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LMTA Foundation Honors Two Louisiana State Police Officers

Sergeant Jarett Dobson and Sergeant Prentis Trey Bellue have been honored.

Baton Rouge, La. — March 7, 2024 — The Louisiana Motor Transport Association has named Sergeant Jarett Dobson and Sergeant Prentis Trey Bellue as their 2024 Troopers of the Year. Each year, this awards recognizes officers for outstanding commitment to safety, willingness to work with the trucking industry, exceptional work record, and personal work ethics.

"The Louisiana State Police are our drivers' coworkers on the road," said Renee Amar, executive director of the LMTA Foundation. "It is our privilege to recognize these troopers for their outstanding service and willingness to work with and educate our industry so everyone can be safe on the roads. These officers take pride in their work, and it shows in their relationships with the industry."

Sergeant Jarett Dobson began his tenure with the Louisiana State Police in 1998, serving initially in Troop D before transferring to the Motor Carrier Safety Unit (MCSU) in 2010. Renowned for his strong work ethic and professionalism, Sergeant Dobson has conducted over 6,300 inspections with meticulous attention to detail. He actively engages with the motor carrier industry, offering invaluable insights into compliance issues and fostering understanding among drivers and owners. Moreover, Sergeant Dobson's commitment extends beyond enforcement duties, as he dedicates time to inspire youth through educational initiatives and community events such as the annual "Shop with a Cop" program in Jefferson Davis Parish.

Sergeant Prentis Trey Bellue has served in the Commercial Vehicle Safety section of the Louisiana State Police for the past nine years. With 24 years of service in the Louisiana State Police Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team and 25 years as an adjunct firearms instructor, Sergeant Bellue exemplifies excellence in both operational and training capacities. His exceptional valor and quick thinking were demonstrated during a routine MCSAP inspection on June 5, 2023, when he swiftly responded to an emergency medical event, administering CPR to a driver in distress until medical assistance arrived. Sergeant Bellue's heroic actions undoubtedly saved a life and underscore his unwavering commitment to public service and safety.

Both officers were recognized during the LMTA Foundation's Truck Safety Awards on March 2, 2024, at the L'Auberge Casino and Hotel in Baton Rouge.

About the LMTA Foundation

The LMTA Foundation is a non-profit organization to fund education, public relations, and research for the Louisiana trucking industry to enhance the understanding of and image of truckers, increase highway safety and pursue workforce solutions. To learn more about the Foundation, visit <u>www.lmta.foundation</u>.