



2024 Letter of Award Medal of Merit



To: Officer Deanna Storch
From: Kevin Hall, Chief of Police
Date: January 17, 2025
Re: Medal of Merit Award

Lt. Ben Maplethorpe recently nominated you for the Medal of Merit Award. The Medal of Merit is awarded to members of the department who distinguish themselves by meritorious achievement or meritorious service. The meritorious actions must clearly surpass that which is normally required or expected. This service or achievement need not be unique but must be exceptional and superior. When the Special Awards Committee reviewed this nomination, it was clear that you are most deserving of this recognition. Lt. Maplethorpe included the following in his nomination:

"Officer Deanna Storch has been actively tracking Chronic Nuisance Properties. She stays up to date on qualifying calls for service and keeps in constant contact with owners and other interested parties. The information she gathers can lead to Chronic Nuisance Notices, which assist in addressing the issues with the cooperation of the owners.

At the date of this writing, Deanna is monitoring 88 properties across the entire City which have been deemed to be problem locations. She has served 17 of these properties with notices to gain compliance from the owners to fix the problems. As a result of her hard work, an additional nine of these owners have cooperated with The City to fix the problems. Deanna's diligent handling of these properties has led to each of the owners working with us to solve the problems. Additionally, there has been a noticeable decline in crime in the neighborhoods surrounding these addresses as a result of Deanna's intervention.

Deanna's dedication is leading to a safer Spokane. Her actions are a credit to her, the police profession and the Spokane Police Department. I heartily recommend her for the Medal of Merit for her continued support of SPD's mission."

Officer Storch, I am proud to present you with the Medal of Merit Award. You will be awarded the Medal of Merit during the annual Employee Awards Ceremony on March 19, 2025 and a copy of this letter will be placed in your personnel file.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Kevin Hall, written in a cursive style.

Kevin Hall
Chief of Police