

# 2006 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR CORPORAL KURT VIGESAA

Corporal Kurt Vigesaa has amazed his Sergeant and every other member of his team with the tremendous self initiated activity he has conducted. He is second to none with finding criminal activity. During the months on Sergeant Hendren's team, he made more felony drug arrests, located more occupied stolen vehicles and identified more drug/gang problem locations than any other officer on the team. His ability to remember people, places, incidents and vehicles is unbelievable.



Cpl. Vigesaa has demonstrated an impressive ability to find stolen vehicles. On three different occasions since July 2006, Cpl. Vigesaa has located three occupied stolen vehicles in the same week. On 12/25/06 through 12/27/06, he located an occupied stolen vehicle each day. Cpl. Vigesaa has demonstrated that one person can make a difference. Another example of his extraordinary performance and commitment was a pursuit this past fall with a wanted felon. Cpl. Vigesaa spotted a criminal leaving a known drug house. He discovered a valid felony warrant for the person's arrest. When he attempted to stop the suspect, a pursuit ensued. The suspect attempted to escape by going off road on Beacon Hill. The suspect had a four wheel drive pickup and when the road became too rough for the patrol car, Cpl. Vigesaa continued to pursue on foot. The vehicle got stuck and all three occupants fled on foot. Cpl. Vigesaa traced one passenger down and took her into custody. After handing that person off to other officers, he continued after the driver. Cpl. Vigesaa managed to herd the driver off Beacon Hill into the waiting perimeter units where he was taken into custody.

Cpl. Vigesaa also tracked down another criminal in the snow and found a car prowling burglar. He discovered the suspect had committed a garage burglary. When Cpl. Vigesaa finally tracked down the suspect, he caught him in the act of a second theft/vehicle prowling. The suspect tried to escape; but, as usual, Cpl. Vigesaa caught him after a brief chase.

These are only some of the examples of his amazing performance over the past six months. Sgt. Hendren stated, "Cpl. Vigesaa does something on virtually every shift where I find myself saying 'He is amazing!'"

Corporal Vigesaa's continued portrayal of excellence and commitment to this department earned him the title of Employee of the Year 2006. He was presented his plaque at our Annual Employee Awards Ceremony in February of 2007.