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SHAUN ANSELMANT NAMED BURNSVILLE 2012 OFFICER OF THE YEAR

For more than 13 years, Burnsville Police Officer Shaun Anselment has served the City of Burnsville and its residents with exceptional service and dedication. He has taken on numerous roles, including Community Service Officer, Patrol Officer, Field Training Officer, K-9 Handler and Community Resource Officer. However, it is his high respect among his peers and consistent, tenacious work ethic and leadership skills that set him apart as Burnsville's 2012 Officer of the Year

Whether patrolling the streets or responding to a problem, Anselment is a consummate professional who looks for long-term solutions to problems. Through his constant interaction within the community, he has developed strong partnerships that are solidified by treating people with respect, honesty, integrity and dignity.

"Shaun continues to be a great asset to the Community Resource Unit. He is very proactive," said Officer Chris Wicklund, Anselment's supervisor, during a recent evaluation. "His personality is a huge asset in this position; he has a 'silver tongue' and can make anyone comfortable. He has turned into the go-to guy for the drug task force and gets them the info they need. I trust Shaun in his everyday actions. He sees what needs to be done and will do it."

As part of his duties, Officer Anselment has become educated in civil law with respect to landlord and tenant rights and responsibilities. He has helped address numerous property issues, especially related to hoarders, multi-family rentals, vacant and foreclosed property.

During a recent license revocation of a Burnsville rental complex, Anselment was part of a team that spent countless hours helping to develop a comprehensive improvement plan for the property, ensure the property was brought back into compliance, and develop standards for an updated rental license ordinance in Burnsville.

On a day-to-day basis, Anselment routinely meets with the city's apartment managers to establish and maintain strong working relationships. In addition to monthly Apartment Manager Meetings, he has sent them countless messages addressing changes to the rental licensing program, issues with problem tenants and code violations. These partnerships helped reduce calls for service and keep Burnsville's rental community safe. In 2012, calls for service at all multi-housing units were down 350 calls.

The Dakota County Drug Task Force also turns to Anselment for assistance on a regular basis. Relying on his intimate knowledge of the apartment complexes they are targeting, the task force frequently asks for his input prior to executing search warrants or making arrests.

Upon learning that the Burnsville Police Department would be first in the state to begin a pilot program to utilize on-officer video cameras, Anselment quickly expressed his interest to test the new technology. As a result, he has been called upon to provide numerous media interviews and demonstrations of the head camera system, and has represented the department and himself in a professional manner. He has also been instrumental in training other officers with this cutting edge technology.

Officer Anselment's devotion to law enforcement and the community he serves truly keep well with the Burnsville Police Department's high standards and core values of Honor, Integrity, Courage, Excellence and Knowledge. For these reasons the department is proud to announce Officer Shaun M. Anselment as Burnsville's 2012 Police Officer of the Year.



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