



Michigan State Trooper Joel Popp
End of Watch January 24, 2024

We are grieving the loss of Michigan State Trooper Joel Popp. Tragically, while conducting a DUI investigation outside of his vehicle, he was struck by a car and killed. The incident occurred on northbound I-75 near Birch Run.

This Michigan hero was a graduate of Bridgeport High School. Prior to becoming an officer, Popp worked for Frito-Lay. He shifted careers and enlisted with MSP in January of 2020 after graduating as a member of the 137th Trooper Recruit School. Popp served at the Tri-City post his entire career and resided in Frankenmuth.

Michigan State Trooper Joel Popp was an avid outdoorsman who loved to hunt, fish, snowmobile and golf. He is described as a true hero and protector of our community. Joel was a kind hearted, brave and dedicated professional trying to make the world a better place. He was a dedicated husband and father. He is deeply grieved by his wife Stefani and eight year old daughter Emalyn.

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