

## 2023 Kentucky State Police Award Recipients

- Captain Randal Surber received a Career Service Achievement award. He is a 21-year veteran of the agency.
- Trooper Chad Barnes received the Meritorious Service award. He is a 5-year veteran of the agency.
- Detective Jay Dunn was named the Post 1 Detective of the Year. He is a 7-year veteran of the agency.
- Detective Brian Graves was named the Post 2 Detective of the Year. He is a 9-year veteran of the agency.
- Detective Michael Waggener was named the Post 3 Detective of the Year. He is an 8-year veteran of the agency.
- Detective Anthony Hardin II was named the West Drug Enforcement and Special Investigations Unit Detective of the Year and the overall KSP Detective of the Year winner. He is a 14-year veteran of the agency.
- Detective Casey Keown was named the Post 4 Detective of the Year. He is a 7-year veteran of the agency.
- Detective Endre Samu was named the Post 5 Detective of the Year. He is a 15-year veteran of the agency.
- Detective Joshua Wise was named the Post 6 Detective of the Year. He is a 10-year veteran of the agency.
- Detective Gary Thornberry was named the Post 7 Detective of the Year. He is a 24-year veteran of the agency.
- Detective Robert Martin was named the Post 8 Detective of the Year. He is an 11-year veteran of the agency.
- Detective Joseph Coleman was named the Post 9 Detective of the Year. He is an 8-year veteran of the agency.
- Detective William Howard was named the Post 10 Detective of the Year. He is a 6-year veteran of the agency.
- Detective Logan Gay was named the Post 11 Detective of the Year. He is an 8-year veteran of the agency.
- Detective Andrew Lee was named the Post 12 Detective of the Year. He is a 7-year veteran of the agency.
- Detective Michael Keeton was named the East Drug Enforcement and Special Investigations Unit Detective of the Year. He is a 15-year veteran of the agency.
- Detective Adam Hutchison was named the Electronic Crime Branch Detective of the Year. He is a 19-year veteran of the agency.
- Detective Chad Easterling was named the Post 13 Detective of the Year. He is a 19-year veteran of the agency.
- Detective Samuel Lawson was named the Post 14 Detective of the Year. He is a 11-year veteran of the agency.
- Detective Zachary Scott was named the Post 15 Detective of the Year. He is a 9-year veteran of the agency.
- Detective Joshua Turner was named the Post 16 Detective of the Year. He is a 9-year veteran of the agency.
- Trooper Casey Hamby was named the Post 1 Trooper of the Year. He is a 5-year veteran of the agency.
- Trooper Nathan Pedigo was named the Post 2 Trooper of the Year. He is a 2-year veteran of the agency.

- Trooper Devon Banaszak was named the Post 3 Trooper of the Year. He is a 5-year veteran of the agency.
- Trooper Ethan Whitlock was named the West Drug Enforcement and Special Investigations Unit Trooper of the Year. He is an 8-year veteran of the agency.
- Trooper Chase Shouse was named the Post 4 Trooper of the Year. He is a 2-year veteran of the agency.
- Trooper Colt McGuire was named the Post 5 Trooper of the Year and the overall KSP Trooper of the Year winner. He is a 4-year veteran of the agency.
- Trooper Justin Corlis was named the Post 6 Trooper of the Year. He is a 3-year veteran of the agency.
- Trooper Bobby Estes was named the Post 7 Trooper of the Year. He is a 2-year veteran of the agency.
- Trooper Jordan Barnett was named the Post 8 Trooper of the Year. He is a 1-year veteran of the agency.
- Trooper Terry Mounts was named the Post 9 Trooper of the Year. He is a 2-year veteran of the agency.
- Trooper Keston Price was named the Post 10 Trooper of the Year. He is a 2-year veteran of the agency.
- Trooper Benjamin Allen was named the Post 11 Trooper of the Year. He is a 4-year veteran of the agency.
- Trooper Robert Stepp was named the Post 12 Trooper of the Year. He is a 2-year veteran of the agency.
- Trooper Ronald Gilbert was named the Academy Branch Trooper of the Year. He is a 14-year veteran of the agency.
- Trooper Richard McPhearson was named the Special Operations Trooper of the Year. He is a 22-year veteran of the agency.
- Trooper Branden Watts was named the Post 13 Trooper of the Year. He is an 8-year veteran of the agency.
- Trooper Nathaniel Carter was named the Post 14 Trooper of the Year. He is a 13-year veteran of the agency.
- Trooper Daniel Smith was named the Post 15 Trooper of the Year. He is a 3-year veteran of the agency.
- Trooper Clayton Jones was named the Post 16 Trooper of the Year. He is a 4-year veteran of the agency.
- Officer Michael Smith was named West Commercial Vehicle Enforcement (CVE) and Jason Cammack Officer of the Year for the KSP CVE Troop. He is a 15-year veteran of the agency.
- Officer Timothy Blankenship was named the East Commercial Vehicle Enforcement (CVE) Officer of the Year. He is a 14-year veteran of the agency.
- Officer Richard Lynch was named the Central Commercial Vehicle Enforcement (CVE) Officer of the Year. He is a 10-year veteran of the agency.
- Officer Samantha Snyder was named the Facilities Security Officer of the Year award. She is a 3-year veteran of the agency.
- Trooper Jonathan Houk was named the Public Affairs Officer of the Year. He is a 14-year veteran of the agency and serves at Post 15.
- Sergeant Blake Owens received the KSP Citation for Bravery. He is a 9-year veteran of the agency.
- Trooper Dillon Spencer received the KSP Citation for Bravery. He is a 5-year veteran of the agency.

- Trooper Isaac Atwell received the KSP Citation for Bravery. He is a 3-year veteran of the agency.
- Trooper Colbert Maynard received the KSP Citation for Bravery. He is a 10-year veteran of the agency.
- Trooper Timothy Smith received the KSP Citation for Bravery. He is a 2-year veteran of the agency.
- Trooper Tanner Wood received the KSP Citation for Bravery. He is a 2-year veteran of the agency.
- Trooper Samuel Peace was issued the KSP Citation for Bravery. He is a 9-year veteran of the agency.
- Trooper Christopher Dials was issued the KSP Citation for Bravery. He is a 21-year veteran of the agency and is assigned to the Electronic Crimes Branch.
- Sergeant Michael Caudill received the Lifesaving Medal. He is a 10-year veteran of the agency.
- Trooper Blaine Miller received the Lifesaving Medal. He is a 5-year veteran of the agency.
- The 2023 KSP Post Safe Driving Award is presented to Post 15.