



# DON McDERMOTT, SHERIFF

## SKAGIT COUNTY

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Mr. Kevin Coyne  
2021

June 4<sup>th</sup>,

Sons of the American Revolution

Dear Mr. Coyne,

The purpose of this communication is to nominate Skagit County Records Technician Gena McDermott for the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal.

Gena began her career with the Sheriff's Office in 1989 and for the past thirty-one years, Gena has provided outstanding service that has been a positive impact within all of the bureaus of the Skagit County Sheriff's Office.

In 1989, the Skagit County Sheriff's Office moved from hand written reports to a new "Spillman" Computer System. This would greatly enhance our ability to utilize this new system for criminal intelligence and information sharing. Gena was the first of two people hired for the new data entry position. She has served in this position with distinction.

Gena has trained numerous data entry partners through the years. She has also helped to train patrol deputies on the field of report writing. Many deputies have complimented Gena on her ability to take their recorded reports and clean them up with proper spelling and grammar. She also has a keen understanding of the elements of a crime and accurately enters in required fields for state and national reporting. She has also been able to help solve a few crimes by her ability to link cases. There have been many occasions in her 30 plus year career in which she has had to work as the only data entry technician until the second position could be filled. At times, this void took months to fill and Gena handled the additional volume without complaint, often coming in early and or staying late to ensure the work was done. In 2008, Gena was recognized for her achievements with the Skagit County Meritorious Service Award.

In addition, Gena has often contributed to the welfare of others in need through the many SCSO charitable programs. She has helped with the East Detachment Christmas Event for families in need. Gena has given funds, food and clothing for other causes through the years.

Gena's hard work, guidance and dedicated commitment have contributed to the successful, positive and professional service we have come to expect at our office. She willingly gives of her time for the betterment of the citizens of which she proudly serves as the public servant she had committed her life to.

Thank you for considering this nomination and all that the Sons of the American Revolution do for our community and nation.

Sincerely,

Don McDermott, Skagit County Sheriff