



2025 Letter of Award Officer of the 3rd Quarter

To: Officer Kellsey Torres
From: Kevin Hall, Chief of Police
Date: October 23, 2025
Re: 2025 Officer of the 3rd Quarter Award

Sergeant Richie Plunkett recently nominated you for the 2025 Officer of the 3rd Quarter Award. Employee 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. Plunkett wrote:

"Officer Kellsey Torres is an experienced officer who came to SPD from Post Falls Police Department as a lateral and has brought her many years of experience to our graveyard team. Her attitude at work is outstanding and she is amazing to work with. She constantly takes big calls and answers up to help any way she can. Officer Torres works extremely hard, gives maximum effort, and is an extremely dependable officer. She shows empathy and compassion with all individuals she deals with. She represents the values of the department in everything she does—Integrity, Professionalism, and Compassion.

We have multiple problem spots on the south side of the city. One of our areas of concern is in the area of Havana/Sprague. Drug use and vagrancy crimes have caused many concerns for residents and businesses in the area. Kellsey has made this a high impact area and constantly patrols for crime. When dealing with homeless individuals here, she balances being compassionate with enforcing laws. This has built rapport with individuals in the area and they have been willing to talk and work further with her. She has found numerous subjects with felony warrants who have eluded law enforcement for months. She has also located numerous Idaho felony warrants and even a few US Marshalls warrants.

Kellsey has handled many big investigations this year which have turned into Major Crimes call-outs on graveyard. In May of this year, she responded to a Homicide at the Ramada Inn. Patrol officers located the suspect in downtown Spokane and at that point, Kellsey took over the preliminary investigation and locked the suspect into a story before taking him to the Gardner Building to which he was eventually charged with Murder 2nd. In July, she responded to a significant Child Abuse call at Sacred Heart Medical Center. Again, she took over the preliminary investigation and started to interview one of the parents. On both of these calls, she received high praise from Detectives regarding her investigation skills and work ethic.

Kellsey is an exceptional officer and receives praises from those who work with and around her. She is a great resource to not only the Spokane Police Department, but also to the City of Spokane.

Officer Torres, 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 March 2026 and a copy of this letter will be placed in your employee file.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kevin Hall", is written over a horizontal line.

Kevin Hall
Chief of Police