Deputy Mathew Boice has been with the Sheriff’s Office since 2008. In 2016 he was directly or indirectly responsible for the apprehension of 110 outstanding warrant subjects and/or DUI suspects, the recovery of stolen firearms from convicted felons and drug dealers, and recovery of stolen property from vehicle prowls, burglaries, and thefts. As a Patrol Deputy, Deputy Boice has written many warrants and located many suspects concealed in hard-to-find places. As a K9 handler, he and Kilo had over 30 positive hits for drugs. They also were popular for their demonstrations at community events and the Citizens Academy.

Deputy Boice is what his supervisor, Sgt. Fortney, calls a ‘Field General’. He holds the respect of his peers and his supervisors. His teammates call him the “go to guy”, always one step ahead in an investigation, taking photos, booking evidence or writing reports. He identifies needed resources, uses appropriate tactics, communicates up and down the chain of command, and applies legally sufficient search and seizure principles. Deputy Boice is quick to provide assistance without being asked and is motivated to proactively put bad guys behind bars.

Deputy Boice also generously gives his own time as one of our advisors to the Explorer Post. In 2016 he volunteered more than 200 hours. He is a role model to our Explorers, who took first place in all events at their last competition.

For his professionalism, integrity, work ethic, patrol procedure and commitment to our chosen profession, for creating a work environment which draws out the best of our deputies and Explorers, and for his resolve in making Snohomish County a safer place for the citizens we serve, the 2016 Patrol Deputy of the Year is awarded to Deputy Mathew Boice.