

# Safety and Heroism



## **SETH STEVENSON**

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Seth Stevenson is a trooper with the State Highway Patrol serving Iredell and Alexander counties. The primary purpose of this dedicated group of law enforcement officers is to protect the public and ensure safe, efficient transportation on the streets and highways of North Carolina.

On Friday, January 13, 2023, Statesville police officers were dispatched to a head-on collision at the intersection of Garner Bagnal Boulevard and Wooten Street. One of the involved vehicles had caught fire with the driver trapped inside. Though off duty at the time, Trooper Stevenson recognized the urgency of the situation and responded immediately to the radio call for assistance.

Trooper Stevenson was close to the incident site and quickly made his way to the crash. After assessing the critical situation upon arrival, Trooper Stevenson put his own safety aside and sprang into action. Relying on his training, he assisted in breaking the rear driver's side window, cutting the seatbelt from the driver and extracting him from the vehicle just before it was consumed by the flames. Thankfully, Trooper Stevenson only received minor cuts and scrapes from the incident. Trooper Stevenson displayed bravery and self-sacrifice in the face of imminent danger to save another person's life.

Trooper Seth Stevenson used his professional skills and training to rescue the driver despite being off the clock. For his fast-acting bravery and dedication while off duty, the State of North Carolina commends Trooper Stevenson for his selfless act.

