

OFFICER BILL SCHABER



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 the nomination letter, your peer officer mentioned at length your work as a Neighborhood Resource Officer in the East Central neighborhood. Your tireless attention to problem solving, along with your daily efforts at patrol roll calls, was prominent in describing your work. Of particular note was the recognition of your successful efforts working with the neighborhood in the Richard Allen Apartments.

This problem-solving project in the drug- and gang-infested Richard Allen Apartments has firmly cemented the Police Department's partnership with the residents and property owners at the apartment complex. Your work in focusing department efforts to improve the quality of life at the Richard Allen complex has vastly improved police-community relations, especially within our minority community. Without your unswerving direction and self-initiative, the successes achieved at the Richard Allen Apartments would not have been possible.

In your nomination letter, you were described as "among the most consistent, hard working, dedicated officers ... (while being) soft spoken and humble." In regard to the Richard Allen Apartments, your nomination stated, "Officer Schaber maintained continuous contact with the residents and management (which) empowered management and residents to take ownership and responsibility for their community"—truly a police-community partnership in the finest sense.

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

