



Memorandum

Police Department

DATE: 02/04/2020

TO: Liam Duggan-Director of Training and Development

FROM: Sergeant Cory Cardenas

RE: Joshua Seifert-Lifetime Achievement Award Candidate

I am writing this letter in regard to Bloomington Detective Joshua Seifert whom I would like to respectfully nominate as a candidate for the SOTA Lifetime Achievement Award.

I have had the honor of knowing Josh for 20 years and had the opportunity to be his first phase FTO. I have seen from day one how he has excelled in his law enforcement career that has not only benefited those in his own department but others in the law enforcement community in the Midwest as well as across the country.

In 2004 Josh was selected to the SWAT team and by May of 2005 he was selected as a Sniper. Over the course of the next 16 years Josh has been involved in or been an integral part of the following SWAT operations, competitions and activities:

- *Hurricane Katrina deployment September 2005
- *Graduated from Sniper Craft Advanced Training School in Spring 2007
- *Deployed to Cedar Rapids Iowa for flood patrol in summer of 2007
- *Selected as a Rappel Master/Fast Rope Instructor in 2007
- *2008 Republican National Convention-Arrest Team
- *2012-Sniper Week Tampa Florida-Top 20 national finish competing against 70 sniper teams.
- *SOTA board member-2014-2017
- *React Team Leader for Super Bowl-2017
- *React Team member for Final Four-2019
- *Involved in two FBI Bank Robbery Operations
- *Three successful hostage rescue operations
- *React team member on an assist to Eagan PD that resulted in OIS in July 2019.

It should also be noted that Josh has been an FTO, Firearms Instructor and Use of Force Instructor for over 15 years as well.

Over the course of Josh's career he has been involved in over 250 SWAT related operations. During this time I have had the opportunity to work with Josh as a SWAT operator as well as a Sergeant and have seen first-hand his skills as an operator, trainer and leader which are arguably unparalleled.

Josh has given countless hours instructing, training, and mentoring officers not only on his own department but too many others from across the state and the upper Midwest.

As a SOTA board member Josh also dedicated his time and efforts to continue to make SOTA the great organization it is today and will continue to be for years to come.

After 16 years of dedicated service, Josh is retiring from the Bloomington SWAT team. To say that his skill-set and leadership will be missed by many is an understatement.

Josh's accomplishments, dedication, and selfless service he has given to our profession is special and in my humble opinion is well deserving of this Lifetime Achievement Award.

Respectfully,

Sergeants Cardenas, Yates, & Sassor
Bloomington Police Department