The Snohomish County Violent Offender Task Force was formed in 2013 and includes Snohomish County deputies, US Marshal Service, Dept. of Corrections, Everett Police, Mukilteo Police, Lake Stevens Police, and Arlington Police. In 2016 the Task Force continued its legacy of solid investigative and apprehension work, focusing on fugitives who target the vulnerable as well as violent felons.

The arrest on November 8th of a Granite Falls man wanted for assaulting law enforcement with a deadly weapon marked the Task Force’s 1000th capture. Since they started, they’ve taken 156 firearms out of the hands of dangerous felons.

The task force utilizes exceptional resources to locate and capture the most notorious felons, including John Reed, wanted for the murder of an Oso couple. They also maintain a “never say no” approach to working local crime problems. They use their experience and resources to track down criminals with warrants and to contact DOC offenders and registered sex offenders.

For their collaborative and low-profile approach to getting the worst-of-the-worst off the street and out of Snohomish County neighborhoods, this Sheriff’s Award is awarded to the 2016 Snohomish County Violent Offender Task Force: Lt. Keith Rogers, Sgt. Marcus Dill, Deputy Lucas Robinson, Deputy Jeff Ross, US Deputy Marshal Rob Gerg, Department of Corrections Officer Michael Woodruff, Detective David Coleman and Everett Police Department Detective Mike Atwood.