# QUINCY POLICE DEPARTMENT
# EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH
# SEPTEMBER 2019

September 1, 2019

To Whom It May Concern,

It is with great pleasure that I announce Officer Steve Bangert has been selected as Employee of the Month for September 2019.

Officer Bangert joined the Quincy Police Department on June 17, 2002 and graduated from Police Training Institute on September 12, 2002. During his tenure with the department, he has been selected by his peers as Employee of the Month on seven other occasions. In addition, he has received five Letters of Commendation. Officer Bangert served the department as a member of the Street Crimes Unit; he is currently a Patrol Officer assigned to the Night Shift. He is a Force-On-Force Instructor, a member of the Emergency Response Team, a sniper, and a sniper instructor.

Officer Bangert was nominated for this award due to his life saving actions on July 9, 2019. At 1:20 a.m. that date Officer Bangert was among the officers who responded to the Memorial Bridge regarding a subject who was going to commit suicide by jumping off the bridge. Officer Bangert quickly located the subject and made contact with him. The subject was standing on the metal supports off of the bridge deck. He came close to jumping several times but Officer Bangert was able to calm the subject down each time. Officer Bangert was able to develop a rapport with the subject over the next forty minutes while waiting for the Crisis Negotiators to arrive on scene. Once there, Detective Vanderbol and Officer Calkins assisted Officer Bangert with the communication. A transition to the subject communicating with a negotiator was attempted, but the subject requested to continue speaking with Officer Bangert. After about two hours of talking, the subject finally climbed back on to the bridge, was taken into custody, and transported to the hospital for treatment.

Officer Bangert's patience, caring attitude, and communication skills helped save this man's life. This is but one example of the work that he does that makes him such a valuable officer.

Please join me in congratulating Officer Bangert for being selected as the Quincy Police Department September 2019 Employee of the Month.

Robert A. Copley, Chief of Police