



# DON McDERMOTT, SHERIFF

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Mr. Kevin Coyne  
Sons of the American Revolution

May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Dear Mr. Coyne,

The purpose of this communication is to nominate Skagit County Sergeant Chris Kading for the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal.

Sergeant Chris Kading began his career with the Skagit County Sheriff's Office 30 plus years ago, on 3-25-1991 after serving with the United States Navy. Chris spent his first 3+ years in the Skagit County Jail, where he would establish himself as a positive and professional deputy.

In June of 1995, Chris came to patrol and he has been the epitome of what a public servant is. In his career, Chris has been involved in multiple projects, programs and he has filled many positions. These include Defensive Tactics Instructor, MVPD SWAT Team (PTO) and as an original member of the Skagit County High Risk Tactical Team. Chris would add the Skagit County Inter-Local Drug Task Force, East County Deputy, Search and Rescue Deputy and Pro-Active Patrol.

In February of 2011, Chris was promoted to the rank of Patrol Sergeant. In a short span of time, Chris would take on specialty assignments such as the East Detachment Sergeant, Pro-Active Patrol Sergeant and as the current Drug Task Force Sergeant. It is a fact, that any project or program that Chris becomes involved with sees improvement. The recent case in point is the tremendous work that is being done by the task force. The team is working more cases, making more significant arrests and getting dangerous drugs off the streets.

Chris has also served as a volunteer fireman for several years and his medical experience has contributed to the SCSO on our tactical team, first aid training and the acquisition of medical supplies. He has been involved in numerous critical situations and he has been able to interweave his expertise as a first responder to the benefit of the Sheriff's Office, the fire service and the citizens of Skagit County. In 2017, Sheriff Will Reichardt awarded Chris with the Deputy Anne Jackson Award: *"Over the years, Sergeant Chris Kading has admirably served the citizens of Skagit County both as a member of the Skagit County Sheriff's Office and as a volunteer fireman."*

Sergeant Chris Kading has been a positive image of law enforcement within Skagit County and when he represents us within other jurisdictions. He has been a positive influence and a mentor for so many in law enforcement. He willingly gives of his time for the betterment of the citizens of which he proudly serves 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,

  
Don McDermott, Skagit County Sheriff