

## EMPLOYEE OF THE 1ST QUARTER



**SGT. JOE PETESRON**

**Employee of the Quarter nominations are based on either a specific act of unusual meritorious service; a specific project of significance to the community, city, or department, or sustained superior performance of assigned duties. When the Special Awards Committee reviewed the nomination; it was clear that Sgt. Peterson was most deserving of this recognition.**

Sgt. Peterson has been instrumental in getting the Patrol Anti-Crime Teams up and running. Sgt. Peterson has a diverse background including Patrol, Investigations and Internal Affairs. He has drawn on all his experiences to provide input, suggestions and ideas that have resulted in the Patrol Anti-Crime Team's initial direction and success.

Further, Sgt. Peterson maintains a strict physical fitness regimen. He is an example to his troops. His dependability is unquestionable. He is always early and stays late when necessary to tie up any loose ends or make arrangements to pass on timely intelligence to another shift or Crime Analysis. Sgt. Peterson always schedules his discretionary leave well in advance, and cancels it if there are pressing department matters for him to attend to.

Sgt. Peterson attends Repeat Offender (ROP) meetings, Targeted Crimes Unit (TCU) meetings and has been a frequent visitor to Crime Analysis to draw information together to bring to his team. In fact, Sgt. Peterson's efforts have been the catalyst for several actionable events in the field resulting in the arrest of repeat offenders and other serious criminals for burglary, vehicle theft and gun violations.

Sgt. Peterson is a 30 year police veteran. At a time in his career when other officers might slow down and take it easy, Sgt. Peterson attacks each day with enthusiasm and vigor. He always has a good attitude that carries to his troops. Sgt. Peterson constantly remarks that he has a great job and that he loves it.

Sgt. Peterson will say that it is really his troops who deserve this award for their dedication and hard work, which is true in part. However, it is the leader that Sgt. Peterson is, that makes his team function at such a high level.

Because of Sgt. Peterson's leadership and dedication, he sets a good example for all of our employees. We are fortunate to have such a dependable, innovative, and dedicated employee as Sgt. Peterson has proven himself to be and he is quite deserving of recognition.