



# SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

FRANK STRAUB, Ph.D.

## LETTER OF AWARD DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

TO: Officer Jake Jensen  
FROM: Frank G. Straub, Chief of Police  
DATE: November 15, 2014  
RE: Distinguished Service Medal

Officer Jake Jensen was recently nominated for the Distinguished Service Medal by Sergeant Shawn Kendall. The Distinguished Service Medal 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 Jensen is most deserving of this award.

Sergeant Kendall wrote:

*"I am requesting that Officer Jake Jensen be considered for the Distinguished Service Medal.*

*In his 13 years of service, Officer Jensen has made tremendous contributions to our Community, our Department and to Law Enforcement in our region. His contributions to SWAT, Defensive Tactics, Firearms, and K-9 have taken those exposed to his instruction, to a higher level of knowledge and performance.*

*Jake has been recognized for several acts of bravery and decision making throughout his career with the Spokane Police Department. His contributions in training have had a huge impact on the Spokane Police Department's work product.*

*His efforts are tireless as he expands on his instructor level knowledge. His titles include the following: Master K-9 Trainer with the Washington State Police Canine Association, CJTC Handgun Firearms Instructor, Defensive Tactics Field Instructor and Patrol Procedures Instructor in Building Search Disciplines.*

*He has taken these skills and applied them to the development of our Training Unit and Specialty Teams. He is a key instructor in our Department's Use of Force Report Writing Course, Crisis Intervention Training and In-Service sessions covering topics of Defensive Tactics, Firearms, Patrol Procedures, and K-9.*

*Jake is one of our primary instructors in our internationally recognized course, "Advanced K-9 Handler Course." The Spokane Police K-9 Unit recently hosted the Washington State Police Canine Association spring seminar. Jake took the lead in the logistics and scheduling of this course.*





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*This was a huge undertaking. The coordination and logistics involved were extremely time-consuming. He took on this task with very short notice and produced one of the most successful K-9 seminars this association has offered. Much of this work was done on his own time.*

*Jake has many qualities that have contributed to his success with Spokane Police Department. His approach to task operation is very well organized and systematic. He is always prepared and routinely has contingencies enhancing the success of any task he takes on and thereby enhancing the image of the Spokane Police Department.*

*His demeanor is calm, supportive, knowledgeable and, most importantly, humble. This creates an ideal atmosphere for the student to learn under his instruction. His prior FTO experience and community coaching contributions have molded him into an outstanding instructor.*

*I feel Jake is most deserving of the Distinguished Service Medal."*

Officer Jensen, 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.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Frank G. Straub".

Frank G. Straub, Ph.D.  
Chief of Police

