



## **Police Officer of the Month August 2009**

### **Ofc. Luke Buchanan**

Chief William McMahon has selected Ofc. Luke Buchanan as Police Officer of the Month for August 2009. In 15 days of work in August, Buchanan made 19 arrests, made 67 traffic contacts, conducted 79 business checks and produced 18 insight reports.

In August, Buchanan made a traffic stop of a speeding driver and looked “beyond the plate” to discover a violation for controlled dangerous substances, leading to an arrest and the seizure of more than \$1,000. Buchanan frequently conducted self-initiated foot patrols during the month of August, several of which led to arrests for possession of controlled dangerous substances. During a bike patrol on a pathway, Buchanan and another officer observed a suspicious juvenile who was found to be carrying various stolen items from a burglary that had occurred moments earlier. The two officers arrested the juvenile and initiated a foot pursuit with a second suspect, who was also caught.

In another case, Buchanan responded quickly to a breaking and entering in progress, leading to the arrest of two suspects for burglary.

“[Buchanan] is the consummate team player, and although he keeps himself very busy with insight work and handling his calls for service, he never hesitates to drop everything to assist the fellow members of his squad,” nominator Sgt. Ann Gibbons wrote.

Congratulations to Buchanan on his selection as Police Officer of the Month for August 2009.