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Seven NDHP Troopers Complete Field Training and Receive Assignments

NARRATIVE: Seven new recruits successfully completed the highway patrol academy and field training and are now sworn North Dakota Highway Patrol troopers stationed throughout the state. Troopers began the academy in September 2020 and recently completed field training and reported to their assigned locations.

The troopers and their hometowns are **Dan Andersen**, Edina, MN; **Kristina Anderson**, Brainerd, MN; **Mitchell Mehrer**, Dickinson, ND; **James Myers**, Larimore, ND; **Andrew Skogen**, Bismarck, ND; **Stephen Horn**, Catlett, VA; and **Bennett Strege**, Fargo, ND.

Troopers Andersen and Mehrer are assigned as traffic enforcement troopers and will be stationed in Williston. Trooper Horn is assigned as a size and weight trooper under Motor Carrier Operations and be stationed in Williston. **Trooper Dan Andersen** was raised in the Twin Cities and moved to the Bismarck area after graduating with honors from Alexandria Technical College in 2015. Prior to joining the North Dakota Highway Patrol, he worked for the Burleigh County Sheriff's Department as a Patrol Deputy. **Trooper Mitchell Mehrer** graduated from Dickinson High School in 2014, receiving a bachelor's degree in university studies in December 2018. **Trooper Stephen Horn** was born and raised in the Commonwealth of Virginia and spent the past eleven years in Texas. While in Texas, he served in the Texas National Guard as a medic and paratrooper, he is currently completing a degree in criminal justice.

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Troopers Anderson, Myers, Skogen, and Strege are all assigned as traffic enforcement troopers and stationed in Fargo. **Trooper Kristina Anderson** grew up in Brainerd, MN, graduating from high school in 2014. She attended the University of Minnesota and graduated in 2018 with a bachelor's degree in fisheries and wildlife along with a minor in natural resource management. She then attended Central Lakes College and graduated in the summer 2020 with a criminal justice degree, serving as squad leader of the class. **Trooper James Myers** was born in Fort Bragg, NC, and grew up in Parkersburg, WV. He moved to Grand Forks in 2007 where he graduated high school and college. He previously served as a Deputy Sheriff in McHenry County and Grand Forks County. **Trooper Andrew Skogen** was raised in Bismarck, graduating from Century High School in 2017. He then attended NDSU and studied marketing and management communication until leaving NDSU in the spring of 2020 to begin training with North Dakota Highway Patrol. **Trooper Bennett Strege** was born in Fargo and grew up in Detroit Lakes, MN. He attended NDSU, graduating with a degree in criminal justice and a minor in psychology. He also attended Alexandria Technical and Community College for Minnesota law enforcement training. He previously worked for the Cass County Sheriff's Office.

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NDHP Photos of each Trooper are below. If you would like contact information for personal interviews, contact Sgt. Wade Kadrmias (wkadrmias@nd.gov) or Cindy Solberg (cbsolberg@nd.gov).

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Andersen, Dan
Williston



Mehrer, Mitchell
Williston



Horn, Stephen
MCO-Williston

SOUTHEAST REGION



Anderson, Kristina
Fargo



Myers, James
Fargo



Skogen, Andrew
Fargo



Strege, Bennett
Fargo