

**QUINCY POLICE DEPARTMENT  
EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH  
JULY 1, 2019**



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To Whom It May Concern,

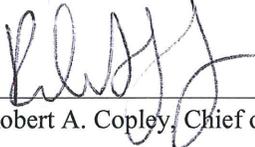
It is with great pleasure that I announce Inspector Nick Hiland has been selected as Employee of the Month for July 2019.

Inspector Hiland joined the police department on September 20, 2004. He graduated from Police Basic Training from the ISP Academy via WIU on August 25, 2004. He graduated with a Bachelor's Degree on May 8, 2004. In 2009 he transferred to Street Crimes Unit Officer. In 2012, he transferred to Drug Task Force Inspector. During his tenure with the department, he has been selected as Employee of the Month on 10 occasions, the QPD Larry Carley Award, and multiple Letters of Commendation. In addition, he has received Illinois MEG/Task Force Awards and recognition from the U.S. Attorney and Drug Enforcement Administration. Inspector Hiland is a Certified Juvenile Officer, Recruiting Officer, is Clan Lab Certified, and is also the coordinator of the newly formed Quincy Police Peer Support Team.

Inspector Hiland was selected as Employee of the Month due to a long term illicit drug investigation that started in 2012. In August of 2012, an investigation was opened regarding the distribution of cocaine in our area. Several subjects were responsible for the distribution of approximately 50 kilograms of Cocaine in the West Central Illinois and Northeast Missouri area during the course of the investigation. Several were suspected in numerous acts of violence to include several shootings and a local un-cleared murder. The investigation included numerous undercover purchases of crack cocaine, traffic stops, search warrants, and other investigative techniques which spanned three separate states. As a result of this investigation, 20 people were convicted federally and the following items were seized: \$123,000.00 USC, 1000 grams of cocaine, 57 grams of heroin, and one vehicle.

Inspector Hiland has also initiated and worked several other high profile criminal cases while being assigned to the WCITF. While those cases alone keep him busy, he is always willing to answer questions, provide assistance, and help anyone who needs it. He mentors less experienced officers and shares his contacts with the FBI who are able to assist in some of our more complex cases. Inspector Hiland is a dedicated officer who will answer his phone day or night to help anyone who might need him. In addition, he recently co-wrote a grant for the Peer Support Team and is currently planning a golf fundraiser to provide much needed funding for the team.

Please join me in congratulating Inspector Hiland for being selected as the Quincy Police Department Employee of the Month.

  
Robert A. Copley, Chief of Police