

Award for Bravery

Trooper Andrew G. Goss

Christmas Eve 2009 is a night that Trooper Andrew Goss of Troop E-Warren will never forget. It is the night he risked his own life to save others, performing the ultimate Christmas miracle.

That night, a motorist called the station to report an erratic driver traveling on Route 6. Trooper Goss took to the highway to investigate. As he observed traffic, he received an update that the driver was now traveling eastbound in the westbound lane, going against traffic.

Trooper Goss decided to head in the direction of the vehicle and try to stop it. Along the way, he turned on his emergency lights to alert motorists of the potential threat.

As more updates came in, Trooper Goss quickly realized that the motorist was traveling in his lane and would soon meet him head on. He saw the motorist's headlights headed his way.

As the vehicle got closer, Trooper Goss realized that the vehicle began to drift toward a Jeep Cherokee that was in the left lane, almost beside his vehicle. The motorist showed no sign of slowing and made no attempt to avoid a collision. Just before the motorist would have hit the Jeep Cherokee head on, Trooper Goss steered his vehicle into the path of the oncoming car at an angle to prevent the imminent head-on collision.

Trooper Goss's vehicle was hit on the passenger side near the rear door. After the vehicles came to a stop, he got out, checked to make sure that the passengers in the Cherokee were OK and then went to check on the erratic motorist. The driver did not open his door to talk to Trooper Goss and was staring straight ahead. When he looked at Trooper Goss he had a blank stare and did not appear to know that Trooper Goss was speaking to him. He was escorted from his vehicle, placed in handcuffs and escorted from the scene.

Trooper Goss' brave actions prevented what would have surely been a deadly accident on Christmas Eve.