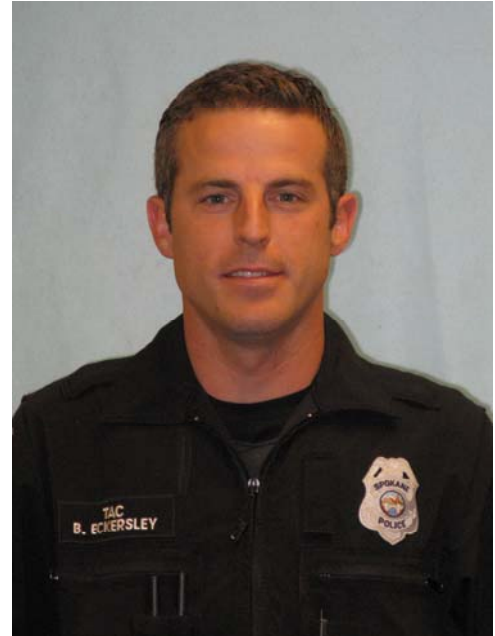


Congratulations to Senior Police Officer Brian Eckersley, who has been chosen as the Employee of the Month for February 2010.

Officer Eckersley has been a police officer with the City of Spokane for 10 years. While his primary duties are on patrol, he has also been involved with several other aspects of the Police Department. Some of his extra duties have included being a member of the TAC Team, a Public Information Officer, a Field Training Officer, an instructor at the Basic Law Enforcement Academy, and being an advisor for the Explorer program, mentoring teenagers that are interested in law enforcement.



One of Officer Eckersley's most remarkable traits is his dedication to the citizens of our City who have had the unfortunate experience of being victims of identity theft and forgery crimes. He consistently coordinates with detectives in the Fraud and Forgery Unit to follow up crimes that might otherwise never be followed through and prosecuted. His tenacity for investigative follow-up is unmatched in patrol and his dedication to the victims is unparalleled.

A great example of his work product involved a recent case where a female would attend weddings and wedding receptions uninvited and steal all of the wedding cards that contained cash and gift certificates. Officer Eckersley tracked down the suspect and made the arrest. He also went the extra mile to contact retail stores that had issued the gift certificates. He received three letters of commendation due to his hard work on this particular case. This is just one example of his top-level work product on a daily basis when he goes above and beyond his assigned responsibilities to serve the citizens of the City of Spokane.

Officer Eckersley is professional in his dealings with the public, and we can always count on him to assist with the media when we have responded to a serious incident. He is respected by his peers and has an excellent work ethic. These are just a few examples of why Officer Eckersley is deserving of this award. His service and commitment to the City of Spokane and the community are greatly appreciated!