



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)

March 2019

Peter Olson #7792

Officer Peter Olson re-referred a client to the Mobile Crisis Team due to his concern for her mental state. He supported the MCT in getting in the apartment complex to outreach and assess her, after we were unable to reach her on the first attempt. His intuition and follow up likely saved her life, as we eventually determined that she had a very serious plan to complete suicide that night. She was able to be supported in being hospitalized for her safety. This officer saved her life today. Amazing job!

Officer Name Not Provided

An officer found my nephew in his car where he has been living and got him an emergency room, potentially saving his life. Please let them know how truly grateful I am for the sacrifice you make everyday for the people in Seattle. I know your job is hard but officers like you give us hope for humanity.

Officer Name Not Provided

I was pulled over this morning at about 5 a.m. The officer let me know none of my lights were on! I felt really stupid driving around in the dark like this and mentioned I was borrowing my sister-in-law's car (my mistake for not checking or paying attention). He told me he could relate. I drove home feeling like this officer was looking out for my safety, along with everyone else on the road, as opposed to trying to catch someone doing the wrong thing. He listened to me and treated me kindly. I appreciate it, thank you.

Brian Dickey #7807

A citizen wanted to commend dispatcher Dickey on the great job he did. He advised that he was quite shook up and Brian was helpful and patient. On review of the call I heard Brian provided thorough information about what options are available. He remained patient while providing information and confirmed that the caller he spoke to understood.

**Nathan Morehouse #8547
Kaipo Primacio #8540**

I work at the University Village Travelodge and on occasion, we have suspicious activity or an incident. SPD always responds promptly and thoroughly. Tonight, officers showed up to secure the building and search the perimeter for a suspicious woman attempting to access the building. She was knocking on a window in what appeared to be an attempt to enter through the breakfast area (after we saw that the window screen was set aside and the window open). We're always thankful for your service and this seems a good opportunity to say so. Thank you.

Officer Name Not Provided

I want to thank the bike patrol working downtown Seattle that agreed to take a photo with me and my friend (I was visiting from Texas). My dad was a N.O.PD Sgt. and we appreciate all you do. God bless you and be safe.

Savannah Wood #8406
Justin O'Dell #8354

A woman knocked at my door who was needing shelter temporarily. It was freezing cold so I let her inside while I called the non-emergency number. Officers Wood and O'Dell arrived very quickly which was a tremendous relief as the woman had passed out on my couch and I didn't know what to do. They were professional, and handled both of us with kindness; helping her, and making sure I was ok with the interaction being recorded and what to do if the situation ever happened again. Officer Wood called the next morning, when she was off duty, to let me know that the woman was ok. She also offered her email as well for future concerns or references. The officers were very responsive, offered exceptional service, and the situation was handled was admirable.

Joseph Macniak #8366
Sarah Coe #7744
Timothy Hybak #7724

Officer Macniak was flagged down by a citizen near S Holgate St., who informed him of an unresponsive male in a nearby tent. When located, Officer Macniak noticed that the man's face was blue and he appeared to be suffering from an overdose. Officer Macniak administered his department-issued Naloxone to no apparent effect and started CPR/chest compressions. CPT Officers Coe and Hybak arrived on scene and assisted with compressions; Officer Coe also retrieved her CPR mask in case rescue breathing was needed. SFD administered more Naloxone intravenously and the subject regained consciousness for transport to HMC. If not for Officer Macniak's quick response and efforts, it is possible the man wouldn't have survived. All the officers on scene showed excellent teamwork and compassion.

Scotty Bach #6711

I want to thank Detective Bach for his prompt and efficient handling of the recovery of my stolen motorcycle. I am really impressed by his professionalism and his commitment to the interests of Seattle citizens, and want him to know that I still can't find the words to thank him. This extends to all other officers that may have been involved as well in this recovery. While I am glad the stolen property was recovered, I am even more impressed by the dedication of Detective Bach, and it is refreshing and encouraging to witness in person that the "system" is working. I want to add that all SPD personal and staff that I've had contact with from the time of the initial police report (back in July 2018) until the recovery (yesterday) has been very courteous, professional, efficient and pleasant. There was a real sense of "We care" attitude. And that is outstanding! Kudos and thank you all again.

Brian Hewitt #7654

Officer Hewitt showed great professionalism in pulling me over and exercised solid judgement. The overall team listened to what I had to say and showed an ability to understand the situation. As a visitor to the city, I very much appreciate the due diligence.

Jonah Spangenthal-Lee #7858

I wanted to thank you for posting the information regarding the theft of the money from the Girl Scouts in the North Precinct area. Your skillful and engaging use of social media (Twitter) prompted me to donate \$200 to the troop. I live in Spokane but I respect the work of law enforcement and this creates community connection. I hope that others will rise to the occasion and donate as well. Crime cannot beat cookies! Thank you for your service and be safe!

Officer Name Not Provided

This morning I witnessed something I never thought I would see: two uniformed SPD officers appeared to be encouraging a small group of our young homeless "neighbors" to clean up the area around the bus benches that they had absolutely trashed. The offenders were provided garbage bags to assist in their cleanup effort and seemed none too thrilled at the imposition but I appreciated it. More of this, please! Thanks.

Officer Name Not Provided

I read of the human trafficking arrests you've made and I just wanted to let those involved know how much I appreciate your work. Enslaving other humans is such a terrible crime. Thank you for making this world a better place.

Thomas Umporowicz #5574	<i>My husband and I are grateful for the Vice and High Risk Victim unit of the Seattle Police Department. Thank you for the great work tracking down evil men and women who do much harm. Grateful to hear of the careful preparations to help the victims be able to share what happened to them. It's very thoughtful of you all. We appreciate all that the SPD men and women do to keep our city safe. We pray and thank God for you.</i>
Anthony Belgarde #6972 Tyler Keating #7594 Joseph Bauer #5334 Ernest DeBella #6844 Jeffrey Thompson #6913 John Johns #8353 Garth Lindelef #8314 Steven Stewart #6823 Paul A. Ducre #7527 Jeremy Pinkerton #7443 Wade Jones #6903 Robert Thomas #6856	<i>I would like to thank everyone involved in the operation to bring a wanted felon to justice. Without the help of this team to make this happen, this man would remain free to commit more crimes and terrorize my family. The officers involved help to apprehend him in the safest possible way, based on tips of his whereabouts. I'm so glad they took the tips seriously and quickly to resolve the situation. Awesome job!! Many thanks!!</i>
Thomas Umporowicz #5574 Sean Fitzgerald #7418	<i>I'd like to thank Vice Sergeant Umporowicz and Detective Fitzgerald (and everyone else who worked on the case) for closing down the massage parlors that were trafficking women and arresting the people who were running the operation. Thank you especially for being so sensitive to the females who were being used as sex slaves. You did a good job!</i>
John Randle #8337	<i>Officer Randle was kind enough to bring my little recovered motorbike back to my house (since I was out of town). Thanks so much, Officer Randle!</i>
Brian Hunt #6299 Kathryn Hairston #6791	<i>I work in the urgent care at Kaiser on Capitol Hill. Two officers responded to an incident tonight. Both of them did a fantastic job de-escalating the situation as well as being compassionate to all involved. I love to see these sort of officers in the community and I feel safe with them on your force. Thank you so much for making a tough situation a little easier.</i>
Kathryn Hairston #6791	<i>I am a physician who works at Kaiser Urgent Care. Officer Hairston did a phenomenal job in a challenging situation. I was so grateful for her care, time, professionalism and attention to the situation. She provided such excellent service to our team. I wanted to recognize and thank her.</i>
David Harrington #6875	<i>He was very respectful and professional; a great example of an officer. Kudos to you and a great department!</i>
Daina Boggs #5876	<i>She was professional and helpful in filing my claim, and even stopped to speak with a young toddler who was on the sidewalk and excited by her police car. Excellent work, SPD!</i>
Linda Hurley #5396	<i>Dispatcher Linda Hurley is consistently one of the best radio operators we get to work with. She is always calm, professional, confident, and dispatches calls in a manner than conveys information clearly and concisely, and her even tone keeps things calm on air. She has a great sense of humor and never becomes flustered or irritated with officers on the radio. It is always a pleasure having her dispatch West Radio and I wanted to recognize the excellent work.</i>
Garrick Mattson #8305 Oliver Murphy #8462 Joshua Vaaga #8397	<i>Officer Mattson was incredibly professional and has the patience of a saint. So very grateful for him and his partners. Thank you so very much for all that you do! It takes an amazing kind of person to be a police officer in these times and you definitely are!</i>
Officer Name Not Provided	<i>I watched KOMO's special report about Seattle last night and wanted to thank you all for risking your lives to help us, and keep us safe. THANK YOU and don't give up. We need continued change so you can do your jobs!</i>

Gabriel Ladd #8461
Travis Duennes #8301
Dale Umpleby #4852
Andrew Joy #8409
Douglas Heric #7528
Zachariah Halpin #8626
Audi Acuesta #7417
Ryan Kennard #7555
Shane Burditt #7790
Garret Hay #8352
Douglas Beard #7459
Gabriele Arana #8544
Jabari Addae #8355

My family and I really appreciated all the officers who responded to our stolen car with someone still inside it. They were all kind, professional, respectful, and showed great restraint and were very good at their jobs. It is comforting to know such a great group of officers work in North Seattle. Thank you, SPD.

Officer Name Not Provided

Just a general thanks to all of you. The KOMO show re-emphasized the difficulties you face. Thanks for being out there; it would be anarchy without you.

Robert Hancock #7653
Nicholas Cook #7739
Kyle Hay #7700
Daniel Reyes #8615

On March 10th a grandmother called to report her 12-year old autistic grandson had left the house 5 minutes earlier. It was 11 pm, the temperature was in the 30s, and the child was not dressed for the weather so the situation had additional urgency. Officers performed an extensive area search including K9 track but were unsuccessful. The evening was very busy with several high priority calls dispatched in rapid succession. Officers Cook and Hay repeatedly returned to checking the area for the missing child in between their other calls and made contact with every open business along both M L King Way S and Rainier Ave S to ask them to keep an eye out. Officer Hancock and Student Officer Reyes, the primary officers, not only assisted with a lengthy K9 track, but continued to search the area for 2 hours after the initial call. They finally located the child 2.5 miles from home. With the K9 track having been unsuccessful and all possible locations provided by the family checked, the odds of finding this child were slim. Yet because of the imminent danger that conditions posed, the officers continued searching until they located him.

Jarred Velliquette #7897
Jane Dore #8606
Joshua Vaaga #8397
Oliver Murphy #8462

Thank you for responding to my call for help so fast. I was terrified. The person on the phone was wonderful and calm and I was so thankful the officers arrived when they did. I realized after the fact that we should have remained in the building till after being given the all clear. We were just so thankful that help was there.

Officer Name Not Provided

I drive my 8 yr old daughter through the area of yesterday's Lake City shooting weekly on her way to tutoring. We could have been there, amongst this awful situation. I feel quite frightened about this all. To all the officers that respond and run towards the danger, that keep us safe, you are our heroes.

Officer Name Not Provided

I thank you ALL for protecting us, keeping us safe, doing this dangerous job every single day. A million thanks to you all from my family and me.

