MINNESOTA DNR CONSERVATION OFFICER DON BOZOVSKY RECEIVES WILDLIFE AWARD FROM THE MINNESOTA CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

DULUTH, Minnesota, (February 18th, 2015) – Conservation Officer Don Bozovsky received the 2014 Law Enforcement Award from the Minnesota Chapter of The Wildlife Society (MNTWS) at its annual meeting in Duluth, Minnesota. The Wildlife Society is a professional organization of researchers, managers, professors and students with an interest in wildlife or who work in a wildlife profession with State or Federal Agencies Colleges or non-governmental organizations.
Since 1992, the Law Enforcement Award has been presented to an individual who has demonstrated an unimpeachable commitment, dedication and service to the protection of Minnesota's wildlife, natural resources and people.

A Wahpeton North Dakota native Officer Bozovsky has an Associate of Applied Science degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Technology from North Dakota State Universality and a Bachelor of Science degree in Wildlife Biology from Dickinson Stare University.


Don’s interest in being a Law Enforcement Officer evolved over the years. A graduate of the North Dakota Law Enforcement Training Academy in 1988, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynco, Georgia in 1989, he became a Bismarck North Dakota Police Officer in 1999. In 2004 Don graduated from the MNDNR Conservation Officer Academy achieving his goal of becoming a Minnesota Conservation Officer and is currently stationed in Hibbing.

As a Bismarck Police Officer Don became a Senior Officer taking on the responsibility of the Shift Sergeant in their absence. He also was an “Adopt a Cop” for a local Elementary School, a Field Training Officer and a SWAT Team member. He received a Certificate of Appreciation for
his work on the Swat Team and the Hostile Engagement Award and Medal, a Meritorious Service Award and Medal for critical incidents in his last year of service. As a Minnesota Conservation Officer Don serves as a Field Training Officer and teaches classes at the Conservation Officer Academy. Since 2004, Don has received six Awards of Appreciation and been nominated to receive the Willard Munger Wetland Enforcement Officer of the Year Award.

Lt. Greg Payton, Officer Bozovsky Supervisor says this about him “I nominated Don for this Award for two main reasons, his diverse abilities and his perseverance. Many Officers are comfortable working the traditional work and have a tendency to stumble thru the new work that often requires in depth investigations and the cases are infrequent causing to rusty skills and lack of confidence to pursue. Don excels in all aspects of our duties. He dives into complicated investigations and sees them thru to the end."

Photo caption: Conservation Officer Lt. Greg Payton presents Officer Don Bozovsky the 2014 MNTWS Law Enforcement Award.