



## Letter of Award Medal of Merit



To: Officer Christopher LeQuire  
From: Craig N. Meidl, Chief of Police  
Date: September 20, 2017  
Re: Medal of Merit Award

Officer LeQuire,

Sgt. Rich Meyer recently submitted an award nomination for you. When the Special Awards Committee reviewed this nomination, it was clear that you are most deserving of recognition for the Medal of Merit. The Medal of Merit is awarded to members of the Spokane Police Department who distinguish themselves by meritorious achievement or meritorious service. The meritorious actions must clearly surpass that which is normally required or expected. This service or achievement need not be unique but must be exceptional and superior.

On June 7, 2017, a suspect stole a Toyota Tacoma in Virginia with the intent to drive to Spokane where his ex-girlfriend was working. Everybody involved in the case believed that the suspect was headed to Spokane to kill his ex-girlfriend. Fairfax Virginia law enforcement called the victim and warned her. She immediately fled to her family but was concerned about her roommates.

A BOLO was created and published in Rig 9. On Saturday June 10th Officer LeQuire, while off duty, spotted the Tacoma outside of the Chipotles restaurant. Officer LeQuire saw the Virginia plates, contacted Radio to confirm the plates and then watched the vehicle until the PACT team arrived.

This dedication to duty is highly commendable. After reading the reports I fully believe that Officer LeQuire's vigilance prevented a homicide. The suspect had somehow managed to track the victim's whereabouts, knew she was in California and made statements that he was headed there.

Since this year, Officer LeQuire has authored several search warrants that have yielded drugs, guns and have furthered the investigation into some of Spokane's prolific criminal element.

Officer LeQuire on his own accord has sought out additional training in drug investigations and criminal street gangs. He shows up to work highly motivated and willing to make a difference and he has participated in community outreach events, which is part of our departments over all mission. He is very proactive in his patrolling but handles more than his fair share of calls for service.

Officer LeQuire's dedication to his profession has made a difference in the community in which he patrols and is an asset to the Spokane Police Department as a whole.

Officer LeQuire, you have certainly distinguished yourself in the area of meritorious achievement and I am proud to recognize you with the Medal of Merit Award. You will be awarded the Medal of Merit during the annual Employee Awards Ceremony in March 2018 and a copy of this letter will be placed in your personnel file.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Craig N. Meidl".

Craig Meidl  
Chief of Police