

QUINCY POLICE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH OCTOBER 2018



October 1, 2018

It is with great pleasure I announce that Sergeant Ryan Witt and Officer Steve Bangert have been selected as Employees of the Month for October 2018.

Sergeant Witt joined the department on September 20, 2004. He is currently a Patrol Sergeant assigned to the Night Shift. Sergeant Witt has also served the department as a Patrol Officer, a member of the Street Crimes Unit and a Detective-Criminal Specialist. Officer Bangert joined the department on June 17, 2002. He is currently a Patrol Officer assigned to the Night Shift. Officer Bangert has also served the department as a member of the Street Crimes Unit.

The two were nominated for this award due to their actions in pursuing and arresting a dangerous armed felon in the early morning hours of August 22, 2018.

At 0302 hours on that date, Sergeant Witt was conducting surveillance in an area where officers responded to several disturbances earlier in the morning. He watched a vehicle drive through the alley and observed the occupant discharge a firearm in the direction of a residence. Sergeant Witt intercepted the vehicle as it tried to exit the alley and confronted the armed subject at gunpoint, ordering him out of the vehicle. Sergeant Witt was able to visually identify the subject as someone he was acquainted with from prior contacts. The subject refused to exit the vehicle and fled the scene. Sergeant Witt initiated a pursuit of the vehicle. Officer Bangert responded to the area to assist in the pursuit. Once in position, Officer Bangert took over the radio communications of the pursuit.

During the pursuit, the subject discharged his firearm in the direction of the pursuing officers. The subject fled into Missouri on the Bayview Bridge and then returned to Quincy on the Memorial Bridge with officers close behind. He was eventually taken into custody in the area of 3rd and Hampshire with assistance of officers from the Adams County Sheriff's Department. As experienced veteran officers, Sergeant Witt and Officer Bangert kept their composure during this stressful incident. As a result, an armed felon was arrested and taken off of the street.

Please join me in congratulating Sergeant Witt and Officer Bangert as the Quincy Police Department's October 2018 Employees of the Month.

Robert A. Copley, Chief of Police