



Officer of the Year – Officer Chris Smith

Mesquite, TX – April 18, 2016 – Chris Smith began his career with the Mesquite Police Department in 2005 as a police officer. For his first eight years with the department, Chris worked as a patrol officer. He quickly gained a reputation as an officer who handles every call with efficiency and compassion.

As a member of IMPACT (IMPACT is a specialized unit of uniformed officers who work to slow crime trends through concentrated efforts), he took the initiative to research possible suspects in a rash of apartment burglaries the team was working on. The end result culminated in the arrests of several burglary suspects.

While in Patrol, Chris served as a Field Training Officer and is currently a member of the Honor Guard, both of which require an extra commitment of personal time.

In 2013 Chris was assigned to the Forgery Unit in Criminal Investigations and has excelled in his role as an investigator. Forgery cases are very time consuming and is paperwork intensive.

Chris also teaches health and nutrition classes as well as being a physical fitness instructor for the Mesquite Police Academy Basic Police Officer Course. This role requires a daily commitment in addition to his normal duties.

Chris is an asset to this department and an example of what an officer should be. He is professional and extremely patient with citizens. Chris is well-respected by his peers and supervisors. He always has a positive attitude and is a fine representative of the Mesquite Police Department and the City of Mesquite.