On New Year’s Eve 2017, Officer Patton responded to a call of a vehicle that had crashed into a tree. Upon arriving on the scene, he was met by two frantic civilian bystanders. The engine had caught fire, and smoke and flames were filling the interior of the vehicle, where the driver’s leg was pinned beneath the damaged steering wheel. Officer Patton had to act quickly as time was running out. As the driver’s chilling screams of fear filled the air, he and the two civilians worked to free the driver’s trapped leg. Just as the passenger compartment became engulfed in flames, the group was able to pull the driver from the vehicle and extinguish his pant leg. Officer Patton not only acted in the face of incredible personal risk, he also inspired bravery in the bystanders.