



**2024**  
**Letter of Award**  
**Distinguished Service Medal**



To: Detective Erin Raleigh  
From: Kevin Hall, Chief of Police  
Date: October 23, 2024  
Re: Distinguished Service Medal

Sergeant Rob Dashiell 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, Sgt. Dashiell included:

*"Detective Raleigh became a member of the Explosives Disposal Unit (EDU) in September 2002, making him the City's senior bomb technician with almost 22 years of service. During this time, he has dedicated himself to professional growth by regularly attending bomb technician courses for the betterment of his knowledge and skills. His training, along with his drive and determination to implement new techniques, have made him an invaluable resource to our department.*

*As a senior bomb technician, Detective Raleigh provides his team with reliable knowledge and skills that are often called upon and central to our success. His well-developed opinions concerning scene assessments, X-ray interpretations, and Render Safe Procedures (RSP) are highly valued and trusted. Detective Raleigh has a respected reputation for his excellent robot skills, which have proven to be instrumental in both EDU RSP procedures and SWAT barricaded suspect incidents. His reliability is a tremendous asset and distinguishes him above many.*

*Detective Raleigh is a self-starter and can be counted on to locate and address important issues. He often takes the lead on necessary projects. His care and use of equipment is another clear display of his work ethic, the time he devotes to the team, and the high standards he sets for himself. As you are aware, team training is delegated to members throughout the year. Detective Raleigh's training plans and preparation are extremely thorough and set an example for other members to follow.*

*During Detective Raleigh's last decade of service to EDU he has also been a member of the Department's Technical Assistance Response Unit (TARU). Although I do not work directly with him in that assignment, I am aware of the time and effort he dedicates to it. I have been present with him on numerous EDU calls, details, and training events when he is juggling both his EDU duties and TARU duties by fielding TARU phone calls and troubleshooting issues over the phone. On multiple occasions I have watched as he finishes an EDU assignment and then goes directly to fulfill a TARU need.*

*Detective Raleigh takes his assignment as a computer forensics specialist seriously. He started in that field of expertise in 2014 and received certification with The International Association of Computer Investigative Specialists (IACIS) in 2015. He became an instructor for IACIS in 2018 and has served on their board of directors as Treasurer since 2022.*

*Detective Raleigh is well respected amongst his fellow bomb technicians, he models and sets a high standard for others to follow, and he has demonstrated "outstanding sustained and exemplary performance along with diligence and devotion to duty" with his 22 years of dedicated service to EDU and his 10 years of service to TARU."*

Det. Raleigh, I am proud to present you with the Distinguished Service Medal Award. A copy of this letter will be placed in your personnel file and you will be recognized at the next Employee Award Ceremony.

Sincerely,

Kevin Hall  
Chief of Police