## QUINCY POLICE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH APRIL 2017



April 1, 2017

To Whom It May Concern,

It is with great pleasure that I announce Officer Zach Bemis has been selected as Employee of the Month for April 2017.

Officer Bemis joined the department on September 14, 2015. He attended Western Illinois University and graduated with a Bachelor's of Business Degree in May 2012. Officer Bemis graduated from Police Training Institute on December 17, 2015. In addition to his patrol duties, Officer Bemis is a member of the Crisis Intervention Team. He received the Quincy Police Department Patrol Officer of the Year Award for 2016.

Officer Bemis was nominated for this award due to his work on March 2, 2017. This incident is but an example of the solid self initiated activity that Officer Bemis conducts every shift that he works.

At approximately 0135 hours that date, Officer Bemis was patrolling the area of 6<sup>th</sup> and Chestnut when he observed a male subject in an alleyway. He got out with the subject and identified him, noticing that he appeared very nervous. Subsequent to consent, the subject was searched and a digital scale with a white residue on it was located. The subject was arrested for possession of the drug paraphernalia. Officer Bemis furthered his search by checking the area where the subject had been immediately before being approached. While checking the area the following items were located: two plastic baggies containing 4.2 grams of methamphetamine, three plastic baggies containing cannabis, a glass smoking pipe, and metal knuckles. The subject was interviewed and booked at headquarters and lodged for intent to deliver methamphetamine and possession of a weapon by a felon.

Please join me in congratulating Officer Bemis for being selected as the Quincy Police Department's April 2017 Employee of the Month.

Robert A. Copley, Chief of Police