



Letter of Award

Distinguished Service Award



To: Officer Bill Hager
From: Frank G. Straub, Chief of Police
Date: January 25, 2013
Re: Distinguished Service Medal

Officer Bill Hager was recently nominated for the 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 clear that Officer Hager is most deserving of this award.

Officer Bill Hager responded to a burglary call on January 12, 2012. When he arrived, the complainant stated that her father had just recently passed away. Based on evidence in the home, Officer Hager determined the suspects might return to the location to take even more property. He contacted neighbors who allowed officers to watch the location. After two days, the suspects did return and Officer Hager arrested two suspects. It appeared that the suspects were burglarizing the homes of persons listed in obituaries in the newspaper. Officer Hager felt the need to give this family immediate personal service due to the recent loss of their father.

The complainant wrote to the Chief that "Officer Hager was exceptional, a model of what a police officer should be." Several months later, the sergeant working in the detective's office wrote that "in the last several years in the detective's office, I have had the opportunity to see much of Officer Hager's work and I agree with the complainant, he is exceptional." Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Michael Nelson wrote that he was extremely impressed with the investigative skills of Officer Hager and referred to him as "intelligent, capable and proactive."

Officer Hager, I am proud to present you with the Distinguished Service Award. A copy of this letter will be placed in your personnel file. You will be recognized at the Annual Employee Award Ceremony, on February 21, 2013.

Frank G. Straub, Jr.
Chief of Police