



Illinois State Police Department Awards Ceremony

Hope Church
Springfield, Illinois
May 18, 2017

Processional **Illinois State Police Pipes and Drums**

Color Guard **Illinois State Police**

Welcome **Lieutenant Colonel Sean Cormier**
Illinois State Police

National Anthem **Illinois State Police Trumpet Unit**

Invocation **Reverend Stephen Holden**
Illinois State Police Chaplain

Remarks **Director Leo P. Schmitz**
Illinois State Police

Award Presentations **Director Leo P. Schmitz**

Narrator **Lieutenant Colonel Sean Cormier**

Benediction **Chaplain Stephen Holden**



Medal For Valor

“Awarded to Illinois State Police personnel who perform an act of exceptional bravery with an awareness of the possibility that the act could result in great bodily harm or death to themselves.”



Medal For Honor

“Awarded to Illinois State Police personnel who perform a heroic act, that by its nature, results in saving a life, preventing a serious crime, or apprehending a person who committed a serious crime. The eligible act, while of a lesser degree than that required for the Medal For Valor, must nevertheless have been accomplished with distinction.”



Achievement Medal

“Awarded to Illinois State Police personnel performing an outstanding act, or acts, that results in improved administration or operation, substantial savings in labor or operational costs, greatly enhances the mission of the ISP, or brings great credit to the Department. The act or acts must be because of performance beyond the requirements of the normal work assignment.”



Purple Heart Medal

“Awarded to Illinois State Police personnel who, while in the performance of enforcement duties, are seriously injured or killed while encountering deadly force or “other actions” causing serious, life threatening injuries or death. The eligible duties do not include accidental or reckless behavior by the officer.”



Lifesaving Medal

“Awarded to Illinois State Police personnel who perform actions or who apply techniques that result in saving or sustaining a human life.”



Meritorious Service Medal

“Awarded to Illinois State Police personnel who have made truly outstanding achievements contributing to the efficiency and/or effectiveness of the Department by consistently performing their duties with outstanding skill, diligence, productivity, judgment, and responsibility. These achievements must be beyond the requirements of the normal work assignment.”



Director's Award of Distinction

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Summary of Incident

CHAD J. SHANLE, Petersburg, Illinois DIRECTOR’S AWARD OF DISTINCTION

On January 10, 2015, a young woman was struck by a drunk driver on Route 29 near Cantrall. Her injuries included a shattered elbow, a broken ankle, a crushed foot, a collapsed lung, and fractures in her hip and pelvis area. She was unable to pull herself out of the vehicle as it began to catch fire. Mr. Chad Shanle was driving by shortly after the crash occurred and stopped to assist. He quickly grabbed his pocket knife, cut the seatbelt, and hoisted the woman out of the burning vehicle. With temperatures below freezing, Mr. Shanle carried her back to his vehicle, kept her warm, and comforted her until rescue personnel arrived. This young woman’s life was saved due to the selfless actions of Mr. Shanle.



MARTIN G. MATEER, Kincaid, Illinois DIRECTOR’S AWARD OF DISTINCTION

TREVOR L. REXROAD, Roodhouse, Illinois DIRECTOR’S AWARD OF DISTINCTION

In the early morning hours of April 22, 2015, a UPS commercial motor vehicle left the roadway, overturned, and immediately burst into flames. The passenger, Mr. Martin Mateer, was unable to rouse the driver, Mr. Doug Sutton, who was left unconscious with severe injuries. He attempted to remove Mr. Sutton but was unable to do so alone. Mr. Mateer grabbed the fire extinguisher to keep the flames at bay. About that time, Mr. Trevor Rexroad arrived to assist. He grabbed ahold of Mateer’s back and together they removed Mr. Sutton from the burning vehicle. Just minutes after moving him to a safe location, the vehicle became fully engulfed in flames. The actions of Mr. Mateer and Mr. Rexroad undoubtedly saved Mr. Sutton’s life.





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Summary of Incident

TROOPER WILLIAM S. OWEN, DOO, District 11 MEDAL FOR VALOR

On June 23, 2015, Trooper William Owen was on patrol in East St. Louis at approximately 11:30 p.m. when he observed a vehicle traveling without headlamps. He turned his squad car around and initiated a traffic stop. A strong odor of alcohol was emitted from the inside of the vehicle. After running a computer check, Trooper Owen asked the subject to step out of his vehicle in order to conduct field sobriety tests. The subject exited the vehicle and began backing away from Trooper Owen in a suspicious manner. The subject drew a handgun, pointed it at Trooper Owen, and began firing. While running in the opposite direction, Trooper Owen fired several times at the subject. The subject ran into a dense wooded area and Trooper Owen immediately took cover behind his patrol car while calmly requesting assistance. Trooper Owen provided an accurate description of the subject and his last known location. Additional units responded and a perimeter was established. The subject was apprehended and faced several felony charges including Attempted First Degree Murder and Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm.



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Summary of Incident

TROOPER JASON V. PIGNON, DOO, District 6 MEDAL FOR HONOR

On October 9, 2015, while on routine patrol, Trooper Jason Pignon was the first to arrive after a two-car head-on crash occurred. After requesting additional assistance, he secured the scene and in the midst of assessing all the persons injured, one vehicle caught on fire. Trooper Pignon immediately extinguished the fire and continued evaluating the other injuries when he noticed a four year-old boy with a severed arm in another vehicle. Trooper Pignon broke out several windows, calmed the child, and applied direct pressure to his life-threatening injury. When emergency services arrived, Trooper Pignon directed them to the child and triaged the other injured persons. In all, five severely injured persons were quickly transported to area hospitals.



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Summary of Incident

MASTER SERGEANT CRAIG C. VANBERKOM, DOO, Air Operations ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL
SERGEANT DARRELL D. STAFFORD, DFS, Crime Scene Services Command ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL
TROOPER RAY E. SUTTON, DFS, Crime Scene Services Command ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL
BRIAN G. MILLER, DFS, Crime Scene Services Command ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

In late 2012, Mr. Brian Miller proposed developing an Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Program to assist with processing accidents or crime scenes. In addition to Mr. Miller, a team was assembled which included Master Sergeant Craig Vanberkom, then Special Agent Darrell Stafford, and Trooper Ray Sutton. On May 29, 2013, the Dragonflyer X4-ES was procured. Along with pilot qualifications, the team faced the challenge of obtaining the Certificate of Authorization (COA) from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). After receiving the first phase of the COA on June 24, 2014, the team began to train and practice flying the X4-ES. Following the development of policy and procedures, the FAA conducted an on-site inspection. A second UAS was purchased in March 2015. On May 6, 2015, the ISP became the second law enforcement agency in the country to obtain a statewide operational COA. The UAS could now be utilized for search and rescue missions, crime scene documentation and reconstruction, and crash reconstruction. Since the UAS team went operational, they have flown 46 missions and responded to multiple requests for assistance from other law enforcement agencies across the country interested in starting a UAS program.



CRAIG D. BURGE, DOO, STIC ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

Mr. Craig Burge made significant improvements to the AMBER Alert Program by identifying problems and taking action. The program is now completely digitized, effective, efficient, and modern. It is now known as the Law Enforcement Agency Portal (LEAP). This method, which has been adopted by several surrounding states, allows agencies to speak the same “AMBER Alert” language with each other all across the country. Agencies can directly disseminate information during a child abduction emergency and immediately broadcast via email, internet websites, television, radio, cell phones, highway signs, and airports. This system increases the speed and effectiveness of AMBER alerts, providing a greater chance of locating offenders and missing persons. The benefits this system brings to child safety nationwide is immeasurable.



Purple Heart



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TROOPER KYLE M SEGER, DOO, District 15 PURPLE HEART MEDAL

On October 30, 2012, Trooper Kyle Seger was patrolling on his ISP motorcycle when he was forced to a stop due to a dump truck blocking the roadway. The vehicle traveling behind him failed to stop in time and rear-ended him. The impact caused Trooper Seger to be thrown from his motorcycle. He sustained multiple injuries including a broken and dislocated right shoulder, torn labrum and rotator cuff, broken pelvis with a torn labrum in his left hip, trauma to his lower back, and strains to his abdomen and ankle. He endured months of pain, surgeries, and grueling rehabilitation. Through his dedication and perseverance, Trooper Seger proudly returned to full duty status in June 2014.



Lifesaving Medal



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Summary of Incidents

TROOPER PAUL D. GURFINKEL, DOO, District 15 LIFESAVING MEDAL

On March 20, 2015, Trooper Paul Gurfinkel responded to a call of a suicidal subject sitting on the ledge of an overpass. Trooper Gurfinkel cautiously approached the subject and began a conversation with him. He created a distraction and as the subject looked away, Trooper Gurfinkel quickly tackled the subject to the ground and secured him in handcuffs. Emergency services arrived and transported the subject to a local hospital. Trooper Gurfinkel’s quick actions prevented a potentially tragic outcome.



TROOPER STEPHEN M. OLSON, DOO, District 16 LIFESAVING MEDAL MR. KENDALL FORD, Winnebago, Illinois DIRECTOR’S AWARD OF DISTINCTION

On April 3, 2015, a vehicle was struck by a truck-tractor semi-trailer combination causing substantial damage. Trooper Stephen Olson was patrolling when he encountered the crash. An off-duty paramedic, Mr. Kendall Ford, also stopped to assist. Both the driver and passenger of the vehicle were unconscious. While Mr. Ford supported the driver’s neck, Trooper Olson assessed the passenger’s condition. Unable to detect a pulse, Trooper Olson carefully pulled the passenger out of the vehicle while Mr. Kendall grabbed his ambo bag. They continued CPR until emergency personnel arrived. Trooper Olson returned to assist with the driver who was extricated from the vehicle and airlifted to a hospital. Both victims were later reported to be in stable, but critical condition.



TELECOMMUNICATOR CYNTHIA J. RUIZ, DOO, District 15 LIFESAVING MEDAL

On April 15, 2015, Telecommunicator Cynthia Ruiz observed her co-worker having difficulty breathing and possibly choking. When her co-worker gestured to her throat and indicated she was in fact choking, Telecommunicator Ruiz immediately moved across the Dispatch Center to her location and performed the Heimlich maneuver. The food was dislodged and no further assistance was needed.



TROOPER BRYCE L. BENTON, JR., DOO, Intelligence Command LIFESAVING MEDAL

On April 22, 2015, Trooper Bryce Benton was listening to local radio traffic when he heard a broadcast of a possible cardiac arrest one block from his location. He quickly responded and assessed the subject’s vitals but detected no pulse. An ambulance arrived shortly thereafter, and with the help of a paramedic, the subject was removed from the vehicle. After laying him on the roadway, one of the paramedics began chest compressions while Trooper Benton retrieved his bag/valve mask from the trunk of his squad. Together they performed CPR while the other paramedic prepared the AED. The fire department arrived, administered oxygen, and resumed CPR. Prior to being transported to the hospital, the subject began breathing on his own.



SPECIAL AGENT JORGE FONSECA, DOO, Zone 3 LIFESAVING MEDAL
OFFICER WILLIAM BODNAR, Woodridge Police Department DIRECTOR'S AWARD OF DISTINCTION

On June 15, 2015, while traveling off duty, Special Agent Jorge Fonseca observed a man sitting on a bridge railing in a heavy downpour of rain. As he got closer, he noticed the man was on the outside of the railing facing the traffic below. Special Agent Fonseca exited his vehicle and engaged the subject in conversation. Woodridge Police Officer William Bodnar arrived to assist. Special Agent Fonseca was able to distract him from jumping while Officer Bodnar quickly lunged and grabbed the subject from the railing, taking him to the ground. The subject continued to struggle but started to relax when Special Agent Fonseca began talking to him in Spanish. An ambulance arrived and transported the subject to the hospital.



TROOPER THOMAS G. BRENGEL, DOO, District 15 LIFESAVING MEDAL

On July 4, 2015, Trooper Thomas Brengel responded to a dispatch of a male subject not breathing at the Lake Forest Oasis. He arrived to find a good Samaritan performing CPR on the subject. As the citizen continued CPR, Trooper Brengel retrieved his AED, delivered a shock as instructed, and directed the citizen to continue chest compressions while he prepared a breathing barrier mask for rescue breathing. Emergency personnel arrived and took over medical treatment. The subject was transported to the hospital and placed in the intensive care unit.



TROOPER ERIC C. MILLS, DOO, District 18 LIFESAVING MEDAL
OFFICER STEVEN SNODGRASS, Virden Police Department DIRECTOR'S AWARD OF DISTINCTION

On July 7, 2015, Trooper Eric Mills and Officer Steven Snodgrass responded to a medical emergency at a residence where a male subject was slumped over in a chair, not breathing and without a pulse. The officers lowered the man to the ground and began CPR. While Officer Snodgrass continued CPR, Trooper Mills prepared the AED. Prior to the AED shocking the subject, the man began breathing on his own. EMS arrived and took over care before transporting him to the hospital. The subject was expected to make a full recovery.



TROOPER JOSHUA B. KORANDO, DOO, District 11 LIFESAVING MEDAL

On July 13, 2015, Trooper Joshua Korando responded to a call of a wrong-way driver on I-255. Unfortunately, the wrong-way driver (Unit 1) collided with another vehicle (Unit 2) and immediately became engulfed in flames. Due to the intense heat, a good Samaritan and Trooper Korando were unable to get close to Unit 1 and the flames were beginning to melt the front end of Unit 2. As other officers arrived, they attempted to remove the trapped driver of Unit 2 but were unsuccessful due to the extreme heat. With a desperate situation at hand, Trooper Korando backed his squad up to the passenger side of Unit 2, pushing it approximately 15 feet away from the fire. His actions allowed the fire department to extricate the driver, who was expected to make a full recovery.



TROOPER BRYAN A. HASTE, DOO, District 2 LIFESAVING MEDAL

On July 14, 2015, Trooper Bryan Haste was handling a property damage crash when another vehicle pulled directly behind his squad car. The female passenger exited the vehicle and was standing between the vehicle and the squad car. A distracted driver swerved onto the shoulder, striking the woman's vehicle, pinning her between it and the squad car. The woman's leg was bleeding profusely and she appeared to be in shock. Using his belt as a tourniquet, Trooper Haste wrapped it around her injured leg to control the bleeding. He kept the woman calm and conscious until emergency services arrived.



TROOPER ANDREW J. DELANEY, DOO, District 17 LIFESAVING MEDAL

On September 5, 2015, Trooper Andrew Delaney was the first to respond to the scene of a male subject complaining of chest pains on the side of the road. Trooper Delaney spoke calmly to the man and asked him to stay seated in his vehicle. While waiting on emergency services personnel, the subject began showing signs of distress and became unresponsive. Trooper Delaney removed the subject from the vehicle and started chest compressions while the subject’s wife performed rescue breaths until emergency services arrived. He was transported to the hospital where it was determined he had suffered a massive heart attack but was expected to make a full recovery.



SERGEANT CLINT M. THULEN, DOO, District 7 LIFESAVING MEDAL
TROOPER ANDREW T. FRATZKE, DOO, District 7 LIFESAVING MEDAL

On September 29, 2015, Trooper Andrew Fratzke was dispatched to a person sitting on an overpass ledge. The subject had her right leg over the bridge railing and was screaming at Trooper Fratzke to stay away. She thought people in her building were trying to kill her. At that point, Sergeant Clint Thulen arrived to assist. Trooper Fratzke continued talking to her and was able to move to a position where she could not see both officers at the same time. Once she was standing firmly on the overpass, Trooper Fratzke and Sergeant Thulen swiftly grabbed the woman’s arms and she fell onto the bridge deck. She curled up in a fetal position but the officers were able to calm her down and reassure her they were there to help. Emergency services arrived and transported her to the hospital for an evaluation.



SERGEANT DEREK J. PEON, DOO, District 15 LIFESAVING MEDAL
TROOPER BRIAN O. SKERTICH, DOO, District 15 LIFESAVING MEDAL

On October 3, 2015, Trooper Brian Skertich responded to the scene of a one vehicle crash finding an unconscious male slumped over the wheel. With the assistance of a Tollway maintenance worker, Trooper Skertich removed the subject from the vehicle and placed him on the pavement. After determining the subject had no pulse, Trooper Skertich connected the AED and, following directions provided by the AED, began performing CPR. Trooper Derek Peon arrived and took over chest compressions allowing Trooper Skertich to tend to the subject’s emotionally distraught young son, who was also in the vehicle. The paramedics arrived, determined the subject had suffered from a drug overdose, and administered NARCAN before transporting the man to the hospital in stable condition.



TROOPER OSCAR N. CABRALES, DOO, District 15 LIFESAVING MEDAL

On October 10, 2015, Trooper Oscar Cabrales responded to a serious personal injury crash involving a motorcyclist. An off-duty officer and nurse were already on the scene. The victim was lying face down on the shoulder of the roadway and was not wearing a helmet. They carefully turned him over in order to begin CPR. After detecting no pulse, Trooper Cabrales began CPR while the nurse applied the AED pads to the victim’s chest. The AED advised no shock. The other officer stabilized his head while Trooper Cabrales continued CPR until paramedics arrived. The victim was then transported to a nearby hospital in critical condition.



MASTER SERGEANT JOHN W. PRICE II, OOD, Executive Protection Unit LIFESAVING MEDAL

On October 24, 2015, then Sergeant John Price was having dinner in East Peoria when he observed a male in the booth behind him shout for help. The man indicated his friend was choking and not breathing. After instructing the man to call 911, Sergeant Price quickly assessed the subject's condition and found him to be unresponsive. He immediately performed a sternum rub with no response. Sergeant Price then pulled the man from the booth and conducted three Heimlich maneuvers, with no success. After conducting one more aggressive Heimlich maneuver, the subject responded. East Peoria fire and rescue arrived and transported the subject to the hospital.



TROOPER ANDREW C. RATH, DOO, District 12 LIFESAVING MEDAL

On November 23, 2015, Trooper Andrew Rath responded to an unresponsive female in her apartment. With the assistance of Effingham City Police, Trooper Rath entered the residence and observed the female lying on the floor. She was not breathing and had no pulse. Effingham officers began CPR while Trooper Rath spoke to other occupants of the residence. He was advised the female had used an unknown amount of heroin before collapsing. Trooper Rath administered NARCAN and the subject opened her eyes, raised her arm, and CPR was stopped. Paramedics arrived and transported the woman to a nearby hospital.



Meritorious Service Medal



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Summary of Incident

LEANN R. SHIRLEY, DII, Administrative Services Command MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

While serving as the Division of Internal Investigation Background Unit and Identified Offender Program supervisor, Ms. Leann Shirley not only performs duties inherent to her assignment, but also volunteered and accepted a leadership role with the ISP Heritage Foundation. As Finance Officer, she oversees all financial aspects of the Foundation and the State Police Memorial Park including funds exceeding \$1.5 million. She is personally responsible for the planning and coordination of major fundraisers which benefit the ISP Memorial Park and ultimately the families of fallen officers. She was also instrumental in the development and implementation of the ISP Memorial Park license plate program. Ms. Shirley’s leadership skills and ability to make sound decisions are an asset to the Illinois State Police and the State Police Heritage Foundation.

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Telecommunicator of the Year Nominations

CRITERIA: Any Illinois State Police Telecommunicator who has demonstrated outstanding skill, ability, and professionalism in the performance of his or her duties is eligible for this award .

MEASURES: Telecommunicators nominated for the ISP Telecommunicator of the Year Award must display a combination of the following qualifications and characteristics:

- outstanding contribution in the area of assignment;
- exceptional knowledge and ability to complete job functions;
- initiative to expand knowledge through attendance in college courses or seminars;
- civic contributions; and
- professional appearance and demeanor.

NOMINEES

MINDY R. STARR

District 1

DENNIS C. LEE

District 2

BETH M. DIVIRGILIO, Retired

District Chicago

LISA M. ELLIS

District 5

MARK A. WHITE

District 7

CHERYL A. MILES

Pontiac Communications Center

SUSAN LEBEANE

Springfield Communications Center

JORDAN P. PING

Collinsville Communications Center

ROSS A. BOSHERA

DuQuoin Communications Center

ERIKA INDELLI

District 15

DANA DILLARD

District 16

JACQUELINE R. FERGUSON

District 17

Forensic Scientist of the Year Nominations

CRITERIA: Any Illinois State Police Forensic Scientist who has demonstrated outstanding skill, ability, and professionalism in the performance of his or her duties is eligible for this award .

MEASURES: Nominees for the ISP Forensic Scientist of the Year Award must display a combination of the following qualifications and characteristics:

- superior performance of an individual regarding casework;
- superior job performance;
- actions which exceed everyday operations; and
- extraordinary community service or exceptional community involvement .

NOMINEES

LARRY G. SHELTON

Springfield Forensic Science Laboratory

DUSTIN JOHNSON

Morton Forensic Science Laboratory

DANIEL BEERMAN

Forensic Science Center at Chicago

KERIANNE K. CORTESE

Joliet Forensic Science Laboratory

MARY BETH THOMAS

Rockford Forensic Science Laboratory

BRIAN STEVENSON

Metro-East Forensic Science Laboratory

Officer of the Year Nominations

CRITERIA: Any Trooper, Special Agent, or Sergeant who has demonstrated outstanding skill, ability, and professionalism in the performance of his or her duties is eligible for this award .

MEASURES: Officers nominated for the ISP Officer of the Year Award must display a combination of the following qualifications and characteristics:

- outstanding contribution in the area of assignment;
- valor in the line of duty;
- exceptional knowledge and ability to complete job functions;
- overall productivity;
- civic contributions; and
- professional appearance and demeanor.

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION

SERGEANT JAVARIS M. PRATT

Academy

DIVISION OF FORENSIC SERVICES

TROOPER TIMOTHY M. LEMASTERS

Crime Scene Services Command

DIVISION OF INTERNAL INVESTIGATION

SPECIAL AGENT THOMAS M. HATLEY

Southern Command

DIVISION OF OPERATIONS OPERATIONAL SERVICES COMMAND

SPECIAL AGENT DAVID W. LOGUE

Medicaid Fraud Control Bureau

REGION I

TROOPER MILOVAN CULAFIC

District 2

SERGEANT JULIA L. GRABOWSKI

District Chicago

TROOPER MICHAEL S. COKINS

District 15

SPECIAL AGENT RAMIRO MONTES

Zone 1

REGION II

TROOPER JUAN L. LUAISSA

District 1

TROOPER MATTHEW J. WIERZBINSKI

District 5

SERGEANT SEAN C. VERYZER

District 7

TROOPER BRADLEY J. BASTIAN

District 16

SERGEANT MICHAEL J. KASPRAK

District 17

TROOPER NICK L. SHOEMAKER

District 21

SPECIAL AGENT NATHANIAL T. MACKLIN

Zone 2

SPECIAL AGENT CHRIS W. LINARES

Zone 3

REGION III

SERGEANT SHADD E. GORDON

District 6

TROOPER CYNTHIA M. PFAU-WILSDORF

District 8

TROOPER CLAYTON J. CHAPMAN

District 9

MASTER SERGEANT MARK A. HOLLEY

District 10

TROOPER CORY J. FOX

District 14

TROOPER JEFFREY W. LACEY

District 20

SPECIAL AGENT SCOTT W. RILEY

Zone 4

SERGEANT DOUGLAS A. LECONTE

Zone 5

REGION IV

TROOPER JARROD A. LECKRONE

District 11

SERGEANT ADAM J. BELCHER

District 12

SERGEANT BRIAN WILSON

District 13

TROOPER CURTIS D. WALCH

District 18

TROOPER JASON T. CRADDOCK

District 19

SERGEANT CARROLL B. GRAHAM

District 22

SPECIAL AGENT ROBERT D. PATTERSON

Zone 6

SPECIAL AGENT WILLIAM B. BLACKBURN

Zone 7



Director's Award of Distinction

OFFICER WILLIAM BODNAR
Woodridge Police Department

OFFICER STEVEN SNODGRASS
Virden Police Department

KENDALL FORD
Winnebago, Illinois

MARTIN G. MATEER
Kincaid, Illinois

TREVOR L. REXROAD
Roodhouse, Illinois

CHAD J. SHANLE
Petersburg, Illinois



Medal for Valor

TROOPER WILLIAM S. OWEN
District 11



Medal for Honor

TROOPER JASON V. PIGNON
District 6



Achievement Medal

MASTER SERGEANT CRAIG C. VANBERKOM
Division of Operations

SERGEANT DARRELL D. STAFFORD
Division of Forensic Services

TROOPER RAY E. SUTTON
Division of Forensic Services

CRAIG D. BURGE
Division of Operations

BRIAN G. MILLER
Division of Forensic Services



Purple Heart Medal

TROOPER KYLE M. SEGER
District 15



Lifesaving Medal

MASTER SERGEANT JOHN W. PRICE II
Executive Protection Unit

SERGEANT DEREK J. PEON
District 15

SERGEANT CLINT M. THULEN
District 7

SPECIAL AGENT JORGE FONSECA
Zone 3

TROOPER BRYCE L. BENTON, JR.
Intelligence Command

TROOPER THOMAS G. BRENGEL
District 15

TROOPER OSCAR N. CABRALES
District 15

TROOPER ANDREW J. DELANEY
District 17

TROOPER ANDREW T. FRATZKE
District 7

TROOPER PAUL D. GURFINKEL
District 15

TROOPER BRYAN A. HASTE
District 2

TROOPER JOSHUA B. KORANDO
District 11

TROOPER ERIC C. MILLS
District 18

TROOPER STEPHEN M. OLSON
District 16

TROOPER ANDREW C. RATH
District 12

TROOPER BRIAN O. SKERTICH
District 15

TELECOMMUNICATOR SPECIALIST CYNTHIA J. RUIZ
District 15



Meritorious Service Medal

LEANN R. SHIRLEY
Division of Internal Investigation

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Division of Operations

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