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BRANDON HASS RECOGNIZED BY NDHP

NARRATIVE: On Monday, August 7, 2023, the North Dakota Highway Patrol (NDHP) presented Brandon Hass with the Colonel's Award for Excellence for his lifesaving efforts at a crash that occurred June 28, 2023, in Bismarck.

At approximately 8:15 that morning, a severe two vehicle crash occurred on Centennial Road, near Knudsen Avenue. Three adults and one juvenile were critically injured. Brandon Hass, who works for both the Burleigh Rural Fire Department and the Bismarck Fire Department, was off-duty and driving nearby. Using his training and experience, he made sure the crash was reported and then, after assessing the situation, provided clear direction to assisting civilians who were onsite.

While tending to two of the injured victims; one of the vehicles, which was occupied by the other two individuals, caught fire. Hass extracted both injured males and moved them away from the burning vehicle. Upon arrival of first responders, Hass continues to attend the individuals and assisted with loading them into the ambulances.

The scene consisted of Bismarck Police Department; Burleigh County Sheriff's Office; Burleigh Rural Fire; Metro Ambulance; and NDHP. Hass's ability to take control of the situation and provide clear direction assured the situation remained manageable and all injured parties were tended to.

Trooper Shawn Fulwider nominated Hass for the Colonel's Award for Excellence which is awarded by the NDHP Superintendent to NDHP employees and citizens for actions that have benefited the NDHP and State of North Dakota.

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Photo: Trooper Shawn Fulwider (right) presents Brandon Hass with the Colonel's Award for Excellence.

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