

MEDIA ADVISORY

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Four Individuals to Receive Colonel's Award for Excellence

The North Dakota Highway Patrol will hold a ceremony to recognize the heroic efforts of Scott Willoughby, Cody Willoughby, Brady Ouart, and Jeremy Swanson on Tuesday, Nov. 16 at 3:00 pm CST, at the Devils Lake Ambulance Garage, 804 5th St SE, Devils Lake.

The four individuals will be presented the Colonel's Award for Excellence for pulling Holden Mack out of a burning vehicle after he crashed his vehicle on Sept. 9, 2021 on Highway 2, near mile marker 274.

Crash Synopsis: On Sept. 9, Holden Mack rear-ended Jeremy Swanson's vehicle causing his vehicle to catch fire. Holden was unconscious from the impact of the crash and trapped in his vehicle. Scott, Cody, and Brady were working on a house nearby when they heard the crash. Without hesitating, the three got into their truck to assist. When Scott, Cody, and Brady arrived on scene, Holden had regained consciousness and asked for help. Together, the individuals and Jeremy devised a plan to hook a tow rope to the top frame of the door and pry it down. Jeremy was able to reach into the vehicle and cut Holden's seatbelt and together they pulled Holden to safety.

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