Detective Lawrence "Lon" Hotchkiss

Det. Hotchkiss was born and raised in Waterbury, CT. He enlisted in the United States Navy in 1954 and was honorably discharged in 1957. He moved to Glen Rock with his wife Caroline and two young children Sallie and Wayne in 1963. After spending several years working for the Village of Ridgewood he joined the Glen Rock Police Department on May 9th, 1965. He was promoted to Detective in March of 1980 and retired from the GRPD in June of 1987. Lon relocated to Blackfoot Idaho in the 1990's, where he resided until his passing on December 31, 2016. Even after he moved off, he visited every few years and never missed an opportunity to stop by HQ and say hello.

He was a highly decorated officer; his personnel file is filled with letters of accolades and valor awards. They ranged from letters of appreciation from citizens he went out of his way to assist to the apprehension of armed robbers.

On July 11th, 1968, Det. Hotchkiss along with then P.O. Steve Cherry were credited with apprehending two felons in a stolen vehicle who had just burglarized a jewelry store. They were able to recover all of the proceeds as well.

On March 14th, 1974, Det. Hotchkiss along with then P.O. Jay Green responded to a reported armed robbery in progress at a tavern on Maple Avenue. They confronted two armed robbers who opened fire on both of them and an exchange of gunfire ensued. Lon was credited with preventing the suspects from seizing hostages inside the tavern and working with other officers he took part in capturing both of the wounded robbers.

On December 29th, 1984, Det. Hotchkiss was recognized for his work, along with Fair Lawn Detectives, in apprehending a suspect involved in armed robberies throughout Bergen County, including robberies which had occurred in both Glen Rock and Fair Lawn.

He was a Silver Life Member of Glen Rock PBA Local # 110 and a member of the Honor Legion of the Police Departments of the State of New Jersey.