

OFFICER GENE BALDWIN



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.

Officer Gene Baldwin is especially known for his dedication to the task of information gathering and management, and in sharing that information with other officers. He stays current on criminal intelligence issues and relays this information to the rest of the team.

He is noted for his work ethic and his drive to curb serious criminal activity. He handles calls with his team members, while hunting for his “targets” on both sides of town. He shows a tenacity in contacting addresses and vehicles in search of leads to pursue those he knows to be involved in criminal activity, yet he is able to find a proper balance between taking report calls and doing proactive work.

While monitoring criminal activity in the East Sprague area on New Year’s Eve 2001, Officer Baldwin and Officer Edwards stopped a suspicious vehicle. A subject in the car, who turned out to have several warrants and an extensive criminal history, chose to resist and shot at them. They were forced to return fire.

Whenever there is a high-risk call, Officer Baldwin is always the first to volunteer to respond. His training as a SWAT team member gives him the credentials and respect of his peers.

Officer Baldwin was issued the Merit Bar, to be worn on his uniform and was presented the Medal of Merit at our annual Employee Awards Ceremony in February of 2003.

