

2001 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

LAURIE LUCAS

Lauri works with numerous employers throughout the year, scheduling thousands of hours with dozens of officers. She has done various job surveys and advises on the number of officers needed for various job sites. Her experience and common sense approach allow her to get a great amount of work done in a brief period of time. She has great insight and job history to know what will work in various situations. She will often meet with a contractor en route to work or when she is returning home from work. Without being encouraged to do so, she often takes her work home. She makes phone calls from home and she is frequently paged at home. When questioned about why she does this, she explains with perfect logic that officers and employers are difficult to contact. She can either spend five minutes contacting them now or several hours later.

Lauri has been through several accounting systems with the City. Although system changes are very challenging and aggravating, she has easily handled the changes.

Lauri is a great asset to the officers and to the Police Department. She always comes to work with a professional work attitude and is ready to do her job with a pleasant demeanor.

Lt. Rex Olsen and Capt. Bruce Roberts wrote "Lauri is dedicated and devoted to her job. Her responsibilities have increased and she has taken them in stride. She does an excellent job handling the day-to-day duties, and an outstanding job managing emergencies. She has repeatedly shown the ability and willingness to go to extra lengths to make sure the job is fulfilled in a professional manner. Lauri has made numerous improvements to the process to ensure the program mission is accomplished as effectively as possible. Her contributions to the program and her consistently superior performance have qualified her for consideration for this award."

