

QUINCY POLICE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH OCTOBER 2017



October 1, 2017

It is with great pleasure I announce that Inspector Nick Hiland and Officers Justin Ebbing, Paul Hodges, Mike Tyler, Craig Russell, and Steve Bangert have been selected as Employees of the Month for October, 2017.

Inspector Hiland joined the department on September 20, 2004. He is assigned to the West Central Illinois (Drug) Task Force. Officer Ebbing joined the department on October 9, 2012. He is assigned to the Street Crimes Unit. Officer Hodges joined the department on September 8, 2009. He is assigned to the Street Crimes Unit. Officer Tyler joined the department on January 3, 2000. He is a K-9 Officer assigned to the Street Crimes Unit. Officer Russell joined the department on September 19, 2011. He is a K-9 Officer assigned to the Street Crimes Unit. Officer Bangert joined the department on June 17, 2002. He is assigned to the Street Crimes Unit.

All of these officers were nominated for this award due to their work on a drug trafficking investigation that led to the arrest of several subjects and the seizure of considerable amounts of illicit drugs and firearms. Working with the WCITF and the ACSO, this is a great example of how cooperation between agencies leads to great results.

As part of this investigation officers executed of a search warrant on Rainbow Lane in Quincy IL. During the execution of the Search Warrant Officers located approximately 11 pounds of Methamphetamine and 8 pounds of Cannabis. Three men were arrested in connection with this search warrant. This seizure led to the issuance of Federal Indictments. One of the subjects was arrested for Possession with the Intent to deliver 500 grams or more of Methamphetamine and Conspiracy to deliver 500 grams or more of Methamphetamine. The other subject was charged with Manufacture or Delivery 900 or more grams of Methamphetamine and Manufacture or Delivery of Cannabis 2000 to 5000 grams.

Prior to the officers executing the above search warrant, they observed a vehicle leave the residence that they suspected to be involved in drug trafficking activities. Officers maintained surveillance of the vehicle which led to a traffic stop by the Fulton County IL Sheriff's Office in Lewistown IL. Officers located 8 ounces of Methamphetamine and 6 pounds of Cannabis inside the vehicle. Arrested in connection with this traffic stop were a subject from Peoria, IL and a subject from Denver, CO. This seizure led to the issuance of Federal Indictments for Possession with the Intent to deliver 50 grams or more of Methamphetamine

Officers also made a traffic stop leading to the arrest of one subject who was found to be in possession of a loaded handgun and approximately 53 grams of Methamphetamine. This firearm had been reported stolen. Officers executed search warrants at two separate locations following this traffic stop, recovering four additional firearms. This seizure led to the issuance of a Federal Indictment for Possession with the Intent to deliver 50 grams or more of Methamphetamine, Possession of firearm during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime, and Possession of a firearm by a felon.

Please join me in congratulating Inspector Hiland and Officers Ebbing, Hodges, Tyler, Russell, and Bangert as the Quincy Police Department's October 2017 Employees of the Month.

Robert A. Copley, Chief of Police