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## **NDHP to Present Officers with Colonel's Award for Excellence**

**NARRATIVE:** On Friday, May 12, at 4:00 pm, the North Dakota Highway Patrol will hold a ceremony to recognize Fargo Police Officer Joshua Persson and NDHP Sergeant Andrew Cashin for their life saving efforts in an incident that occurred in Fargo on August 29, 2022.

That evening, a woman who was experiencing a mental health crisis, was reported running through traffic and jumping over barriers on the I-29 and 13th Ave. South overpass; she then sat on the guardrail, threatening to jump.

Persson and Cashin, working together, provided compassionate assistance, and through their training and combined efforts convinced her that her life was worth saving; then assisted her in coming down from the barrier where she was transported for care by the two officers.

The ceremony will be held at the Fargo City Commission Chambers, 225 4th Street North, Fargo.

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