



Letter of Award Silver Star



To: Detective Tim Madsen #366
From: Scott Stephens, Interim Chief of Police
Date: August 13, 2012
Re: Silver Star Award

Detective Madsen, recently Lt. Walker nominated you for the Silver Star Award. The Silver Star is awarded to employees who have displayed courageous actions above and beyond that normally expected. These acts of courage do not rise to the level of the voluntary risk of requirements for the Medal of Valor, but are displays of exemplary acts of bravery. When the Special Awards Committee reviewed this nomination, it was clear that you are most deserving of this recognition.

On June 19th, 2012 at around 1600 hours, Spokane County Sheriffs deputies stopped a vehicle in north Spokane. A suspect shot both deputies and then fled the area. Law enforcement personnel from all agencies in the Spokane area responded to assist. One of the responders was SPD Detective Tim Madsen. The suspect had entered an occupied home of an elderly female and at gun point demanded her vehicle keys. Detective Madsen began checking rural roads with a limited description of the stolen vehicle. He observed a vehicle that appeared similar to that of the suspect vehicle. Just as the vehicle approached and was a very close distance from him, he observed the suspect reach out the window and fire his gun at him. Detective Madsen was alone at this time and there were no other police vehicles around. He began pursuing the suspect vehicle northbound eventually onto Highway 2. Detective Madsen kept the suspect in sight and at the same time he drove in a manner that didn't create more risk to the public. A Spokane County Sheriffs deputy assisted Detective Madsen briefly until his vehicle was involved in a collision with the suspect's vehicle. Detective Madsen continued pursuing the suspect again with no other officer in sight. The suspect eventually crashed his vehicle into another patrol car and took his own life.

Detective Madsen, you will be awarded the Silver Star Medal and the uniform Silver Star Bar during the annual Employee Awards Ceremony in February 2013. A copy of this letter will be placed in your personnel file.

Scott Stephens
Interim Chief of Police