



## **2017 Meritorious Conduct Awards Civilian of the Year – Ricardo Rodriguez**

Detention Officer Ricardo Rodriguez joined the Mesquite Police Department in January 2009 as a public safety dispatcher. He transferred to Detentions the following year. It seems this was the perfect fit for Riko, because in 2014 he was with the Civilian of the Year award for 2013.

Here we are again, three years later, and he has proven himself to be worthy of this award for a second time. This has never happened in the history of these awards. His supervisors have recognized in Riko the level of dedication and commitment they look for in a leader.

Riko was selected to assist with the creation of the detention-training program and spent many hours helping to develop training guides, tests and study material. Riko was also involved in developing the new trainee orientation program, spending numerous hours gathering material and is now the instructor for the weeklong program.

He has left a legacy that will benefit detention officers well into the future. The Mesquite Police Department is proud to recognize Ricardo Rodriguez as the Civilian of the Year.