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### **MICHAEL OLELS – MGH&FC’s JUNE EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH**

SHELTON, Wash. – It takes a special person to meet the everyday challenges of the emergency room, and **Michael Olels**, monitor tech in the Emergency Department at Mason General Hospital, is ‘that kind of guy’. Michael was recently named Employee of the Month for June by his peers, and for the second time during his tenure at MGH&FC.

“It’s an ever-changing situation in the emergency room,” Michael said. “I like meeting the challenge each shift presents, and the great team I work with.” Mike was first named Employee of the Month in December 2009, and hasn’t wavered from the same dedication to his job that earned him the award nine years ago. His co-workers give him two thumbs up, praising Mike for routinely going above and beyond, taking on extra tasks and being a reliable team player. “Mike works seamlessly with all the ED staff, displaying outstanding communication skills, calmness under pressure and grace with challenging people and situations,” said his nominator.

With his background as a paramedic in the late 1990’s, Mike was a natural when he began working at Mason General Hospital as a ‘house float,’ and later transitioning to the Emergency Department in 2003. Before moving to Shelton and getting a job at the Hospital he had worked as a retirement housing administrator for several years, and later upgraded his clinical skills with on-site training as a nurse’s aide at Fir Lane Health & Rehabilitation Center in Shelton.

Born in Sacramento, California, Michael moved to Seattle with his parents in 1963 when he was a year old. They moved back to California for a few years, then returned to Washington state where he grew up, and in 1992 Mike moved with his family to the Shelton area.

Mike has four children – three boys and a girl who is the eldest – ranging in age from 16 to 31. He also has three grandchildren, ages 2, 4 and 5 to keep him busy. Outside of work Mike is dedicated to his family and involved in his community through his church, and coaching youth football. He serves as a youth pastor at Harvest Foursquare Church in Shelton, and a volunteer doing stats and assisting the coaching staff of the Shelton High Climbers, where his 16 year-old son is a running back on the high school football team.

“Mike exemplifies ‘service above self’ in all aspects of his life,” his nominator concluded.

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