



## CITY OF BURNSVILLE, MINNESOTA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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### **DEREK R. SCHUTZ NAMED BURNSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR**

Whether investigating a major street crime or training other officers in defensive tactics, Burnsville Police Officer Derek R. Schutz takes on challenges with a consistent and tenacious work ethic unparalleled by many others. His hard work, professionalism and leadership skills are just a few of the reasons Schutz was named 2011 Officer of the Year by the Burnsville Police Department.

In five-and-a-half years with the Department, Schutz has served as a Patrol Officer, Use of Force Instructor, Gang Officer, Emergency Action Group (EAG) Tactical Team Member and Street Crimes Officer. In his current role in the Street Crimes division, Schutz is one of two officers responsible for keeping Burnsville's streets safe from serious crime. Through his interaction with the community, he has developed strong partnerships that have been solidified by the respect and dignity with which he treats the people he encounters. Schutz is also one of the Department's most active officers in terms of serious-crime arrests.

"Derek leads by example with his positive influence, high-level of enthusiasm and professionalism for the job at hand," said Burnsville Police Chief Bob Hawkins. "He is highly respected among his peers, and has set himself apart from others through his work ethic and leadership skills."

In addition to serving as a Street Crimes Officer, Schutz is also the Department's Use of Force Instructor. His expertise and training in the areas of defensive tactics, firearms techniques and officer survival skills have helped front-line officers safely handle a number of bring situations safely under control on multiple occasions. In 2011, Schutz also initiated a new Officer Hostage Rescue Protocol, which was extremely well-received by all members of the Department.

Schutz's devotion to law enforcement and his community continue to reinforce the high standards already in place by the Burnsville Police Department. Through his efforts, many victims have been protected from further violence and many criminals have been taken off the streets. His work ethic and willingness to get involved have been an influence on all

those he has worked with. The Burnsville Police Department would like to congratulate Officer Derek R. Schutz for being selected as Burnsville Police Department's 2011 Officer of the Year.

For more information visit [www.burnsville.org/police](http://www.burnsville.org/police) and click "Officer of the Year" or contact Lola Kirchner at [lola.kirchner@ci.burnsville.mn.us](mailto:lola.kirchner@ci.burnsville.mn.us).



*Cutline: Officer Derek R. Schutz, 2011 Burnsville Police Department Officer of the Year.*

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