



# United States Department of the Interior

U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY  
Office of the Director  
Reston, Virginia 20192

## CITATION

### EXEMPLARY ACT AWARD

#### DAVID E. HOUSNER

In recognition of a heroic act which resulted in the saving of a life.

On April 12, 2016, David Housner, Edward Younger, and Cassidy Mapel, from the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Wisconsin Water Science Center, were wrapping up field activities at a USGS streamgage on the Milwaukee River. They heard a scream and witnessed a person falling from the nearby Hoan Bridge, a span of approximately 150 feet above the river. Without hesitation, Mr. Younger signaled for a nearby plant worker to call 911. The crew boarded their motorboat and Mr. Housner piloted it to the victim. The man was conscious, bleeding from the mouth and nose, and unable to use his arms. Mr. Younger and Mr. Mapel managed to pull the victim from the frigid water and brought him aboard the boat, a maneuver complicated by the size of the victim and his inability to assist in his own rescue. The man was placed in a stable position on the deck of the boat, and covered with sweatshirts to warm him. Vital signs were checked, and Mr. Housner quickly piloted the boat to the sea wall on the south bank of the river to wait for the emergency responders. Within minutes a squad car and fire truck arrived on the north bank of the river. Acting quickly, the USGS crew made the decision to cross the river to meet the emergency responders. Landing at the sea wall, two Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) boarded the boat while Mr. Mapel and Mr. Younger disembarked to tend lines and equipment and to ensure the boat was not overloaded. After the victim was stabilized, the crew took him and the EMTs to the boat landing where the injured man was transferred to an ambulance and transported to the hospital. Christopher J. Schutte, Captain of the emergency medical team, commended the actions of Mr. Housner, Mr. Younger, and Mr. Mapel, and underscored the importance of the speed of their response to the victim's survival.

For their decisive and immediate actions in the rescue operation resulting in the saving of a person's life, David E. Housner, Edward F. Younger, and Cassidy T. Mapel are granted the Exemplary Act Award of the Department of the Interior.

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### CHRISTOPHER M. HOLBROOK

In recognition of a heroic act which resulted in the saving of a life.

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