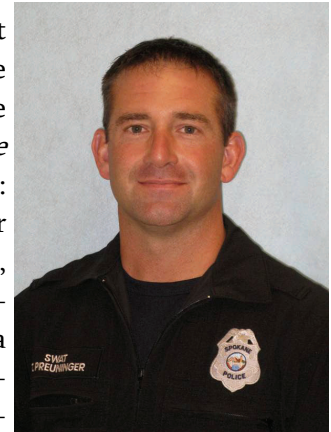


## OFFICER TERRY PREUNINGER

Due to Officer Preuninger's high level of expertise, ability, and commitment to this department and the community, he has demonstrated time and time again that he exemplifies the highest caliber of excellence in representing the Spokane Police Department. In addition to working as a Patrol Officer, *some* of Officer Preuninger's on-going commitments to this department are: SWAT team member and Team Leader, former CART Team Leader, Master Firearms Instructor, primary instructor for BLEA and SPD Patrol Procedures, SPD Reserve Officer Instructor, SPD Co-op and Volunteer Instructor, instructor at various In-services, and he designed and instructed the first SPD Media Academy. Officer Preuninger's "can do" attitude is exceptional and his willingness to sacrifice personally for the sake of training others is truly remarkable.



Anyone who has witnessed Officer Preuninger as a Patrol Officer, SWAT Team Leader, and as an Instructor would certainly agree that he would be worthy of the Medal of Merit based solely on his duties in any one of these areas. As we all know, SWAT activations involve high stress situations and the potential for deadly encounters exists. Civil liability is also something that must be considered in any tactical decisions made. He realizes this and his decision making skills ensure that the SWAT team will always function at its' highest professional level. Officer Preuninger consistently performs to a standard of excellence. Within the last two months, Officer Preuninger has served on several SWAT missions, taught at the spring in-service sessions, instructed a Patrol Rifle class, taught courses for the Co-ops as well as the Special Commissioned Officers, and designed and taught Workplace Violence classes for Spokane City civilian employees along with several Patrol In-service classes for the Walla Walla Police Department. This level of dedication to the service of the department and the safety of our community is unmatched. Officer Preuninger serves as a role model to other SWAT team members, is an inspirational instructor, and is a leader by example to SPD officers.

Officer Preuninger has certainly distinguished himself in the area of meritorious achievement; and SPD is proud to recognize him with the Medal of Merit Award. Along with this document, Officer Preuninger was issued the Merit Bar. He will also be given the Medal of Merit at our annual Employee Awards Ceremony in February 2011.



**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.**