



## **2017 Meritorious Conduct Awards**

### **Officer of the Year – Don Phillips**

Officer Don Phillips joined the Mesquite Police Department in 1990. He served in patrol until 1996 when he transferred to CID. His investigative career includes Burglary and Theft, Juvenile, and Crimes Against Persons or CAPERS. Under CAPERS, Don has investigated child abuse, sex crimes and robbery/homicide.

Among the high profile cases, he assisted with the cold case investigation of the kidnapping and murder of Christie Meeks, which resulted in the conviction of a serial killer. In the last 10 years, he has been the lead investigator on eight murders, which resulted in nine convictions for a total of 204 years of penitentiary time, plus two life sentences.

Officer Phillips is the most tenured investigator in the Major Crimes Unit and has been instrumental in training the younger investigators. He is an excellent role model and we are proud to recognize him as the Officer of the Year.