

California Highway Patrol

COMMANDER'S

CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION

Awarded to

Mr. Robert Adams



In recognition of exceptional performance

On May 8, 2020, you came upon a solo vehicle crash which had just occurred on State Route 120 east of Washington Street which sheared a power pole. The solo vehicle came to rest in a field underneath the downed power pole, which had ignited a fast-moving grass fire. You, having previous first responder training, immediately took control of the chaotic scene, instructing a tree crew to begin cutting a fire line around the vehicle. You then moved a portion of the downed power pole which was resting on the right front door, onto the roof of the vehicle. You then assisted several of your co-workers by prying open the damaged right front door. After opening the door, you assisted with the extrication of the severely injured driver. After moving the driver to a safe location, the brush fire ultimately engulfed the vehicle in flames. Your quick, heroic, and selfless actions on this day are a testament to your true character. Mr. Adams, you are commended for your bravery and courage during these extraordinary circumstances.

Presented at Motherlode Fairgrounds on October 27, 2022

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Mr. Joseph Lopez



In recognition of exceptional performance

On May 8, 2020, you witnessed a solo vehicle crash on State Route 120 east of Washington Street which sheared a power pole. The solo vehicle came to rest in a field underneath the downed power pole, which had ignited a fast-moving grass fire. You immediately stopped on the shoulder and called 911. After calling for help, you, along with several of your co-workers approached the severely damaged vehicle. After observing the solo driver slumped down under the dashboard, you began using a shovel to knock down the fast-moving fire. Once the fire had been sufficiently knocked down, you assisted with prying open the damaged right front door, which allowed your co-workers to extricate the driver. Upon moving the driver to safety, the brush fire ultimately engulfed the vehicle in flames. Your quick, heroic, and selfless actions on this day are a testament to your true character. Mr. Lopez, you are commended for your bravery and courage during these extraordinary circumstances.

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Mr. Joseph Hankins



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On December 11, 2019, you came upon a vehicle crash which had just occurred within the westbound lanes of SR-108 at Lower Twain Harte Drive. You, along with three of your co-workers, immediately stopped in order to provide any assistance that you could. Upon exiting your vehicle, you immediately began to provide traffic control for your three co-workers as they proceeded towards one of the involved vehicles. After your co-workers removed a young child and the unconscious female driver from a vehicle which had now caught on fire, you immediately grabbed your fire extinguisher and began to battle the flames while your co-workers moved the child and the driver to safety. Your quick, heroic and selfless actions prevented the death of the unconscious driver and trapped one-year old passenger. Mr. Hankins, you are commended for your bravery and courage during these extraordinary circumstances.

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Mr. John Gisler



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Mr. Derek Scholl



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Mr. Jason Dambacher



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Mr. Andy Birrell



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Mr. Joshua Hankins



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Mr. Kevin Powell



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On December 11, 2019, you came upon a vehicle crash which had just occurred within the westbound lanes of SR-108 at Lower Twain Harte Drive. You, along with three of your co-workers, immediately stopped in order to provide any assistance that you could. Upon exiting your vehicle, you observed one of the involved vehicles was catching fire. Upon arrival at the vehicle, you and your co-workers heard a child screaming in the rear seat, and observed an unconscious female driver slumped over in the driver's seat. You immediately removed the child who was still fastened within his car seat from the vehicle. After cutting the driver's seatbelt, you were then able to remove the unconscious female driver as well. While you and your co-workers were carrying both subjects to safety, the vehicle became fully engulfed in flames. Your quick, heroic and selfless actions prevented the death of the unconscious driver and trapped one year old passenger. Mr. Powell, you are commended for your bravery and courage during these extraordinary circumstances.

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