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EDMONDS PD MOURNS THE PASSING OF A LONG TIME FRIEND AND SERVANT TO THE COMMUNITY OF EDMONDS

The Edmonds Police Department is sad to announce that retired Reserve Officer Richard “Dick” Anway passed away on February 19th, 2011 at 67 years of age in the company of family and friends at Swedish Hospital in Edmonds. Dick was a long time resident of Edmonds and served as a Reserve Officer with the City of Edmonds for nearly 36 years.

As a Reserve Officer, Dick volunteered countless hours throughout the decades patrolling the streets of Edmonds and assisting with community events such as the 4th of July, Halloween, Taste of Edmonds and the Arts Festival. Dick always worked a patrol shift or ferry traffic during holidays so that the regular officers could have those days off with their families. Dick was consistently one of the most reliable reserve officers in the department. He was also the final reserve officer; the program ended with his retirement in 2009. Even after he retired as a reserve officer Dick continued to serve as a volunteer for the Police Department, setting up the radar trailer and continuing to help plan community events. Dick was named Edmonds Police Department Reserve Officer of the Year in 2000 and 2005. He received letters of commendation in 2005 and 2006. He was the grand marshal of the Edmonds Fourth of July Parade in 2006.

“Dick was one of the most giving persons I have ever known - the Police Department and the community were his family.” said Edmonds Chief of Police Al Compaan when he spoke of Dick’s passing.

Dick Anway is survived by his siblings, Marilyn Long and Ron Anway as well as many nieces and nephews.

I’ve attached two photos to this Email press release; one from the late 1970’s showing him in the beginning of his service to Edmonds and then one from just prior to his retirement.

A public memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 5th at Westgate Chapel in Edmonds at 11:00am.

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