



# SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

## CHIEF OF POLICE

### CRAIG N. MEIDL

#### LETTER OF AWARD

To: Sergeant Mike McNab  
From: Craig Meidl, Chief of Police  
Date: October 31, 2017  
RE: Distinguished Service Medal

Sergeant McNab,

Recently, Captain Dave Richards nominated you for the Distinguished Service Medal. The Distinguished Service Medal (DSM) 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, Captain Richards provided a detailed chronological chain of events of a very lengthy investigation in order to show that you "demonstrated outstanding sustained and exemplary performance".

*"The investigation began more than two years ago when we first became aware of reports of indecent exposure incidents in the East Central neighborhood. The investigation was originally assigned to a detective who then decided to retire. Knowing that the first detective was going to retire, Sgt. McNab assigned a second detective in order to maintain continuity in the investigation and to bring him up to speed so there would be no lost time as the investigation proceeded. Sgt. McNab conducted a press conference/release, worked with District 81 security, ensured all school crossing people at the target elementary schools were briefed with the information about the suspect vehicle, and secured a warrant for a GPS Unit for the suspect vehicle.*

*The second detective also decided to retire leaving Sgt. McNab to be the only consistent figure in the Special Victims Unit to "lead the charge" into these incidents. This effort resulted in the perpetrator being charged with eight counts of Indecent Exposure and two counts of Communication with a Minor for Immoral Purposes.*

*At any point, especially when we were not getting any leads on the case, Sgt. McNab could have suspended the case and moved onto the plethora of other cases that continued to cross his desk. Instead, he held onto it and when the suspect struck again, he immediately responded to it which resulted in a confession.*

*After more than two years on this case, Sgt. McNab continues to communicate and work with the Prosecutor's Office on this case. It is my belief that Sgt. McNab's "performance" has exceeded the "normal demands required or expected over an extended period of time".*

Sgt. McNab, I am proud to present you with the Distinguished Service 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 N. Meidl".

Craig Meidl  
Chief of Police

