



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

### **Ofc. Kristopher Knutson**

Chief William McMahon has selected Ofc. Kristopher Knutson as Police Officer of the Month for May 2009. In 16 days of work in May, Knutson made 12 arrests; made 155 traffic contacts, including issuing 140 seatbelt citations; produced 13 insight reports; and responded to 64 calls for service.

In May, Knutson fully dedicated himself to the department-wide seatbelt enforcement efforts for Click It or Ticket. He produced the single highest number of seatbelt citations of any operational component. Several of his stops for seatbelt violations led to criminal and traffic arrests. What impressed his supervisors most was that he continued to be highly productive in other areas while still enforcing seatbelt regulations at a high rate.

In another example of his work in May, Knutson initiated area checks in Lisbon at a location where heroin addicts were known to congregate. Because many of the suspects were from out of state, Knutson focused on enforcement. He made four arrests for possession of a controlled dangerous substance and two arrests for marijuana possession.

Knutson has also received compliments from the State's Attorney's Office for his investigative ability and courtroom testimony when cases go to trial.

"[Ofc. Knutson] is a well-respected team player and is the lead worker on a very competitive squad," nominator Sgt. Matthew Brennan wrote. "As his supervisor, I feel lucky to have him."

Congratulations to Knutson on his selection as Police Officer of the Month for May 2009.