

SERGEANT DAN ERVIN

Sgt. Dan Ervin recently completed a memo recommending a number of people to receive the Chief's Citation Award. After reading the recommendation memo, Lt. Dave Richards advised that it became immediately obvious that one person's name was missing from the list of recommended recipients, that name was Sgt. Dan Ervin.

Lt. Richards wrote, "Sgt. Ervin is very quick to recognize the people he has worked with to make GangNet a reality. However, if it hadn't been for his original vision and his recognition of the possibilities available, there would not have been anything for the team to work on.

GangNet was purchased in December, 2008 and installed in January, 2009. Sgt. Ervin first began meeting with Lt. Richards in the spring of 2007 about GangNet, CalGang and the vendor, SRA. Even then, he had the vision of what the department needed to assist us in our mission to make Spokane the safest city of our size in the nation.

Sgt. Ervin has spent uncounted hours forging relationships with other agencies and individuals in Washington, Idaho, Nevada, Arizona and especially, California to make GangNet a reality and to enhance its capabilities. His memo of recommendation documented the work and accomplishments that occurred to make GangNet possible for our department and other departments in our region. The work and accomplishments are a direct result of his vision, follow-up, tenacity, support and the attitude of 'I'm not going to leave you alone' until he accomplished what he knew could be accomplished to make this asset a reality."

Sgt. Ervin, has certainly distinguished himself in the area of meritorious achievement. Sergeant Ervin was issued the Merit Bar and will be presented with the Medal of Merit at our annual Employee Awards Ceremony in February 2010.



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.