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SERGEANT RICHARD HALL NAMED 2026 ELLETTSVILLE POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR

ELLETTSVILLE, IN (May 26, 2026): Sergeant Richard Hall has been named the Ellettsville Police Department's Police Officer of the Year for 2026. Sergeant Hall was presented this award at the Ellettsville Town Council meeting on Monday, May 11, 2026.

Additionally, Sergeant Hall was the Ellettsville Police Department's nominee for the 2026 Valor Award presented by the Greater Bloomington Chamber of Commerce and the Exchange Club of Northside Bloomington. A ceremony was held on Thursday, May 14, 2026 at Ivy Tech Community College in Bloomington.

Below is Sergeant Hall's recognition letter as written by Chief Jimmie Durnil.

It is with profound pleasure that I nominate Sergeant Richard Hall of the Ellettsville Police Department for the 2026 Law Enforcement Valor Award. He embodies all the qualities of a true public servant as evident from his four years of dedicated service to the Town of Ellettsville as outlined below.

Sergeant Hall began his law enforcement career with the Ellettsville Police Department as a Reserve Police Officer in 2011, volunteering his time to fulfill the functions of a full-time Police Officer. After working full-time for the Indiana State Police – Capitol Police Section, the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department, and the Indiana University Police Department – Bloomington Division, Sergeant Hall returned home to the Ellettsville Police Department as a full-time Police Officer in December 2021. Since that time, he has excelled in all aspects of his career.

Sergeant Hall was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2023 after his strong leadership skills were recognized. In addition to his supervisory role, Sergeant Hall is actively involved in teaching other officers as an Indiana Law Enforcement Training Board certified instructor and mentoring future generations of Ellettsville Police Officers as a Field Training Officer.

Sergeant Hall is the epitome of a “lead from the front” supervisor. In 2025 alone, he responded to 267 calls for service, made 558 traffic stops, and arrested twenty-three individuals for impaired driving. Undoubtedly, his efforts in traffic enforcement, particularly in impaired driving enforcement, have made our community’s roadways safer for all motorists and pedestrians.

In 2024, Sergeant Hall, recognizing the department’s need for training in advanced skills to detect impaired drivers, embarked on a journey to become a Drug Recognition Expert, or DRE. This journey involved 120 hours of initial training and countless hours of continuing education. Since obtaining his certification, he has performed evaluations on over sixty drivers believed to be impaired. Taking it a step further, in August of 2024, he became a certified instructor in standardized field sobriety testing allowing him to impart his knowledge to both new and senior Police Officers.

In addition to his duties as a Police Officer for the Ellettsville Police Department, Sergeant Hall is also a member of the Monroe County Major Crash Investigations Team. He serves as one of three DREs on the team



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and is responsible for the evaluation of drivers involved in vehicle collisions which result in fatality or catastrophic injury.

In a time when the traits of enthusiasm, professionalism, and dedication are so critically important to law enforcement, it is an honor and a privilege to have Sergeant Hall, who exemplifies all of those traits, as a Police Officer at the Ellettsville Police Department. I am proud to call him a colleague, and more importantly, a friend.



Sergeant Richard Hall