

2004 CHIEF'S CITATION AWARD

SWAT

The Chief's Citation Award is given to the members of a team or unit for participating in an incident, event, series of events or project which has had a substantial positive impact on the community or Police Department and which was superior in nature and furthered the Department's mission and overall effectiveness. After reviewing this nomination, it was clear that Police Dispatch was most deserving of this recognition.

The SWAT Team is a valuable resource not only to every unit in the Spokane Police Department, but to outside agencies as well. Their dedication to the SWAT Team and the ability to handle high-risk incidents allowed our incident commanders to deal with several dangerous incidents this past year.

Incidents such as the active shooter and Lewis & Clark High School highlight the SWAT Team's quick response, training, equipment and desire to serve. Their ability to put team tactics and planning together on high-risk search warrants has allowed other units to perform their job. High-risk response to incidents usually does not consider time of day, day of the week, weather or inconveniences to SWAT Team members. These limiting factors have never affected the SWAT Team's response.

The Spokane Police Department SWAT Team, since its creation, has involved countless officers who have devoted their time, energy and hearts to create a legacy. This standard, set by past members, continues with their commitment to SWAT. There is a certain level of comfort knowing that the SWAT Team is involved in high-risk events and that successful outcomes are the norm. This is an incredible group of dedicated people who constantly strive toward the unit's mission of the Spokane Police Department.

Each member of the 2004 SWAT Team was issued the Chief's Citation plaque and was recognized at our annual Employee Awards Ceremony in February of 2005.

Members of the 2004 SWAT Team



Lt. Scott Stephens
Sgt. Joel Fertakis
Sgt. Dennis Walter
Det. Jeff Barrington
Det. JC Collins
Det. Neil Gallion
Det. Harlan Harden
Det. Jeff Harvey
Det. Tom Hendren
Det. Marty Hill
Det. Randy Lesser
Cpl. Robbie Dashiell
Cpl. Ray Harding
Cpl. Jeff Schaal
Ofc. Brian Aitken
Ofc. Brent Austin

Ofc. Gene Baldwin
Ofc. Rob Boothe
Ofc. Kevin Busch
Ofc. Matt Cowles
Ofc. Alan Edwards
Ofc. Craig Hamilton
Ofc. Eric Kannberg
Ofc. Kevin Keller
Ofc. Shawn Kendall
Ofc. Danny Lesser
Ofc. Rich Meyer
Ofc. Shane Oien
Ofc. Joe Pence
Ofc. Terry Preuninger
Ofc. Kurt Vigasaa

