



# SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

## CHIEF OF POLICE

### CRAIG N. MEIDL

To: Officer Casey Jones  
From: Craig Meidl, Chief of Police  
Date: March 30, 2017  
Re: 2016 Employee of the Year

Ofc. Jones,

Last year, Sgt. Kurtis Reese nominated you for the Employee of the Quarter Award. 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 you are most deserving of this recognition. In his nomination, Sergeant Reese wrote:

*"While Officer Jones has been with the Spokane Police Department, he has worked very hard to establish a reputation of hard work, solid investigations and a self-initiated ability to repeatedly catch criminals. He takes a high number of calls for service, he arrests an above average number of criminals on warrants and he does whatever is asked of him without complaining. He shows up every day with a smile on his face and a positive attitude.*

*He is dedicated to community outreach and engages members of the community that are traditionally more cautious of the police. Because of his dedication, service and professionalism, he has brought a very positive light on the Spokane Police Department. He does not do it for recognition, and in most cases, he didn't know he was being filmed. Officer Jones goes above and beyond what is required of him on a daily basis.*

*Officer Jones' community engagement actions over the past year have brought at least 6 positive community stories about the Spokane Police Department. Because of his dedication and service, he has had a positive impact on thousands of citizens who have watched, shared and liked his videos. The list is too long to submit on this form. Officer Jones has been doing this style of community engagement for years without any kind of recognition. He is fully deserving of this award and he is an example for what all Spokane Police Officers should strive to emulate."*

Officer Jones was also observed by Ombudsman Bart Logue. Mr. Logue was downtown talking to a couple of citizens. While he was chatting, he observed a Spokane Police cruiser pull up to the playground area in River Front Park. The Officer got out of his car, and began interacting with the children. Over about a 10 to 15 minute period of time, a group of kids and adults began to surround the officer. The kids were clearly very interested in the patrol car and the officer took out some of the equipment from the trunk and provided a quick demonstration. Mr. Logue went over to the Officer to see who it was. It was at this time that Mr. Logue met Officer Casey Jones. Mr. Logue goes on to say, *"It is my opinion, and the opinion of the two citizens that I was with, that Officer Jones should be commended for his positive interactions with the community. I only watched for about ten minutes or so, but I was very impressed. Well done!"*

Officer Jones, you exemplify the best in an employee with your initiative, dependability, professionalism, and dedication to the community. The Spokane Police Department is fortunate to have such an employee, and you are extremely worthy of this recognition. You will receive a plaque at our annual award ceremony in March 2017 and a copy of this letter will be placed in your employee file.

Craig Meidl  
Chief of Police

