  
Florida Highway Patrol

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June 12, 2018

Trooper Patrick Hildebrandt  
Florida Highway Patrol - Troop D  
133 South Semoran Blvd., Suite A  
Orlando, Florida 32807

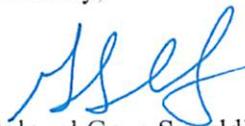
Dear Trooper Hildebrandt:

Congratulations for being selected as the Florida Highway Patrol *Trooper of the Month* for April 2018 for your actions during a single month.

While you were on duty traveling eastbound over the Dunlawton Bridge, you noticed a subject laying on the paved shoulder of the roadway at the apex of the bridge. You stopped to make contact with the subject and he stood up and abruptly moved south to the metal rail of the bridge. The subject quickly stepped up on the rail to jump off. With disregard for your own safety, you interceded and grabbed the subject, preventing him from jumping off the bridge. Soon thereafter, the Port Orange Police Department arrived on scene and assisted you with taking the subject into custody.

If it had not been for the disregard you had for your own safety and the quick decisive actions you took, the subject could have had serious bodily injuries or perished. Your attention to detail, dedication to duty, and quick thinking surely saved the subject's life that day.

Sincerely,



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Director  
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July 11, 2018

Trooper Edgardo C. Torres  
Florida Highway Patrol - Troop K  
Florida Turnpike, Milepost 263, Building 5315  
Ocoee, Florida 34761

Dear Trooper Torres:

Congratulations for being selected as the Florida Highway Patrol *Trooper of the Month* for May 2018 for your actions during a single month.

On Sunday, May 27, 2018, while you were on duty you received a call for what you thought to be a pedestrian walking on the overpass at the west end of the Polk Parkway (SR 70) at Interstate 4. Once you arrived, you realized that the subject was contemplating suicide and had positioned himself to jump from the overpass onto I-4. As the two of you were talking, back-up troopers arrived on the scene to assist and the subject produced a knife. You were able to keep a calm demeanor and continue to talk to the subject in an effort to calm him down and defuse what had become an extremely volatile situation. You and another trooper were able to pull the subject from the wall and continue to talk to him to keep him calm. The subject was then Baker Acted for a mental evaluation.

Your handling of the situation was heroic. You were faced with an armed suicidal subject and used effective verbal communication to calm the situation down. Your attentiveness to detail, dedication to duty, and quick thinking surely saved the subject's life that day.

Sincerely,

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Colonel Gene Spaulding  
Director  
Florida Highway Patrol

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August 9, 2018

Sergeant James S. Gaskins  
Florida Highway Patrol - Troop C  
11305 North McKinley Drive  
Tampa, Florida 33612

Dear Sergeant Gaskins:

Congratulations for being selected as the Florida Highway Patrol *Trooper of the Month* for June 2018 for your actions during a single month.

On Saturday, June 23, 2018, while outside of your home, you noticed your neighbor was lying on the ground and unresponsive. You immediately ran to your neighbor and realized the man had suffered an extreme medical problem and had shallow and labored breathing, a faint pulse and he was completely unresponsive. Your fiancée called 911 for help, but before they could arrive your neighbor's pulse stopped completely. You immediately began CPR and continued until Tarpon Springs Fire Rescue was able to arrive. Fire Rescue utilized their defibrillator on him and he regained a weak pulse. Your neighbor was then transported to Helen Ellis Florida Hospital where he succumbed to his medical emergency. You were also able to provide aid to the neighbor's family in their time of need.

Although your neighbor succumbed to his injuries, your efforts gave him 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.

Sincerely,



Colonel Gene Spaulding  
Director  
Florida Highway Patrol

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September 17, 2018

Trooper Andrew Schmidt  
Florida Highway Patrol - Troop C  
11305 North McKinley Drive  
Tampa, Florida 33612

Dear Trooper Schmidt:

Congratulations for being selected as a co-recipient for the Florida Highway Patrol *Trooper of the Month* for July 2018 for your actions during a single month.

On Saturday, July 21, 2018, you and Trooper Dobosiewicz conducted a traffic stop on Interstate 75 at the 309-mile marker in Sumter County for unlawful speed. During Trooper Dobosiewicz's interactions with the driver and right front passenger, Trooper Dobosiewicz became suspicious of a possible human trafficking case involving the two passengers in the back seat. Trooper Dobosiewicz contacted the Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Border Patrol to advise them of the situation. The U.S. Border Patrol dispatched two agents to assist Trooper Dobosiewicz with his investigation.

Trooper Dobosiewicz's investigation led to the arrest of the two suspects for Kidnapping/Human Trafficking and weapon-related charges. The U.S. Border Patrol Agents followed Trooper Dobosiewicz to the Sumter County jail and took custody of the arrestees and the two Mexican Nationals that were the victims of human trafficking. They also took over all evidence and transported the individuals to their Tampa facility. A federal judge signed the federal indictment on the two suspects for Armed Human Trafficking.

Your actions exemplify what it is to be a Florida State Trooper. You and Trooper Dobosiewicz are commended for a job well done and your attention to your duties and responsibilities as a Florida Highway Patrol Trooper.

Sincerely,



Colonel Gene Spaulding  
Director  
Florida Highway Patrol

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September 17, 2018

Trooper Anthony Dobosiewicz  
Florida Highway Patrol - Troop C  
11305 North McKinley Drive  
Tampa, Florida 33612

Dear Trooper Dobosiewicz:

Congratulations for being selected as a co-recipient for the Florida Highway Patrol *Trooper of the Month* for July 2018 for your actions during a single month.

On Saturday, July 21, 2018, you and Trooper Schmidt conducted a traffic stop on Interstate 75 at the 309-mile marker in Sumter County for unlawful speed. During your interactions with the driver and right front passenger, you became suspicious of a possible human trafficking case involving the two passengers in the back seat. You contacted the Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Border Patrol to advise them of the situation. The U.S. Border Patrol dispatched two agents to assist you with the investigation.

Your investigation led to the arrest of the two suspects for Kidnapping/Human Trafficking and weapon-related charges. The U.S. Border Patrol Agents followed you to the Sumter County jail and took custody of the arrestees and the two Mexican Nationals that were the victims of human trafficking. They also took over all evidence and transported the individuals to their Tampa facility. A federal judge signed the federal indictment on the two suspects for Armed Human Trafficking.

Your actions exemplify what it is to be a Florida State Trooper. You and Trooper Schmidt are commended for a job well done and your attention to your duties and responsibilities as a Florida Highway Patrol Trooper.

Sincerely,



Colonel Gene Spaulding  
Director  
Florida Highway Patrol

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October 15, 2018

Trooper Wilker D. Cavalcante Amaral  
Florida Highway Patrol - Troop F  
5023 53<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East  
Bradenton, Florida 34203

Dear Trooper Amaral:

Congratulations for being selected as the recipient for the Florida Highway Patrol *Trooper of the Month* for August 2018 for your actions during a single month.

On Monday, August 2, 2018, you responded to a report of a suspicious person on the top of the Bob Graham Sunshine Skyway Bridge, in Manatee County. Upon your arrival, the subject exited her vehicle and walked toward the edge of the bridge. As you got closer to her she moved closer to the edge and placed her hands on the bridge edge. As you kept an open dialogue with her, she repositioned herself to sitting on the wall edge. The subject was not willing to talk to you, but you didn't give up. You asked her to take a deep breath and talk to you, at which point she covered her face with her hands, giving you the opportunity to pull her to safety. As you went to grab her she tensed up and placed her hands on your elbows and attempted to lean backwards over the edge. You were able to gain control of the subject and pull her from the wall onto the ground. You reassured her that everything was okay, and she was transported to a mental health facility to receive care.

Your actions exemplify what it is to be a Florida State Trooper. Your selflessness and immediate actions saved a woman's life and you are commended for your life saving efforts.

Sincerely,



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Director  
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Terry L. Rhodes  
Executive Director



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Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0500  
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November 29, 2018

Trooper Danny Diaz  
Florida Highway Patrol - Troop L  
Troop L Bldg. 9330, Lake Worth Service Plaza  
Milepost 94, Florida's Turnpike  
Lake Worth, Florida 33467

Dear Trooper Diaz:

Congratulations for being selected as the recipient for the Florida Highway Patrol *Trooper of the Month* for September 2018 for your actions during a single month.

On Sunday, September 30, 2018, you responded to call of a vehicle that was traveling north on Interstate 95 near Oakland Park Boulevard at a slow rate of speed that was repeatedly hitting the concrete barrier wall. Once you arrived, you noticed the vehicle was resting against the barrier wall and the driver was slumped over the wheel. The driver was taking short interrupted breaths and his body was shaking. You suspected the driver was having a drug overdose, so you took him from the vehicle and administered a short burst of NARCAN into his nostril. The driver still had short interrupted breaths, so you administered a second dose of NARCAN. Once Fire and Rescue arrived on scene, they began attending to the driver and he became responsive. While at the hospital, the driver admitted to using fentanyl prior to the incident.

Your actions exemplify what it is to be a Florida State Trooper. You are commended for your life saving actions and prompt response.

Sincerely,

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Colonel Gene Spaulding  
Director  
Florida Highway Patrol

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January 3, 2019

Trooper Chad Anderson  
Florida Highway Patrol – Troop C  
11305 North McKinley Drive  
Tampa, Florida 33612

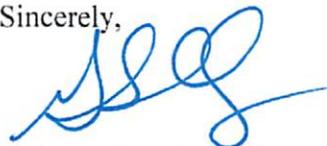
Dear Trooper Anderson:

Congratulations for being selected as the recipient for the Florida Highway Patrol *Trooper of the Month* for October 2018 for your actions during a single month.

On Friday, October 12, 2018, you were off duty at your house when you heard a commotion outside. You observed that a vehicle had struck a utility pole and another by-stander was performing CPR on a victim. You immediately got in your patrol vehicle and called in the incident to the Tampa Bay Regional Communications Center and drove to the scene of the accident. You used your department-issued A.E.D. and placed the pads on the victim and began performing CPR. The A.E.D. delivered a total of three life-saving shocks to the victim. The victim was transported by EMS to the local hospital.

Your actions were heroic and contributed to saving the victim's life. Your actions also exemplify what it is to be a Florida State Trooper. You are commended for your actions and prompt response.

Sincerely,



Colonel Gene Spaulding  
Director  
Florida Highway Patrol

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January 16, 2019

Trooper Richard Verbiest  
Florida Highway Patrol - Troop J  
10041 Daniels Parkway  
Ft. Myers, Florida 33913

Dear Trooper Verbiest:

Congratulations for being selected as the recipient for the Florida Highway Patrol *Trooper of the Month* for November 2018 for your actions during a single month.

On Monday, November 5, 2018, you pulled up behind a disabled vehicle in the inside emergency lane of I-75 southbound, near mile marker 133 in Lee County. As you were just about to exit your patrol vehicle to approach the disabled motorist, another vehicle ran off the road and struck the rear of your patrol vehicle. The impact pushed your patrol vehicle into the rear of the disabled vehicle in front of you, causing major damage.

Almost immediately, the sedan that struck your patrol vehicle, burst into flames. Despite the injuries you received to your knee, you were able to get out of your patrol vehicle and run to the burning sedan. The driver was crying for help due to the door being jammed, but you were able to pull it open and extricate the driver from the burning vehicle.

During the situation, you were able to think quickly and remove valuables from your patrol vehicle while still monitoring the injured driver. Once Fire Fighters and EMS arrived and assessed you and the injured driver, they took you both to the hospital.

Due to your heroic actions and quick thinking, despite your own injuries, you saved a life. You exemplify what it is to be a Florida State Trooper and you are to be commended for your actions and prompt response.

Sincerely,



Colonel Gene Spaulding  
Director  
Florida Highway Patrol

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March 5, 2019

Trooper Mithil Patel  
Florida Highway Patrol - Troop L  
Troop L Building 9330  
Lake Worth Service Plaza, Milepost 94  
Florida Turnpike  
Lake Worth, Florida 33467

Dear Trooper Patel:

Congratulations for being selected as the recipient for the Florida Highway Patrol *Trooper of the Month* for December 2018 for your actions during a single month.

On December 3, 2018, you were conducting a crash investigation in I-95 in Martin County. You and a civilian were standing on an emergency shoulder, which was adjacent to the northbound travel lanes. While standing there a secondary crash occurred, which caused a vehicle to rotate out of control towards you and the civilian. At the last moment, you pushed the civilian out of the vehicle's path preventing him from being hit. You, however, were struck by the vehicle and your body was propelled in the air. You received incapacitating injuries and were transported to Saint Mary's Medical Center.

On December 7, 2018, you and the civilian were reunited at the annual Troop L meeting in West Palm Beach, Florida. The civilian wanted to publicly thank you for saving his life.

Due to your heroic actions and quick thinking, despite your own injuries, you saved a life. You exemplify what it is to be a Florida State Trooper and you are to be commended for your actions and prompt response.

Sincerely,



Colonel Gene Spaulding  
Director  
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