# Outstanding Government Service

## ROBERT REMINI

### Department of Transportation

Robert Remini works with the N.C. Department of Transportation as an Incident Management Assistance Patrol (IMAP) Driver. His job is to patrol our interstates and primary roadways, providing motorist assistance to drivers who have had mechanical issues. He also provides incident management and traffic control when major events block roadways and disrupt traffic flow. Remini's attentiveness and keen observation has served many in his community, including a child he rescued in 2018 following a traffic incident. In 2020, his gut instinct about a roadside episode led to a ground-breaking assist in solving numerous thefts of catalytic converters in the Greensboro area.

That fall, Remini was traveling on Interstate 73 near Vandalia Road when he observed a 1992 Dodge Caravan on the right shoulder with a blue Toyota Yaris backed up close to it. The Toyota had one person in the driver seat and the other was outside the vehicle on the right side of the van. As Remini pulled up to check on the scene, the person outside the vehicle swiftly walked away from the van and jumped in the Toyota, which sped away. Remini knew the Greensboro Police Department was investigating the theft of numerous catalytic converters from abandoned vehicles. He contacted an officer and followed the suspect's vehicle down I-73 North. Responding officers were able to stop the vehicle and apprehend the occupants. An investigation determined that the men had attempted to remove the catalytic converter from the van. The suspects were interviewed and arrested, charged with the theft of catalytic converters as well as other traffic violations.

Robert Remini's quick thinking helped the Greensboro Police Department clear numerous cases of catalytic convertors thefts in their jurisdiction. Without his attention to detail, and quick decision to notify law enforcement while trailing the suspect's vehicle at a safe distance, this crime spree may not have been solved.