

**QUINCY POLICE DEPARTMENT
EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH
JULY 2018**



July 1, 2018

It is with great pleasure I announce that Officer Chris Mueller has been selected as Employee of the Month for July 1, 2018.

Officer Mueller joined the Quincy Police Department on October 10, 2006, graduating from Basic Police Training at Police Training Institute on January 11th, 2007. He was selected as Employee of the Month on three other occasions, as well as 2014 Employee of the Year (along with three other officers). Officer Mueller received an award from IDOT in 2012 in recognition of having made 25 DUI arrests. He is a breath alcohol operator, a juvenile officer, a child safety seat technician, and a member of the Crisis Intervention Team.

Officer Mueller was nominated for this award due to his heroic life saving attempts on June 16, 2018. At 3:54 p.m. that date, Officer Mueller was dispatched to Kessler Park in reference to a vehicle in the water of Quincy Bay. Upon arrival he learned there was still a person in the vehicle. Bystanders attempted to get the man out of the car, but were unsuccessful. Officer Mueller put on a life vest and went into the water. He went under water into the submerged car three times to try and get the man out of the vehicle, but was unable to do so due to the manner in which the man was positioned. Officer Mueller was eventually able to get the man out of the vehicle with assistance from the Quincy Fire Department after they arrived on scene. Unfortunately, the man died at the hospital.

The end result of this incident does not change the fact that Officer Mueller, along with several citizens, tried to save a man's life at great risk of their own injury or death. This type of commitment and valor is nothing short of heroic. The citizens of Quincy are fortunate to have the likes of Officer Mueller serving and protecting them.

Please join me in congratulating Officer Mueller as the Quincy Police Department's July 2018 Employee of the Month.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert A. Copley'. The signature is written in a cursive style.

Robert A. Copley, Chief of Police