

OFFICER ALAN EDWARDS



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 Alan Edwards has an uncanny ability to locate stolen vehicles, recovering more stolen cars than most other teams combined. He also tends to make more felony arrests than anyone else. He comes to work early to review the stolen auto list and daily flyers, doing this on his own time.

As a member of the SWAT team, he is comfortable assuming a leadership role in tactical situations. He is credited with having a significant impact on drug trafficking in the East Sprague area. It was while monitoring criminal activity in this area that he and Officer Baldwin stopped a suspicious vehicle on New Year's Eve 2001. 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.

Officer Edwards was instrumental in his team's huge increase in meth arrests. He broke up a car theft ring, resulting in a prison sentence for two suspects. His methods are effective in putting intense pressure on career criminals.

Officer Edwards is noted for pursuing information and keeping records. His work ethic sets a high standard for all other officers to follow, especially the new officers assigned to him as an FTO. Officer Edwards' consistent and sound methodology, persistence and diligence earned him the Medal of Merit.

Officer Edwards 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.

