



Letter of Award Distinguished Service Medal



To: Sergeant Matt Rose
From: Justin C. Lundgren, Interim Chief of Police
Date: February 9, 2024
Re: Distinguished Service Medal

Lt. Kyle Yrigollen 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. Yrigollen wrote:

"Sgt. Rose has worked for the Spokane Police Department since January of 2007. Prior to joining SPD, Sgt. Rose was an officer in California and was assigned to the DARE Unit, SWAT Logistics, and the Street Narcotics Team.

Sgt. Rose was an FTO for SPD from 2008-2009. In 2009 Sgt. Rose was assigned to our Gang Unit Task Force and worked as an officer, corporal, and detective in that unit prior to promoting to Sergeant in 2022. Sgt. Rose has had an outstanding work ethic and devotion to duty. It is not normal to take promotions and remain as assigned in specialized units but when someone has advanced skill sets and sets themselves apart from others, exceptions are made to keep that individual as assigned, which is what happened with Sgt. Rose.

Sgt. Rose was selected in 2014 to the Explosive Disposal Unit. He graduated from the Hazardous Devices School and later the Tactical Bomb Technician course while assigned to our Explosives Disposal Unit. He has done an outstanding job and responded to numerous high-risk incidents while assigned to EDU. Sgt. Rose promoted and due to his superior work ethic and advanced abilities he remained on the EDU team after his Sergeant promotion.

I have had the pleasure to supervise Sgt. Rose since September 2023. I have worked around many talented individuals in my career and Sgt. Rose has stood out amongst that group with his diligence and devotion to duty. Sgt. Rose has sustained superior work performance and commitment to the Spokane Police Department. Sgt. Rose embodies the values of our agency Integrity, Professionalism, and Compassion.

Any time I am given a problem or project needing special attention I think of Sgt. Rose and his team first as they come through with results each time. We are very fortunate to have a supervisor of his caliber at SPD and I believe this sustained exemplary work performance of over 10 years with the Spokane Police Department should be recognized."

Sgt. Rose, 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 Employee Award Ceremony in March 2024.

A blue ink signature of Justin C. Lundgren, written in a cursive style.

Justin C. Lundgren, Interim Chief of Police