

QUINCY POLICE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH NOVEMBER 2018



November 1, 2018

It is with great pleasure I announce that Sergeant Erica Scott, Officers J.D. Summers, Matt Hermsmeier, Peter Hummel, John Wietholder, and Detectives Adam Gibson and Kris Billingsley have been selected as Employees of the Month for November 2018.

Sergeant Scott and Officers Summers, Hermsmeier, Hummel, and Wietholder work the Day Patrol Shift. Detective Gibson is the Elder Service Officer. Detective Billingsley is assigned to the Criminal Investigations Unit. Combined, these officers represent 97 years of police experience in various fields. They were nominated for this honor due to their great teamwork culminating in the saving of a life on September 24, 2018.

On that morning, officers were dispatched to All America Park in reference to a suicidal subject armed with a firearm. The first arriving units located the subject sitting in his car and confirmed that he was in fact armed with a handgun. Officers set up a perimeter while Officer Hermsmeier made contact with the subject. While Officer Hermsmeier spoke with the subject, Officers Summers, Hummel, and Detective Billingsley took up position to cover the subject. Detective Gibson, Officer Wietholder, and Adams County Sheriff's Deputies blocked all entries to the park, as well as north and south traffic on Bonansinga Drive. Sergeant Scott arrived on scene shortly after and took negotiating with the subject. Eventually, the subject agreed to put his weapon down and exit his vehicle. The subject was taken into custody and transported to Blessing Hospital, where he was admitted.

All the Officers responding to this call had a part in its successful outcome. They communicated well with each other and worked as a team so that each necessary task was completed quickly and correctly. As a result of all of their actions, the subject was taken into custody so that he could receive the help that he needed, and no one was injured in the process.

Please join me in congratulating Sergeant Scott, Officers Summers, Hermsmeier, Hummel, Wietholder, and Detectives Gibson and Billingsley as the Quincy Police Department's November 2018 Employees of the Month.

Robert A. Copley, Chief of Police