



# 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)

August 2019

<b>Christopher Rothwell #8568</b>	<i>He was responsive, helpful, and clearly wanted to investigate my incident further. He went above and beyond to keep me informed and to show that he cared.</i>
<b>Diondre Doaks #8662</b>	<i>He was so kind and thoughtful. Very caring and respectful. Very knowledgeable of the process. Officer Doaks was also forgiving toward my husband during the accident. We need more officers like Officer Doaks. Thank you.</i>
<b>Officer Name Not Provided</b>	<i>Our family would like to thank the two Seattle Mounted Patrol officers for coming out to Seward Park with their horses to protect our community during Seafair. They were professional, took the time to educate the visitors about the horses, and allowed folks to take photos with them. We would like to see them more often in areas throughout the city where a patrol car may not be feasible or practical. Thank You.</i>
<b>Officer Name Not Provided</b>	<i>Because of the great job they did monitoring traffic and people at the boat ramp. The boat ramp has become a problem &amp; it is so great to see our policemen spending time here to protect us &amp; keep order. Thank you SPD</i>
<b>Officer Name Not Provided</b>	<i>You went above and beyond.</i>
<b>Aaron Parker #6780</b>	<i>He helped us with our dead cell phones. We were waiting for Uber. He charged our phones and waited until we were on Uber back to our hotel. Such a nice helpful employee. Greatly appreciated.</i>
<b>Carry Godeke #7501</b>	<i>For her active presence of support, engaging with the community members and proactiveness in the community to make it safer over and beyond the call of duty always.</i>
<b>Mark Wong #5885 Katniss (K-9)</b>	<i>Officer Wong &amp; Katniss came to our night out event to introduce what they do to protect us. Not only did the children enjoy themselves but the adults found his demonstration and information he provided very informative. It made us feel more secure in our neighborhood knowing that they might be called upon to assist us if needed.</i>
<b>Officer Name Not Provided</b>	<i>A person in crisis was swinging a large street sign that he dislodged in the area of the busy waterfront sidewalk. The officers arrived and quickly took him into custody without incident. Although he yelled and screamed at the officers after being handcuffed, they repeatedly used verbal de-escalation techniques until he could be placed in a patrol car. While police in general, and especially in Seattle, take frequent criticism from the public, I wanted to send along a thank you for the professionalism that these two officers demonstrated when dealing with a very disturbed man who had been wildly swinging around a large street sign/pole. They simply did a great job in handling this volatile situation!</i>

<b>Cholo Ginter #8636</b>	<i>Officer Ginter was very professional, concerned, thorough, and polite as he gathered information regarding a burglary. He is a stand-out in the force; maintaining a command presence while instilling confidence and compassion. Well done and thank you Officer Ginter!</i>
<b>Officer Name Not Provided</b>	<i>Two officers handled extremely well a man who was in distress around 6 a.m. today. He was moaning, shouting out. The officers were respectful and called medics to assist him. I watched from my balcony so don't know the officers' names, one male, one female. Excellent police service.</i>
<b>Officer Name Not Provided</b>	<i>I want to thank all employees of Seattle PD for their presence and hospitality for safety for us Seahawks fans. Me and my friend felt very safe which made our experience comfortable and great fun! Kudos!</i>
<b>Brooke Bunn #8536</b>	<i>She was so kind and really took time to make sure I was ok and knew what to do next. I felt very calmed by her presence.</i>
<b>Erik Larson #8610</b>	<i>Officer Larson has responded to my shoplifting calls to 911 many times. He is professional and does everything he can to help the situation. Today he responded for 3 different theft incidents involving 5 different people. All these incidents happened in a short amount of time at my store. I know quite well that Seattle police are understaffed and have limitations to the services they can provide in these situations. Any and all police response is greatly appreciated!</i>
<b>Chris Anderson #6609</b>	<i>Chris Anderson responded to a chronic shoplifter who keeps coming back to my store. He invited me to email pictures of the subject to him. I am glad to do this because it may actually help stop this person, who had returned to shoplift at my store many times. Thanks for responding and taking steps to stopping this repeat offender, Chris!</i>
<b>Officer Name Not Provided</b>	<i>Thank you so much for taking the time to answer my questions / help me navigate your website in an effort to help my family who lost an item / are traveling through Seattle. Your patience, kindness, and knowledge were much appreciated. Thank you for all that you do to protect and serve the public on a daily basis!</i>
<b>Donald Little #7531</b>	<i>Office Little and his partner have been exceptional partners for our business and the district. They provide exceptional service and although they deal with the high numbers of calls for service, their professionalism and demeanor is a definite good representation of the Seattle PD. Thank you both!</i>
<b>Brian Evans #8191</b>	<i>He pointed out my tags were expired. I immediately went to DOL and remedied problem. Most courteous and helpful.</i>
<b>Landon Steiger #7552</b>	<i>Officer Steiger stopped to help take a report for a car accident.</i>
<b>Gabriele Arana #8544</b>	<i>Thank you, Officer Arana, for taking me with you around Seattle, and answering all my questions! I had the best day seeing you and your crew in action. It was nice to see what a day is like being a police officer in Seattle, I cannot wait to apply! Thank you again :)</i>
<b>Officer Name Not Provided</b>	<i>SPD ALL THINGS WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE GOOD.</i>

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**James Danielson #5760** *While attending the concert, I couldn't find my section to join my family. I was getting the run around by staff, and ended up standing in a walkway, off to the side, which Lt. Danielson was guarding. Now the Stones are my absolute favorite band, and my family and I had travelled from Victoria to attend. I was attempting to get to my seat to join my family, but soon found myself being directed by staff, to the wrong location. And staff was hassling me for standing beside the officer. However, he went above and beyond, and saved my concert experience, by allowing me to stand beside him for the whole concert!! I was able to dance, jump around and enjoy myself more than I have at any other concert. I also had the pleasure of meeting James, and sharing Stones trivia with him, while he shared stories of Seattle with me! He really made my concert experience. So I have to give this shout out to him and thank him SO MUCH. James, you rock!!!*

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**Officer Name Not Provided** *I work near the Ballard library late nights and want to thank the man and woman officer team who stuck around behind the library at Ballard last night after midnight. I forgot to get their names! Just being there was an excellent deterrent for homeless people. Very friendly and courteous as well. Being there gave me the time to do all the cleaning I needed to get done. I didn't have to keep watching the entrances. If they or any officers end up patrolling the area near the Commons apartments late night or early morning and see me (blond, glasses, khaki pants) stop by and say hi. I hope you folks will take me up on the offer to bring out the snacks and whatever caffeine we have on hand. You make my job so much easier; it's the least I could do.*

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**Eric Greening #6038** *I really enjoyed talking with Assistant Chief Greening. Thank you for taking the extra time to visit the mosque and show the department's commitment to Serve and Protect. I look forward to the next time!*

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**Brandon Gandy #8370**  
**Katrina Walter #6355**  
**Darryl D'Ambrosio #6728** *I would like to commend Officer Gandy for his work on catching and later identifying armed robbery suspects. On 8/14/2019 around 0330 hours, an occupied burglary came across East Dispatch radio to a marijuana shop location at 24th/E Union St. Employees were still inside this location when 4 armed masked black male suspects broke the front glass door down with a large rock and entered the location taking product then fleeing on foot. Last radio broadcast was that the suspects fled southbound on foot. Luckily, Officer Gandy was in the area and was able to spot a vehicles tail lights fleeing the area at a high rate of speed. Officer Gandy caught up to the vehicle at 27th Ave/E Cherry St and broadcasted that he had the possible suspects in a black Cadillac which was occupied by 5 black males. Officer Gandy attempted to light the vehicle up at 23 Ave/E Cherry St when the vehicle fled from him. Officer Gandy recognizing this to be a robbery instead of a burglary initiated a vehicle pursuit with this vehicle through the Central District. The vehicle later stopped abruptly and 4 black male suspects exited the vehicle and ran on foot different directions. The vehicle then took off again and Officer Gandy continued his vehicle pursuit. The vehicle later stopped in the Central District. Officer Gandy, Officer Walter and Sgt. D'Ambrosio conducted a high risk vehicle stop and arrested the driver. MCTF was later contacted and the other 4 suspects that fled were identified. These suspects are believed to have committed burglaries to this marijuana shop and others in the past. These suspects attempted to burglarize this location earlier in the morning but were unsuccessful until they returned again after 0300 hours. Had Officer Gandy not acted on his hunch/suspicion of these dangerous suspects being in a vehicle instead of on foot as dispatch had broadcasted they would have gotten away and we would not have been able to identify them.*

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**Thomas Barnett #7416** *I've become a naturally observant person and on occasion, have witnessed behaviors and interactions throughout the city, some by SPD officers that I, as a former supervisor, would find questionable. However, this was not the case with Officer T. Barnett last night, after being rear ended by another driver while stopped in a bus zone, unloading the last passenger of the night, heading back to the base. I think it should be noted that he was extremely professional and resolved the situation in a very expedient manner. With my former background in corrections, people always ask if I'd ever go into law enforcement and I always, without any hesitation, say no. It's a thankless job and often times, so unpredictable. It takes a special kind of individual to take on that calling and to me, it's clear that this officer is the epitome of what a law enforcement professional is. It's always the little things that set people apart from one another and with Officer Barnett, those little things made all the difference in the tone of the situation. The first thing he did was announce he was equipped with a body cam and did so in such a way that was understated but let me and the other driver know that it was in use. It was obvious that the other driver was at fault as he drove into the back of my bus while I was stopped, but I was still a little shaken up by the whole incident as I haven't had to deal with anything like this since coming to Metro about a year and a half ago. Officer Barnett's rapport with me set me at ease which is always key in any situation. I observed him with the other driver and he was still professional. I know this is probably a little long, but I think that all officers should be recognized for doing their job the right way. Especially with the political climate, I feel that law enforcement is only brought to light when negative things happen but oftentimes are overlooked when they're the best representation of their Department. I just wanted to say thank you to Officer Barnett for doing his job in a professional manner, bringing an already stressful situation to a quick resolution. Keep up the good work!*

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**Carol Castellani #4703** *We had pulled over across from the ballpark to unload my wife's wheelchair. Office Castellani saw us, and came over to tell me that I could park my truck directly next to where I was standing, when I usually would have had to park 4-5 blocks away. She put her card under my windshield wiper so I wouldn't get towed. While I was parking, she helped my wife across the street. This office was so kind and generous, we really appreciated her help - it made our evening. Thank you!*

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**Jeremy Farkas #8621** *Officer Farkas and two fellow officers retrieved our stolen bicycle this morning. They were thoughtful, outcome oriented, courteous, friendly and effective. So thankful to have my bike back!*

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**Wade Murray #6260** *Officer Murray was very helpful in assisting a homeless youth by connecting them to King County Safe Place and allowing them to wait at the East Precinct until Safe Place Staff arrived. THANK YOU!*

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**Richard Lima #7760** *I can see from your website that there are far more opportunities to complain. I would like to thank Officer Lima for doing a very fine job of listening to our complaints and treating us with respect. His stellar behavior made all of us feel heard and reassured. Well done, Officer Lima and SPD.*

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**Oscar Gonzalez #6241** *Thank you for being so kind and understanding when you did not have to be. I appreciate you noticing that I was upset with the situation and being compassionate and even calling back to follow up to make sure I understood what will happen from there. Your sincerity did not go unnoticed! Thank you!*

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**Diondre Doaks #8662** *Thank you for your timely response to our incidents yesterday at Yesler Terrace, and your responsiveness in dealing with a difficult situation.*

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**Kent Herman #7692**

*Officer Herman was very responsive and helpful with my incident report. Thank you!*

**Toner Eren #7238**

*Every day during rush hour I walk up Spring St. with my two young children. Not only does Officer Eren expertly handle the traffic backups and cars pulling out of the garages, but when he's able to he always takes a moment to say hello and connect with my kids. Whether handing out high-fives or police dog training cards, they look forward to seeing him every day. We can't thank him enough for the job he's doing.*

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