



# DON McDERMOTT, SHERIFF

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May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Mr. Kevin Coyne

Sons of the American Revolution

Dear Mr. Coyne,

The purpose of this communication is to nominate Skagit County Evidence Technician Kay Walker for the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal.

Kay has served in all of the bureaus of the Skagit County Sheriff's Office, beginning her career as a dispatcher on September 24<sup>th</sup> 1990. After a few short years, Kay was hired as a corrections deputy. Kay served with distinction as a dispatcher and as a corrections deputy before joining patrol in 1995. As a patrol deputy, Kay demonstrated her skills as both a training instructor and as an investigator. Kay became a Field Training Officer and a mentor to many. In 2002, Kay was assigned to the investigations unit.

During her span within the Detective Unit, Kay became a true leader and a foundation block from which many of us who worked with her depended upon. She helped to solve many major crimes to include homicide cases. She often would be assigned the lead investigative position on homicide cases because of her skills and ability to organize a major case. In 2012, Skagit County developed the Skagit County Multiple Agency Response Team. This is a team of area detectives called upon to investigate officer involved shooting incidents or cases that require the services beyond one agencies capabilities. Kay was assigned as a lead investigator and filled this role admirably.

In 2012 Kay received the Meritorious Service Award for a decade of outstanding service within the Investigation's Unit. In 2013, Kay also received the Sheriff's Award for filling in as the primary evidence custodian. Kay was able to maintain her workload as a detective and carry the brunt of managing the evidence unit for several months.

Kay was a well-respected law enforcement officer, acknowledged for her experience, skills, leadership and teamwork. In 2020, Kay retired as a patrol deputy and was re-hired as our evidence technician. The SCSO still has Kay's skill sets as an experienced detective to help guide our younger staff.

Evidence Technician Kay Walker has been a positive image of law enforcement within Skagit County and when she represents us within other jurisdictions. She has been a positive influence and a mentor for so many in law enforcement. 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