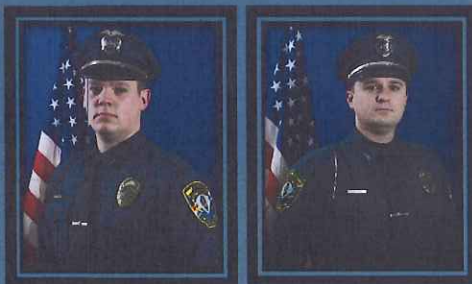


QUINCY POLICE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH MARCH 2017



March 1, 2017

To Whom It May Concern,

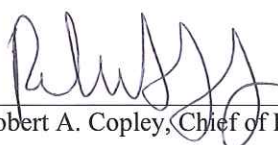
It is with great pleasure that I announce Officer David Distin and Officer Robert MeGee have been selected as Employees of the Month for March 2017.

Officer Distin joined the department on February 9, 2009. He attended Western Illinois University and graduated with a Bachelor's of Science Degree in May 2005. Officer Distin previously worked for Galesburg (IL) Police Department and graduated from the Police Training Institute at the University of Illinois in Champaign, IL in March 2007. Officer MeGee joined the department on June 15, 2015, and graduated from Police Training Institute in September 2015. He attended Culver Stockton College, graduating with a Bachelor's of Science Degree in May 2009. Officer MeGee is a member of the Crisis Intervention Team.

Officers Distin and MeGee were nominated for this award due to their actions on January 13, 2017 while they were both voluntarily working hire back following their normal tour of duty. At 0607 hours that date they were dispatched to a suspicious vehicle on Pine Ridge Drive. Officer Distin gathered initial information about the suspect vehicle, which had left the area, and provided it over the radio to Officer MeGee. Officer MeGee located and stopped the suspect vehicle. During their investigation with the two occupants of the vehicle, the officers recognized articles that could be used as burglary tools, as well as numerous items believed to have been stolen. The occupants' answers to the officers' questions also appeared to be deceitful. In addition, one of the subjects had a warrant for his arrest. Officer Distin and MeGee continued their investigation and requested other officers check the area for buildings that were possibly burglarized. A local business was located on Broadway that was burglarized. The owner of that business was able to identify numerous items that were in the suspect vehicle as items that were stolen from his business.

Not only did Officer Distin and MeGee assist the department by agreeing to stay late after completing their 12-hour shift, but they worked diligently on a burglary call for several more hours. Both Officers recognized through their experience with interviewing subjects, that they were receiving dishonest answers to their questions. They also observed suspicious items that could be used to commit burglaries and possible stolen items in the suspects' possession. Because of their astute and exhaustive investigation into a suspicious vehicle call, a burglary was solved before it was reported to the police and numerous other burglaries were more than likely prevented.

Please join me in congratulating Officers David Distin and Robert MeGee for being selected as the Quincy Police Department's March 2017 Employees of the Month.


Robert A. Copley, Chief of Police