



SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION
CHIEF OF POLICE
CRAIG N. MEIDL

LETTER OF AWARD

To: Detective Jeff Barrington
From: Craig Meidl, Chief of Police
Date: October 31, 2017
RE: Distinguished Service Medal

Detective Barrington,

Sergeant Kevin Keller recently nominated you for the Distinguished Service Medal. The Distinguished Service Medal is awarded to employees who have demonstrated outstanding sustained and exemplary performance along with diligence and devotion to duty. The performance should exceed normal demands required or expected over an extended period of time. When the Special Awards Committee reviewed this nomination, it was clear that you are most deserving of this award.

In his nomination, Sgt. Keller wrote: *"Det. Barrington was a long time SWAT Team Member, worked in our Spokane Regional Gang Task Force, and is now one of the more tenured members of our Major Crimes Unit. He has been a part of the Spokane Police Department for approximately 26 years and is one of the hardest working employees in our department. He has never shied away from the most difficult assignments our department has to offer.*

Det. Barrington is one of the most talented investigators in our unit and has been instrumental in solving some of the more heinous crimes in our community. Members of this unit are often times tasked with processing a variety of difficult death investigations and when the death involves a ten month old child, it can be even more taxing.

The detectives in the Major Crimes Unit put in long hours on difficult cases and work hard to remain skilled at their craft. Many people find it difficult to dedicate this type of time and effort. Det. Barrington goes above and beyond by working with new recruits in the academy as the lead instructor in investigative courses. He also volunteers to assist newly assigned detectives with the transition to the Major Crimes Unit. As if this was not enough, Det. Barrington also remains active in our community coaching youth sports.

This work is not unique for Det. Barrington. This is just a snapshot of the fine work that he has been doing for our department for many years now. Det. Barrington was awarded the Employee of the Quarter in 1997 and again in 2011. He received the Chief's Citation for his work with our SWAT Team in 2004 and he received the same award again for his work with Major Crimes in 2012. Det. Barrington also received the Medal of Merit in 2011. Det. Barrington's outstanding work and dedication to our community over twenty plus years should be held out as an example to all."

Det. Barrington, I am proud to present you with the Distinguished Service Medal Award. A copy of this letter will be placed in your personnel file and you will be recognized at the 2017 Annual Employee Award Ceremony in March 2018.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Craig Meidl'.

Craig Meidl
Chief of Police

