

REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Meeting Date: February 5, 2007

Agenda Item: 6 (A)	Prepared By: Roger Reinke, Chief of Police Date: January 31, 2007
Agenda Section: Presentations	
Subject: Employee of the Month - Eric Rhymer	Department: Police

BACKGROUND: The City is honored to recognize, reward, and celebrate the valuable contributions of its outstanding employees. The outstanding employee for the month of February is Police Officer Eric Rhymer.

Eric, who will be celebrating his twentieth year in law enforcement in August 2007, began his career with the Marco Island Police Department on August 15, 2005. He has been pitching in to make Marco Island a safer community ever since. Prior to coming to Marco Island he worked in the South Bend (Indiana) Police Department for over 16 years and with the St. Joseph County (Indiana) Sheriff's Department for about 2 years. As an illustration of his experience, Eric was a Detective Sergeant in the major crimes unit assigned to investigate violent crimes, including shootings and robberies, when he left South Bend to come to our community.

As we all know, the Police Department provides protection around the clock every day. Eric is one of our many police officers who work the night shift. He is on patrol from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. but does not have time to get bored. During the past 30 days Eric has been involved in the investigation of the following incidents:

- A fight and battery complaint at Collier Boulevard and Barfield Drive.
- The arrest of a man on a warrant for possession of controlled substances.
- The arrest of two men for possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- The investigation of a threat involving local teenagers.
- The arrest of two men for vehicle burglary.
- The arrest of a man for burglary of a gas station.
- The arrest of a man for trespassing.
- The investigation of a sudden, unattended death.

Eric would be the first to tell you that the police officers of the Marco Island Police Department work as a team and that he was not alone in any of the above actions. Eric does an exceptional job each and every shift he works. Additionally, he acted as a reference for two other police officers recently hired from the South Bend Police Department, both of which have added a great deal of expertise to your Police Department.

In addition to the plaque recognizing Eric as the Employee of the Month, he will receive a paid day off and a reserved parking space on the Government Campus for the month of February.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Present Award.

Reviewed by Department Director

Roger Reinke

Reviewed by City Manager

A. Wilbur Moss

Council Action: Motion by:

Second by: