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.

In September, 2000, Lt. Jim Lundgren nominated Detective Dick Losh for a Special Award in concert with the Employee Recognition Program of the Spokane Police Department.

In the nomination letter, Lt. Lundgren noted Det. Losh’s long history of exemplary service in a variety of assignments, including SWAT service for 14 ½ years, Bomb Squad for 14 years, Basic Academy instructor in Investigations and Crime Scenes for 15 years, as well as his assignment as a Major Crimes detective for the past 11 years.

Lt. Lundgren stated, “Detective Losh has always been a contributor who has never been satisfied to do just his job assignment. He is well known inside and outside the Spokane Police Department for his abilities and has qualified as an expert witness in the realm of homicide investigation. Detective Losh has earned the respect of both his peers and superiors alike—personifying the Department’s motto of Service, Pride and Dedication.”

Detective Losh was awarded the Medal of Merit at our annual Employee Awards Ceremony in February of 2001.