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## **NDMCA and NDHP Present Annual Awards**

**NARRATIVE:** On Thursday, September 5, 2024, the North Dakota Motor Carrier Association (NDMCA) and the North Dakota Highway Patrol (NDHP) presented the 2023 Driver of the Year and 2023 Trooper of the Year awards at the 79<sup>th</sup> annual NDMCA convention held in Grand Forks.

NDMCA's Trooper of the Year award reflects the trucking industry's appreciation for enhancing safety for those who depend on the highway for their livelihood.

The NDMCA presented **Trooper Myles Sundby** with the 2023 Trooper of the Year award. Trooper Sundby serves as a motor carrier operations trooper and is stationed in Grand Forks. Trooper Sundby graduated from Minot State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice and from the NDHP Academy in February 2006. He has served in Grafton, Grand Forks, Williston, Carrington and Maddock. Trooper Sundby recorded the agency's highest number of overload enforcement citations in 2022-2023, was nominated for the 2023 Governor's Award for Excellence in Public Service and is a recipient of the Colonel's Award for Excellence. He is an active participant in the Special Olympics-North Dakota Truck Convoy and serves his local community, most notably with Immanuel Lutheran Church Cemetery Grounds Crew, Buxton; and Central Valley School.

The NDHP presents the Driver of the Year award in appreciation of the selected driver's outstanding dedication to safety, and their support and cooperation to the highway patrol.

The NDHP presented **Joe Mondor**, Grand Forks, with the 2023 Driver of the Year award. Joe was born and raised in North Dakota and entered the trucking industry 33 years ago working for Johnson Farms, he then joined the Altendorf Express team and has been one of the company's most valued truckers for 17 years. Over the last 33 years, Joe has logged over 4.5 million accident-free miles. He is a leader in safety, and an example of professional, safe conduct and provides valuable leadership to new employees, as noted in his nomination letter.

*(see photos below)*



2023 Driver of the Year Joe Mondor and Melissa Dixon, NDMCA Board of Directors

*(photo courtesy Russell Hons Photography)*



L-R: 2023 Trooper of the Year Myles Sundby; Melissa Dixon, NDMCA Board of Directors; and Jeremy Oistad, NDMCA President.

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