



Letter of Award Distinguished Service Medal



To: Detective Elise Robertson
From: Craig N. Meidl, Chief of Police
Date: August 14, 2019
Re: 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 Lt. Braun's nomination, it was clear that you are most deserving of this award. In his nomination, Lt. Braun wrote:

"Detective Robertson is an invaluable asset to the Downtown Precinct. She always carries a case load that far exceeds that of any of her peers without sacrificing quality. It is not uncommon for her to have upwards of 30 cases at any given time and is always willing to take on additional cases. She regularly helps with case screening and never hesitates to assign herself cases that are workable regardless of the complexity of the case.

Detective Robertson has excellent investigative skills. She is able to effectively work cases ranging from assaults and robberies to fraud and arson while always putting forth a high quality work product. A recent example comes from a string of commercial burglaries that took place at a Downtown hotel. She was able to examine keycard entry logs, engineers pass down logs, and handwriting comparisons from internal documents and forged checks to develop probable cause on an employee for several felony charges. Although this is just one example, it is indicative of her work product.

Detective Robertson does an outstanding job assisting our Downtown NRO's. She is always willing to write search warrants, help with charging documents, and conduct interviews to help ensure that every aspect of a case is professionally addressed and of a high quality. This not only ensures that our officers are supported but also works to provide mentorship and increase the knowledge base of our NRO's.

Detective Robertson has worked with the Nike Store and Apple Store to streamline the process of providing our precinct with video footage of crimes to aid in our ability to properly investigate those crimes and identify suspects. This has proven to be crucial in allowing us to not only focus our efforts on our repeat offenders in the Downtown area but has also helped in creating valuable partnerships with area businesses."

Asst. Chief Lundgren added: "While assigned to the Special Victims Unit, Elise was consistently one of the top unit performers. When incidents would occur during the week and outside of work hours, it was often difficult to find detectives who were not on-call to respond. Elise consistently made herself available to assist on cases when she was not on-call. Along with handling one of SVU's highest caseloads, she consistently assisted other detectives with their cases and never missed an opportunity to assist others. I concur with Lt. Braun's observations and her performance and work ethic has been sustained at a high level for the past many years."

Det. Robertson, 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