

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



November 1, 2016

It is with great pleasure that I announce that Detective Kevin Taute has been selected as Employee of the Month for the month of November 2016.

Detective Taute joined the Quincy Police Department on September 10, 2001. He is a graduate of the Illinois Police Corps Academy. He has been a Street Crimes Unit Officer, a patrol officer, is a member of the Emergency Response Team, ILEAS Region 6/7 Weapons of Mass Destruction Special Response Team, is a juvenile officer, a bike officer, breath alcohol operator, field training officer, and defensive tactics instructor. He is currently a Detective – Criminal Specialist. During his tenure with the department, he has been Employee of the Month on several occasions. In addition, he has received awards from the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists (AAIM) for his DUI enforcement.

Since being assigned to investigations, he has been willing to assist anyone with any needs on any case and interested in learning from his new assignment. The city and county began being hit by a very skilled burglar who left few clues to his identity. Det. Taute was able to obtain evidence from the Tangerine Bowl burglary which was the first real clues to the identity of the burglar. Taute began working with local, county, state, and federal authorities on a multi agency task force and through leads gained from his and others work a search warrant was obtained for the suspects residence in Collinsville. The search warrant obtained evidence from the burglaries as well as the discovery of a very large amount of methamphetamine.

Due to his perseverance and willingness to work with outside agencies, 2 arrests were made and full confessions from the suspects closed many cases for many agencies and stopped the threat for future burglaries to our community.

Please join me in congratulating Detective Taute as the Quincy Police Department's November 2016 Employee of the Month.

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Robert A. Copley, Chief of Police