

# OFFICER KIM THOMAS



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 Kim Thomas has provided a level of service above and beyond what is expected for over 30 years. He has been a dedicated member of the Greater Spokane Substance Abuse Council as well as worked with the Spokane Regional Health District and the Safe Kids Coalition to advocate for a helmet ordinance in Spokane. Officer Thomas has been recognized for his skill as a collision reconstructionist and has taught traffic law and collision investigation to numerous officers throughout the years. He is admired for his personal dedication to reducing preventable crashes. Officer Thomas took the initiative to design presentations to educate young people about the responsibilities and perils of being a motor vehicle operator. To that end, Officer Thomas was involved with the Every 15 Minutes Program where he gave presentations to various community groups about basic traffic laws and life saving behaviors. Officer Thomas is always the first person to volunteer to help with a traffic project. He is highly respected professionally and personally.

Officer Thomas possesses the intrinsic nature to help others; and he goes about it efficiently, professionally and with a humanity that others would do well to imitate. When two good friends became ill and subsequently passed away, Officer Thomas demonstrated what it truly means to take care of each other.

Sergeant Walker stated in his nomination, "I will never be able to describe in words what Officer Thomas has meant to this department and community, but he is everything a police officer should be and he is truly deserving of this Medal of Merit." His second nomination echoed these sentiments by saying, "Officer Thomas possesses a genuine compassion for his fellow citizens. He demonstrates personal devotion to the preservation of safety in our community."

Officer Thomas' many years of hard work and dedication have been outstanding and the department is proud to recognize him with the Medal of Merit. Officer Thomas was issued the Merit Bar, to be worn on his uniform. He was also awarded his Medal of Merit at our annual Employee Awards Ceremony in February of 2005.

