

**Jensen Elementary Teacher Named Urbandale Police Reserve Officer Of The Year**

*Todd Pettit, fifth-grade teacher at Jensen Elementary, has been selected as the Reserve Officer of the Year by the Urbandale Police Department*

**URBANDALE, Iowa – March 2, 2015** – On February 16, 2015, the [Urbandale Police Department](#) held its annual awards ceremony and selected Reserve Officer Todd Pettit, fifth-grade teacher at [Jensen Elementary School](#), as the 2014 Reserve Officer of the Year. Throughout 2014, Pettit volunteered over 620 hours with the Urbandale Police Department by supporting training and patrol activities as well as assisting with community events such as National Night Out, Shop With A Cop and Fourth of July. Pettit received his Iowa Law Enforcement Academy Reserve Officer Certification in 2013.

“I am very honored to receive this award. Urbandale has an outstanding police department and it has been a great experience being part of it. The Urbandale community has been very good to me and I am glad that I am able to give back,” said Pettit.

In addition to his Reserve Officer duties, Pettit has been a dedicated teacher at Jensen Elementary for over 22 years. Pettit is highly respected by students, parents and staff, and is considered a master teacher in the Urbandale district as he raises the quality of the entire district.



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“Urbandale students, families and the community come first to Todd. He is a dedicated teacher, a devoted mentor, a true leader and an outstanding community member,” said Kelley Harrison, principal at Jensen Elementary School.

In 2013, the Urbandale Community School District Board of Directors approved a [five-year strategic plan](#). One of the core values stated in the plan, and embraced by the district as fundamental for the success of all learners, is placing great value on trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship. Pettit not only exemplifies these core values but encapsulates them to the highest degree. The Urbandale Community School District is honored to have Pettit as a leader in the district and community, and congratulates him on receiving this well-deserved award.

#### **About Urbandale Community School District**

The Urbandale Community School District includes portions of Des Moines and Urbandale, Iowa. The district serves over 3,900 students in six elementary schools, one middle school and one comprehensive high school. The Urbandale district supports an increasingly diverse student population where 50 languages are spoken. Building on the existing foundation of excellence in education, Urbandale is transforming education throughout the district. By implementing innovative [Quality/Continual Improvement](#) strategies that create learning environments that more fully engage, challenge and motivate students, Urbandale is taking transformation from theory into practice. Urbandale prepares students for becoming lifelong learners and is a school district that brings learning to life for everyone. To learn more, visit: [www.UrbandaleSchools.com](http://www.UrbandaleSchools.com)

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