



2025 Letter of Award Medal of Merit



To: Detective Daniel Morley
From: Kevin Hall, Chief of Police
Date: January 13, 2026
Re: Medal of Merit Award

Sergeant Ben Green 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. Sgt. Green included the following in his nomination:

"Detective Morley is proactive, responsive to departmental priorities, and willingly takes on challenging and less desirable calls. His reliability and commitment have earned the trust of his Sergeant and his team. Moreover, his innovative problem-solving skills have led to successful resolutions in complex cases, bringing credit to the department internally and externally."

Among his many accomplishments, Detective Morley identified a pattern of Organized Retail Thefts and conducted extensive follow-up over several weeks, ultimately linking multiple thefts to the same group. These four incidents alone accounted for thousands of dollars in stolen merchandise. Over the course of two months, Ofc. Morley investigated the case, identified suspects, and referred charges against five adults for Organized Retail Theft in the 2nd Degree. Ofc. Morley's work addressed both the retail theft problem and targeted chronic offenders impacting Baker Sector.

Additionally, a series of ATM thefts in Spokane using a sophisticated method known as "jackpotting", involved an overseas ringleader, local accomplices, and was ultimately linked to an international investigation led by the U.S. Secret Service. The suspects successfully stole more than \$170,000 from local ATMs. At one crime scene, Detective Morley noticed an empty glove package that had fallen from the suspects' vehicle. Over the following weeks, he traced the gloves to a specific 7-Eleven store, obtained surveillance footage, and identified four suspects. This information led to further key suspect and suspect vehicle connections. Detective Morley's work proved critical to the Secret Service's broader investigation.

These are just two standout cases of many that Detective Morley worked this year. His exceptional report quality and attention to detail earned recognition from several other unit supervisors and investigators. Detective Morley exceeded expectations in 2025 by maintaining high-quality patrol work, self-initiating investigations, resolving cases that might have been overlooked, all with an excellent attitude. His proactive approach and sustained excellence reflect the highest standards of service."

Officer Morley, 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 11, 2026, and a copy of this letter will be placed in your personnel file.

Sincerely,

Kevin Hall
Chief of Police