



Letter of Award



To: Officer Gordon Grant
From: Frank G. Straub, Chief of Police
Date: November 2, 2012
Re: Distinguished Service Medal

Officer Gordon Grant was recently nominated by Officer Mel Taylor for the Spokane Police Department's Distinguished Service Medal. 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 apparent that Officer Gordon Grant is most deserving of this award.

For the past 20 years, Officer Gordon Grant has coordinated the "Cops and Kids" car show at the intersection of Riverside and Washington in downtown Spokane. In 1992, he coordinated the first "Cops and Kids" car show when he was a D.A.R.E. officer and almost every kid in Spokane knew him. From the beginning, there has been a tremendous turn out of contestants, spectators and kids. The message COPS and Kids message is all about safe driving, which saves lives. This has been a positive event for the community and has built a partnership between downtown businesses, kids who cruised Riverside and the Spokane Police Department. Cops and Kids has been the longest running public outreach event sponsored by the Spokane Police Department. Each year Officer Grant obtains donations from downtown businesses to help promote the car show, which is a nonprofit, self-funded event. SPD Reserve Officers and Senior Volunteers assist Officer Grant in the promotion of the car show.

Officer Grant, you have demonstrated sustained and exemplary performance along with diligence and devotion to duty and I am proud to recognize you with the Distinguished Service Medal. You will be given the Distinguished Service Medal and uniform bar at our annual Employee Awards Ceremony in 2013. A copy of this document will be placed in your department personnel file.

Sincerely,

Frank G. Straub, Jr.
Chief of Police

