

RESOLUTION NUMBER 219

Police Officer Sean James

WHEREAS, during the calendar year of 2013, Officers Jarrod Henderson and Sean James distinguished themselves by showing their true dedication to the citizens of the Fifth District. Officer James is a 13 year veteran, while Officer Henderson has 8 years with the department; and

WHEREAS, as a duo, for the year 2013, these two officers handled a total of 2,492 calls for service, wrote 186 police reports, 68 traffic summonses, 36 parking tags, and made 41 arrests for 34 felony charges 16 misdemeanor, and 57 city ordinance violations; and

WHEREAS, their exceptional performance, going above and beyond the call of duty, did not go unnoticed. Their hard work and dedication is recognized by those they work with, as well as the citizens of the Fifth District; and

WHEREAS, although these officers perform their duties with exceptional consistency, they remain motivated to go the extra mile; and

WHEREAS, during the month of December, Officer Henderson was on patrol with another Fifth District officer, when they observed a 2001 Dodge Neon driving erratically. They activated their emergency lights and attempted to stop the vehicle. The driver abandoned the vehicle and fled on foot. Officer Henderson exited his police vehicle and gave chase. After a lengthy foot pursuit, the driver was taken into custody. The vehicle was reported stolen the day before and the juvenile suspect had a prior history of stealing vehicles. After completing the necessary paperwork, Officer Henderson also went to the juvenile suspect's home, and summonsed the suspect's mother for "Endangering the Welfare of a Child" for her lack of parental supervision; and

WHEREAS, in another incident during the month of May, Officers James and Henderson observed a large group of female and male subjects arguing in the 2700 block of Coleman. A juvenile male then ran from the scene and Officer James observed the juvenile subject running while holding a silver handgun in his hand. After a short foot chase, the juvenile was taken into custody and the handgun was recovered. A female subject was located who made a written statement admitting to giving the handgun to the juvenile and telling him to run. She was arrested and the juvenile was released into the custody of his mother. Charges were later issued against the female by the Circuit Attorney's Office; and

WHEREAS, these two officers have made a very positive impact on crime in the Fifth District. Their continuous efforts and dedication have made the Fifth District a safer place for all. They have gained the admiration of their peers and they are fine examples of what younger officers should strive to be.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Police Officer Sean James for making the City of St. Louis a better place to live and work and being named the Fifth District 2013 Officer of the Year and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 7th day of February, 2014 by:

Honorable Freeman Bosley, Sr., Alderman 3rd Ward

Honorable Dionne Flowers, Alderwoman 2nd Ward

Honorable Tammika Hubbard, Alderwoman 5th Ward

Honorable Antonio D. French, Alderman 21st Ward

Adopted this 7th day of February, 2014 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen