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Mr. Kevin Coyne
Sons of the American Revolution

May 28th, 2021

Dear Mr. Coyne,

The purpose of this communication is to nominate Skagit County Sergeant Jennifer Sheahan-Lee for the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal.

Prior to her employment with the Skagit County Sheriff's Office, Jenny volunteered with the Search and Rescue Ground SAR Unit in 1987. Ever since, Jenny has been a positive influence and mentor for so many within the SCSO, fellow law enforcement officers, volunteers and the public.

Jenny has served in all of the bureaus of the Skagit County Sheriff's Office, beginning her career as a dispatcher on January 11th, 1989. After a few short years, Jenny was hired as a corrections deputy. Jenny served with distinction as a dispatcher and as a corrections deputy before joining patrol in 1991.

As a patrol deputy, Jenny demonstrated her skills as a keen investigator and communicator for those in crisis. Jenny would serve as part of the East Detachment and would continue her involvement with Search and Rescue.

Jenny would earn a spot within the Investigations Unit and she would serve admirably for several years. Jenny would become our agencies polygrapher and was instrumental in this role for investigations and employment. During her span within the Detective Unit, Jenny 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.

Jenny was promoted to patrol sergeant in 2008. As sergeant she held the position of Squad Sergeant, Traffic Sergeant and La Conner (Contract City) Sergeant. Jenny currently serves as the Detective Sergeant.

In 2014, Jenny was the recipient of the Deputy Anne Jackson Award for her years of service both within the SCSO and for her community involvement. Over the years, Sergeant Sheahan-Lee has shown her dedication to the community and to her fellow employees of the Skagit County Sheriff's Office. Jenny has been a leader within the Critical Incident Stress Debrief (CISD) Team, attending trainings and debriefings on her own time to ensure the wellbeing of our employees and other agency first responders who have been involved in a critical incident. Her kindness and professionalism in dealing with those who have experienced a crisis situation are grateful for her service.

In addition, Jenny has been a long time board member of the Skagit County Sheriff's Office Benevolent Association, guiding our members in several humanitarian projects. She also has guided both the Anne Jackson Memorial Scholarship Award and the Erick Valenzuela Memorial Scholarship Award. Through the years, Jenny has been a part of numerous voluntary projects within the Sheriff's Office and within the community.

Sergeant Jenny Sheahan-Lee 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