

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD - 2023 OFFICER OF THE YEAR

February 20, 2024

Dear Officer Rardain:

During the past 12 months, you were assigned 762 general incidents and you investigated 49 traffic accidents. In addition, you filed 141 felony/misdemeanor charges as well as 28 summary criminal violations. You issued 364 traffic citations and stopped another 219 motorists for various offenses. Clearly, you kept yourself busy in 2023.

Your productivity is outstanding given the fact that you spent time in 2023 acting as a Field Training Officer for our new officers. The duties of a Field Training Officer are vital to the future of this agency. The officer that you trained has excelled since the day she exited the Field Training Program. Her success is in part to your teaching and dedication to this agency.

A fine example of your work is that on January 7, 2023, you stopped vehicle driving south on N. George St. at Masonic Dr. for a burned-out break light. The vehicle you stopped was emitting marijuana smoke and you observed a fresh marijuana blunt on the passenger seat floorboard. The driver and passengers denied you a consent search. You seized the vehicle and obtained a search warrant. The search revealed that the occupants of the vehicle had over a pound of marijuana in the car along with three illegal firearms. You also found various other narcotics in the car to make an arrest for Possession with the Intent to Distribute Controlled Substances.

This is but one example of what has become the standard of your performance.

Your Platoon Sergeant noted that you have the ability to identify criminal behavior, conduct a thorough investigation, and assist with criminal prosecution like only a few officers that he has seen.

This Department and Chief are very fortunate to have an officer of your caliber within its ranks. We are reminded that no person is ever forced to choose law enforcement as a profession. But, having made that choice, he is obligated to perform his duties and live up to its standards. You have met and surpassed this requirement.

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners, and with great personal and professional satisfaction, I congratulate and commend you as the 2023 Officer of the Year!

cc: Board of Commissioners
Personnel file