



Letter of Award Chief's Citation Award

To: Sergeant John Griffin
From: Craig N. Meidl - Chief of Police
Date: August 21, 2018
Re: Chief's Citation Award

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The work Sergeant Griffin, Officers Yen and Huffman are doing is making Spokane safer by removing impaired drivers from the roadway that might otherwise go undetected.

Sergeant Griffin, your leadership was essential for the creation, funding and development of the unit while creating an atmosphere that allowed the officers to succeed in starting up a new unit within the department, being an active participant in the startup of a City DUI Court and being successful in the mission to the point that the department received a grant to continue the program for another year.

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