

OFFICER KEVIN KING



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.



In his nomination letter, Sgt. Reisenauer described Ofc. King's work as a patrol dog handler and as a member of the SWAT Team, and his involvement with the training of other agencies in SWAT and K-9 team tactics. As a Master Trainer with the Washington State Police Canine Association, Ofc. King coordinated and instructed several basic schools that have put the best-trained handlers on the streets to serve their communities. Not only was he instrumental in developing a ten-week training curriculum that involves members of the SPD K-9 Unit and other handlers from regional K-9 Units instructing in their areas of expertise, he instructed the largest portion of the school. Ofc. King's work has produced excellent K-9 teams that are tremendous assets to their agencies.

Ofc. King is known for his ability to recognize training problems and solve them, and he can give criticism and train at the same time. He required the best out of the new handlers, and made them want to perform at their best. The SPD K-9 unit is a regional training resource for Eastern Washington, Northern Idaho, and Western Montana; and you are highly respected by the K-9 teams coming to train with the SPD K-9 Unit.

Officer King was awarded the Medal of Merit at our annual Employee Awards Ceremony in February of 2002.