RALEIGH, (SGRToday.com) - Three dozen law enforcement officials have received awards from the Department of Public Safety.

"To serve and protect our great state requires a special calling and these employees and civilians not only have responded to that calling, but they have taken it to a higher level, exhibiting extraordinary actions worthy of special recognition," Public Safety Secretary Perry said in a statement. "Whether they carried out an act of heroism, or provided exceptional service or volunteerism, it is only fitting that we pay tribute to these fine individuals." Awards and Recipients:

-- Purple Heart Award

Trooper Michael L. Potts, Troop C District 7 – Durham, N.C.

-- Meritorious Service Award

Network Technician David T. Sizemore – Lexington, N.C.

Mechanic Supervisor I Leslie H. Manning – Raleigh, N.C.

Trooper James L. Hager, Troop B District 9 – Wilmington, N.C.

-- Meritorious & Appreciation Group Service Award: Patrol Stroll CommitteeLieutenant Donna R. Carter, Headquarters – Raleigh, N.C.

First Sergeant Ricky P. Hooks, Training Academy – Raleigh, N.C.

First Sergeant Jeffrey L. Miller, Troop G District 5 – Waynesville

Trooper Lawrence W. McKeithan, Headquarters – Raleigh, N.C.

Trooper Jon M. Gurganus, Troop B District 4 – Kenansville, N.C.

Mr. J. Howard Swain, Nags Head, N.C.

Mr. Thomas Caves, Garner, N.C.

Mrs. Marcia Culler, Mebane, N.C.

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Mrs. Lisa Evans, Clayton, N.C.

Mrs. Karen Tew, Clayton, N.C.

Mrs. Julie Ann Gouveia-Pisano, Holly Springs, N.C.

-- Humanitarian Award

Trooper Gregory N. Gentieu, Troop F District 1 – Morganton, N.C.

Trooper Lynn T. Porcher, Troop C District 1 – Tarboro, N.C.

-- Appreciation Award

Mr. Jimmy Maness, NC DOT, Asheboro, N.C.

-- Samaritan Award

Sergeant Eric L. Hunt, Troop C District 7 – Durham, N.C.

Trooper Kenneth R. Burroughs, Troop D District 6 – Asheboro, N.C.

Trooper Anthony R. McLain, Troop F District 4 – Taylorsville, N.C.

Trooper Stephen W. O'Shields, Troop D District 5 – Graham, N.C.

-- Samaritan Group Award

Trooper Frank E. Odell, Troop F District 4 – Statesville, N.C.

Trooper Leevan I. Tuckler, Troop F District 4 – Statesville, N.C.

Office Assistant IV Doris C. Godbey, Troop E District 3 – Salisbury, N.C.

-- Samaritan & Appreciation Group Award

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Trooper Stephen A. Parker, Troop F District 9 – Lincolnton, N.C.

Deputy Bryan S. Loflin, (Catawba County Sheriff's Office)

Mr. Robbie J. Lowman, Maiden, N.C.

-- Valor Group Award

First Sergeant Douglas B. Amos, Troop F District 1 – Morganton, N.C.

Sergeant Mark L. Cline, Troop F District 1 – Morganton, N.C.

Trooper Carroll R. Hallyburton, Troop F District 1 – Morganton, N.C.

Trooper Aaron K. Johnson, Troop F District 1 – Morganton, N.C.

Trooper Russell V. McGee, III, Troop F District 9 – Conover, N.C.

Trooper Kyle B. Robinson, Troop F District 1 – Morganton, N.C.

Trooper Joshua L. Shuffler, Troop F District 1 – Morganton, N.C.

Trooper Daniel J. Wakefield. Troop F District 1 – Morganton, N.C.