Detective Barrington was recently nominated by Sgt. Dan Ervin, for the Medal of Merit Award. The Medal of Merit is awarded to members of the department who distinguish themselves by meritorious achievement or meritorious service. The meritorious actions must clearly surpass that which is normally required or expected. This service or achievement need not be unique but must be exceptional and superior. It is apparent that Detective Barrington is more than deserving of this award.

Det. Barrington has spent most of his investigative career working in the Special Investigative Unit as a drug and gang detective. Working in this area required him to self initiate a large percentage of his cases. He easily met this challenge. From July 1999, until May 2011, he has investigated a total of 1398 cases. In addition, in the past three years he has submitted over 40 federal indictments to the United States Attorney’s Office. Over his career Det. Barrington has served on the Methamphetamine Lab Team, TAC Team, and the SWAT Team. Det. Barrington's investigative achievements over these past twelve years are a result of a strong work ethic, investigative talent, and drive to serve the citizens of Spokane. These achievements clearly surpass that which is normally required or expected.

Detective Barrington has certainly distinguished himself in the area of meritorious achievement; and the department is proud to recognize him with the Medal of Merit Award. Detective Barrington will be given the Medal of Merit at our annual Employee Awards Ceremony in 2012.