

## COLUMBUS DIVISION OF POLICE

Detective Aaron Dennis

### **Law Enforcement Commendation Medal**

Detective Dennis joined the Columbus Division of Police in 1999. In 2008 he accepted a job in the Division's Vice unit, where his career focus turned to serving those individuals who are affected by addiction, living a life engaged in commercial sex work.

Dennis lobbied the Division and the Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission to create the Central Ohio Human Trafficking Task Force. He has been a leader on this task force from its inception.

He has had a role in hundreds of human trafficking cases. The task force has received over 2800 trafficking tips, executed 902 search warrants, seized over 16 pounds of illegal narcotics, recovered 147 illegal firearms, seized 2.2 million dollars in U.S currency and seized numerous vehicles and properties.

The task force has indicted 163 individuals for 989 felony Crimes related to forcing individuals to engage in commercial sex work.

Thanks to the culture Detective Dennis has inspired within the task force, 346 victims of human trafficking have been identified and provided a means to exit this way of life.

Additionally, the task force has provided services to others trapped in this life over 1800 times. In his off-duty hours, Detective Dennis is an adjunct professor at Columbus Community College where he teaches in the field of human trafficking. He also instructs at the Columbus Police Academy.