

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



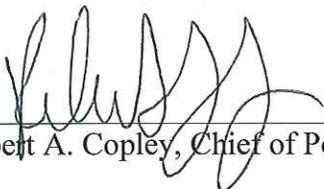
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It is with great pleasure I announce that Officer Matt Hermsmeier has been selected as Employee of the Month for May 2018.

Officer Hermsmeier joined the department on March 23, 1998 and he graduated from the Belleville Area College Police Academy on June 12, 1998. He is a graduate of Western Illinois University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Law Enforcement and Justice Administration. Officer Hermsmeier is a juvenile officer, field training officer, and a member of the Crisis Intervention Team. He served the department as the School Resource Officer at Junior High from 2001 through 2012. He is currently a patrol officer on the day shift.

Officer Hermsmeier was nominated for this award due to his dedication to service, evidence recently by two occasions where he assisted patrol while he was either off duty or not on patrol. On April 6th, Officer Hermsmeier was leaving court when he was flagged down about a subject using cannabis in their vehicle. Officer Hermsmeier located the subject and made the arrest only asking for a patrol unit so he could issue the citation. It would have been easy for Officer Hermsmeier to just call for a patrol unit and let them handle it since he was not working patrol that day, but he handled it himself so an officer could stay on the street. On April 11th, an officer was at QMG attempting to arrest a subject on a warrant. The subject began to resist the officer in a lobby full of bystanders. Officer Hermsmeier, who was there off duty with a family member, ran over and assisted the other officer in putting the subject in handcuffs. Officer Hermsmeier's action helped avoid a situation where force would have been used to subdue a subject with mental health issues in front of a large group of people. Again, it would have been easy to stand by since he was off duty and with his family member, but he helped stop a situation from escalating into something more serious.

These actions, along with spending very little unneeded time off the street while he is on duty, show his dedication to handling his work and assisting other officers when it would be easier to let someone else do it. Please join me in congratulating Officer Hermsmeier as being selected as the Quincy Police Department's May 2018 Employee of the Month.


Robert A. Copley, Chief of Police