



EMPLOYEE NEWS



Detective Thomas Whatley (right) with Chief Larry Schroeder.

Congratulations to **Detective Thomas Whatley** on being selected Officer of the Month for September. After an anonymous letter was sent to the State Attorney's Office alleging the embezzlement of funds from a local church, Detective Whatley was assigned to the case. During this investigation, Detective Whatley developed probable cause by utilizing unique resources, such as forensic accounting, Canon Law, and the Attorney General's Office. The two suspects were traveling in and out of the country throughout the investigation, complicating the timing of an arrest. When one suspect returned to the United States on short notice, Detective Whatley quickly composed a probable cause affidavit and search warrant for the suspect's residence. Detective Whatley's professionalism and attention to detail served the public well and demonstrated his skills and integrity. Great job!