



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)

May 2019

Nicholas Hughes #8408	<i>Responding to multiple calls at a behavioral healthcare facility, Officer Hughes has displayed a high degree of professionalism interacting with treatment staff and clients alike, as well as a dedication to protecting the rights and safety of the people he serves.</i>
Rosell Ellis #8530	<i>I would like to commend Officer Ellis for his fantastic job on a voyeurism investigation that occurred within a Seattle Public School. Ellis clearly recognized the seriousness of this crime. Officer Ellis took it upon himself to carry out the entire investigation to include one on one interviews with each student. Officer Ellis' calm and non-confrontational style of interviewing was effective resulting in a confession from the suspect. Thank you Officer Ellis for your great work!</i>
Suzanne Parton #5830 Brandon Craig #7731	<i>Officer Parton and Officer Craig displayed the highest degree of professionalism, patience, and understanding while assisting in the detention of a difficult behavioral health client.</i>
Brandon Craig #7731	<i>Officer Craig came to Northgate on another call. After it was done Officer Craig stayed at the community center fielding questions and curiosity from our teenagers in the building. Teens felt safe and appreciative of the time Officer Craig spent with them as he answered their questions professionally and with great respect to them as teenagers. It was an excellent example of community policing and outreach.</i>
Officer Name Not Provided	<i>I felt safe, protected, impressed, and grateful for the SPD presence on May Day. I knew nothing would happen, but having you all here made me feel a lot better. You guys have such a hard job and I doubt you ever hear how much you're appreciated here in this city. Thank you, SPD.</i>
Officer Name Not Provided	<i>It is a thankless job and has become extremely underappreciated. The collective effort of the entire force in keeping the peace, during what always seems to be an unknown of who'll show up, was phenomenal. It may seem that many have turned their back on the SPD, but please know, there are still many that absolutely support and appreciate what you all are doing. Thank you for the great work!</i>
Zachariah Halpin #8626 Shawn Martinell #6907	<i>I called 911 regarding a possible homeless man. This man needed help and I appreciated the respect and professionalism that was given to the subject. Officer Halpin and the other male officer are a good reflection of police work that morning from my close observation. On the detective follow up work, I was also proud of the manner Officer Shawn Martinell preformed his duties to interview me in hopes this individual can receive the help he needs. I have numerous family on the thin blue line and know how challenging and dangerous your work is. Thank you for your public service gentlemen.</i>

Sarah Mulloy #7421
Christopher Coles #6940 *I would like to commend CRT Officers Sarah Mulloy and Christopher Coles. In April 2019 a male in mental crisis continuously called local emergency dispatch centers claiming to have a gun and threatening to shoot officers. CRT was contacted because the subject had a history of crisis related incidents and officers knew that his mental state was deteriorating. Once the subject was located a plan was put in place and successfully executed resulting in the subject's arrest. I believe this arrest prevented a future violent confrontation with this subject.*

Thomas Heller #7427 *This email is to commend Officer Heller's great work and communication during a hit and run collision. Through his diligent investigation, Officer Heller positively identified the suspect, obtained a taped confession, and determined that repair cost of the damaged gate was \$12,000. I am writing this email to commend Officer Heller for his good work on this case and for keeping patrol officers in the loop as to the status of the case.*

Eric Kilcup #7642 *I did a ride-along with this fine officer yesterday. Very courteous and friendly, answered many of my questions. I witnessed firsthand his hard work in the community which I sincerely appreciate.*

Officer Name Not Provided *The officer was very kind and patient when I asked if my son could check out his vehicle.*

Shane Anderson #6066
Thomas Janes #6818
Jason Stolt #6707
Jon Engstrom #6264
Jeffrey Page #6845
Shelley San Miguel #6910
Bryan Weber #7713
William Anderson #7557
Joshua Velliquette #7680 *On Friday, April 19, 2019, myself and Denver Police investigations were notified that we would be traveling to Seattle for the pending arrest and search of the premises of a pending case suspect. This suspect was apart of a felony stalking case in Denver. Despite a short notification time and holiday weekend, SPD wrote and received authorization for a search warrant to search the suspect's apartment. Upon arrival, the SPD Intelligence Unit assisted us with the search of the apartment and secured several seized items for future digital forensic analysis. The following evening we were notified that the suspect was to be released unconditionally without bond. Thanks to the assistance of jail personnel and the SPD, the suspect was not released. The following individuals deserve the Denver Police Departments thanks and recognition, for without their assistance, this outcome would not have been possible.*

Christopher Bandel #8367 *On April 15, 2019, a 72 year old Catholic priest stopped in Burien to get fuel. While pumping his gas, a male approached him and punched him in the face without cause. The priest was later treated at the hospital for his injuries, which included ongoing hearing loss. The suspects' picture was put out on all the local media outlets and through our regional law enforcement networks. After several days, we still had not identified the suspect. The public was openly questioning their safety, as anyone who would attack an elderly priest without provocation would attack anyone. On April 20, 2019, Officer Christopher Bandel responded to a call of similar behavior at the Union Gospel Mission in Seattle. Officer Bandel made an assault arrest on your local charges, which is where he could have been done with this duty and walked away. Instead, he demonstrated his awareness of regional crime information and continued his investigation in support of our assault. He reached out to his contacts on the King County Sheriff's Office who connected him with the case detective. The details your officer provided allowed us to verify your suspect was the same man who attacked a priest in our city. Officer Bandel's efforts allowed us to build a strong case and file charges of felony assault. Officer Bandel demonstrated a commitment to public safety and service that is appreciated by all of the citizens of Burien and King County. On behalf of Burien Police Department, please thank him for his assistance. Respectfully,*

Officer Name Not Provided	<i>Thank you for taking care of my son, who may have had a lot to drink while celebrating a birthday with his friends. He had lost his prescription glasses in the process, while wandering around a busy street drunk and almost blind. As the mother of an only child, I was so thankful that he ended up in your hands, safe, and brought to Harborview until we got there to comfort him and allow his alcohol level to subside. Thank you for handling the situation well and for not judging or mishandling him. He was definitely acting out of character and I was so glad that your officers were there to look after him. May God continue to bless your beautiful hearts and keep you safe everyday, the same way that you kept my son safe that night. God bless you all!</i>
Officer Name Not Provided	<i>I would like to thanking everyone involved in helping clean up our neighborhood. Can you please share?</i>
SouthWest Precinct Officers	<i>We appreciate the police presence provided on the evening of May 10. It is the first quiet evening we have experienced in 5 years.</i>
SouthWest Precinct Officers	<i>Increased noise-enforcement patrols.</i>
Naidene Warren Sakamoto #8112	<i>Dene is a definite asset to SPD. She is very well versed in her duties and more importantly she really wants to assist aspiring retirees. Dene manages to turn a tension packed (you only do it once, right?) situation into into something that you can find hope in.</i>
Officer Name Not Provided	<i>The officer paid for my son's drink in the Northgate Starbucks drive thru line on Saturday just after midnight. When we got to the window to pay for the drink, the Starbucks employee said that the officer paid for it. Such a lovely, and kind gesture. MANY thanks for his generosity!!!!</i>
Officer Name Not Provided	<i>This is just a general appreciation for all You folks do. I live in Kitsap county and the abuse you all take is public knowledge. I just want to let You know that You are all deeply appreciated. It bothers me to see how the city treats you, and this is the reason for my email. God bless You all and keep You safe.</i>
Suzanne Parton #5830	<i>Officer Parton noticed a client from a behavioral healthcare program displaying unsafe behaviors in the community, and went out of her way not only to intervene and help the client stay safe, but to also relate her concerns to treatment staff and assisted staff with going into the community to evaluate the client. Officer Parton continues to display the highest level of professionalism and dedication to her community.</i>
Erick Schickler #6678	<i>Officer Schickler was very helpful and courteous while responding to a break-in at our house. I felt that he went out of his way to understand what had happened and to offer helpful advice to prevent future break ins.</i>

Leroy Outlaw #6854

On 5/8/19 at about 5:00 p.m., a serious two-vehicle collision occurred on Airport Wy S at South Alaska St. While the cause and sequence of events are still under investigation by detectives, the actions of Officer Leroy Outlaw merit immediate recognition. That evening, Officer Outlaw was returning to the Training Unit from the Range in an unmarked department vehicle, when he happened upon the crash as the dust was settling. He notified dispatchers of the incident and exited his vehicle to check for injuries. His attention was drawn to one of the occupants, who was praying over her infant child. The child's body appeared lifeless and the mother appeared to be in shock. Officer Outlaw raced into action and scooped the baby up, cradling it in one arm while evaluating its condition. He performed CPR and successfully resuscitated the child. SFD Medics transported the child for further treatment, where it remains. If Officer Outlaw had not taken immediate rescue action, the child would certainly have succumbed to injuries sustained during the collision. Officer Outlaw's calm clarity amidst the chaos is deserving of appreciation and recognition. I respectfully request that Officer Outlaw be awarded the Lifesaving Award.

Filip Suska #8549

Officer Suska had a top-notch, professional response to a trespass incident at this location. He was very personable with my security staff and the action taken by him and the other responding officers to remove the suspect in the incident is greatly appreciated by myself and other representatives of the property owner.

Officer Name Not Provided

The stairway across the street has been a meeting place for a number of people that use drugs, drink, and have some domestic issues. We have called in when we feared someone was getting hurt or injured. Yesterday the police came by, contacted the three men that were on the stairs and after some discussion it appears that they moved them along and perhaps arrested one of them. We have seen more police driving by and checking out this area, which has been a problem for some time. Thank you for your service and keeping our neighborhood safer.

Officer Name Not Provided

Thank you for clearing the homeless tents off the West side of Yesler. Daily I have to decide which side of the street is safer, the mission side or the homeless tent side? I must walk down these blocks to get to my 2nd & Yesler bus stop. Thank you keeping at least one side of Yesler clear and safe for pedestrians like myself.

Diondre Doaks #8662

Patience and time invested in response to our burglary. Officer Doaks and the other officer with him were professional and thorough on a case that I suspect there's little chance of solving. They spent far more time on the call out than I would have expected, and I appreciated that.

Officer Name Not Provided

Excellent enforcement of parking violations in front of hydrant.

Adam Thorp #6836

I just wanted to commend Adam for doing a great job during 2 meetings he has had with the Criminal Justice Committee. In both he listened to criticism of police response and responded in a super genuine way. He was not at all defensive, showed some accountability for the fact that SPD doesn't always get it right, and also offered his own time and efforts to work together with the community partner to make things better. It was inspiring! The discussion was around racism, and times that officers have arrested victims of domestic violence. Det. Thorp is a great ambassador to your department.
