



2024 Letter of Award Officer of the 1st Quarter

To: Officer Andrew Chappell
From: Justin C. Lundgren, Interim Chief of Police
Date: April 26, 2024
Re: 2024 Officer of the 1st Quarter Award

Sergeant Kevin Reese recently nominated you for the 2024 Officer of the 1st Quarter Award. Officer 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. In his nomination, Sgt. Reese included:

"Ofc Chappell began his law enforcement career in 2012 with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and was hired by SPD in 2019. Ofc Chappell takes seemingly cold, dead-end patrol calls he is dispatched to and digs into them with fervor, energy, and intensity. He also self-initiates follow up work on cold cases with the same effort and depth of investigation. Ofc Chappell routinely takes multiple extra steps to ensure a complete investigation is conducted. He spends time talking to neighbors and locating witnesses that many officers would not identify or contact. Ofc Chappell's report writing is of the highest quality; his chain of command has utilized his reports as examples and training material. Ofc Chappell authors high quality search warrants and displays expertise regardless of the complexity of the investigation.

In January, Ofc Chappell authored multiple search warrants during a cold case investigation and developed probable cause to arrest the suspects for Theft in the 1st degree, approximately \$30,000 in personal property, Vehicle Prowling, Identity Theft, Theft in the 2nd degree, Forgery, Money Laundering, Trafficking Stolen Property, and Theft of a Motor Vehicle. This incident led him to discover other cold cases involving the suspects and he authored more search warrants for Forgery, Financial Fraud, and Money Laundering.

Ofc Chappell is innovative in his work: tracking leads, locating surveillance, seizing property, and writing warrants. He frequently utilizes outside of the box methods to locate witnesses and victims. Ofc Chappell frequently contacts a wide range of resources in his work from investigators within SPD, social media accounts, pawn database, the prosecutor's office and all the way to the state brand inspector! He has authored 15 warrants in the first three months of this year. Often times after making an arrest, Ofc Chappell will listen to jail phone calls to further his investigation, document new evidence, and ensure a conviction.

There are more examples to include but, in summary, Ofc Chappell is performing the work of a patrol officer AND self-initiating follow up investigations on cold cases. His quality of work, innovative methods, and impact on the community are why I am nominating him for Officer of the Quarter."

Officer Chappell, you exemplify the best in an employee with your commitment and dedication to your profession, quality investigations 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 2025 and a copy of this letter will be placed in your employee file.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Lundgren", written over a white background.

Justin Lundgren
Interim Chief of Police