2026
Letter of Award
Chief's Citation

To: Morgan Frederick
From: Kevin Hall, Chief of Police
Date: May 28, 2026
Re: Chief's Citation Award

Rayanne Hoopes nominated you and your team to receive the Chief's Citation Award. This award is intended to recognize members of a team or unit for participating in an incident, event, or series of events, or project which has a substantial, positive impact on the community or police department. It must be superior in nature and further the department's mission and overall effectiveness. When the Special Awards Committee reviewed this nomination, it was clear that this team is most deserving of this award. Rayanne's nomination included the following:

"I am pleased to nominate Morgan Frederick and James Schibel for a Chief's Citation in recognition of their exemplary work on the Robert Yates files box project. This team demonstrated exceptional dedication, attention to detail, and professionalism in completing a task of significant historical importance to the Spokane community.

The materials associated with Robert Yates represent a notorious and highly sensitive chapter in the City of Spokane's history. These records required careful handling, organization, and preservation to ensure their long-term integrity and accessibility. Morgan and James took on this responsibility with a high level of ownership and commitment.

Through their efforts, they successfully organized, documented, and properly boxed approximately 90 boxes of evidence and materials. This included a wide range of items such as documents, VHS tapes, disks, binders, and tubes containing maps and investigative timelines. Their meticulous approach ensured that each item was accounted for, preserved appropriately, and stored in a manner consistent with best practices.

The team's work was instrumental in safeguarding original documentation that holds both evidentiary and historical value. Their attention to detail and dedication to preserving these materials will benefit the department and the community for years to come.

Morgan and James's contributions to this project go above and beyond standard job expectations and reflect great credit upon themselves and the department. It is for these reasons that I strongly recommend Morgan and James for a Chief's Citation."

Morgan, I am honored to present you with the Chief's Citation Award. Your team will be presented with a plaque at the annual award ceremony in March of 2027. This letter will be included in your personnel file.

Respectfully,

Kevin Hall
Chief of Police