



SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE
FRANK STRAUB, Ph.D.

To: Corporal Jeffrey McCollough
From: Chief Frank Straub
Date: January 29, 2014
Re: Medal of Merit Award

Corporal Jeffrey McCollough was recently nominated by Sgt. Vigesaa for the Medal of Merit Award. The Medal of Merit is awarded to members of the department who distinguish themselves by meritorious achievement or meritorious service. The meritorious actions must clearly surpass that which is normally required or expected. This service or achievement need not be unique but must be exceptional and superior. It is apparent that Corporal McCollough is more than deserving of this award.

Sgt. Vigesaa wrote:

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the high quality and quantity work performance of Cpl. McCollough. I was given the opportunity to work with and supervise Cpl. McCollough this year and witness what a valuable asset he is to the Spokane Police Department and the Spokane community. Cpl. McCollough consistently works to the highest level that any supervisor could ask of any officer.

Cpl. McCollough is best known for his unmatched ability to recognize subjects involved in criminal activity in Spokane. He not only knows most of the Repeat Offenders and Active Offenders but recognizes many other subjects he has encountered during past investigations. He has been labeled by his co-workers as the "FRE" or "Face Recognition Expert".

During this past year, Cpl. McCollough has demonstrated outstanding work in regards to the apprehension of violent felons in the Spokane area. He is so well known for his ability to find wanted subjects that he is often contacted for assistance by other officers and detectives within the department, The Department of Corrections, other police agencies, and the United States Marshalls for information sharing and assistance locating subjects they may be looking for. Cpl. McCollough is also a member of the United States Marshalls Service Violent Fugitive Task Force.

Cpl. McCollough has an approachable, easy going and respectful demeanor that allows him to gain information from subjects involved in criminal activity in Spokane. With this unique quality, he has acquired and maintains confidential informants. He properly manages and regularly gains important criminal information that is passed on daily to other officers and crime analysts.

The following are just a few of the many cases where Cpl. McCollough has been the key officer in locating and arresting wanted violent felons:

A subject was wanted for a recent drive by shooting in NE Spokane where a citizen was shot. Cpl. McCollough followed up on the investigation by coming to work on his day off to complete a Phone Order Trace. The trace showed the subject was in California. That information was shared with the US Marshalls who were able to locate the subject in California.





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In another example, Cpl. McCollough investigated and worked with informants to locate a Spokane murder suspect. Cpl. McCollough located the suspect a few days after the murder.

Cpl. McCollough investigated and worked with informants and detectives this summer and located two other subjects wanted for separate Bank Robberies in Spokane.

Cpl. McCollough and his current team are consistently in contact with habitual criminals. Cpl. McCollough has not only gained a solid reputation among local law enforcement as the "go-to" person for finding wanted felons, but he has also gained a reputation among criminals in Spokane. He and his daily patrol vehicle are well known in this element. One example of this was an arrest of a subject wanted for Robbery this summer. The team had the subject detained and the subject was lying about his name. Cpl. McCollough parked away from the subject and began walking up. The subject looked over and saw Cpl. McCollough as he was walking up. The subject dropped his head and said Cpl. McCollough "knew everyone". The subject then gave up his true name after seeing Cpl. McCollough.

Cpl. McCollough is often contacted on his days off by informants and law enforcement with information and questions that he addresses immediately, regardless of whether it is his scheduled "work day". His work quality and quantity (which is 24 /7) and the information he gains and shares makes Spokane a safer place. I continually hear the descriptor of "amazing" from co-workers in law enforcement when they describe Cpl. McCollough.

Cpl. McCollough's continuous meritorious work ethic and achievements bring credit and pride to the SPD and I believe he should be considered for the Spokane Police Department's Medal of Merit.

Corporal McCollough, you have certainly distinguished yourself in the area of meritorious achievement, and I am proud to recognize you with the Medal of Merit Award. You will be given the Medal of Merit at our annual Employee Awards Ceremony. A copy of this document will be placed in your department personnel file.

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

Frank Straub, Ph.D.
Chief of Police

