



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE
FRANK STRAUB, Ph.D.

To: Officer Tim Ottmar
From: Frank Straub, Jr., Chief of Police
Date: July 14, 2014
Re: 2nd Quarter Employee of the Year

Recently, Captain David Richards nominated Neighborhood Conditions Officer (NCO) Tim Ottmar for Employee of the 2nd Quarter, 2014. 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 Officer Ottmar is most deserving of this recognition.

Captain Richards writes:

"The South Police Service Area/Precinct was established in November, 2013. At that time, Officer Tim Ottmar was attached to the South Police Service Area as an NCO. He already had extensive previous experience serving as an NCO on the south side of Spokane.

The South Police Service Area is made up of three Police Districts which are P5 (South Central District), P6 (South East District) and P7 (South West District). Of the three districts, Officer Ottmar has the normal responsibility for two of them which are the South East and South West Districts (or 66% of all Districts).

I immediately recognized the fact that Officer Ottmar was always willing to go "the extra mile" and put in a tremendous amount of effort in all that he did as an NCO.

Officer Ottmar's outstanding service and ability truly came to light during the second quarter of 2014. The other South side Service Area NCO was forced to take extended medical leave for surgery. At that time, Officer Ottmar became the ONLY Southside NCO. He was immediately responsible for all NCO duties for all three Patrol Districts. Officer Ottmar was the sole South NCO for two months from April 3, 2014 through June, 5, 2014.

The first part of April of every year marks at least the symbolic beginning of spring because of spring break for the schools but also the beginning of the special events season in the downtown and south areas of Spokane. This year was no different. The special events that Officer Ottmar had to be concerned with for the South Police Service area were events such as Bloomsday, Junior Lilac Parade, the Torchlight/Lilac Parade, etc. Any event that takes place in the downtown area has an effect on the south side of Spokane and Officer Ottmar had to deal with those issues.

Officer Ottmar is also assigned two COP Shops as part of his duties. These COPS Shops are COPS Southeast at 29th and Regal and Greater Spokane COPS in Downtown Spokane. He regularly





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interfaces with the volunteers at both COPS Shops and understands the different motivations and concerns at each location and is able to provide the assistance and guidance needed for each location. He utilizes his volunteers at these locations for proactive crime fighting activities and community outreach such as the Neighbors on Patrol (NOP) program and the Stolen Vehicle Recovery and Prevention Outreach Program. Below is a partial list of the proactive efforts by Officer Ottmar:

- *East Central commercial burglary outreach to victims for suspect identification and CPTED guidance*
- *Foot patrol and bike patrol in the South Perry Business District*
- *Foot patrol and bike patrol in the East Sprague Business District*
- *Located and arrested prolific burglary/thief in the Hot Spot in the Garry Park neighborhood in April, 2014*
- *Neighborhood canvas and flier distribution at and around problem addresses in all areas of the South Police Service Area.*
- *Repeated interaction with East Trent commercial burglary victim to where the target was hardened to the point where they were no longer experiencing incidents at their location.*
- *Continual problem address identification, analysis and solution strategy development.*
- *Proactive efforts on the removal of transients and “campers” in and around medical treatment and service providers such as The Ronald McDonald House, Sacred Heart Hospital, Deaconess Hospital, Shriner’s Hospital and all other areas of the South West District that tend to attract such nuisances.*
- *Proactive focus and enforcement in and around problem addresses in neighborhoods that are more remote in the South Police Service Area, i.e., Latah Creek, West Plains, West Hills, etc. where he has made stops and arrests at these locations.*
- *Proactive follow up at various hotels/motels on the south side to assist them with preventing vehicle prowling, burglaries and thefts of their businesses and of their guests.*

Officer Ottmar also never hesitates to assist in other areas of the city where needed. He has actively participated in special operations both in the Downtown Service Area but also in the North Service area as well. Basically, if someone asks for help, he’s the first one to step forward.

He attends many neighborhood council meetings in the South Police Service area and is always available for any extra meetings or presentations that come about. He actively participated in two COPS Crime Prevention Forums during the months that he was the sole NCO. He was able to provide important information to the citizens that attended these special meetings. He also is very involved in any special operations that are conducted in our service area no matter what time of day or night they may occur.

Officer Ottmar’s dedication, performance and attitude were not only outstanding during this second quarter but always have been outstanding in our time working together in the Southside Police Service Area.





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I highly recommend Neighborhood Conditions Officer Tim Ottmar for the Spokane Police Department's Employee of the 2nd Quarter, 2014. As is very evident, he is most deserving of this special recognition."

Officer Ottmar, your leadership and dedication set an excellent example for all employees. We are fortunate to have such a dependable, innovative, and dedicated professional and you are very deserving of recognition. Along with this document, you are being issued a framed certificate. You will also be given the Employee of the 2nd Quarter plaque at our annual Employee Awards Ceremony in 2014. A copy of this document will be placed in your personnel file.

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Chief of Police

