

# Frederick Police Department

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## Ofc. Shawna Paintin

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### Chief's Commendation

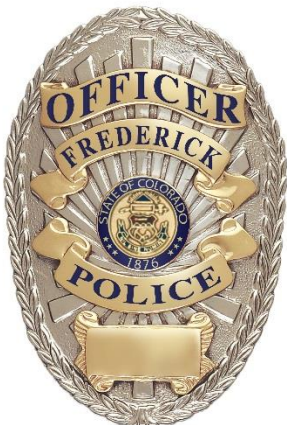
On July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 at 1:28 am Officer Paintin responded to assist the Colorado State Patrol with a traffic accident on I-25 just north of Highway 52. The 911 caller initially did not know if there were any injuries on scene. Additionally, at the time of the call it was raining heavily, and the accident occurred in an unlit section of I-25. Officer Paintin was the first officer on scene and immediately identified that there were several victims of the accident who needed medical attention. Officer Paintin further recognized that a female on scene was trapped with her leg pinned between the center guard rail and a vehicle.

Officer Paintin immediately updated responding units about the victims' injuries, and the additional resources she needed. Prior to Fire and EMS arriving on scene, Officer Paintin organized a group of bystanders and officers to help push the vehicle away from the guard rail, and free the victim who was pinned. She then stayed with the victims and comforted them until EMS arrived on scene.

She managed the chaotic scene in a calm, composed, and compassionate manner. Officer Paintin performed competently and kindly in an extremely difficult setting.

Throughout this incident, Officer Paintin displayed exceptional professionalism by managing a chaotic scene, orchestrating the effort to free the trapped victim, and providing comfort to the young drivers and passengers involved.

The actions Officer Paintin took that night were exemplary and therefore awarded a Chief's Commendation.



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Todd Norris - Chief of Police

