

# QUINCY POLICE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH MARCH 2020



March 1, 2020

To Whom It May Concern,

Please join me in congratulating Officer JD Summers for being selected as the March 2020 Employee of the Month.

Officer Summers joined the Quincy Police Department on September 7, 2004. He graduated from the Police Training Institute on December 3, 2004. He has a Bachelor's Degree from Western Illinois University. He has been selected as Employee of the Month on nine other occasions. He is a member of the Emergency Response Team and has received the ERT Most Physically Fit Award on three occasions (2013, 2016, 2018).

Officer Summers was nominated for this recognition due to his outstanding work on February 9, 2020 that most likely prevented a murder/suicide. At approximately 12:54 p.m. that date, Officer Summers was sent to a domestic disturbance. Officer Summers met with the victim and obtained a detailed statement of what occurred. The victim provided information that her husband was a methamphetamine user, had threatened to kill her, and was armed with a handgun. Officer Summers, believed that the suspect may return to the residence so he set up surveillance on the house. The suspect did return to the residence in his truck, at which time Officer Summers tactically confronted him at gun point. He provided good verbal commands, containing the suspect while waiting for backup units to arrive. The suspect was taken into custody safely and transported to headquarters where he was interviewed. He admitted to threatening to kill his wife and pointing a gun at her. He told Officer Summers that his plan was to kill her and then kill himself, adding that he wished he would have done it.

Officer Summers is a long time ERT member and is a very tactically sound officer. In addition, he is a very good investigator with keen instincts. Officer Summers demonstrated great commitment in this case. By obtaining a good victim statement, conducting surveillance on the house, and then strategically confronting and arresting the subject, he more than likely saved the lives of both the victim and suspect.

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Robert A. Copley, Chief of Police