

# SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT



*A new year is upon us and I look forward to facing celebrations and upcoming challenges as a team! Thank you for the years of dedicated service provided by the members of our department that have recently retired and the very best of luck in their future endeavors!*

*Annually, the Senior Staff of our department meets in January to discuss the past year's accomplishments and to set new goals for the upcoming year. Our team met on January 13, 2010 and continues the vision of reducing crime and making our city the safest of its size in America. We do this in a variety of ways; one of which is capturing crime data. Our department members contribute to a weekly AIM (Accountability Information Management) report, which helps us decide where to focus our resources in order to achieve our ultimate goal. We can make changes in business practices when needed, we can measure to see if our activities have had an affect and, if we are successful, we can continue with those actions. Our goal with AIM is to measure success and to determine if we are getting the proper bang for our buck.*

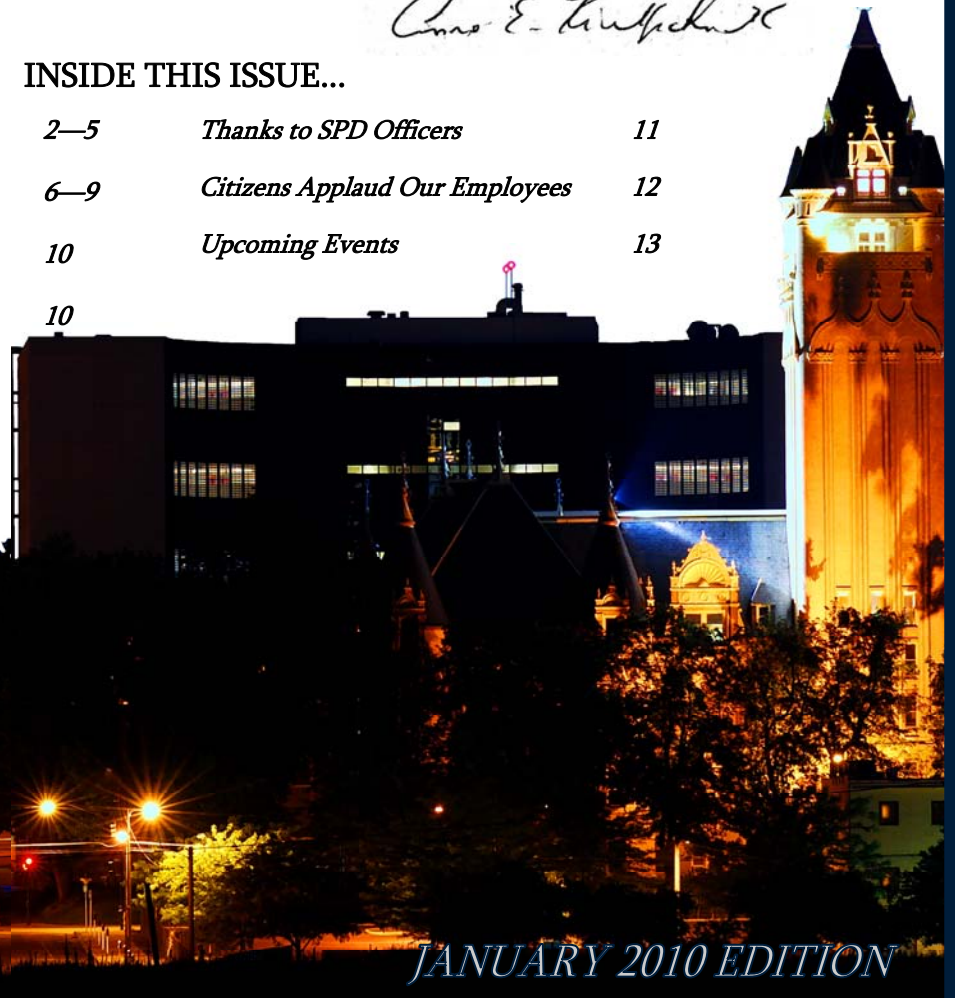
*Topping the list of 2010 goals is to have a unified, healthy and positive department. This goal can be met by encouraging a true spirit of team work that includes participation by every member of the department. The second is to reduce crime in Spokane! In order to achieve these goals, we would like input from each unit to decide how to best utilize resources. We would like to focus on the Repeat Offender Program (ROPs) by making arrests, incarcerating them, investigations of ROPs and assisting in their prosecution.*

*Looking forward to a great 2010!*



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## OFFICER TOM CHAPMAN



*Tom Chapman was hired by the Spokane Police Department on June 24, 1979. He was promoted to Police Officer First Class on June 19, 1994. Officer Chapman is also a certified firearms instructor and has worked in various shifts and areas of the city during his patrol career. He was most recently assigned to the Spokane Police Academy and served there until his retirement on December 11th, 2009.*

*While Officer Chapman was assigned to the Academy, he conducted over 135 background investigations. This number represents nearly one half of the commissioned personnel serving the Spokane Police department from October 1998 to December 2009. Officer Chapman has received the Medal of Merit in twice during his career with SPD. Officer Chapman's selfless dedication and commitment to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the Spokane Police Department.*



## SERGEANT RUSS COX

*Russ Cox was hired by the Spokane Police Department on October 14, 1979. He was promoted to Police Officer First Class on March 24, 1985. Cox was promoted to Corporal on January 2, 1994 and was promoted to Sergeant on December 14, 1997. Sergeant Cox not only worked in many units within the department, but he also served as President of the Spokane Police Guild and participated in an experimental 12 hour patrol shift in the northeast and northwest sectors of the city. After promoting to Sergeant, Cox served as an NRO Sergeant, a TEAM Sergeant (To Educate and Motivate), a Community Services Sergeant and spent the last seven years as patrol Sergeant until his retirement on November 13th, 2009.*



## JEANNE CULLIGAN



*Jeanne Culligan began her career with the Spokane Police Department as a temp/seasonal Secretary I, on January 29, 1992 and was assigned to the Spokane Police Academy. Jeanne was permanently hired with the City of Spokane on April 26, 1993 as a Clerk II in the City Legal Department, under Attorney Sam Faggiano. Jeanne was hired by then Lieutenant Chuck Bown and transferred back to the police department on August 15, 1993. Jeanne remained at the Police Academy for her entire career with until her retirement on December 12th, 2009.*

*Jeanne said that she loves her job but it's time to retire and have fun. She and her husband took an Eastern Mediterranean cruise in January 2010.*



## SERGEANT JIM FADDIS

*Jim Faddis worked for the Idaho Department of Law Enforcement, Bureau of Narcotics from June of 1975 through December of 1985, and the Coeur d'Alene Police Department from January to March of 1986. Jim was hired by the Spokane Police Department on March 3, 1986. He was promoted to Sergeant in March of 1992, and worked in patrol until July of 1997. Sergeant Faddis was assigned to the Special Investigative Unit in July of 1997. He was then assigned to Internal Affairs in January of 2002 through April of 2007. Sergeant Faddis then moved to the Sexual Assault Unit in May of 2007 and continued working in that unit until retiring on December 12, 2009.*



*Sergeant Faddis says that he enjoyed all of his assignments, but he most enjoyed working in SIU.*



**DETECTIVE DON GIESE**

*Officer Don Giese was hired by the Spokane Police Department on July 20, 1980. During his tenure as a police officer, he was called up for military assignment on several occasions. Officer Giese was promoted to Detective on March 23, 1986 and was assigned to Targeted Crimes and other units. He was then selected for the Major Crimes Unit on September 15, 1993. Detective Giese worked on a number of high profile cases while serving in the Major Crimes Unit. He served in Major Crimes for the remainder of his career until retiring on December 12, 2009. Among his co-workers, Detective Giese is considered to be one of the most professional, thorough and dedicated detectives in the Spokane Police Department.*

**DETECTIVE JERRY KELLER**

*Jerry Keller was hired by the Spokane Police Department on July 29, 1973. Officer Keller was promoted to Police Officer First Class on April 8, 1974. He was promoted to Corporal on May 1, 1988 and then to Detective on May 14, 1989, where he was assigned to the Crimes Against Persons Unit. Detective Keller was assigned to the Northeast Investigative Unit on March 21, 1994 and was then assigned to the Sexual Exploitation Unit where he has remained until retiring on December 12, 2009.*



*Detective Keller was instrumental in starting the Sexual Exploitation Unit, tracking registered sex offenders and Internet Crimes Against Children. He received a commendation on May 23, 2000, for the legal landmark investigation, arrest and conviction of an Internet sexual predator. This was the first case, of its kind in the State of Washington where a conviction resulted from an attempted rape of a fictitious victim. This is one of the many examples of Detective Keller's high level of work and commitment to the investigation, arrest and conviction of those people who would victimize the children in our community if given the opportunity. Detective Keller also designed a computer mouse pad in the shape of our SPD badge, with online rules for children and included a contact telephone number to report suspicious activity.*



## MAJOR GILL MOBERLY



*Major Gill Moberly is retiring after 37 years in law enforcement. Gill worked for the Pasadena Police Department in California as a police officer for five years. He worked as a Deputy with the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office for two years and five years as a K-9 Handler at the Spokane International Airport. Gill was hired by Spokane Police Department in September of 1984, when he began working in patrol. Throughout his career, Gill has served in patrol, the K-9 Unit, Community Services, and the Detectives Division. In June of 1999, Gill was promoted to Lieutenant, a position he held until May of 2007 when he was promoted to Major of the Administrative Services Bureau. Major Moberly oversaw the Records Division, payroll and special events. He remained in this position until his retirement on December 31st, 2009.*

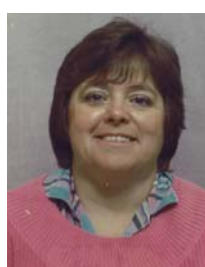


## PATTY PLOTZKI

*Patty Plotzki was hired by the Spokane Police Department on July 19, 1983 as a Clerk I. She was reclassified to a Clerk II on January 1, 1985 and was promoted to a Clerk III on January 1, 1987. Patty was assigned to the Crimes Against Person Investigative Division on September 15, 1993 where she also handled the Missing Persons/Runaways desk. Patty transferred to the Police Academy on January 25, 1998 and has remained at the academy until her retirement on December 12, 2009. Many of the department's clerks were trained by Patty to take over positions that Patty held in investigations. Patty is a very hard act to follow, as she is such a great employee! We will all miss her!*



*"I just wanted to make sure to say to all of you that I have enjoyed working for you and this police department for the last 26 years. I will miss each and every one of you. It has been a great experience and a blessing to get through the happy times and the bad times. We are a family and I am so proud and honored to have been a part of it. Keep being the great people you are." ~Patty*



**CAPTAIN FRANK SCALISE**

*Frank served in the U.S. Army in military intelligence as a Czechoslovak linguist. Hired by Spokane Police Department in 1993, he served in patrol until 1999. While in patrol, Frank was a Reserve mentor, a Field Training Officer and earned his B.A. in History from Eastern Washington University. He promoted to Corporal in 1999 where he worked graveyard patrol. In January of 2001, Frank promoted to Detective and in November of 2002, he promoted to Sergeant and returned to graveyard patrol. In 2004, he was assigned to the Volunteer Services Unit and moved to the Investigative Division in January of 2007. By July of 2007, Frank had promoted to Lieutenant. On January 12, 2010, Frank promoted to Captain and he will oversee the patrol operations of the department.*

**LIEUTENANT KEITH CUMMINGS**

*Keith started his law enforcement career with the Stevens County Sheriff's Office in 1983, promoting to Sergeant in 1989. He was hired by the Spokane Police Department in September of 1990 and promoted to Detective in June 1996. Keith promoted to Sergeant in March of 1999 and worked various positions in the department, including: the School Resource Officer (SRO) Program, SIU, Crime Analysis and Targeted Crimes Unit. Keith has a Master's Degree from Eastern Washington University in Communications with an emphasis in Public Administration and Public Relations. Our department has been the recipient of two grants due to Keith's grant writing expertise. Keith was promoted to Lieutenant on January 12, 2010 and is currently supervising four patrol teams on the south side of Spokane.*

**SERGEANT ROBBIE DASHIELL**

*Robbie was hired by Spokane Police Department in March of 1995. In 2000, he was promoted to Police Officer First Class and a year later was promoted to Corporal. Robbie received an award from the Spokane County Traffic Commission for his work in helping to create, and volunteering to be on the DUI Team. Robbie was promoted to Sergeant on November 15th, 2009. He is currently supervising a power shift patrol team on the south side of Spokane.*

**SERGEANT KEVIN KING**

*Kevin grew up in the Spokane area and has an A.A.S. in Law Enforcement from Spokane Community College. He was a Military Police Officer for four years. Since being hired by Spokane Police Department in 1988, Kevin has served on several teams, such as SWAT, K-9 and PIO. Kevin was not only a member of the SWAT Team, but an instructor as well. He was instrumental in setting up the SPD K-9 program and is a Master K-9 instructor. He is also currently a member of the PIO team and responds to media inquiries while on patrol. Kevin has received several awards during his career, including: the Lifesaving and Merit medals, the Chief's Citation Award and was the 2007 Employee of the Year. Kevin promoted to Sergeant on January 12, 2010 and is currently supervising a power shift patrol team on the south side of Spokane.*

**SERGEANT TOM LEE**

*Tom has a BA in Journalism and was hired by Spokane Police Department in April of 1988 as a Police Radio Dispatcher. Tom was hired as a police officer in October of 1989 and promoted to Police Officer First Class in January of 1994. Tom promoted to Corporal in December of 1995. Tom started our department PIO program in January of 2006 and served as the Public Information Officer until the Spring of 2007. Tom was awarded the Purple Heart in 2001 and received the Chief's Citation Award in 2008. Tom was promoted to Sergeant on January 12, 2010 and is currently supervising a dayshift patrol team on the south side of Spokane.*

**SERGEANT TRACIE MEIDL**

*Tracie was hired in September of 1993. She was promoted to Police Officer First Class in 1999 and Corporal in 2007. She was also a part of the K-9 Team with her dog Jasmine. Tracie has received several awards throughout her career, including: the Chief's Citation Award as part of the PIO Team in 2009, the May 2007 City of Spokane Employee of the Month, the Lifesaving Medal for an incident on March 6, 2007 and the Medal of Valor Award in 1997 for an incident on August 28, 1994. Tracie was promoted to Sergeant on December 13, 2009 and is currently supervising a graveyard patrol team on the north side of Spokane.*

# PROMOTIONS

## CORPORAL NICK LUNDGREN



*Nick was born and raised in Spokane. He graduated from Eastern Washington University with a B.A. in General Management and a Marketing major. Nick was hired by Spokane Police Department as a police officer in August of 2000 and is currently working patrol. He is also a Field Training Officer. Nick's father, Jim, is a retired SPD Lieutenant (1973-2006) and his brother, Justin, is currently an SPD Sergeant. Nick was promoted to Corporal on January 12, 2010 and is currently working as a Corporal on dayshift.*

## CORPORAL TONY MEYER

*Tony was hired by the Spokane Police Department in November of 1999. He was a CO-OP and a Reserve Officer for the department before being hired as a police officer. Tony was promoted to Corporal on December 13, 2009 and is currently working as a Corporal for a graveyard team on the north side of Spokane.*



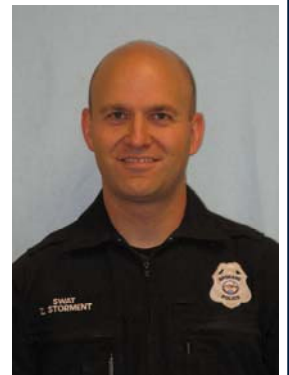
## CORPORAL LYDIA PRICHARD



*Lydia was hired by the Spokane Police Department in August of 2001. She was promoted to Corporal on November 15, 2009 and is currently working as a Corporal on patrol on the south side of Spokane.*

## CORPORAL ZAC STORMENT

*Zac was hired by the Spokane Police Department in January of 2000. Before he joined the department, Zac was employed with the City of Spokane Park Security Office, was a CO-OP Volunteer and attended Eastern Washington University all at the same time. Zac has received several commendations throughout his career from the community and his supervisors. He was promoted to Detective in April of 2009 and promoted to Corporal on January 12, 2010. Zac is currently working as a Corporal on a graveyard patrol team.*



**DETECTIVE BARB BYINGTON**

*Barb grew up in Long Beach, California and moved to Spokane in 1985. She was hired by Spokane Police Department in October of 1989. Barb currently works patrol and has delivered DV orders for two and a half years. She also serves on the Honor Guard. Barb's father retired from Long Beach Police Department after 30 plus years as a Sergeant. Barb was promoted to Detective on January 12, 2010.*

**DETECTIVE DAVE GRENON**

*Dave was hired by Spokane Police Department in September 1997. He came to Spokane as a lateral from Seattle Police Department, where he was an officer from February 1995 to August 1997. Dave served in the U.S. Army from September 1989 to June 1994. He has a B.A. in Social Sciences and was in the ROTC Program while obtaining his degree. Dave was promoted to Detective on January 12, 2010 and is currently working in Investigations.*

**DETECTIVE DEVIN PRESTA**

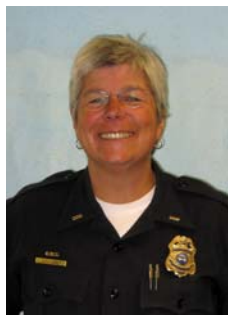
*Devin was a CO-OP from January to September of 1992. He was a Reserve Officer from September of 1992 to April of 1995. During this time, Devin was also a Temp/Seasonal Traffic Officer. He was hired as a police officer in April of 1995. Devin is currently a patrol PIO and the team was awarded the Chief's Citation Award in 2009. Devin was promoted to Detective on January 12, 2010.*

**SENIOR CRIME ANALYST—RYAN SHAW**

*Ryan was hired by Spokane Police Department in October of 2002 as a Crime Analyst. Prior to joining the department, he began working for the city as security at Riverfront Park in 1995. He also worked for both STA and Holy Family Hospital. Ryan graduated from Eastern Washington University with a BA in Business Administration and a Marketing major. While attending Eastern, Ryan was a Reserve Officer for our department during 1996-1997. Ryan was promoted to Senior Crime Analyst on January 12, 2010.*



## YEARS OF SERVICE



*Judi Carl  
30 Years*



*Tony Giannetto  
30 Years*



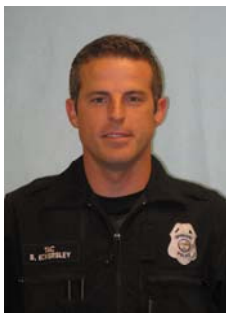
*Betty Bischoff  
20 Years*



*Ernie Wuthrich  
20 Years*



*Steve Braun, Jr.  
10 Years*



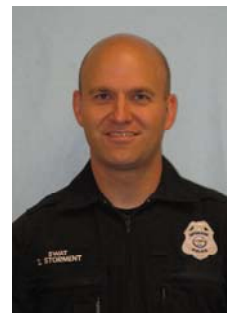
*Brian Eckersley  
10 Years*



*Kurt Henson  
10 Years*



*Amy Ross  
10 Years*



*Zac Stormont  
10 Years*



*By: Pam Ames*

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

*Did you do it? Did you put someone first, make someone feel good or buy someone lunch or coffee? Last month you were challenged (dared) to spread some love. Did you do it? You can still do it today. One small act of kindness can make someone's day. Think of a time when, out of the blue, someone made you smile and brightened your whole outlook. Once, when our car broke down, a total stranger hung around for 2 hours and fixed it for us. He wouldn't accept any form of gratuity and even called the next day to make sure everything was OK. Now that was more than a small act of kindness but an example of going above and beyond for others. Thanks so much for your generosity to the Chaplains, especially during these economical times. If you want to contact them, their office number is 625-4091 or 625-3322.*

# THANKS TO SPD OFFICERS

*As you know, Seattle Officer Tim Brenton was murdered on Halloween, 2009. What you may or may not know is that he was also married to my sister, the father of my niece and nephew and the uncle to my two daughters. Since his death, I have struggled internally being so far away from my sister and the rest of Tim's family. I have felt that I haven't been able to contribute to anything other than going through the motions of normal life. I really felt that I had no clear direction and needed something to feel that I was contributing to the healing.*



*I work at Pathology Associates Medical Laboratories where a co-worker put me in touch with Sgt. Jon Anderson. On December 29, 2009, PAML held an enterprise wide dress down day to benefit the Fallen Lakewood Police Officer Fund. This means that, for a donation and during normal business hours, employees can dress in a more casual manner (jeans/company shirt). Because PAML is a 24hr operation, there are employees on the nightshift (my group) who dress down on a regular basis. I felt that this was a situation in which I could come up with a clever way for my group to participate. The plan was for those who wanted to participate to dress in blue to honor those that have fallen in the line of duty.*

*I sent Sgt. Jon Anderson a quick note and inquired if the SPD would be willing to send a few officers to be included in a group photo. Sgt. Anderson followed through with my request and stated that a "couple" officers would be stopping by at 2230. I couldn't believe the amount of officers that were present!! I truly expected only two officers and got, what appeared, to be the entire SPD nightshift! The nightshift crew had been instructed to be ready and in position for the photo. After the officers were inside, the Accessioning Nightshift started applauding the officers from the SPD. It was a very surreal moment and I was so proud.*

*The officers were kind, polite, cordial and above all respectful. They thanked me personally for what PAML had done for their brethren and I thanked them for their service and their willingness to come and be part of something wonderful. As a result, I now feel that I have done something greater than just mourn. I was able to make this special for my employees and to also involve our local law enforcement. I can't explain what this did for me personally. I feel that I am able to move forward finally and for that I am so very thankful.*

*This group honored the Lakewood Four, they honored my nightshift crew, and they honored my family and Tim. But above all, they honored each other and the Spokane Police Department.*

*A most sincere thank you to the following:*

*Sgt. Jason Reynolds, Sgt. Bart Stevens, Cpl. Kevin Keller, Ofc. Jerry Anderson, Ofc. Brian Eckersley, Ofc. Jason Uberuaga, Ofc. Trevor Nollmeyer, Ofc. Kurt Reese, Ofc. John Everly and Sgt. Jon Anderson.*

**Jennifer Crigger**

**Manager-Nightshift Operations**

**Pathology Associates Medical Laboratories, LLC**

*I came home one evening and discovered that my home had been burglarized. I was alone and had no way of knowing if the bad guys were still in the house. I called 911 and explained my situation and within minutes members of the City of Spokane Police Department were here. They immediately checked the house to be sure we were safe and reviewed the situation in a concise and compassionate manner. I want you to know how much I appreciate them and the way they conducted themselves while here. I was terrified and I'm sure it's going to take a while to feel safe again. But knowing these guys are on the force makes me feel a lot better. I'm not sure I had the presence of mind to tell them how much I appreciated them. Please give Officer Mike Schneider, Officer Jake Jensen, Officer Aaron Ames, Officer Ben Yinger and Corporal Kevin Busch my heartfelt thanks. My husband wasn't here at the time but he sends his thanks as well.*

*~K. Dugan & A. Willey*



*On December 23rd, one of my troopers arrested an individual for DUI. Upon clearing the scene, two highly intoxicated passengers called 911 and made serious criminal accusations against the troopers involved in the traffic stop. Sergeant Brent Austin responded and attempted to interview the complainants, who refused to cooperate. Sergeant Austin was able to quickly refute their allegations through his excellent police work. Sergeant's Austin's efforts are definitely appreciated as it saved my troopers a lot of unnecessary stress from criminal and administrative investigations.*



*On January 3rd, one of my troopers was attempting to take a highly intoxicated female who had been walking in the lanes of travel on I90 into custody. The suspect was fighting with my trooper and resisted being handcuffed. Detective Corey Turman, who was off duty at the time, stopped to assist my trooper and they were finally able to get the suspect into custody. Detective Turman was off duty and did not have to stop, but he went above and beyond to assist a fellow officer.*

*We appreciate the assistance your officers provide to the State Patrol on a daily basis and I am especially thankful for the efforts of Sergeant Austin and Detective Turman during these incidents.*

*~Captain Jeffrey Otis, Washington State Patrol*



*I wanted to thank Officer Ron Van Tassel for waking me on the morning of 12/27/09. He made sure I evacuated my home when my neighbor's house was totally engulfed in flames, potentially putting my house in danger. Thankfully no one was hurt in this house fire. I thank Officer Van Tassel and all law enforcement officers for their service to the Spokane community.*

*~L. Bruce*



### UPCOMING EVENTS:

*Police Advisory Committee Meeting  
Thursday, March 18—5:30pm  
West Central Community Center  
1603 N. Belt*

*Spokane City Police Golf Tournament  
Saturday, March 27—10am  
Esmeralda Golf Course  
3933 E Courtland Av 487-6291*

### CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR PROMOTION!



*From left: Sergeant Kevin King, Lieutenant Keith Cummings, Detective Bar Byington, Corporal Nick Lundgren, Sergeant Tom Lee, Corporal Zac Storment, Captain Frank Scalise, Detective Devin Presta, Detective Dave Grenon, Ryan Shaw*

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### CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR RETIREMENT!



*From left: Major Gill Moberly, Detective Jerry Keller, Patti Plotzki, Jeanne Culligan, Sergeant Russ Cox, Officer Tom Chapman and Sergeant Jim Faddis.*

### SUGGESTIONS—COMMENTS?

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