



# SPOKANE POLICE DIVISION

## CHIEF OF POLICE

### CRAIG N. MEIDL

To: Detective Marty Hill  
From: Craig Meidl, Chief of Police  
Date: January 31, 2017  
Re: Medal of Merit Award

Detective Hill,

Sgt. Zach Storment recently nominated you for the Medal of Merit Award. The Medal of Merit is awarded to members of the Spokane Police 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. When the Special Awards Committee reviewed the nominations, it was clear that you are most deserving of this recognition. Excerpts from the nomination:

*"I have had the distinct honor of working with Detective Hill for the past 2 years in Major Crimes and have interacted with him throughout my career.*

*Detective Hill has been a part of many different units within the department over the years; SWAT, SIU, and the Hostage Negotiation Team, to name a few. But the bulk of work making him deserving of this award comes from his work in Major Crimes. As a Major Crimes Detective and Special Victims Unit Detective before that, he has been deeply immersed in society's worst happenings. Nothing that lands on his desk will conclude with a happy ending. Yet, he doesn't let this affect his disposition and carries on with faith in the system. He often refers to his role as being a "fact finder" and that it is not for him to judge but to uncover the truth.*

*During his time in the Major Crimes Unit, Detective Hill has led some of the unit's most complex homicide investigations. One example is a case he has been working on for several years now. The case involved gang members, uncooperative witnesses, and even deceitful "witnesses". In some jurisdictions this would be written off as unsolvable. Detective Hill, however, has been absolutely relentless. By taking many small pieces of information from many different sources, he has been able to build his case. The suspect in this homicide is incredibly violent and has victimized many of Spokane's citizens. Detective's Hill's work will hopefully lock him away for the rest of his life.*

*Beyond the actual case work, Detective Hill deserves a large amount of credit for Major Crimes being the unit that it is. He sets a tremendous example with his professionalism, work ethic and positive attitude. He is always around and constantly has work on the mind. Detective Hill loves the City of Spokane and its Police Department. He is one of the fortunate few who have found the role in life he was born to fulfill. I can think of no one more deserving and hope you will see fit to award him the Medal of Merit."*

Detective Hill, 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 in 2017. A copy of this document will be placed in your department personnel file.

Craig Meidl  
Chief of Police

