Congratulations to Teresa Fuller, Senior Police Officer, who has been chosen as the City of Spokane’s Employee of the Month for April 2009.

Teresa began her career as a police officer with the City in 1998 and now manages the Red Light Photo Enforcement program, a program which has brought in approximately $45,000 in revenues to the City since its implementation last year.

Red light safety cameras monitor intersection approaches through advanced detection and imaging technology. The safety cameras photograph a vehicle if it enters the intersection after the light has turned red. A second photograph is taken as the vehicle progress through the intersection.

Teresa is responsible for review and approval of violations, coordinating the efforts of the City and vendor engineers, managing the information flow and communications between the program participants.

Teresa also provides morning traffic updates for KXLY 4 and News Radio 920 to help alert drivers of potential delays in their regular routes to work. She is also part of the department’s PIO team, providing information to media for the department and serving as a representative for the department when necessary.

Teresa is committed to her profession as a police officer, providing public safety day-to-day, while following the progress of the “Photo Red” program. Teresa has submitted a number of briefing papers and updates for the Public Safety Committee, provided information to the media to help educate the public about the program, and followed through with excellent communication to alleviate potential challenges during the construction and implementation of the “Photo Red” program.

Teresa has helped to identify which intersections should be added to the “Photo Red” program, attended meetings to help train various members of the court, and even arranged for the media to attend a training session. She also fields phone calls from citizens who have an interest in the program or have been captured in the lens, and her demeanor is always pleasant and professional.

Teresa also has been instrumental in getting child car and booster seats placed in patrol cars. She volunteered to take responsibility for implementing the new installations without any assistance. She has completed training as a Child Safety Seat Instructor, and her participation in this program helped the department be the sole recipient of a $24,000 grant for an Occupant and Child Seat emphasis. Teresa’s role as an officer who serves with pride and dedication make her an exemplary public servant, a model team player, and a true asset to her department.