

**Communications Officer II Taylor Watkins**

CO Taylor Watkins was selected as the December 2017 Communications Officer of the Month and once again she has been chosen for the month of March 2018. She continues to show major growth during her short tenure with the department. CO Watkins has shown time and time again that she is knowledgeable of policies and procedures and leads the platoon like a true leader. Working together or independently, CO Watkins takes pride in her work and works well with her peers.

On Wednesday, March 21st a call was received from State PD for a vehicle that Henrico was in pursuit of and called a Mayday. This incident turned into a three (3) hour event with coordination of Richmond, Henrico, VCU, and State Police units. CO Watkins monitored this situation from H1 once the pursuit channel was patched. CO Watkins remained professional, appended all information to the call, and ensured that all officers responding and on the call from all jurisdictions were accounted for through their respective channels. With the hard work from the officers on scene and the diligent work from CO Watkins, the event ended without incident and everyone went home safe.

Early Sunday morning March 31st at 0002hrs, a call was received for an officer who was shot in his home. CO Watkins immediately toned the event citywide sending the appropriate units and making notifications as needed. During what could have been a hectic event, remained contained and under control due to the diligent work from the units on scene but most importantly the dispatcher working the incident, CO Watkins. Making sure all units were accounted for, all information was relayed, and all notes were professionally documented is just a small part CO Watkins played in ensuring the safety of the officers responding and ensuring the injured officer



received help quickly. Due to the response of all involved, the officer received a good prognosis. Her actions were even noticed by the sergeant who responded to the scene as indicated below.

On March 31, 2018, a little after midnight, First Precinct Officers were dispatched to the 1000 block of Hull St. on a reported accidental shooting involving an off-duty Richmond Police Officer. Responding officers located the injured officer and decided that transporting him to VCU Medical Center by patrol vehicle would be best.

Not sure which communications officer was working this incident but I feel that she did an exceptional job. She was calm and provided clear and necessary information, mainly during the crucial time when the injured officer was being transported to the hospital. Your officer's handling of situation clearly was a major part of the injured officer being able to quickly receive medical attention.

**GREAT JOB!!! and THANKS!!!!**

**Dave Conyers**  
Sergeant, First Precinct, Midnight - B Squad.

COII Watkins continues to grow as a Communications Officer and has shown that she has what it takes to be a leader to others in the Department. She works hard, works well with her peers, gives 100% in her work product quality, and helps others in their time of need.