



# DON McDERMOTT, SHERIFF

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Mr. Kevin Coyne  
Sons of the American Revolution

May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Dear Mr. Coyne,

The purpose of this communication is to nominate Mount Vernon Police Chief (retired) Jerry Dodd for the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal.

Chief Dodd's career began July 2, 1979 as a Mount Vernon Police Officer. Three years later he was assigned to the K9 unit with his partner Keno. In 1984 Dodd was promoted to Sergeant and two years later he advanced to the rank of Lieutenant. He's a FBI National Academy graduate (162<sup>nd</sup> Session).

Over the years, Chief Dodd managed every Division within the organization (Patrol, Criminal Investigations, Crime Prevention, Records and Property, Administrative Services). He also managed the Skagit County Inter-local Drug Enforcement Unit and the Mount Vernon Police Tactical Team.

In November 2012, he was promoted by Mayor Boudreau to the Chief of Police. During his tenure he worked tirelessly to affect safety and community vitality. Chief Dodd helped to change how police services were delivered by looking at innovative ideas such as embedding a social worker into the police department and adding a law enforcement Park Ranger for police issues in our parks and on the public trails. Chief Dodd was instrumental in regionalizing services through functions like the County-wide crisis negotiation team, Skagit County Multi-Agency Response Team, Skagit County Proactive Policing Group; and he was part of the planning group for the Skagit County Community Justice Center.

Chief Dodd has not only served our community, he has taken an active role within it. As a member of the Mount Vernon Rotary Club, he served as President and was awarded the Paul Harris Fellow award. He volunteered on the Mount Vernon Christian School Board, the Skagit Valley College Administration of Justice Advisory Committee, and he taught Park Ranger and Law Enforcement classes at Skagit Valley College for over 20 years helping shape a number of young people entering our profession.

Chief Jerry Dodd has been on the leading edge of the evolution of policing for forty years. He still teaches at the Skagit Valley Community College. He has been a positive influence and a mentor for so many in law enforcement.

He willingly gave of his time for the betterment of the citizens of which he proudly served as the public servant he had committed his life to.

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

Sincerely,

*Chris Cammock*

Chris Cammock, Mount Vernon Police Chief

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