

THIN GOLD SHINE

First, I have been in the supervisory position for 7 months with the Dayton Police Department, and will eventually nominate everyone on my team for doing such an outstanding job. They are all deserving, and I'm excited to be able to recognize each of them outside of just our communications center! Now for the nomination! I am nominating Harlie Head for the Thin Gold Shine Award. Harlie is my part-time dispatcher, but from the outside looking in, you would never know that by how much time she dedicates to the Communications Center, Police Department, and the City of Dayton and surrounding area. Harlie started as a full-time dispatcher and then opted to go part-time to further her education in the Education field, but as I mentioned, you would never know that she only works part-time. With the communications division, Harlie is only allotted 1000 hours a year to help with shift coverages due to vacations, training, and call-outs. This year she totaled 989 hours and would have had more if there was no limit in place. I have never had any issues with depending on Harlie when it comes to last minute changes with schedule and she never complains, to me at least! She works weekends, holidays, day shift hours, night shift hours, and sometimes a mix of day and night shift hours. She is super friendly and even on the days I can tell she is tired, maintains her energy and enthusiasm. She was recently recommended to participate in our cities Emerging Leaders program. The object of the program is to develop leaders within our cities organizations, and takes place over a 10 week time frame. There are three phases to the program and upon completion, those who have successfully completed the phases will then act as a liaison to the city manager and/or the councilmen/women to further their leadership experience. On top of this, Harlie is my go-to person on updating me with events that take place in our area that we can participate in as a communications group. This year I joined her in passing out candy at the City of Liberty's Not-so-Scary Trunk or Treat, where we decided to have a Minions theme. When I arrived, Harlie had already set-up our trunk-or-treat area with this nice blow-up Minion, that was enjoyed by all those who participated. She then went on to participate in the City of Dayton's Halloween trunk-or-treat, a Cookie Crawl held at the department for the community to stop by and enjoy cookies, and several other events. Harlie was also recognized in our last city council meeting for her contributions in decorating the City of Dayton's common areas for Christmas, to include her contributions to helping decorate dispatch for the holidays as well. For our Christmas gathering, I held an Ugly Christmas Sweater contest. I knew that everyone would participate, but I really knew that Harlie had something in store to stand out and win. As we gathered for the Christmas party, we heard Harlie walking in and immediately knew she had come up with something outrageous. The competition was very competitive as a few of the dispatchers put their creative thinking skills to test, and after a few days, Harlie slipped through and won the competition by 5 vote! Overall, I believe Harlie deserves to be recognized for all the effort she puts in both on and off work. She is a great asset to our department, and to the city as well. She is a great dispatcher and is always ready to work, learn, and help!

Nominated by: Jessica Snead