



2023
Letter of Award
Officer of the 4th Quarter

To: Officer Joshua Stewart
From: Justin Lundgren, Interim Chief of Police
Date: February 5 , 2024
Re: 2023 Officer of the 4th Quarter Award

Sgt. Ben Maplethorpe recently nominated you for the 2023 Employee of the 4th Quarter Award. Employee of the Quarter nominations are based on either a specific act of unusual meritorious service, a specific project of significance to the community, City, or Department, or sustained superior performance of assigned duties. When the Special Awards Committee reviewed the nominations, it was clear that you are most deserving of this recognition. Sgt. Maplethorpe's nomination included:

"Officer Joshua Stewart was hired in 2021 from the Macon County Sheriff's Office, North Carolina. He came with a wealth of knowledge and experience. Officer Stewart did not hesitate to put these to great use with the Spokane Police Department. He quickly showed himself to be a confident officer, trainer and leader amongst his peers. His 14 years of Law Enforcement experience clearly shines through.

Officer Stewart is a member of the Hostage Negotiation Team and is a Field Training Officer. During the fourth quarter of 2023, Officer Stewart attended the patrol tactics instructor course. He teaches Patrol Tactics, Criminal Procedures and Criminal Law at the BLEA academy and reserve officer academy. He also teaches the FTO academy.

Officer Stewart creates and teaches additional training for the team and provided remedial criminal procedures training to help an officer on the team in the fourth quarter. This was in addition to his FTO duties. He fills an informal leadership role on the team. Other FTOs ask his advice with difficult training issues. I value his experienced opinion on difficult situations. Officer Stewart is patient, tactful and does not hesitate to help.

Officer Stewart has become a primary FTO in which he has created a standard where SPD trains and retains quality officers, which is a prime reason SPD maintains the high standards expected of it by the community. It is a pleasure to watch Officer Stewart on calls as he is always patient with both citizens and officers.

In his off time, Officer Stewart coaches youth basketball and baseball teams. Officer Stewart's dedication to his profession has made a difference in the community in which he patrols, and an asset to the Spokane Police Department as a whole. Ofc. Stewart is a Consummate Professional."

Officer Stewart, you exemplify the best in an employee with your commitment and dedication to your profession, work ethic and passion for team work. The Spokane Police Department is fortunate to have such an employee, and you are worthy of this recognition. You will receive a plaque at our annual award ceremony in March 2024 and a copy of this letter will be placed in your employee file.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Lundgren", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Justin Lundgren
Interim Chief of Police