

**QUINCY POLICE DEPARTMENT
EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH
DECEMBER 2016**



December 1, 2016

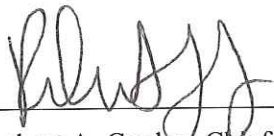
It is with great pleasure that I announce that Officer Paul Hodges has been selected as Employee of the Month for the month of December 2016.

Officer Hodges joined the department on September 8, 2009. He graduated from Police Training Institute at the University of Illinois in Urbana, IL on December 3, 2009. After originally serving as a Patrol Officer, Officer Hodges is currently assigned to the Street Crimes Unit. He is also a Field Training Officer and Firearms Instructor and previously a member of the Emergency Response Team. Officer Hodges has been selected as Employee of the Month on five other occasions.

Officer Hodges was nominated for this award due to his aggressive work, leading to the arrest and incarceration of an armed drug dealer. On October 11, 2016, Officer Hodges observed a maroon 2006 Hyundai, of which he had information that the driver was involved in selling and using illegal drugs. Officer Hodges conducted a traffic stop and subsequently requested Officer Tyler and his K9, Kilo, to respond. After a positive alert, Officer Hodges searched the vehicle and located methamphetamine, cannabis, digital scales, and a loaded handgun. The driver was arrested and later lodged in the Adam's County Jail on charges of Delivery of Methamphetamine and Unlawful Use of a Weapon.

This traffic stop is a display of the type of aggressive intelligence based activity that Officer Hodges performs on a daily basis. It culminated in locking up a subject who was dealing methamphetamine while carrying a loaded firearm and removing that firearm from our streets.

Please join me in congratulating Officer Hodges as the Quincy Police Department's December 2016 Employee of the Month.


Robert A. Copley, Chief of Police