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To: Detective Scott White  
From: Chief William Balling  
Subject: Officer of the Year  
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It is my pleasure to announce you as the 2014 Officer of the Year. You were nominated by your fellow officers because of your high level of professionalism and service to the City of Sidney Police Department. As you know, the abuse of heroin has been one of the fastest rising areas of concern for the City of Sidney over the past few years. Last spring you approached me and advised me that you wanted to move back to the drug detective position when Detective Melerine was promoted. You told me that you wanted to help and had several ideas on how you could detect, apprehend and prosecute those individuals using and selling heroin. You stated to me that you believed you could involve the patrol section more with the detection of heroin. You indicated that you would be aggressive and highly motivated to make a difference.

Fast forward nine months later and you have been nominated and chosen as Officer of the Year. You were true to your word and you came into a difficult situation, yet you improved the unit immediately. The number of individuals charged with trafficking in drugs increased over 300 percent. We were able to conduct our first drug round-up in four years. We have developed better investigative techniques and skills to present improved cases for the prosecutor to review. The communication between patrol and the drug unit has improved. You have done everything you told me you would and the rest of the department has noticed. I am very proud of the job that you do and I am honored to have you be selected as the 2014 Officer of the Year by your peers.

Chief William Balling  
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