



**2025
Letter of Award
Distinguished Service Medal**



To: Officer Casey Jones
From: Kevin Hall, Chief of Police
Date: November 25, 2025
Re: Distinguished Service Medal

Sergeant Ryan Smith nominated you for the Distinguished Service Medal Award. 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. Sergeant Smith wrote:

"Officer Casey Jones began his police career in Kansas City, Missouri where he worked for about 3 1/2 years before coming to the Spokane Police Department in 2008. Officer Jones worked diligently to develop his reputation as a hard-working patrol officer. He also served as a Downtown NRO and EVOC instructor. Every single day Officer Jones comes to work he exemplifies our department's vision to serve every member of our community with professionalism, integrity and compassion."

Officer Jones has worked in the downtown precinct for the last ten years. He is a model police officer who his peers look up to. Jones shows up to work every day with a smile and a great attitude. Downtown officers deal with a lot of low-level quality-of-life crimes that have little consequence in the justice system. This can be a drain on officers' morale over time. Casey is consistently the anchor for his team, keeping morale up, helping his peers see their work matters to the business owners and community members alike.

Hands down, Officer Jones is directly and indirectly responsible for more arrests than any other officer in the department. He consistently arrests three to five offenders a day. In fact, he is a legend among the downtown criminals, hated to the point that I've seen vulgar graffiti referring specifically to Officer Jones. One young lady I spoke to recently, attributes her success at overcoming her drug addiction to Casey Jones. She hated Jones for years, but his constant arrests of her finally led to her being incarcerated long enough to seek treatment. This young lady now has a job, vehicle, and apartment, and she is now a contributing member of society. This is but one of many hard-won success stories over the years."

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

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "K. Hall".

Kevin Hall
Chief of Police