



## Citation to Accompany the Award *Officer of the Year 2019*

Officer Sean Taylor is a 2005 graduate of Natick High School and a 2009 graduate of Curry College where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice. In 2013 he graduated from the Municipal Police Training Academy in Reading and began his career with the Natick Police Department in August of 2013.

Officer Taylor has been assigned to the 12 AM-8 AM shift since the beginning. You can often see Sean's smiling face all over town as he directs traffic at his many detail assignments. Although Sean clearly enjoys his work, his true loves are his wife Melissa and the Boston Bruins. He won't tell us in what order.

During the rash of motor vehicle breaks in town Officer Taylor realized the difficulty in apprehending the perpetrator at night while responding to the scene in a cruiser. Officer Taylor correctly stated, "They can see us coming a mile away". He began to think (outside-the-box) of other ways to respond to the scene which would be less noticeable to the perpetrator. Officer Taylor inquired about patrolling the target areas on bicycles. Officer Taylor began seeking other officers who might be interested in the bicycle patrol as well and presented his idea to the command staff. Officer Taylor was instrumental in getting the bicycle patrol reinstated and has already begun utilizing this crime prevention and community policing tool.

After a recent incident it was discovered there were issues with our radio communications with dispatch. Officer Taylor approached his Supervisor after that incident and made the suggestion that we go to other nearby establishments and do radio checks from within the buildings to ascertain if there are similar issues elsewhere. Several days later, Officer Taylor with the assistance of Officer Ordway conducted radio checks identifying their location floor by floor over the radio as they went, in an attempt to identify other potential problem areas (dead zones). This proactive police work is seldom seen or acknowledge by the command staff as they are unaware this type of effort and forethought is being done.

Officer Taylor is described by his Supervisor to have good situational awareness and is tactically sound at all times. He has a positive and friendly personality, he is well liked by his peers, and has a proactive rather than reactive work ethic. Officer Taylor is very reliable, polite, hardworking and possesses a good temperament. He is willing to take a leadership role when there is no patrol supervisor available. He always plays by the rules, no matter how trivial the rule may seem. He is always very professional and respectful of rank.

Officer Taylor possesses the unique and admirable ability of being able to be both a strict law enforcer and a community police officer. He treats everyone fairly and with kindness. He has empathy for others and is a great ambassador of the Natick Police Department.

It is my pleasure to formally and publicly commend Officer Sean Taylor, and name him the Natick Police Department Officer of the Year for 2019. Congratulations to Sean, Melissa and their family.