

NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE

**AWARDS
CEREMONY**

**September Fifteenth
Two Thousand**

**Trenton War Memorial
Trenton, New Jersey**

Program

Master of Ceremonies Major Vincent Modarelli
Acting Deputy Superintendent of Investigations

Opening Ceremony N.J.S.P. Pipe Band

Invocation Msgr. Philip Lowery
Chaplain, New Jersey State Police

Presentation of the Colors N.J.S.P. Color Guard

Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of Staff & Guests Major Vincent Modarelli

Remarks Col. Carson J. Dunbar, Jr.
12th Superintendent, New Jersey State Police

Remarks Honorable Christine Todd Whitman
Governor, State of New Jersey

Presentation of Division Awards Honorable John J. Farmer, Jr.
Attorney General, State of New Jersey

Benediction Msgr. Philip Lowery

Division Awards

— CERTIFICATE OF MERIT —

TROOPER BRIAN DUROSS #5259 OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN A LIFE THREATENING SITUATION

On February 13, 1998, Tpr. Duross was detailed to assist in securing a crime scene in the City of Camden. A vehicle attempted to enter the well marked barricaded area. The driver of the vehicle failed to comply with his verbal orders to stop and continued to enter the area. Fearing for the safety of fellow troopers and other law enforcement officers that were processing the scene, and with total disregard for his own personal safety, Tpr. Duross reached inside the moving vehicle. The vehicle continued to accelerate at which time Tpr. Duross held onto the vehicle in an attempt to gain control of the driver. His efforts gave the other personnel at the scene warning of the approaching danger, affording them the opportunity to seek cover.

Tpr. Duross' courageous action reflects great credit upon himself and the New Jersey State Police.

— CERTIFICATES OF COMMENDATION —

TROOPER ROBERT ABRADI #5416 RESCUE ATTEMPT FROM A FULLY SUBMERGED VEHICLE

On January 11, 1998, a vehicle first thought to be stolen with a sleeping nine year old child inside was later discovered to have rolled into the Rising Sun Lake, Millstone Township and was completely submerged. Tpr. Abradi and other troopers responding to the scene, entered the water without hesitation in an attempt to rescue the occupant from the vehicle. After numerous attempts to break the windows of the vehicle had failed, troopers continued to enter the frigid water to attach ropes and chains to the vehicle so it could be towed to shore. Exposing themselves to hyperthermia, State Police personnel repeatedly entered the water over a 45 minute period to assist with the rescue operation. With the help of emergency rescue equipment, the vehicle was removed from the water just enough to allow personnel to break the side window and remove the child from the vehicle. Despite the heroic efforts of all personnel involved the victim did not survive.

Tpr. Abradi's quick and decisive action, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, reflects great credit upon himself and the New Jersey State Police.

TROOPER ANGELO J. ARMAGNO #5026 OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE DURING A MEDICAL EMERGENCY

On February 14, 1999, Tpr. Armagno was detailed to assist with a sick patron at the Essex Toll Plaza, Garden

State Parkway. A female passenger had suffered an apparent heart attack. Tpr. Armagno quickly assessed the victim's condition and with the assistance of a toll collector, began Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation. The victim regained a weak pulse and a request for advanced medical personnel was made. Before the paramedics could arrive, the victim again went into cardiac arrest. Tpr. Armagno again administered CPR until the paramedics could stabilize the patient. The victim was taken to Mountainside Hospital where she was admitted for further treatment.

Tpr. Armagno's quick and decisive action in rendering first aid reflects great credit upon himself and the New Jersey State Police.

TROOPER WALTER M. BABECKI #5556 RESCUE ATTEMPT FROM A FULLY SUBMERGED VEHICLE

On January 11, 1998, a vehicle first thought to be stolen with a sleeping nine year old child inside was later discovered to have rolled into the Rising Sun Lake, Millstone Township and was completely submerged. Tpr. Babecki and other troopers responding to the scene, entered the water without hesitation in an attempt to rescue the occupant from the vehicle. After numerous attempts to break the windows of the vehicle had failed, troopers continued to enter the frigid water to attach ropes and chains to the vehicle so it could be towed to shore. Exposing themselves to hyperthermia, State Police personnel repeatedly entered the water over a 45 minute period to assist with the rescue operation. With the help of emergency rescue equipment the vehicle was removed from the water just enough to allow personnel to break the side window and remove the child from the vehicle. Despite the heroic efforts of all personnel involved the victim did not survive.

Tpr. Babecki's quick and decisive action, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, reflects great credit upon himself and the New Jersey State Police.

TROOPER DEAN P. BASSINDER #5559 RESCUE ATTEMPT FROM A FULLY SUBMERGED VEHICLE

On January 11, 1998, a vehicle first thought to be stolen with a sleeping nine year old child inside was later discovered to have rolled into the Rising Sun Lake, Millstone Township and was completely submerged. Tpr. Bassinder and other troopers responding to the scene, entered the water without hesitation in an attempt to rescue the occupant from the vehicle. After numerous attempts to break the windows of the vehicle had failed, troopers continued to enter the frigid water to attach ropes and chains to the vehicle so it could be towed to shore. Exposing themselves to hyperthermia, State Police personnel repeatedly entered the water over a 45 minute period to assist with the rescue operation. With the help of emergency rescue equipment the vehicle was removed from the water just enough to allow personnel to break the side

window and remove the child from the vehicle. Despite the heroic efforts of all personnel involved the victim did not survive.

Tpr. Bassinder's quick and decisive action, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, reflects great credit upon himself and the New Jersey State Police.

TROOPER I JOHN M. BEYERS #4272
OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN A LIFE
SAVING ENCOUNTER

On February 3, 1997, while on routine patrol of the New Jersey Turnpike in Elizabeth, Tpr. I Beyers observed a truck disabled on the shoulder. Approaching the vehicle, Tpr. I Beyers noticed an individual waving his arms trying to get his attention. The individual advised Tpr. I Beyers that the driver of the truck was unconscious and not breathing. After requesting paramedics to respond to the scene, Tpr. I Beyers evaluated the victim's condition and administered Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation. Within minutes the victim began to respond with his breathing and pulse returning. The victim was taken to the hospital where he underwent emergency surgery to repair a ruptured aneurysm of his aorta.

Tpr. I Beyer's quick and decisive action reflects great credit upon himself and the New Jersey State Police.

DETECTIVE I SEAN N. BOERO #4597
DILIGENT AND PRODUCTIVE
INVESTIGATIVE WORK

During the past twelve months while assigned to the Electronic Investigations Squad, Det. Boero was responsible for eight search warrants, one dial number retriever order, one communications data warrant, and one order to intercept wire communications. This exemplary investigative work resulted in the seizure of \$37,492 and the arrest of 17 persons on various criminal charges as the result of seven lengthy investigations. Det. Boero has displayed the ability to identify and target both traditional and nontraditional organized crime. His reputation for hard work and results have served to establish productive relationships with numerous local, state and Federal law enforcement agencies.

Det. Boero's dedication, investigative skills and professionalism reflect great credit upon himself and the New Jersey State Police.

SERGEANT HUGH J. BOYD III #3958
OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN A LIFE
SAVING ENCOUNTER

On August 8, 1998, Sgt. Boyd was on duty at the Governor's residence on Island Beach State Park. He observed three males enter the water in an attempt to swim to a sandbar approximately 40 yards from shore. The three swimmers stopped about two thirds of the way and turned around to swim back to shore. One of the swimmers, drifted apart from the others and was apparently having difficulty. Sgt. Boyd entered the water and swam to the distressed swimmer. Just as he reached the area, the victim slipped below the surface of the water. Sgt. Boyd pulled the victim

from under water and assisted him until the lifeguard arrived. Both the lifeguard and Sgt. Boyd helped return the man to the safety of the shore.

Sgt. Boyd's courage and decisive action, without regard for his own personal safety reflects great credit upon himself and the New Jersey State Police.

TROOPER DEAN A. CARNIVAL # 5569
RESCUE OF OCCUPANTS FROM A BURNING
VEHICLE

On August 21, 1999, Tpr. Carnival and Tpr. I John O'Hara # 3270 were detailed to a two vehicle accident in Buena Vista Township. One of the vehicles was engulfed in flames within the engine compartment. The right front passenger was trapped in the car and seriously injured. Without hesitation and risking injury to themselves, both troopers extinguished the fire and rendered first aid to the victim which included applying a tourniquet to his right arm to control severe bleeding.

Tpr. I O'Hara's quick and decisive action reflects great credit upon himself and the New Jersey State Police.

TROOPER JOSEPH CARSON #5338
OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN A LIFE
SAVING ENCOUNTER

On November 2, 1999, Tpr. Carson responded to a 911 call on the Great Egg Harbor river. A local resident had waded into the river to retrieve his two dogs. As he went further from shore he became stuck in the thick mud. He was unable to free himself as the tide began to rise. Tpr. Carson and local fire and rescue personnel arrived on the scene. Tpr. Carson and a local squad member deployed a boat into the river to help rescue the victim. Their efforts were made more difficult due to a driving rainstorm and the frigid water conditions. As darkness fell, the victim was no longer visible from shore. He was still stuck in the mud and the rising tide had the water level about chest high. Tpr. Carson finally reached the victim and with help from Steven Hale, a member of the Belcoville Rescue Squad, they were able to pull him onto the safety of the boat.

Tpr. Carson's quick and decisive action in this life saving emergency brings great credit upon himself and the New Jersey State Police.

TROOPER WARREN D. DURBIN #5143
QUICK AND DECISIVE ACTION IN AN
EMERGENCY

On March 9, 1998, Tpr. Durbin was detailed to investigate a possible domestic complaint between two females engaged in a physical altercation. Upon arrival, Tpr. Durbin spoke with one of the subjects who stated that her roommate had threatened her for several hours with a knife. She was further concerned because she believed her roommate was locked in their place of residence and was suicidal. With assistance from Tpr. James F. Sansone #5645, they gained access to the home and found the subject hanging from a rope around her neck attached to the kitchen ceiling fan. Both troopers immediately severed the rope and began Car-

diopulmonary Resuscitation. When the rescue breathing mask they were using became inoperative, they continued the procedure in spite of any health risks they may have incurred. The life saving aid Tpr. Durbin provided to the subject sustained her life until she reached the hospital.

Tpr. Durbin's quick and decisive action reflects great credit upon himself and the New Jersey State Police.

**DETECTIVE SERGEANT FIRST CLASS
JOSEPH R. FUENTES #3190
OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN A
DANGEROUS SITUATION**

On June 7, 2000, while en route to his duty assignment, DSFC Fuentes intercepted a radio dispatch from the New Jersey Turnpike of an erratic driver. Shortly thereafter, DSFC Fuentes observed the vehicle traveling at approximately 25 to 40 miles per hour. The suspect's vehicle, which was driving in a hazardous manner on the rims of its tires, failed to stop for the pursuing police vehicles and was followed on to the Garden State Parkway and came to stop at an office complex in Woodbridge Township. The suspect drove the vehicle up to the front entrance of the office building as if he would crash into the front glass doors. Before exiting the vehicle, the suspect reached into the back seat and emerged with a thirteen-inch bloody butcher knife. It was learned earlier that morning he had stabbed his girlfriend during a domestic dispute. As the suspect moved toward the entrance of the building, he held the knife to his throat and made threatening gestures toward the troopers. DSFC Fuentes attempted to communicate with the suspect in Spanish, however he refused to respond. After numerous attempts to persuade the suspect to surrender had failed and fearing that the suspect would assault anyone who happened into or out of the building lobby, the suspect was wounded by another trooper who also responded to the scene.

Throughout this ordeal, DSFC Fuentes exhibited tremendous courage and restraint. His professionalism and decisive action, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, reflects great credit upon himself and the New Jersey State Police.

**TROOPER PATRICK GALLAGHER #5153
DILIGENT PATROL AND CRIMINAL
INVESTIGATIVE WORK**

During the period from January through December of 1997, Tpr. Gallagher initiated 55 separate criminal investigations that resulted in the arrest of 70 persons on some 80 assorted criminal charges. In these cases, the value of recovered property, illicit drugs and other contraband, was estimated to be \$34,000. The majority of these investigations were patrol related and demonstrates an energetic, diligent and alert approach to patrol responsibilities.

Tpr. Gallagher's consistent performance and professionalism reflects great credit upon himself and the New Jersey State Police.

**DETECTIVE I JOHN P. GARKOWSKI #4621
RESCUE ATTEMPT FROM A FULLY
SUBMERGED VEHICLE**

On January 11, 1998, a vehicle first thought to be stolen with a sleeping nine year old child inside was later discovered to have rolled into the Rising Sun Lake, Millstone Township and was completely submerged. Det.I Garkowski and other troopers responding to the scene, entered the water without hesitation in an attempt to rescue the occupant from the vehicle. After numerous attempts to break the windows of the vehicle had failed, troopers continued to enter the frigid water to attach ropes and chains to the vehicle so it could be towed to shore. Exposing themselves to hyperthermia, State Police personnel repeatedly entered the water over a 45 minute period to assist with the rescue operation. With the help of emergency rescue equipment the vehicle was removed from the water just enough to allow personnel to break the side window and remove the child from the vehicle. Despite the heroic efforts of all personnel involved the victim did not survive.

Det.I Garkowski's quick and decisive action, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, reflects great credit upon himself and the New Jersey State Police.

**TROOPER RAYMOND A. GUIDETTI #5062
DILIGENT PATROL AND CRIMINAL
INVESTIGATIVE WORK**

During the period from January through December of 1997, Tpr. Guidetti initiated 24 separate criminal investigations that resulted in the arrest of 35 persons on some 65 assorted criminal charges. In these cases, the value of recovered property, illicit drugs and other contraband, was estimated to be \$780,541. The majority of these investigations were patrol related and demonstrates an energetic, diligent and alert approach to patrol responsibilities.

Tpr. Guidetti's consistent performance and professionalism reflects great credit upon himself and the New Jersey State Police.

**DETECTIVE I JOHN HALLIDAY #4172
PROFESSIONAL ACTION DURING A LIFE
THREATENING ENCOUNTER**

On February 13, 1998, Det.I Halliday was recalled from his residence to assist at a crime scene in the City of Camden. This investigation involved a deadly encounter with a drug suspect, resulting in a state police detective and two county investigators being seriously wounded. Under extremely dangerous circumstances, Det.I Halliday engaged an armed suspect consequently suppressing further gunfire from the vehicle. As a result, danger to the lives of fellow law enforcement and emergency personnel at the scene was minimized.

Det.I Halliday's display of courage, dedication and professionalism, without regard for his own personal safety reflects great credit upon himself and the New Jersey State Police.

TROOPER WILLIAM HARKNESS #5355
OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN A LIFE
THREATENING SITUATION

On April 10, 1999, Tpr. I Scott Jiras and Tpr. I John Moonan were on patrol within Kingwood Township when they were detailed to investigate the complaint of someone threatening to do damage with a bulldozer. When they arrived at the scene they observed a male subject sitting on a front-end loader bulldozer. In front of the bulldozer was the remains of a vehicle that had been crushed flat. Although Tpr. I Moonan had activated the troop car's overhead lights to get the subject to stop, he continued to drive the bulldozer toward the house. The troop car followed the bulldozer at which point the subject stopped and began to drive the apparatus toward the troop vehicle. Tpr. Moonan then took evasive action to avoid being struck. As the subject began to move toward the residence again, Tpr. Harkness and Tpr. Scott Kilcomons arrived to assist. After numerous attempts to verbally command the subject to surrender, the driver at one point turned the bucket of the bulldozer and charged toward the troopers. After their initial attempts to subdue the driver with OC spray had failed, Troopers Jiras and Harkness leaped upon the moving vehicle and wrestled with the driver while Troopers Moonan and Kilcomons also boarded the bulldozer commandeering the controls and bringing the out of control machine to a stop.

The quick and decisive action of Tpr. Harkness reflects great credit upon himself and the New Jersey State Police.

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS CARMELLO
HUERTAS #3251
APPREHENSION OF A FELON WHILE
OFF DUTY

On November 28, 1998, SFC Huertas was visiting his parent's home in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. His parents also operate a small grocery which adjoins their residence. While visiting with his grandmother, his daughter burst into the room shouting that someone was robbing the store. SFC Huertas immediately proceeded into the store and was advised that the suspect had just fled on foot out the door. As SFC Huertas ran toward the intersection he observed the suspect, still wearing a ski mask, trying to enter a vehicle. SFC Huertas stood in front of the vehicle and demanded the driver to stop. He observed another female occupant in the rear seat. The suspect was in the front passenger seat yelling at the driver to back up. When the driver exited the vehicle, it began to roll backwards and the suspect attempted to steer the vehicle from the passenger side. Recognizing the possible threat and not sure if the suspect or other occupants had weapons, SFC Huertas reached inside the vehicle in an attempt to remove the suspect. The suspect broke free from his grasp and ran down the street. SFC Huertas was undaunted and continued in pursuit of the suspect until capturing him in the backyard of a local residence. Part of the proceeds from the robbery were found on the suspect's person. He was turned over to the Bethlehem Police Department for processing and was charged with robbery, terrorist threats and aggravated assault.

SFC Huertas' courage and decisive action, without regard for his own personal safety reflects great credit upon himself and the New Jersey State Police.

DETECTIVE I DANIEL HURLEY #3399
OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN A MAJOR
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

During a three year period, from 1994 through 1997, Det. I Hurley and other members of the Essex County Official Corruption Task Force spearheaded a major investigation into corruption within municipal government within Essex county. This investigation began with information received from a local merchant that a city official was exporting merchandise from him in an effort to defraud the city of \$10,000. Det. I Hurley and Det. I John Menafra #4085 initiated a surveillance on the target suspect which led to his arrest and conviction on Bribery and Conspiracy charges. As a result, this case dovetailed to a much larger investigation into city and county government eventually reaching to the Prosecutor's office and resulting in numerous arrests.

Det. I Hurley's superior investigative skills coupled with his leadership and devotion to duty is a credit both to himself and the New Jersey State Police.

TROOPER MACH JACKSON #5361
RESCUE OF OCCUPANT FROM A BURNING
VEHICLE

On March 3, 1999 while on patrol on the Garden State Parkway, Tpr. Mach Jackson responded to a motor vehicle accident where a vehicle was fully engulfed in flames with two female occupants trapped inside. As the Tpr. Jackson ran to the burning vehicle, the terrified occupants could be heard screaming for help. Tpr. Jackson observed that the accident had caused the front door to be crimped closed, making escape from the inside impossible. Using only brute strength, he placed one foot on the car and grabbed the door, ripping it open. He then pulled the driver to safety and assisted the other occupant out through the driver's door.

Tpr. Jackson's quick and decisive action, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, reflects great credit upon himself and the New Jersey State Police.

TROOPER I SCOTT JIRAS #3979
OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN A LIFE
THREATENING SITUATION

On April 10, 1999 Tpr. I Jiras and Tpr. I John Moonan were on patrol within Kingwood Township when they were detailed to investigate the complaint of someone threatening to do damage with a bulldozer. When they arrived at the scene they observed a male subject sitting on a front-end loader bulldozer. In front of the bulldozer was the remains of a vehicle that had been crushed flat. Although Tpr. I Moonan had activated the troop car's overhead lights to get the subject to stop, he continued to drive the bulldozer toward the house. The troop car followed the bulldozer at which point the subject stopped and began to drive the apparatus toward the troop vehicle. Tpr. Moonan then took evasive action to avoid being struck. As the subject began to move toward the residence again, Tpr. William Harkness and Tpr. Scott Kilcomons arrived to assist. After numerous attempts to verbally command the subject to surrender, the driver at one point turned the bucket of the bulldozer and charged toward the troopers. After their initial attempts to subdue the driver with OC spray had failed, troopers Jiras

and Harkness leaped upon the moving vehicle and wrestled with the driver while troopers Moonan and Kilcomons also boarded the bulldozer commandeering the controls and bringing the out of control machine to a stop.

The quick and decisive action of Tpr. I Jiras reflects great credit upon himself and the New Jersey State Police.

**DETECTIVE SERGEANT MARK W. KELLY
#3542**

**OUTSTANDING CRIMINAL ARREST IN A
DANGEROUS ENCOUNTER**

On December 2, 1997, as a result of a surveillance investigation, DSG Kelly and Det. I Amalio Nieves approached a possible suspect intending to interview him concerning drug trafficking activities. The suspect consented to a search of his residence where \$812,082 in U.S. currency was seized. The subject continued to cooperate with the investigators and agreed to return to his residence waiting for a phone call from a co-conspirator. While both DSG Kelly and Det. I Nieves watched, the suspect grabbed a kitchen knife and began stabbing himself in the chest. Acting immediately and with no regard for their own safety, they struggled to subdue the suspect and disarm him. Once the knife was removed from the suspect's grasp, DSG Kelly and Tpr. I Nieves applied direct pressure to his wound until paramedics could arrive. The suspect was transported to the hospital where he made a full recovery.

DSG Kelly's quick and decisive action brings great credit upon himself and the New Jersey State Police.

**TROOPER SCOTT KILCOMONS #5721
OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN A LIFE
THREATENING SITUATION**

On April 10, 1999 Tpr. I Jiras and Tpr. I John Moonan were on patrol within Kingwood Township when they were detailed to investigate the complaint of someone threatening to do damage with a bulldozer. When they arrived at the scene they observed a male subject sitting on a front-end loader bulldozer in front of the bulldozer was the remains of a vehicle that had been crushed flat. Although Tpr. I Moonan had activated the troop car's overhead lights to get the subject to stop, he continued to drive the bulldozer toward the house. The troop car followed the bulldozer at which point the subject stopped and began to drive the apparatus toward the troop vehicle. Tpr. I Moonan then took evasive action to avoid being struck. As the subject began to move toward the residence again, Tpr. William Harkness and Tpr. Kilcomons arrived to assist. After numerous attempts to verbally command the subject to surrender, the driver at one point turned the bucket of the bulldozer and charged toward the troopers. After their initial attempts to subdue the driver with OC spray had failed, Troopers Jiras and Harkness leaped upon the moving vehicle and wrestled with the driver while Troopers Moonan and Kilcomons also boarded the bulldozer commandeering the controls and bringing the out of control machine to a stop.

The quick and decisive action of Tpr. Kilcomons reflects great credit upon himself and the New Jersey State Police.

**TROOPER CHRISTOPHER J. LARSEN #5290
OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN A
DANGEROUS SITUATION**

On June 7, 2000, while on routine patrol, Tpr. Larsen intercepted a radio dispatch from the New Jersey Turnpike of an erratic driver. Shortly thereafter, Tpr. Larsen observed the vehicle traveling at approximately 25 to 40 miles per hour. The suspect's vehicle, which was driving in a hazardous manner on the rims of its tires, failed to stop for the pursuing police vehicles and was followed on to the Garden State Parkway and came to stop at an office complex in Woodbridge Township. The suspect drove the vehicle up to the front entrance of the office building as if he would crash into the front glass doors. Before exiting the vehicle, the suspect reached into the back seat and emerged with a thirteen-inch bloody butcher knife. It was learned earlier that morning he had stabbed his girlfriend during a domestic dispute. As the suspect moved toward the entrance of the building, he held the knife to his throat and made threatening gestures toward the troopers. After numerous attempts to persuade the suspect to surrender had failed and fearing that the suspect would assault anyone who happened into or out of the building lobby, Tpr. Larsen moved his position between the lobby and the suspect. Again he tried to persuade the suspect to surrender. The suspect moved toward Tpr. Larsen in a threatening manner. Fearing for his life, he discharged his service weapon toward the suspect wounding him and stopping his advance.

Tpr. Larsen's display of courage and professionalism, without regard for his own personal safety, reflects great credit upon himself and the New Jersey State Police.

**TROOPER I CHRISTOPHER LEONE #4894
DILIGENT PATROL AND CRIMINAL
INVESTIGATIVE WORK**

During the period from January through December of 1997, Tpr. I Leone initiated 50 separate criminal investigations that resulted in the arrest of 75 persons on some 70 assorted criminal charges. In these cases, the value of recovered property, illicit drugs and other contraband, was estimated to be \$35,000. The majority of these investigations were patrol related and demonstrates an energetic, diligent and alert approach to patrol responsibilities.

Tpr. I Leone's consistent performance and professionalism reflects great credit upon himself and the New Jersey State Police.

**SERGEANT EDWARD A. LYON #3120
OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN A
MEDICAL EMERGENCY**

On November 20, 1998, Sgt. Lyon and his family were awakened by a local family seeking medical assistance. Their son was experiencing an acute asthma attack. En route to the hospital his condition took a turn for the worse. They remembered that a state trooper lived nearby so they stopped at the Lyon residence for help. As they turned into the driveway, the victim stopped breathing. Sgt. Lyon calmly took charge of the tense situation. He called the first aid squad and began to administer Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation. During the entire situation, Sgt. Lyon and his family con-

tinually tried to reassure the frantic parents that everything would be alright. Sgt. Lyon also took the effort to check with the family on the condition of their son after they had gone to the hospital. As a result of his life saving efforts the victim made a full recovery.

Sgt. Lyon's extraordinary effort during this medical emergency brings great credit upon himself and the New Jersey State Police.

TROOPER I MICHAEL T. MARINELLI #4715
RESCUE ATTEMPT FROM A FULLY
SUBMERGED VEHICLE

On January 11, 1998, a vehicle first thought to be stolen with a sleeping nine year old child inside was later discovered to have rolled into the Rising Sun Lake, Millstone Township and was completely submerged. Tpr. I Marinelli and other troopers responding to the scene, entered the water without hesitation in an attempt to rescue the occupant from the vehicle. After numerous attempts to break the windows of the vehicle had failed, troopers continued to enter the frigid water to attach ropes and chains to the vehicle so it could be towed to shore. Exposing themselves to hyperthermia, State Police personnel repeatedly entered the water over a 45 minute period to assist with the rescue operation. With the help of emergency rescue equipment the vehicle was removed from the water just enough to allow personnel to break the side window and remove the child from the vehicle. Despite the heroic efforts of all personnel involved the victim did not survive.

Tpr. I Marinelli's quick and decisive action, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, reflects great credit upon himself and the New Jersey State Police.

TROOPER I ANTHONY MARTIN #4550
ADMINISTERING LIFE SAVING FIRST AID

On March 25, 1999, while Tpr. I Anthony Martin and Det. William Robb were visiting a local restaurant when a woman entered holding her three year old son who was choking. Tpr. I Martin immediately responded and took the child from the terrified mother's arms to determine his medical condition. After determining that the child's airway was obstructed, Tpr. I Martin performed the "Heimlich Maneuver" several times which dislodged a large piece of hard candy. The child's condition immediately began to improve and he returned to breathing on his own.

Tpr. I Martin's quick and decisive action in this extreme emergency reflects great credit upon himself and the New Jersey State Police.

SERGEANT JAMES J. McSORLEY #3652
RESCUE OF AN OCCUPANT FROM A
BURNING VEHICLE

On February 26, 1998, Sgt. McSorley came upon a two car accident in Hamilton Township. One of the vehicles involved in the crash was on fire. Sgt. McSorley observed an elderly man attempting to pull the driver from the front seat. Advising the civilian to step back, Sgt. McSorley reached

into the burning vehicle, unbuckled the occupant, whose injured hands were grasping the steering wheel, and pulled him to safety.

Sgt. McSorley's courageous actions, without regard for his own personal safety, reflect great credit upon himself and the New Jersey State Police.

DETECTIVE I. JOHN MENAFRA #4085
OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN A MAJOR
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

During a three year period, from 1994 through 1997, Det. I Menafrá and other members of the Essex County Official Corruption Task Force spearheaded a major investigation into corruption within municipal government within Essex county. This investigation began with information received from a local merchant that a city official was extorting merchandise from him in an effort to defraud the city of \$10,000. Det. I Menafrá and Det. I Daniel Hurley # 3399 initiated a surveillance on the target suspect which lead to his arrest and conviction on Bribery and Conspiracy charges. As a result, this case dovetailed to a much larger investigation into city and county government eventually reaching to the Prosecutor's office and resulting in numerous arrests.

Det. I Menafrá's superior investigative skills and devotion to duty is a credit both to himself and the New Jersey State Police.

TROOPER I ROBERT MONTGOMERY #4645
DILIGENT PATROL AND CRIMINAL
INVESTIGATIVE WORK

During the period from January through December of 1997, Tpr. I Montgomery initiated 63 separate criminal investigations that resulted in the arrest of 75 persons on some 77 assorted criminal charges. In these cases, the value of recovered property, illicit drugs and other contraband, was estimated to be \$45,000. The majority of these investigations were patrol related and demonstrates an energetic, diligent and alert approach to patrol responsibilities.

Tpr. I Montgomery's consistent performance and professionalism reflects great credit upon himself and the New Jersey State Police.

TROOPER I JOHN MOONAN #4210
OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN A LIFE
THREATENING SITUATION

On April 10, 1999 Tpr. I Moonan and Tpr. I Scott Jiras were on patrol within Kingwood Township when they were detailed to investigate the complaint of someone threatening to do damage with a bulldozer. When they arrived at the scene they observed a male subject sitting on a front-end loader bulldozer. In front of the bulldozer was the remains of a vehicle that had been crushed flat. Although Tpr. I Moonan had activated the troop car's overhead lights to get the subject to stop, he continued to drive the bulldozer toward the house. The troop car followed the bulldozer at which point the subject stopped and began to drive the apparatus toward the troop vehicle. Tpr. I Moonan then took

evasive action to avoid being struck. As the subject began to move toward the residence again, Tpr. William Harkness and Tpr. Scott Kilcomons arrived to assist. After numerous attempts to verbally command the subject to surrender, the driver at one point turned the bucket of the bulldozer and charged toward the troopers. After their initial attempts to subdue the driver with OC spray had failed, troopers Jiras and Harkness leaped upon the moving vehicle and wrestled with the driver while troopers Moonan and Kilcomons also boarded the bulldozer commandeering the controls and bringing the out of control machine to a stop.

The quick and decisive action of Tpr.I Moonan reflects great credit upon himself and the New Jersey State Police.

TROOPER LAWRENCE W. MOSS #5082
RESCUE ATTEMPT FROM A FULLY
SUBMERGED VEHICLE

On January 11, 1998, a vehicle first thought to be stolen with a sleeping nine year old child inside was later discovered to have rolled into the Rising Sun Lake, Millstone Township and was completely submerged. Tpr. Moss and other troopers responding to the scene, entered the water without hesitation in an attempt to rescue the occupant from the vehicle. After numerous attempts to break the windows of the vehicle had failed, troopers continued to enter the frigid water to attach ropes and chains to the vehicle so it could be towed to shore. Exposing themselves to hyperthermia, State Police personnel repeatedly entered the water over a 45 minute period to assist with the rescue operation. With the help of emergency rescue equipment the vehicle was removed from the water just enough to allow personnel to break the side window and remove the child from the vehicle. Despite the heroic efforts of all personnel involved the victim did not survive.

Tpr. Moss' quick and decisive action, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, reflects great credit upon himself and the New Jersey State Police.

TROOPER I NADIR M. NASSRY #4404
RESCUE OF AN OCCUPANT FROM A
BURNING VEHICLE

On March 3, 1998, while on stationary patrol of I-78 within Clinton Township, Hunterdon County, Tpr.I Nassry and Tpr. Stankiewicz responded to a serious motor vehicle accident near their location. Once on scene, they observed a motor vehicle which had crashed into a tree and was engulfed in flames. As Tpr. Stankiewicz radioed for assistance, Tpr.I Nassry, using the troop car's fire extinguisher, attempted to battle the blaze. Both troopers then removed the lone occupant, and rendered first aid. The driver, who had sustained serious injuries to his face and lungs was transported to the hospital by the local first aid squad and was released several days later. Surely without the quick and decisive action of both Tpr.I Nassry and Tpr. Stankiewicz, the driver would have perished in the blazing inferno.

Tpr.I Nassry's courageous action reflects great credit upon himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the New Jersey State Police.

DETECTIVE I AMALIO NIEVES # 3731
OUTSTANDING CRIMINAL ARREST IN A
DANGEROUS ENCOUNTER

On December 2, 1997, as a result of a surveillance investigation, Det.I Nieves and DSG Beyers approached a possible suspect intending to interview him concerning drug trafficking activities. The suspect consented to a search of his residence where \$812,082 in U.S. currency was seized. The subject continued to cooperate with the investigators and agreed to return to his residence waiting for a phone call from a co-conspirator. While both DSG Kelly and Det.I Nieves watched, the suspect grabbed a kitchen knife and began stabbing himself in the chest. Acting immediately and with no regard for their own safety, they struggled to subdue the suspect and disarm him. Once the knife was removed from the suspect's grasp, DSG Kelly and Det.I Nieves applied direct pressure to his wound until paramedics could arrive. The suspect was transported to the hospital where he made a full recovery.

Det.I Nieves' quick and decisive action brings great credit upon himself and the New Jersey State Police.

TROOPER I JOHN O'HARA #3270
RESCUE OF OCCUPANTS FROM A BURNING
VEHICLE

On August 21, 1999, Tpr. I O'Hara and Tpr. Dean Carnival #5569 were detailed to a two vehicle accident in Buena Vista Township. One of the vehicles was engulfed in flames within the engine compartment. The right front passenger was trapped in the car and seriously injured. Without hesitation and risking injury to themselves, both troopers extinguished the fire and rendered first aid to the victim which included applying a tourniquet to his right arm to control severe bleeding.

Tpr. I O'Hara's quick and decisive action reflects great credit upon himself and the New Jersey State Police.

DETECTIVE I GLENN PENDER #4734
OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN A
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

During the period from June 1, 1996 through February 22, 1999, Det.I Pender investigated two separate criminal investigations involving Sexual Assault and Lewdness believed to be committed by a lone assailant. The victims of these crimes were several female children ranging in age between 7 years and 13 years old. With no physical evidence available, and no initial leads to follow, Det.I Pender's perseverance lead to the identification of a suspect with a previous history of Child Molestation dating back to 1971. His diligent pursuit in identifying the perpetrator resulted in both the arrest and conviction of a repeat sex offender.

Det.I Pender's dedication, investigative skills and determination reflect great credit upon himself and the New Jersey State Police.

**DETECTIVE SERGEANT JOHN J. QUIGLEY
#3440**

**OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE DURING
EMERGENCY CHILDBIRTH**

On June 8, 1988, DSG Quigley was working a Construction Supplemental Patrol when he was alerted over the radio about a woman in labor at Interchange 16E on the Turnpike. Upon arrival to the employee parking lot with Tpr. Robert C. Shaughnessy #5397, they found the mother seated in the family vehicle stating she was about to give birth. The arrival of the first aid squad was anticipated to be approximately 15 minutes, so the mother was placed in the rear of the troop car with the intent of driving her to the hospital. Just prior to transporting, the mother advised that the birth was imminent. DSG Quigley and Tpr. Shaughnessy entered the rear seat of the troop car and assisted the mother with the birth of a 9 pound, 12 ounce baby boy. During the birth, it was discovered that the umbilical cord was wrapped around the baby's neck. The troopers worked quickly to remove the cord and opened the infant's airway which allowed the baby to begin breathing normally. Both mother and child were transported to the hospital and reported in good condition.

DSG Quigley's quick, decisive and professional action reflects great credit upon himself and the New Jersey State Police.

**OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN A
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION**

On July 1, 1998, DSG Quigley received information from a trooper stationed on the NJ Turnpike that he had possible contact with the brother of two Hispanic homicide victims from Newark, NJ. That information led to a larger investigation conducted by the Criminal Investigation Office of Troop "D" and the Essex County Homicide Unit. DSG Quigley and his staff put constant pressure on witnesses and contacts as this investigation developed. It was learned that everyone involved in these murders was a Latin King, including the two victims. Additional information and evidence obtained by the Essex County Prosecutor's Office resulted in arrest and search warrants obtained for 12 Latin Kings who were directly responsible for this crime.

DSG Quigley's outstanding investigative work is in part responsible for closing down the operation of the Latin Kings in the State of New Jersey. His professionalism and leadership reflects great upon himself and the New Jersey State Police.

**TROOPER FRANK S. REHMAN # 5393
OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE WHILE ON
PATROL**

On October 15, 1998, while on patrol of the Atlantic City Expressway, Tpr. Rehman attempted to stop a van for a motor vehicle violation. The driver disregarded his signal to stop and fled the scene at a high rate of speed. While pursuing the vehicle, Tpr. Rehman also observed the driver commit several additional motor vehicle violations, putting the public at risk. Finally, Tpr. Rehman was able to force the driver to stop his vehicle. The suspect then fled on foot, entered the Timber Creek and began to swim away. With total dis-

regard for his own personal safety, Tpr. Rehman entered the cold waters of the creek and swam after the driver. After a brief struggle, he subdued the suspect and returned him to the banks of the creek in custody.

Tpr. Rehman's courage and professional action reflect great credit upon himself and the New Jersey State Police.

**DETECTIVE I ISMAEL RIVERA #4101
OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN A
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION**

During 1992, the State Police Auto Unit recognized a growing problem concerning the improper issuance of driver's licenses and related documents by various Division of Motor Vehicle (DMV) employees. These fraudulent documents were used by illegal aliens to receive various state services. This criminal network of co-conspirators was a close knit group of Hispanic driving school owner/operators and DMV employees. While posing as a corrupt driving school instructor, Det. I Rivera was able to gain the trust and confidence of the suspects. He remained in this undercover capacity for approximately nine (9) months and was able to obtain valuable information that resulted in the arrest of eighteen (18) DMV employees and five (5) driving school instructors and three (3) co-conspirators. In addition, over \$3,800 was confiscated as a result of this investigation.

Det. I Rivera's dedication, investigative skills and determination reflect great credit upon himself and the New Jersey State Police.

**TROOPER JOHN RYAN #5007
OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN A LIFE
SAVING ENCOUNTER**

On November 14, 1994 Tpr. Ryan and Tpr. II Francis Bellaran #4429 were detailed to a serious one-car accident involving an overturned vehicle which had struck the right side of a concrete barrier. When the troopers arrived they found the lone occupant ejected from the vehicle and was now partially trapped under the roof which was resting on his chest. The victim had a faint pulse, but was not breathing. The troopers, using brute strength, moved the car off of the victim's chest, at which time he began breathing on his own.

Tpr. Ryan's quick and decisive action reflects great credit upon himself and the New Jersey State Police.

**TROOPER JAMES F. SANSONE #5645
QUICK AND DECISIVE ACTION IN AN
EMERGENCY**

On March 9, 1998, Tpr. Sansone was detailed to assist with the investigation of a possible domestic complaint between two females engaged in a physical altercation. Tpr. Warren D. Durbin #5143 met with one of the subjects who stated that her roommate had threatened her for several hours with a knife. She was further concerned because she believed her roommate was locked in their place of residence and was suicidal. With assistance from Tpr. Durbin, they gained access to the home and found the subject hanging

from a rope around her neck attached to the kitchen ceiling fan. Both troopers immediately severed the rope and began Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation. When the rescue breathing mask they were using became inoperative, they continued the procedure in spite of any health risks they may have incurred. The life saving aid Tpr. Sansone provided to the subject sustained her life until she reached the hospital.

Tpr. Sansone's quick and decisive action reflects great credit upon himself and the New Jersey State Police.

**TROOPER I RICHARD T. SCHNYDERITE
#4745**

**RESCUE ATTEMPT FROM A FULLY
SUBMERGED VEHICLE**

On January 11, 1998, a vehicle first thought to be stolen with a sleeping nine year old child inside was later discovered to have rolled into the Rising Sun Lake, Millstone Township and was completely submerged. Tpr. I Schnyderite and other troopers responding to the scene, entered the water without hesitation in an attempt to rescue the occupant from the vehicle. After numerous attempts to break the windows of the vehicle had failed, troopers continued to enter the frigid water to attach ropes and chains to the vehicle so it could be towed to shore. Exposing themselves to hyperthermia, State Police personnel repeatedly entered the water over a 45 minute period to assist with the rescue operation. With the help of emergency rescue equipment the vehicle was removed from the water just enough to allow personnel to break the side window and remove the child from the vehicle. Despite the heroic efforts of all personnel involved the victim did not survive.

Tpr. I Schnyderite's quick and decisive action, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, reflects great credit upon himself and the New Jersey State Police.

**TROOPER ROBERT C. SHAUGHNESSY #5397
OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE DURING
EMERGENCY CHILDBIRTH**

On June 8, 1988, Tpr. Shaughnessy was on routine patrol when he was alerted over the radio about a woman in labor at Interchange 16E on the Turnpike. Upon arrival to the employee parking lot with DSG John J. Quigley, they found the mother seated in the family vehicle stating she was about to give birth. The arrival of the first aid squad was anticipated to be approximately 15 minutes, so the mother was placed in the rear of the troop car with the intent of driving her to the hospital. Just prior to transporting, the mother advised that the birth was imminent. Tpr. Shaughnessy and DSG Quigley entered the rear seat of the troop car and assisted the mother with the birth of a 9 pound, 12 ounce baby boy. During the birth, it was discovered that the umbilical cord was wrapped around the baby's neck. The troopers worked quickly to remove the cord and opened the infant's airway which allowed the baby to begin breathing normally. Both mother and child were transported to the hospital and reported in good condition.

Tpr. Shaughnessy's quick, decisive and professional action reflects great credit upon himself and the New Jersey State Police.

**OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN A
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION**

On June 30, 1998, Tpr. Shaughnessy was detailed to investigate a patron dispute at Interchange 14C on the NJ Turnpike. When he and Tpr. Venancio Rivera #4916 arrived they discovered that the complainant was seeking police assistance because he believed that he and his two brothers were about to be harmed. The subject had escaped under the pretext of using the restrooms. When the troopers tried to locate the vehicles, they had already left the area. The next day, Tpr. Shaughnessy saw a news report concerning two Hispanic males discovered murdered in Newark, NJ. He recognized that the descriptions of the victims were similar to the report they had received concerning the two missing brothers. Tpr. Shaughnessy then contacted the detectives at the Newark Station with the information. It was later learned that the actors responsible for this crime were members of the outlaw gang known as the Latin Kings.

Tpr. Shaughnessy's alert observations and investigative ability proved pivotal to the investigation of this case. His determination and professionalism reflects great credit upon himself and the New Jersey State Police.

**TROOPER CHARLES R. SHEPPARD #5216
RESCUE ATTEMPT FROM A FULLY
SUBMERGED VEHICLE**

On January 11, 1998, a vehicle first thought to be stolen with a sleeping nine year old child inside was later discovered to have rolled into the Rising Sun Lake, Millstone Township and was completely submerged. Tpr. Sheppard and other troopers responding to the scene, entered the water without hesitation in an attempt to rescue the occupant from the vehicle. After numerous attempts to break the windows of the vehicle had failed, troopers continued to enter the frigid water to attach ropes and chains to the vehicle so it could be towed to shore. Exposing themselves to hyperthermia, State Police personnel repeatedly entered the water over a 45 minute period to assist with the rescue operation. With the help of emergency rescue equipment the vehicle was removed from the water just enough to allow personnel to break the side window and remove the child from the vehicle. Despite the heroic efforts of all personnel involved the victim did not survive.

Tpr. Sheppard's quick and decisive action with complete disregard for his own personal safety reflects great credit upon himself and the New Jersey State Police.

**DETECTIVE I MICHAEL SOVEY #3820
OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN A MAJOR
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION**

During a two year investigation into the illegal gambling and loansharking operation of known mobster Edward Parisi, the case came to a standstill when persons close to the operation refused to cooperate. It was at this point that Det. I Sovey took charge of the investigation. Recalling a cellular telephone number used by the suspect, Det. I Sovey used this information to acquire the call detail records. These records helped to establish surveillance background into illegal activities within the Parisi organization. After several setbacks in the investigation which would have proved to

derail the determination of the average detective, the perseverance of Det. I Sovey was undaunted. He continued to evaluate surveillance tapes, cellular telephone logs and prepared numerous search warrant affidavits. This outstanding effort reaped rich rewards on December 6, 1999 when a raid conducted by law enforcement officers from four New Jersey counties, state law enforcement and members of New Jersey and Pennsylvania State Police were able to seize extensive gambling and loansharking records, two firearms, quantities of marijuana and cocaine and over \$52,000 in U. S. currency. In addition eight suspects were apprehended including the main target, Edward Parisi.

Det. I Sovey's dedication to duty, professionalism, investigative skill and leadership were pivotal in the successful outcome of this investigation. His efforts reflect great pride upon himself and the New Jersey State Police.

TROOPER GUY STANKIEWICZ #5653
RESCUE OF AN OCCUPANT FROM A
BURNING VEHICLE

On March 3, 1998, while on stationary patrol of I-78 within Clinton Township, Hunterdon County, Tpr.I Nassry and Tpr. Stankiewicz responded to a serious motor vehicle accident near their location. Once on scene they observed a motor vehicle which had crashed into a tree and was engulfed in flames. As Tpr. Stankiewicz radioed for assistance, Tpr.I Nassry, using the troop car's fire extinguisher, attempted to battle the blaze. Both troopers then removed the lone occupant of the vehicle, and rendered first aid. The driver, who had sustained serious injuries to his face and lungs was transported to the hospital by the local first aid squad and was released several days later. Surely without the quick and decisive action of both Tpr.I. Nassry and Tpr. Stankiewicz, the driver would have perished in the blazing inferno.

Tpr. Stankiewicz's courageous action reflects great credit upon himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the New Jersey State Police.

TROOPER MICHAEL W. TANSEY #5105
ADMINISTERING LIFE SAVING FIRST AID

On May 20, 1998, Tpr. Tansey was detailed to a medical emergency call at a private residence. He arrived on the scene in less than five minutes and was told that a elderly female was unresponsive. Tpr. Tansey assessed the victim's condition and recognized that she was in full cardiac arrest. He quickly began Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and his efforts sustained her life until paramedics and other emergency services personnel arrived.

Tpr. Tansey's quick and decisive action reflects great credit upon himself and the New Jersey State Police.

DETECTIVE I WILLIAM G. TURNER #3674
OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN A LIFE
SAVING ENCOUNTER

On March 22, 1999, while off duty, Det.I Turner was advised that a neighbor had threaten to commit suicide. Det.I Turner entered the residence and found the subject's keys, wallet and empty gun holster on the kitchen table. Further

investigation also revealed an open gun case in the master bedroom with the subject's will. Det.I Turner returned to his residence and notified both the local police department and state police personnel from the Hope Station. Once assisting troopers and law enforcement personnel arrived, a complete search of the home met with negative results. The distraught subject telephoned his residence and advised that he was in an apple orchard not far from his house and wanted to end his life. Fearing the subject was in possession of the missing handgun, Det.I Turner persuaded him to put the weapon (.357 magnum) down and to surrender.

As a result of Det.I Turner's quick and decisive action, this potentially dangerous situation was concluded without injury. His determination and professional action reflect great credit upon himself and the New Jersey State Police.

TROOPER PAUL VALLES #5108
DILIGENT PATROL AND CRIMINAL
INVESTIGATIVE WORK

During the period from January through December of 1997, Tpr. Valles initiated 38 separate criminal investigations that resulted in the arrest of 50 persons on some 62 assorted criminal charges. In these cases, the value of recovered property, illicit drugs and other contraband, was estimated to be \$30,000. The majority of these investigations were patrol related and demonstrates an energetic, diligent and alert approach to patrol responsibilities.

Tpr. Valles' consistent performance and professionalism reflects great credit upon himself and the New Jersey State Police.

**DETECTIVE SERGEANT DENNIS
VECCHIARELLI #3468**
OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN A
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

During December of 1990, DSG Vecchiarelli was supplied information implicating an Internal Revenue Service Agent for accepting bribes which consisted of cash payments and vehicles previously owned by a construction corporation. DSG Vecchiarelli supplied certified copies of New Jersey Division of Motor Vehicles title histories to the Department of Justice which initiated the investigation. As a result over ten million dollars in fines and taxes due to the government was recovered in addition to the arrest and conviction of the IRS agent and several public accountants and businessmen.

DSG Vecchiarelli's initiative and dedication to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the New Jersey State Police.

TROOPER LAWRENCE P. WILLIAMS #5415
RESCUE ATTEMPT FROM A FULLY
SUBMERGED VEHICLE

On January 11, 1998, a vehicle first thought to be stolen with a sleeping nine year old child inside was later discovered to have rolled into the Rising Sun Lake, Millstone Township and was completely submerged. Tpr. Williams and other troopers responding to the scene, entered the water

without hesitation in an attempt to rescue the occupant from the vehicle. After numerous attempts to break the windows of the vehicle had failed, troopers continued to enter the frigid water to attach ropes and chains to the vehicle so it could be towed to shore. Exposing themselves to hyperthermia, State Police personnel repeatedly entered the water over a 45 minute period to assist with the rescue operation. With the help of emergency rescue equipment the vehicle was removed from the water just enough to allow personnel to break the side window and remove the child from the vehicle. Despite the heroic efforts of all personnel involved the victim did not survive.

Tpr. Williams' quick and decisive action, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, reflects great credit upon himself and the New Jersey State Police.

TROOPER MICHAEL YANNUZZI #5545
OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN A LIFE
SAVING ENCOUNTER

On August 29, 1999, while off-duty and operating a private pleasure craft in the Metedeconk River, Brick Township, Tpr. Yannuzzi observed a person lying face down in the water. It appeared that the victim had been involved in an apparent jet-ski accident. Recognizing the urgency of the situation, he entered the water to save the victim. While administering first aid to the injured boater, Tpr. Yannuzzi swam toward the rear platform of his boat where he was assisted by those on board. Once on the vessel, Tpr. Yannuzzi continued to administer first aid and coordinate the response of paramedics to the scene. The victim received 15 sutures to his head and suffered a concussion. If not for the swift and decisive actions of Tpr. Yannuzzi, the victim would have surely drowned.

Tpr. Yannuzzi's courage and professional action reflect great credit upon himself and the New Jersey State Police.

— UNIT COMMENDATIONS —

SGT. JOHN HUNT #3709

TPR.I STEVEN J. COZZI #3767
TPR.I JOHN PEACOCK #4094
TPR.I DENNIS P. TULLY #4497
TPR.I NICHOLAS M. MASSA #4551
TPR.I ROBERT COWDEN #4608
TPR.I THOMAS A. SCARDINO #4656
TPR.II ROBERT W. LITTLE #4895
TPR.II DANIEL J. MITTEN #4905
TPR.II JOSEPH E. SHANAHAN #4921

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE BY A
SPECIALIZED UNIT

During the 1997 calendar year, the Troop "A" T.E.A.M.S. Unit assisted with 240 arrests, recovered property valued at over \$2,000,000 including 108 weapons and \$229,691 in

U.S. currency. The unit's dedication, professionalism and initiative in often life threatening encounters reflects great credit upon themselves and the New Jersey State Police.

DSFC JOHN MARKANICH #2830

DSG CHARLES COE #3367
DET.I DEAN VORIS #3746
DET.I ALEXANDER KRYCH #3786
DET.I BRIAN WALSH #3470
DET. I DARRYL ALBONICO #3749
DET. I JOHN SULLIVAN #4243

OUTSTANDING CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

Over a six-month period between October 1997 and April 1998, the Hotel Interdiction Squad, Narcotics Trafficking Unit has demonstrated exemplary service and outstanding performance in combating drug distribution, money laundering and other related criminal activities. Their efforts have resulted in 29 persons arrested, 4 fugitives apprehended, and the seizure of \$1,150,000 of narcotics, \$2,079,828 of U.S. currency and \$65,000 of property.

The unit's dedication, professionalism, investigative ability and initiative reflect great credit upon themselves and the New Jersey State Police.

DSG AUGUST WISTNER #2897

DSG GLENN MILLER #3126
DET. I CHRISTOPHER ANDREYCHAK #3754
DET. I BRIAN GIANNINI #3304
DET. I JOSEPH CELLI #4145

OUTSTANDING CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

During a three year period, from 1994 through 1997, the Essex County Official Corruption Task Force was responsible for spearheading a major investigation into corruption within the City of Newark's Board of Education, Water and Sewer Utilities, Division of Parks and Grounds and Division of Motors. This effort resulted in eleven arrests of city and county employees and the investigation of twenty four additional public officials including two mayors, two city council members and two county freeholders. These arrests and convictions are clearly unmatched by any other corruption investigation conducted by the Division.

The unit's dedication, professionalism, investigative ability and initiative reflect great credit upon themselves and the New Jersey State Police.

DSFC RICHARD J. SCHOBER #3058

DSG THOMAS F. FLARITY #3974
DET. I KEVIN DUNN #4379
DET. I KEVIN M. MAGUIRE #4637

OUTSTANDING CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

Over a three year period, from January 1996 through January of 1998, the Criminal Investigation Office assigned to Troop "E" is responsible for several noteworthy investigations. The first case culminated in the arrest of two dangerous felons for three armed robberies they committed on the Garden State Parkway. Information obtained from those arrests netted approximately \$20,000 in stolen property and \$500 in narcotics along with evidence of other crimes. This also resulted in crimes being solved for other police departments as well. The second case began when two troopers made an arrest on an eluding and stolen property investigation. One of the suspects offered information that generated four search warrants and the recovery of stolen property, narcotics, weapons, stolen motor vehicles and confiscated funds totaling \$61,220 and the arrest of six suspects on 40 charges. In addition, they investigated a total of 22 armed robberies, with 14 of those cases resulting in arrests.

The unit's professionalism, dedication to duty and investigative skill reflect great credit upon themselves and the New Jersey State Police.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT
COMMENDATIONS**

JAMES BLONG

STATE INVESTIGATOR

In recognition of your diligence, dedication to duty and professional assistance rendered to the New Jersey State Police as a member of the Essex County Official Corruption Task Force from 1995 through 1997. Your leadership and investigative skill were pivotal to the successful outcome of this major investigation. The New Jersey State Police pays tribute to you as an outstanding member of the law enforcement community.

DINO DETTORE

STATE INVESTIGATOR

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THOMAS GOAN

DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

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JAMES MACINNES

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LARRY MONACO

DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

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WILLIAM PORTER

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PAUL SHAPIRO

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ANTHONY SIMONETTI
DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

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WALTER STAFFORD
STATE INVESTIGATOR

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GEORGE WRIGHT
STATE INVESTIGATOR

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— **CERTIFICATES OF** —
APPRECIATION

PATROLMAN KEVIN J. RUDITSKY
MANALAPAN TOWNSHIP POLICE
DEPARTMENT

For your display of courage and professionalism on February 12, 1999 in Lakewood Township, Ocean County. While you were employed as a security guard for JLM Enterprises, you assisted Tpr. Andrew Eaton # 5260 in effecting the arrest of a violent suspect who assaulted him. Your dedication to duty and total disregard for your own personal safety is a credit to yourself and the agency you represent. Let this certificate convey the gratitude and respect you have earned from the members of the New Jersey State Police.

PATROLMAN JOHN C. ALLEN III
BLAIRSTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

In recognition of your actions on July 9, 2000 during a medical emergency at the residence of Lieutenant David P.

Gallant # 3191, an officer of the New Jersey State Police. Your exemplary conduct in rendering life saving first aid by performing Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation on Lt. Gallant was instrumental in sustaining his life until emergency medical services could arrive.

Patrolman Allen's quick and decisive action reflects great credit upon himself and the Blairstown Police Department. Through this commendation, the New Jersey State Police pays tribute to you as an outstanding member of the law enforcement community.

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER
ANTHONY ZAREMBA

BLAIRSTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Special Officer Zaremba's quick and decisive action reflects great credit upon himself and the Blairstown Police Department. Through this commendation, the New Jersey State Police pays tribute to you as an outstanding member of the law enforcement community.

TELECOMMUNICATOR CLAYTON ODDY
WARREN COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS
CENTER

In recognition of your actions on July 9, 2000 during a medical emergency at the residence of Lieutenant David P. Gallant #3191, an officer of the New Jersey State Police. Your exemplary conduct in instructing other family members to perform life sustaining first aid to Lt. Gallant via telephone was instrumental in sustaining his life until police officers and emergency medical services could arrive. Your calm and professional manner helped to reassure the family during this crisis.

Through this commendation, the New Jersey State Police honors your service to our organization and the citizens of New Jersey.

TELECOMMUNICATOR DARLENE PARSON
WARREN COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS
CENTER

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THEODORE KOZLOWSKI
BLAIRSTOWN AMBULANCE SQUAD

In recognition of your actions on July 9, 2000 during a medical emergency at the residence of Lieutenant David P. Gallant #3191, an officer of the New Jersey State Police. Your exemplary conduct in providing first aid to Lt. Gallant was instrumental in sustaining his life until he could be transported to the hospital.

Through this commendation, the New Jersey State Po

— **SPECIAL RECOGNITION** —

CAPTAIN GARRY HOLMBERG #3312
EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE DIVISION

As Chief of the Information Technology Bureau, Capt. Holmberg has been the driving influence for many innovative projects aimed at automating State Police procedures. Thrust in the middle of reform issues, he has worked diligently to resolve not only sensitive and high priority issues, but also to align the entire Division for future growth through the utilization of advanced technology to meet the needs of the 21st century. In doing so, Capt. Holmberg has brought national recognition to the Division through projects such as: FBI's NCIC2000 project, Mobile Data Computer deployment, Computerized Criminal History Model Record

and the National Instant Criminal Background Check System.

Capt. Holmberg's expertise, dedication, professionalism and leadership skills reflect great credit upon himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the New Jersey State Police.

LIEUTENANT RANDALL RICHARDSON
#3211

EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE DIVISION

As the Assistant Bureau Chief of the Planning Bureau, Lt. Richardson has performed a pivotal role in moving the Division into the new millennium. During the past four years, his expertise has proved invaluable as liaison to the Management Training Initiative, the Police Executive Research Forum, the Police Foundation in Washington, D.C. and the Executive Committee of the Attorney General's Office. His efforts in leading the Division's reforms in the areas of recruit selection process, promotional testing, personnel evaluations, leadership training and standardization of policies and procedures are to be commended.

Lt. Richardson's dedication, outstanding work ethic, professionalism and leadership skills reflect great credit upon himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the New Jersey State Police.