

**QUINCY POLICE DEPARTMENT
EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH
FEBRUARY 2016**



February 1, 2016

It is with great pleasure I announce that Officers Craig Russell, Ryan Witt, Steve Bangert, and Greg Benson have been selected as Employees of the Month for February, 2016.

Officer Russell joined the department on September 19, 2011. He is currently a K9 officer. Officer Witt joined the department on September 20, 2004. He is currently a Street Crimes Unit Officer. Officer Bangert joined the department on June 17, 2002. He is currently a Street Crimes Officer. Officer Benson joined the police department on April 5, 1999. He is currently a patrol officer on the night shift.

On 1/3/16 at 0225 hours, officers were dispatched to 1822 Oak in reference to a noise complaint at a party. Upon arrival it was found that an individual had been shot prior to officers arriving. Officer Benson obtained information on the suspect and broadcasted it to other officers. Officer Russell observed a car leaving the area at a high rate of speed and followed it. Officer Russell updated other units on his observation and activity along with his location. Officers Witt and Bangert responded to assist him. The officers stopped the car in an alley a short time later. Officer Bangert took a cover position on the vehicle while Officers Russell and Witt conducted a felony traffic stop. All occupants of the car were removed safely, the suspect was arrested, and the firearm used was recovered.

By working together these officers quickly apprehended a dangerous felon and removed another firearm from our city's streets. Officer Benson relayed important suspect and vehicle information in a timely manner to all units. Responding promptly, Officer Russell observed suspicious behavior and acted on it. Officers Witt and Bangert responded promptly to assist and the stop was completed with no injuries to officers or suspects by using good tactics.

Please join me in congratulating Officers Craig Russell, Ryan Witt, Steve Bangert, and Greg Benson as the Quincy Police Department's February 2016 Employees of the Month.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Copley", written over a horizontal line.

Robert A. Copley, Chief of Police