

DETECTIVE RANDY LESSER



The Medal of Merit is awarded to employees who distinguish themselves by meritorious achievement or service. Meritorious actions are those which clearly surpass that which is normally required or expected.



Detective Randy Lesser set the bar when he was given the challenge of assaulting a three-story building by Federal agencies. He was tasked with servicing over 20 simultaneous search warrants. He took the challenge and was able to draft a plan that included the Spokane County SWAT team, the Spokane Police and County Civil Disturbance Units and the Spokane County Jail. He trained all the units and coordinated the plans that set into motion the execution of 20 Federal warrants covering three separate apartment buildings and over 20 units.

Det. Lesser was at the helm when the call went out. It was every officer's nightmare. The text rolled over the pager that there was an active shooter at a local high school. Once again, when the SWAT officers arrived, they found you already there, commanding the scene and sending SWAT into the fold.

Det. Lesser was called upon again when an active shooter attempted to assault several Spokane County deputies by shooting at them. The county team was called out as well as the city team to supplement them. Within moments of the call, he was able to establish links between the two teams. He was then able to guide both teams to another successful resolution to a critical situation that kept the public safe from a violent gunman. Det. Lesser was able to simultaneously coordinate both city and county chemical agent deployments and tactical long-range over watch as well as both entry teams and evacuation of non-combatants.

Det. Lesser not only trained with the team, but included himself in the team. He worked out with the team, shot with the team and demanded that the team function as a seamless unit. He demanded that the team members be at the peak of their abilities.

Detective Lesser certainly distinguished himself in the area of meritorious achievement and is most deserving of the Medal of Merit. Detective Lesser was issued the Merit Bar, along with the Medal of Merit at our Employee Awards Ceremony in February of 2006.

