

## CITY OF SPOKANE EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH MAY 2011

### Officer Shawn Pegram

Officer Pegram was assigned to swing shift patrol for the Spokane Police Department in 2010. He is currently assigned to power shift patrol on the north side of Spokane, and is also a member of the Explosive Disposal Unit (EDU) as a bomb technician. Some of his patrol duties include responding to calls for service, enforcing traffic laws, and being proactive within the community. Some of the tasks required as a member of the Explosive Disposal Unit include continual training on safely handling of explosives, training other department personnel, and acting as the Lead Breacher for EDU.



An example of his diligence as a police officer occurred on Monday January 17, 2011. Officer Pegram was dispatched to a suspicious backpack that was left on a bench at the northeast corner of Washington and Main, in downtown Spokane. After further investigation it was determined to be an explosive device. Through his training and experience he was a key component in dismantling the device and rendering it safe for the community.

Shawn has displayed professionalism in every call he goes on. He is the first to volunteer for duties or new assignments given by the Sergeant. The Explosive Disposal Unit is the most used specialty team within the Spokane Police Department and has the most call outs throughout the year. Shawn is a huge asset to the team and is very knowledgeable. He is always available for call outs and one of the most dependable members on the team.

In addition, Shawn is involved in the organization of a golf tournament every year, the proceeds of which benefit the Inland Northwest Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Officer Pegram is well respected within the entire Spokane Police Department. He is devoted to his career and takes his job very seriously. He is truly an asset not only to the Spokane Police Department, but to the community as a whole.

**Congratulations, Shawn!**

**Your service and commitment to the City of Spokane and the community are greatly appreciated.**