



## 2024 Letter of Award Medal of Merit



To: Detective Kelly Mongan  
From: Justin C. Lundgren, Interim Chief of Police  
Date: May 1, 2024  
Re: Medal of Merit Award

Sergeant Matt Rose recently nominated you for the Medal of Merit Award. When the Special Awards Committee reviewed this nomination, it was clear that you are most deserving of this recognition. In his nomination, Sgt. Rose said:

*"The Medal of Merit is awarded for "a series of actions completed in order to accomplish a difficult project or program that brings credit upon the department either internally, externally or both." That project for Det. Mongan is the continual dedication to community service, well over and above expectations, over an extended period bringing credit to the Spokane Police Department internally and externally. Additionally, Officer Mongan has shown sustained and exemplary performance along with diligence and devotion to all duties assigned to him.*

*Officer Mongan has been employed with the Spokane Police Department since December of 2018 after lateral transferring to Spokane PD from the City of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. He came to Spokane with a wealth of knowledge and a tremendous amount of experience as a police officer. He quickly established himself as a confident patrol officer and a leader amongst his peers.*

*In the nine years since his appointment as a Spokane Police Officer, Officer Mongan has consistently demonstrated his proficiency in handling patrol and investigative tasks, and does so with a level of enthusiasm, team spirit, and a sense of service to community like I have never seen. Officer Mongan frequently takes on difficult projects, and never hesitates to put in the extra effort required to achieve a favorable outcome. Sometimes, the outcome is a crucial arrest of a violent wanted subject, and sometimes it is simply gaining the voluntary compliance of a neighborhood problem residence so they can avoid fines or legal trouble.*

*Officer Mongan's current project, a Chronic Nuisance property at on South Cannon St., has gained the attention of the property owner. The result (ongoing) has been a vast improvement in the living conditions for residents there and in the area, a measurable and noticeable decrease in criminal calls for service (as documented by a Crime Analyst), and overall improvement for the lower Cannon Hill neighborhood. Officer Mongan's firm but fair and professional rapport with the property owner was instrumental in this outcome.*

*Officer Mongan builds trust with the community he serves and is a model of ethical policing. Officer Mongan has sustained superior performance of his assigned duties and exemplifies the values of the Spokane Police Department by consistently leading with Integrity, Professionalism, and Compassion."*

Det. Mongan, 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 in March 2025 and a copy of this letter will be placed in your personnel file.

Sincerely,

Justin Lundgren  
Interim Chief of Police