



Letter of Award Distinguished Service Medal



To: Officer Stephanie Kennedy
From: Craig N. Meidl, Chief of Police
Date: May, 2019
Re: Distinguished Service Medal

Recently, Lt. Staben 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, Lt. Staben wrote:

"Officer Kennedy serves on the swing shift PACT. She leads the team in search warrants and charging documents. Her exceptional work has extended over years but in 2018 alone she completed 90 charging documents, 45 search warrants and 194 felony charges. Officer Kennedy is one of the finest interviewers on the department. She is responsible for scores of confessions on PACT cases. Officer Kennedy has the skills of a seasoned detective. She can assemble information from numerous incidents to form the basis for search warrants and arrests. Officer Kennedy monitors trackers placed on stolen vehicles after work hours and on days off with no expectation of compensation. Recently, Ofc. Kennedy was called while she was on vacation and she ran to her motel room to write a Wa GPS warrant for a rental vehicle, just in case we needed it. She is enthusiastic every time I see her. The amount of paperwork that she completes is astounding. Officer Kennedy would not be replaceable on PACT.

One example of her exceptional work had to do with credit cards being stolen out of lockers at the YMCA. She learned of approx. 10-15 more victims of similar crimes during that month; the suspects would break the locks off lockers and steal personal items, then immediately use the credit cards and purchase thousands of dollars' worth of pre-paid visa and/or gift cards. During her investigation, she was able to get a license plate and track down the suspects. She received a full confession from the suspects and discovered they were involved in Burglary, Theft, Identity Theft, Criminal Conspiracy, and Leading Organized Crime Ring all over the state of Washington, Idaho, California, and Oregon. She was able to charge them with a total of (95) Felonies between the three suspects and there are more charges coming.

There are many examples of her exceptional work over the years and that is why the Distinguished Service Medal is most appropriate for Officer Kennedy."

Ofc. Kennedy, 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 2019 Annual Employee Award Ceremony in March of 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig Meidl".

Craig Meidl
Chief of Police