

2024 Letter of Award Officer of the 2nd Quarter

To:

Detective Ben Green

From:

Justin C. Lundgren, Interim Chief of Police

Date:

July 23, 2024

Re:

2024 Officer of the 2nd Quarter Award

Sgt. Bode recently nominated you for the 2024 Officer of the 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. Sgt. Bode wrote:

"It is with great pride that I write to you to nominate Det. Ben Green for the Spokane Police Commissioned Employee of the Quarter. As you are aware, Det. Green is the senior detective assigned to the Major Crimes Unit and acts as a mentor to all in the unit. He actively researches and stays ahead of emerging trends in policing and investigating. He is currently carrying the second highest case load in the unit.

Just like his co-workers, he is a tremendous asset to the unit and department. What sets him apart at this time is his recent efforts to enhance the capabilities of the Spokane Independent Investigative Response Team. Ben is a lead detective for SIIR and is assigned additional duties to investigate officer involved use of deadly force. Ben has recently been upgrading all the SIIR forms for efficiency and authoring investigative checklists for detectives to use during incidents. These forms and checklists enhance the capabilities of the unit and ensure compliance with WAC 139-12-010.

It should be noted that Ben saw a better way for the team to function and took it upon himself to complete the task. He was never asked or told to do it and completed the task despite his normal MCU case load. Ben's efforts and work product were immediately implemented by the team and enthusiastically lauded by SPD SIIR leadership as well as SIIR leadership of SCSO and WSP.

Ben's decision to improve the working environment for his peers has brought great credit upon the Spokane Police Department and solidifies our departments commitment to providing top notch investigations to all agencies in Eastern Washington."

Det. Green, 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 2025 and a copy of this letter will be placed in your employee file.

Sincerely

Justin Lundgren
Interim Chief of Police