



Seattle Police

"Thank an Employee"

Commendation

Name

Comments

To provide you with these monthly commendations in a timely manner, please note that some may be redacted and paraphrased appropriately, and/or transcribed exactly as found in its original format, complete with any erroneous spelling. Specific details about incident numbers, complainants or victims from the incident are also removed from the commendation where appropriate.

Employee(s)

September 2019

David Moore #7539

My work partner and I are King County DCRs. We were attempting a late night assessment and potential involuntary psychiatric detention and requested back up. Officer Moore and his partner, Officer Patin #6283, arrived. We established our expectations with one another and they found our patient in a park, close to where we were expecting. These two officers were exemplary in their handling of a potentially volatile patient and ably engaged with him and helped persuade our patient to access assistance; when he was quite resistant initially. I believe without the assistance of these two officers, we would not have been able to work on a positive outcome for this young man who is in need of psychiatric and social service care and who is at high risk of deteriorating.

Dirk Patin #6283

Officer Patin and his partner, Officer Moore #7539, responded when I and my partner, required assistance with our duties as Designated Crisis Responders. We were attempting a 4 AM assessment and possible psychiatric detention of a young man, who was sleeping in a park there. Officer Patin was especially good at using his skills in working with our patient and establishing significant rapport and aiding us in our duties. He and his partner assisted us in talking to our patient and into getting him to accept a voluntary placement at Crisis Solutions and to access the help he needs, from a psychiatric and social services basis. Officer Patin and Officer Moore deserve huge kudos for working a potentially sticky situation into a positive outcome, which I don't know could have happened without their service.

Officer Name Not Provided

I called SPD last night around 2:15am, after being woken up from what I thought was someone trying to break into the business on the first floor of my condo building. He proceeded to try to open all the doors on the first floor. While this individual was banging/pulling on the doors enough to wake me up, I later realized that he was just really, really drunk. SPD came and quickly de-escalated the situation and gave the individual a ride home. I doubt the two officers knew I was watching/listening from my balcony, but they were extremely professional with the "suspect," and gave him a ride home, thus getting him out of the neighborhood where he was bothering the public. Kudos to your two cops who handled this annoying situation very well!

Todd Brothers #6117

He took my report about the computer scam I was involved in and was very gentle and understanding even though I felt like an idiot for falling for the scam. He was very patient with me telling the sordid details of how I'd been violated.

Abraham Estrada #8608 *Officer Estrada and his partner that evening were incredibly kind, direct, and knowledgeable with me. Despite the simplicity of my call and need of assistance to report unusually hostel behavior from my neighbor that day, the officers both were open to hearing what happened and really great listeners. More importantly they swooped in to offer a solution and help to educate both myself and the neighbor in question so that we were compliant with the law and what we can both do to handle this matter civilly. This was the first call I have ever made to the police regarding any issue before, and I appreciate the officers professionalism and ability to be relatable and kind to both parties. It is very comforting to know as a Seattleite and home owner that if I have even a non-emergency and need assistance that I can receive the help I need and in a timely matter. Thank you for your hard work! Stay safe out there! You are SO appreciated.*

Keith Tisdale #8560 *Officer Tisdale facilitated a community member ride along with me. He was extremely professional and explained procedures in detail to me as I rode along. I learned how challenging a police officer career is, but the importance of proper training and how officer teamwork plays a role in protecting the City of Seattle. Thank you for taking the time to answer all my questions!!! You are a great example of a model officer!*

Officer Name Not Provided *E Union Street in Madrona is a speedway. Today (September 5, at 7:55 a.m.) while walking to work, I observed a motorcycle police officer (name unknown, but he was male) pull over a female driver for speeding in the active school zone and plowing through a school crosswalk that had children preparing to cross. It was not surprising that the police rapidly observed speeding because this is the first time I recall seeing the area being enforced in a decade. The driver was shouting and crying and making a huge scene, but the officer remained calm and professional and continued to issue the ticket. I am commending the officer for not letting off another driver with a warning--only to do this again and potentially kill a child. I wanted to personally thank the officer, but I realized that would interfere with his duties and so I respectfully let him continue. So I'm expressing my thanks here. Also, a HUGE thank you to this officer and the SPD for enforcing the speed limit on this street. E Union Street is one of only two main east-west arterials, and drivers drive on them like freeways despite being in a residential area. Thank you!*

Officer Name Not Provided *I would like to thank the officer that pulled my mother over on Aurora Avenue around 10pm last night. The officer (whose name I unfortunately do not recall) was friendly and put my mother and I both at ease with a sweet smile on his face. He compassionately let my mother go with just a warning for her expired tabs (the reason for the pull-over). To me, it was a heaven-sent implementation of police discretion: My mother was truly unaware that her tabs were expired and she has not had the bandwidth to handle such tasks while caring for my sick aunt for the past year (while also working full-time). More, it was a much-needed pass for her, as she has been completely broke since my brother unexpectedly passed away earlier this year, and she could not have possibly been able to afford a ticket. THANK YOU*

Jon Rudd #7120

Recently, my family of four flew from Boston to Seattle (where I was born in 1949 and lived in Ballard for a very short time until my mom and dad and older brother moved east to Massachusetts). So, fast-forward to about a year ago, my wife, son and daughter, talked about going to Seattle (and a return HOME for me) and seeing the Pacific Northwest. On this day, the last in August, the guys would attend the opening game between the Washington Huskies and the Eastern Washington Eagles while the ladies went shopping. But, of course. And, they'd pick us up after the game. My son and I enjoyed the atmosphere at the stadium, the great weather, and the many boats tied up within walking distance to the stadium. Everyone was having a grand time. At the end of the game, my son and I left the stadium and began walking to a spot where we'd rendezvous with the ladies. At a crosswalk, at a certain intersection, I believe at Montlake Blvd E and the West on-ramp to 520 and I-5, we approached the spot where a friendly and affable Seattle police officer was stationed to assist us and anyone else to get across a very busy spot. As we waited our turn to cross, we briefly chatted with Officer Rudd. He was very easy to talk with, very affable, with a sincere and winning smile and laugh. He was truly interested in what we had to say and the same for us with what he said. Officer Rudd, as we recall, a Texas native, is an absolute treasure for Seattle and for your police department. He is a pro's pro!

John Paquette #6076

Officer Paquette helped us after an arson attempt at our religious facility. He showed up quickly and he did an excellent job of making me feel at ease so that I was able to answer his questions. He was courteous and professional and answered all of my questions. I look forward to letting our community know that we had such an excellent police officer helping us.

John Paquette #6076

Officer Paquette was courteous and professional. He explained the process of investigation really well, and he took time getting statements from everyone and collecting evidence. He made me feel like SPD was going to put forth its best effort to catch the person who committed this crime. He also seems like a really nice guy.

John Paquette #6076

It was disturbing to walk up to my religious center to find that someone hated us enough to try and set it on fire. I felt violated and honestly wanted all sirens and crime scene tape. However when Officer Paquette started his investigation and I watched the care and precision he took in both the interviews and evidence collection, I decided that he took this as seriously as one could. At the same time, he has a personality that is comforting. Great asset to the SPD and Seattle. Thank you!

John Paquette #6076

Officer Paquette was extremely respectful and responsive to an attempted arson at my place of worship. I arrived just after the 911 call was placed for a planned rehearsal. Officer Paquette did thorough due diligence in looking at the patterns of broken glass and listening to our concerns. I was very impressed with his tone and manner and it was very helpful at a very stressful time for our community.

Officer Name Not Provided

Your SPD departments have made me even more proud of the people you employ. Great performance!!

Alan Cruise #6028 *I write today to express my appreciation for Detective Alan Cruise. In early July 2019, I was the victim of a car prowler; thereafter Detective Cruise became involved in the case. With all the unwelcome press and severe neglect... of our local and national Public Safety Heroes, Detective Cruise stands out in a most tremendous manner. He established an atmosphere of trust and respect that was indeed a welcome relief. Detective Cruise made an uncomfortable situation much better, and followed through impeccably during the return of my belongings, including my vehicle. Detective Cruise is a tremendous Ambassador for the City of Seattle and all Public Safety Officials, it is my honor to acknowledge him. Thank You!*

Hayden Hogg #8472 *Victim called to report order violation and believed the suspect would come to her house. Officer Hogg sat outside her residence for an hour and arrested the suspect when he did show up, for his second time violating this order. Victim was very appreciative of his efforts to keep her safe.*

Officer Name Not Provided *There is actually 2. One for the extremely nice officer who helped me find the correct bus. And the other in the black van that gave my 3 year old the best gift of a sticker from a police officer. I am a single mom and we were trying to find our way home from his preschool. The first officer took the time to help us figure out where we needed to catch the next bus. Then while waiting for the bus that was running late a black police van pulled up. My son loves anything with an engine especially police cars, airplanes and trains. The van had their window rolled down. My son was watching them and I told him to say hi. He did and waved. The officer waved back and my son just smiled. Such a big smile. Then the officer offered him a sticker. Such a small thing made his day. He wanted to wear the stick right then and it only came off because he had to take a bath. I just wanted to thank them both for being a bit of light in a long frustrating day. Thank you!*

Officer Name Not Provided *Thank you for attending West Seattle Elementary Be There Rally. Our students were very excited to see so many district and city officials on the red carpet. We know it takes a village to educate children and we are grateful for your support. We believe that with our hard work and our "Village", we will meet our goal of ensuring that all students read at standard by the end of third grade, especially those the furthest from educational justice, starting with black boys. Also, thank you for participating and handing out supplies to our students. Our students love seeing the police staff being involved in our school.*

Christopher Coles #6940 *I was so impressed with Officer Coles' ability to respond to one of our tenants in crisis. He was patient, attentive, trauma-informed and compassionate. Officer Coles did not rush the process and took a sincere interest in this gentleman's wellbeing. He also managed to find a personal connection with this tenant and used that to help convince him to go to the hospital. This was a truly exemplary experience with SPD. We need more Officer Coles out there!*

Christopher Perry #8404 *This incredible officer went SO FAR beyond the call of duty to find/rescue my son. I seriously can't thank him enough!*

Patricia Howard #5382 *I have worked with Patricia Howard multiple times over the past 5 years during my employment with the City of Seattle. Every single contact with her has been extremely professional and she is knowledgeable of her duties and profession. I want to thank her for her service and going above and beyond during every contact.*

Jacob Johnson #7754
Frederick Bisch #8492

A condo resident requested that an SPD representative present regarding safety/security issues at our recent condo board meeting. Officers Johnson and Bisch presented and were great in offering us concrete information and advice as to how to address safety/security concerns in a straightfoward, practical, and helpful manner. We appreciate our local law enforcement and their taking time out for us to listen and provide support. Thank you!

Felton Miles #5110

Officer Miles does an excellent job of slowing residential street vehicles on our neighborhood arterial of 15th Ave NE on Capitol Hill. We are so deeply grateful to him when he is present to insure vehicles yield to pedestrians and follow the speed limits in our neighborhood. We are grandparents who walk this street Monday through Friday between 7:40 and 8:30 a.m. and again from 5:00 to 6:00. We take care of our grandson, picking him up from his apartment home on 15th and taking him back home by stroller and by walking with him hand-in-hand. We know we are safe with Officer Miles there. Without him, 15th Ave NE is not only dangerous to cross because cars go way over the speed limit but it is also dangerous to walk the sidewalk on 15th between East Howe and East Galer because vehicles careen along that street at excessively high speeds. We thank Officer Miles for his service and the positive difference he makes in our neighborhood street safety. We wish he or a colleague as equally excellent as he is could be there every day! Thank you Officer Miles!

Raymond Fischer #8599

I was stopped and didn't know I had a very old (and mistaken) warrant. Officer Fischer was so kind to me and I just want you to know that I really appreciated him talking to me and my dad and lawyer with friendly respect. It could have been a really bad day for me but because of him it wasn't. I would also really like him to know it was all cleared up in 5 minutes the next day. Thank you for being so awesome!

Officer Name Not Provided

Kudos! Greetings! I'm not sure if this is the correct email address, but wanted to at least try to get this info to someone! I am a Seattle commuter and love driving along the waterfront and watching the demolition of the viaduct. I then continue South until I get to the Dearborn/Alaskan Way intersection (right by the end of the new tunnel). Every morning without fail, there is this female officer directing traffic (rain or shine). I never fail to admire her determination, energy and focused efforts each day! She strides out to this heavily traffic area with purpose and confidence, and there is no doubt who is in charge. As someone who is older, I totally admire her physical efforts with waving hands and circling wrists -- she's into it 100%! First time I've ever written an email on a traffic officer but this woman rocks!

Toner Eren #7238

Toner is amazing! We have an ongoing issue with a neighboring business and their parking problems. They are constantly blocking our driveways and access to our business. Toner is highly responsive, communicates with us all the time, and on top of that is super friendly. Whenever we have a problem Toner is on top of it, usually within an hour. And the problem is solved. Thank you so much for your great service! You help our business run smoother and are a pleasure to have in our corner.

Officer Name Not Provided

I was approached by a man on the street in front of this house and he asked me to call the paramedics because he was suicidal. He was an Air Force veteran looking for the VA hospital and said he wanted to jump in front of a car. I called 911 and the dispatcher was incredibly helpful and sent help right away. Several police officers arrived, and then an ambulance and everyone involved was kind and compassionate and helpful. They engaged with the man in an honest and helpful way, and I was very impressed. I just wanted to pass on my appreciation to everyone involved. Thank you.

Officer Name Not Provided	<i>I just wanted to say a huge Thank You to the officers who came to my door and found my car. I reported it stolen on Monday, Sept 16, 2019 around 5 pm. I received a call that it had been found the next day, on Tuesday around 5 pm. My husband and I picked it up Tuesday evening and it seems to be running fine. THANK YOU so much for your excellent work!</i>
Officer Name Not Provided	<i>One officer in the Seattle Police Department, makes frequent visits to Spruce Street Inn. Every time this officer is there he takes time to talk to the kids and tries to get to know them. He's always happy and upbeat, and tends to be the kid's favorite cop. He always go above and beyond to help our kids. He is also very active about trying to initiate conversations with the kids about their future. This officer also offered to set up a pizza night with the kids, which is such a great way to give our kids some community connections. He has also gone way above and beyond for one of our youths' who is struggling. He has continued to fight for her case to be seen and heard when it matters most. A Big Thank You from the Spruce Street Inn!</i>
Felicia Cross #8047	<i>I have to applaud Felicia for insisting that I take the Community Police Academy course, and for really putting her heart and soul into it. I was shocked to find out that she not only is instrumental in the organization of everything, but also attends every single week to keep things on track! THANK YOU for offering this to the community, and making it useful and fascinating. I am trying to take everything in and can already tell that it is a life-enhancing experience. I'm also connecting with some classmates and am excited to see what other great things/ideas those relationships might bring my way.</i>
Keith Semler #7743	<i>Officer Semler was polite and thorough. Although he was very professional about covering all necessary questions, he was also personable and showed concern. I appreciated that he immediately followed up on my hit-and-run by talking to a local business about possible surveillance footage. Thanks for employing such an excellent person!</i>
Officer Name Not Provided	<i>I didnt get the names of the officers that helped work the light link crash today but I appreciate the professionalism, respect and kindness each one exemplified. Our family is just passing through and we wanted to go downtown (from the airport) to see Pike Place Market and the Space Needle, but we were on the train that was involved in the crash. My sons had never been on a city train before and this was quite an experience. Despite the logistics nightmare the city departments and transportation companies had to deal with, the police officers did an outstanding job controlling the situation. Our family greatly respects and appreciates every man and woman in law enforcement. Thank you to them AND to all of their families! I can't imagine this country without you! Keep up the good work!</i>
Kevin Oneill #5206	<i>I just wanted to say that Kevin is the absolute best representative for the Seattle Police Department. Every single Sounders and Seahawks game he is out directing pedestrian traffic to the events. He is over the top friendly, super personable and just a naturally kind man. He always personalizes the chit chat to whomever is crossing. You can't help but smile when you see him. He remembers people too! He is so sweet, good natured and a great representative of the Northwest spirit. THANK YOU!!!!</i>

Jeremy Farkas #8621
Kathryn Reed #8567
Gregory Nash #8504

These three compassionate human beings that just (luckily) happen to be SPD Officers had a situation at the DESC Main Shelter tonight. They were dealing with a man that was in a crisis. They all approached him with concern and empathy. The gentleman was seated and unexpectedly got up quickly and came after them. They reacted and placed him on the floor and restrained him. After they had the situation under control. They treated him with such kindness and compassion. They asked him why he had done that and how they could help. They could have just arrested him and been done with it but they still understood that he was in crisis and got him the help that he needed and not, "throw him in jail." I have had the pleasure of getting to know these three and everytime they respond to the Main Shelter I know that what ever help I need they will provide with respect and professionalism. Because of them I have been able to start changing the way some people at the shelter feel about SPD. Seattle is a better place with Officer Farkas, Officer Nash and Officer Reed working here.

Aaron Libby #5973
Linda Hurley #5396
Sarah Michelle #7192

I'd like to show support for three dispatchers. Linda Hurley, Aaron Libby & Sarah Michelle. Every single day these dispatchers come to work with the most positive attitudes and are willing to help officers in any way they can. Their positivity echoes through the radio through their voice and in return makes working calls much easier. A calm voice when there is a crisis has always been reassuring over the years. I am always very happy to log in and start my shift and see that either Linda, Aaron, or Sarah are dispatching for East radio. These dispatchers are on top of officer safety and provide officers with every updated piece of information prior to an officers arrival on a call. Keep the positive attitudes up! The officers do recognize it.

Ron Willis #6081

Officer Willis took me around the precinct on a ride-along. He explained so many things patiently and in-depth, taking the time to help me develop a better understanding of the work police officers do. His empathy for the troubled man we encountered was obvious as he treated the man with patience and compassion.

Douglas Heric #7528

Officer Heric followed up and helped us trespass a chronic shoplifting offender. It is a big relief to have her trespassed on paper. I'm so glad Seattle Police caught up to her and are dealing with her. THANK YOU!!!!

John Hayes #4650

I would like to thank John Hayes because during my time completing the community police academy I was inspired by his words of wisdom to just be great. John has shared stories on being a police officer and the work he does around the community. Although I recently moved out of state, I can't help but think of the Seattle Police Department and the influence John as had in my pursuit to explore law enforcement. I recently just signed up for the Oklahoma police academy and reached out to the FBI in OK. Thank you John Hayes for helping me see and understand how your entire team is here for us the people. Thanks!

Tad K. Willoughby #5560

He got me into the LEAD program...worked on his days off to get me in. I have been clean for over 5 years...got married..my family talks to me again. I want to thank him for helping to save my life.
