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May 28th, 2021

Mr. Kevin Coyne
Sons of the American Revolution

Dear Mr. Coyne,

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

Sergeant Ron Coakley was hired in 1989 as a Corrections Deputy. I have had the opportunity and honor to work with Ron in this role and as a Corrections Sergeant for the past 30 plus years. Ron is one of the finest men and law enforcement professionals I know.

He has the most institutional knowledge regarding jail operations and we often rely upon him to guide our decision making. He has received multiple Sheriff's Awards for his effective and efficient operations of specialty assignments. These include the Jail Alternatives Program that oversees the Electronic Home Monitoring Program, Alternative Interview Booking Program, One Day Offender Program, Work Release and the Litter Crew. In addition, Ron is also in charge of Trial Security, Courthouse Security and Drug Court.

Ron has been instrumental in our ability to stay current with technology. He has spearheaded many Spillman CAD System Projects that are vital to our operations of the jail facility.

In 2014, Skagit County citizens approved the building of a new jail facility, the Skagit County Community Justice Center. In 2015, we established the Transition Team to successfully move from our existing jail to the new site. Ron was the first team member selected. Speaking from my personal experience, we would not have had the smooth transition we attained without Ron. He guided me through several of the key decisions that needed to be made and he met every deadline in accomplishing our mission.

Sergeant Ron Coakley 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, respected trainer 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Don McDermott".

Don McDermott, Skagit County Sheriff