

School Resource Officer Mitch Spalding Roanoke Regional Chamber of Commerce Officer of the Month April 2011

The Roanoke Regional Chamber of Commerce has selected School Resource Officer Mitch Spalding of the Roanoke County Police Department for the Officer of the Month award for April 2011.

While observing students boarding buses at the end of the school day, Officer Spalding observed 2 students standing around and not boarding their buses. He observed one student hand the other an unknown amount of cash. He instructed that student to wait for him. Upon approaching the student, the student turned over a small bag of marijuana to the officer.

Officer Spalding also stopped the second student and questioned both students further, and in the process recovered more marijuana from the second student. Both students admitted their roles in the transaction and were charged in the incident.

Because of Officer Spalding's alertness to the area and pursuing his suspicions, a drug transaction on school grounds was stopped.

Congratulations Officer Spalding on a job well done.

