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.

For the past 30 years, Officer Mike Fetcho has provided a level of service above and beyond what is expected and paid for. He is noted for coming to work every day with a friendly, easy going demeanor that puts everyone at ease. He possesses the intrinsic nature to help others and he goes about his business efficiently, professionally and with a humanity others would do well to imitate.

Officer Fetcho has served as an EVOC instructor and on the Honor Guard. He does not get caught up in the “enforcement” part of the job and has never forgotten that we are in the people business. A supervisor described him as the finest example of effective people management ever seen. Whether suspect, citizen, peer or supervisor—Officer Fetcho handles them all with grace, compassion, professionalism and respect. In volatile situations, he skillfully defuses that situation, gains information and makes others feel as though the face behind the badge is what we all wish to aspire to.

Officer Fetcho’s work ethic, work product and integrity are beyond reproach. Throughout his career, Officer Fetcho has been held up as an example of the ultimate professional in every category that an officer should exemplify. He is highly respected; professionally and personally.

Officer Fetcho’s 30 years of hard work and dedication have been outstanding and the department is proud to recognize him with the Medal of Merit.

Officer Fetcho was awarded his Medal at our annual Employee Awards Ceremony in February of 2004.