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Terrence Green  
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*"Building Partnerships with the Community We Serve"*

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## PRESS RELEASE

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The Lexington Police Department recently presented Art Rish with the "Officer of the Quarter" award. He joined the department in January 2003 as a patrolman and was assigned in 2008 to the Operation of Professional Standards (OPS) Division where he currently serves as Inspector. Art has been instrumental in the department obtaining national accreditation through The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA). He also handles internal investigations and complaints from citizens about department personnel

Even though Inspector Rish has faced several personal issues that would affect most officers work performance, Arts has not. After losing almost everything in a house fire, he then shortly after faced the news from doctors that he had melanoma. Through his battle with cancer, Art has still come to work and gives 100% even after receiving chemo and radiation treatments.

Art, also well known in the South Carolina High School sports world, has been officiating for 32 years and continues to do so in spite of his almost four year battle with cancer. He and his family are active in their church and reside in the Gilbert community.

Chief Green stated "Art's personal story and professional manner of job performance has been a great inspiration to his fellow officers. His devotion to our department in the face of overwhelming adversity is of the highest standards. Therefore it is with great pleasure that Lexington Police Department announces Art Rish as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter "Officer of the Year ".



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