



# DON McDERMOTT, SHERIFF

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Mr. Kevin Coyne

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Sons of the American Revolution

Dear Mr. Coyne,

The purpose of this communication is to nominate Skagit County Records Technician Laurie Jarolimek for the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal.

Laurie Jarolimek began her career with the Sheriff's Office in 2003 and for the past eighteen years, Laurie has provided outstanding service that has been a positive impact within all of the bureaus of the Skagit County Sheriff's Office.

In 2008 the SCSO created the Registered Sex Offender Coordinator position. Laurie has taken the Registered Sex Offender Program and she has developed an effective County wide program that has streamlined the work for law enforcement officers. Laurie worked with the Prosecutor's Office and developed a charging document for RSOF's who were in violation, taking the work off the detective's plate. In 2010, Laurie was recognized by the Washington State Program Director, Dawn Larsen, recommending that Laurie attend training seminars to help provide training. In 2011, Laurie received the Skagit County Sheriff's Award for her effective and efficient leadership of the RSOF Program.

Laurie is recognized for her efficiency, accuracy, organizational skills and a willingness to volunteer. Laurie has assisted our investigations unit on multiple homicides, utilizing her ability to organize documents and prepare files. This allowed detectives to concentrate on other critically important investigative details. In 2012, Skagit County developed the Skagit County Multi-Agency Response Team (SMART) to investigate officer involved shootings or crimes that require additional resources above what one agency can handle. Laurie has been called upon to assist SMART.

In 2013, within the same week, the SCSO lost both of our evidence technicians. Laurie, assisted the Investigations Unit by documenting incoming evidence until we could replace our evidence tech. Once again, Laurie received the Sheriff's Award for her efforts.

Laurie would take on other pivotal roles, such as the secretary for the Law and Justice Committee. She held this position for several years. Laurie, would serve as an actor for our tactical team. Laurie took a leadership role in the development of the SCSO Challenge Coin in 2019. In March of 2020, I became the new director for the Department of Emergency Management, about the same time of the Covid-19 pandemic. I needed additional staff to work at DEM. The first person I approached for help was Laurie and she took this role on, assisting the DEM staff in many various positions, to included logistics and volunteer support. Laurie filled this role for several months while maintaining the RSOF Program.

Laurie is engaged in the community. She participates in service groups to aid those in need. Laurie has also been actively involved in family oriented events and in charitable causes with the SCSO. Laurie has lead our office to bring food and clothing to those in need. She is also one of the first to step up and volunteer at our family events.

Laurie's hard work, guidance and dedicated commitment have contributed to the successful, positive and professional service we have come to expect at our office. 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