

TROOPER
T.A. JOHNSON

~Troop One SCHP Trooper of the Year~

Post B (Kershaw, Lee)

While investigating a felony DUI collision that severely injured a child, Trooper T.A. Johnson learned that the suspect had left a nearby store before the collision. Tpr. Johnson went to the store and obtained surveillance footage that showed the suspect grossly intoxicated at the business and leaving with a child in the car just before the crash. This footage was crucial in prosecuting the suspect.



LANCE CORPORAL
R.G. CHASE

~Troop Two SCHP Trooper of the Year~

Post A (Laurens, Newberry)

What started out as a traffic stop for speeding ended with Lance Cpl. R.G. Chase saving a baby who was in medical distress. After pulling the vehicle over on SC-219 in Newberry County, Lance Cpl. Chase calmed the young mother and father, obtained vital information about the child's condition and performed two-finger chest compressions. Thanks to Lance Cpl. Chase's quick thinking and recollection of department training, the child regained his pulse and began breathing again. He was taken by paramedics to a hospital, where he was later released.



LANCE CORPORAL
J.M. GARDNER
~Troop Three SCHP Trooper of the Year~
Post D (Spartanburg)

After a call about a possible impaired driver on Interstate 26 in Spartanburg County, Lance Cpl. J.M. Gardner found that the car had crashed into a median. The driver was unresponsive and suffering from a seizure. Lance Cpl. Gardner broke a window to remove the driver, who had no pulse and was not breathing. Despite a laceration on his palm from the broken window, Lance Cpl. Gardner continued chest compressions on the man until paramedics arrived. The man responded after receiving NARCAN. Without the lifesaving efforts of Lance Cpl. Gardner, he likely would not have survived.



LANCE CORPORAL
D.A. BUNCH

~Troop Four SCHP Trooper of the Year~

Post B (York)

Shortly after a kidnapping in Charlotte, NC, Lance Cpl. D.A. Bunch took the information provided about the incident in a BOLO and began searching for the two cars involved. He located the victim's car – with the victim inside – in the parking lot of a business off SC-51 in York County. After Lance Cpl. Bunch checked on the welfare of the victim, who told him what happened, York County sheriff's deputies and Charlotte police responded to the scene. Thanks to Lance Cpl. Bunch's quick efforts, the kidnapped woman was brought to safety.



LANCE CORPORAL
A.J. MARSHALL

~Troop Five SCHP Trooper of the Year~

Post C (Georgetown, Williamsburg)

When Lance Cpl. A.J. Marshall heard a dispatch about a vehicle that traveled into a pond in Georgetown County, he was in the vicinity and responded. After arriving and learning that the driver was still inside the vehicle, Lance Cpl. Marshall entered the water and broke through the rear hatch window, which was the only part of the vehicle still visible. After several attempts, with assistance from Midway Fire and EMS personnel, the driver was located and safely removed from the submerged vehicle. The driver was taken to a hospital with minor injuries and made a full recovery.



TROOPER H.L. GREEN

~Troop Six SCHP Trooper of the Year~

Post A (Berkeley, Charleston)

While examining an abandoned vehicle on Interstate 26 in Charleston County, Trooper H.L. Green noticed that the damage on the front end was consistent with a high-speed collision with another vehicle. Trooper Green walked farther off the roadway from the abandoned SUV and found another vehicle upside down in a ditch several hundred feet from the roadway. Trooper Green began first aid on the two vehicle occupants and requested EMS. Sadly, the driver passed away, but the passenger was treated at a hospital and recovered.



TROOPER FIRST CLASS
J.J. RICHARDSON
~Troop Seven SCHP Trooper of the Year~
Post B (Calhoun, Orangeburg)

Throughout the unprecedented times facing our country and state in 2021, Trooper First Class J.J. Richardson maintained his devotion to keeping the roadways of South Carolina safe. He made over 1,600 public contacts and investigated more than 250 collisions, in the process making over two-dozen drug arrests and removing drugs and weapons from our roadways. Additionally, Trooper First Class Richardson assisted in escorting the S.C. State University football team and was a field-training officer, responsible for molding a newly graduated trooper trainee.



MASTER TROOPER
J.L. BALDWIN

~Troop Eight SCHP Trooper of the Year~
Safety Improvement Team (Region 1)

Joey Baldwin has been an asset to the Patrol and the Safety Improvement Team (SIT), which helps keep work zones safe for S.C. Department of Transportation (SCDOT) workers. In addition to being a certified instructor through the S.C. Criminal Justice Academy in firearms, taser, PIT and driving, Master Trooper Baldwin is always eager to assist when tasked with emergency work zone assignments. He also maintains good working relationships with SCDOT engineers and contractors and Highway Patrol command staff and co-workers.



LANCE CORPORAL
N.R. EVERHART

~Troop Nine SCHP Trooper of the Year~

MAIT Post C (Coastal)

While investigating a hit-and-run collision that seriously injured two pedestrians in Berkeley County, Lance Cpl. N.R. Everhart searched social media using a possible suspect name obtained through a tip. From there, he located the suspect and her damaged vehicle, which was consistent with vehicle parts found at the scene. He questioned her and then obtained her phone records, which placed her in the area of the collision at the time it happened. The cell phone data, and Lance Cpl. Everhart's work, secured an arrest of the suspect on two counts of leaving the scene of a collision resulting in great bodily injury.



MASTER TROOPER D.G. JONES

~Troop Ten SCHP Trooper of the Year~

Community Relations, Recruiting and Employment Unit

Master Trooper D.G. Jones' quick thinking and recent first aid training helped him save the life of a 2-year-old boy who was drowning in a pool next door. After the toddler's mother pulled him from the water, Master Trooper Jones began back thrusts and mouth-to-mouth breaths until the boy began vomiting water and breathing on his own. Paramedics took the boy to a hospital, where he made a full recovery. Two days prior to the incident, Master Trooper Jones had completed his department-required CPR course.

