

QUINCY POLICE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH JUNE 2016



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It is with great pleasure I announce that Officers Justin Ebbing and Craig Russell have been selected as Employees of the Month for June 2016.

Officer Ebbing joined the department on October 9, 2012. He attended Basic Law Enforcement Training at the Illinois State Police Academy in Springfield, IL. Officer Ebbing is a member of the Emergency Response Team. He was selected as Employee of the Month on one previous occasion, and has been recognized for his work through the Quincy Police Department awards program. Officer Ebbing is currently assigned to the Street Crimes Unit.

Officer Russell joined the department on October 9, 2012. He too attended Basic Law Enforcement Training at the Illinois State Police Academy in Springfield, IL. Officer Russell is a Crisis Intervention Team Officer. He has been selected as Employee of the Month on three other occasions, and has also been recognized for his work through the Quincy Police Department awards program. Officer Russell is a K-9 Officer currently assigned to the Street Crimes Unit.

Officers Ebbing and Russell were selected for this recognition due their work resulting in the arrest of four individuals on drug and weapons charges and the recovery of several firearms. The officers received intelligence on a known gang member who had a warrant for his arrest and was reportedly selling Methamphetamine. Further investigation showed that this subject was also possibly in possession of firearms even though he was a convicted felon. Officers Ebbing and Russell continued their investigative work until they were able to secure a search warrant for a Quincy residence. The search warrant was served with assistance of other Street Crimes Officers and the West Central Illinois (Drug) Task Force; QPD's Emergency Response Team was called out for the execution of this search warrant due to its dangerous nature. Located in the residence were eight firearms (seven of which were ultimately determined to have been stolen), ammunition, Methamphetamine, drug paraphernalia, and US currency. Officers Ebbing and Russell interviewed the subjects located in the residence and logged all of the evidence that was seized. This case culminated in four people being lodged in the Adam's County Jail for charges including: Possession of a Stolen Firearm, Possession of a Firearm by a Felon, Possession with Intent to Deliver Methamphetamine, Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Unlawful Use of a Weapon. Most importantly, due to the hard work of these officers, eight firearms are out of a dangerous drug dealer's possession. We can never know if this work prevented another drug related shooting or homicide in Quincy.

Please join me in congratulating Officers Ebbing and Russell as the Quincy Police Department's June 2016 Employees of the Month.

Robert A. Copley, Chief of Police