QUINCY POLICE DEPARTMENT
EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH
FEBRUARY 2020

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To Whom It May Concern,

It is with great pleasure that I announce Officer Katie Dolbeare has been selected as Employee of the Month for February 2020.

Officer Dolbeare joined the department on January 4, 2016. She attended Basic Police Training at Police Training Institute, University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana on March 31, 2016. Officer Dolbeare is a patrol officer assigned to the Night Shift. She was nominated for this award due to her great work on a domestic violence situation, which resulted in a felony conviction.

On March 12, 2019 Officer Dolbeare responded to Blessing Hospital, where she met with the victim of a domestic battery. The woman was covered with new and old injuries; she reported that she had been abused by her boyfriend. The victim stated the beating occurred over a three hour span and only stopped after she escaped from the residence. The victim said she believed her boyfriend was going to kill her. Officer Dolbeare established rapport with the victim and worked for a long period of time securing a statement and convincing her to identify the boyfriend. Officer Dolbeare went to the residence where the battery occurred and observed evidence that was consistent with the victim's statement. Officer Dolbeare located the suspect at the Adams County Courthouse and ultimately lodged him in the Adams County Jail for the offenses of Armed Violence, Aggravated Domestic Battery, and Unlawful Restraint. In court, he was also charged with Attempted Murder. Officer Dolbeare maintained contact with the victim, checking her well being.

Due to the strength of the case, the subject later pled guilty and was sentenced to twenty years in the Illinois Department of Corrections for the offense of Attempted Murder. At the subject's sentencing, which Officer Dolbeare attended, the victim hugged her after giving an emotional victim impact statement.

Due to Officer Dolbeare's hard work and her ability to build rapport and establish trust with this victim, a historically violent individual was incarcerated, bringing safety and closure to the victim. Please join me in congratulating Officer Katie Dolbeare for being selected as the Quincy Police Department February 2020 Employee of the Month.

Robert A. Copley, Chief of Police