

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



October 1, 2016

It is with great pleasure that I announce that Officer Matt Hermsmeier has been selected as Employee of the Month for the month of October 2016.

Officer Hermsmeier joined the Quincy Police Department on March 23, 1998, and successfully completed Basic Police Training at Belleville Area College Police Academy in Belleville, IL. He is a graduate from Western Illinois University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Law Enforcement and Justice Administration. Officer Hermsmeier is a Recruiting Officer, Juvenile Officer, Field Training Officer, and a member of the Crisis Intervention Team. He served the department as the School Resource Officer at Quincy Junior High School from 2001 through 2012. He is currently a patrol officer on the Day Shift.

Officer Hermsmeier was nominated due to his Community Policing skills and the unique program he put into place to improve interaction with the community, specifically with children. Officer Hermsmeier has been very active with the youth of our community through programs such as Teen Reach and the Parson Youth Center. He has found a way to further his connection to youth through the use of a radio control (R/C) QPD squad car. Officer Hermsmeier came up with the idea and enlisted the assistance of the Quincy Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association to purchase the car. He takes the R/C car to schools, daycares, and a variety of child support organizations and programs. You often see pictures of Officer Hermsmeier and various youth throughout the city, as he takes the time to make those connections leading to a more positive relationship between the community and the police. Furthermore, he is currently appointed to the Quincy Human Rights Commission and to Adams County Drug Court as the department liaison. He is quick to stand up for what is right and the things he believes in. Officer Hermsmeier is a positive role model for both youth and other officers of our department.

Please join me in congratulating Officer Matt Hermsmeier as the Quincy Police Department's October 2016 Employee of the Month.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Copley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Robert A. Copley, Chief of Police