



On December 16, Undersheriff Steve Duckworth will retire after a stellar 30-year law enforcement career that began as a Deputy in Carson City, Nevada and culminated as the 2nd in Command at the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office.

Undersheriff Duckworth began his law enforcement career in February of 1993 as a Deputy Sheriff at the Carson City Sheriff's Office in Carson City, Nevada. At CCSO, Deputy Duckworth served not only as a Patrol Deputy but as a Field Training Officer, Narcotics K-9 Deputy and was a member of the SWAT Team.

In November of 1999, Duckworth joined the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office where he served in many capacities. Deputy Duckworth was assigned to the Patrol, Traffic and Detectives Divisions. He returned to Patrol as a Sergeant in 2009, serving as the first line supervisor and in 2011, Duckworth was promoted to Lieutenant, supervising 9 patrol Sergeants, and managing the agency's K-9 and Marine Services Units.

During his career, Duckworth has been a Standardized Field Sobriety Test (SFST) Instructor, Certified Drug Recognition Expert, Technical Collision Investigator and has served in the Peer Support program.

Then Sheriff Gary Simpson appointed Duckworth to be the Chief of Patrol in September of 2015 where he led the nearly 100 Deputies, Sergeants, and Lieutenants in the Patrol Division. He served in this role for the next 5 years before being assigned as the Chief of Detectives and Support Services for several months.

In August of 2021, Sheriff John Gese appointed Duckworth as Undersheriff, giving him the task of overseeing day to day operations for the entire 270 person Sheriff's office, as well as managing KCSO's executive staff and assuming responsibility for the agency's \$46.8 million dollar budget.

Undersheriff Duckworth is a 1989 graduate of Carson City High School, 1993 graduate of Western Nevada College (AA in Criminal Justice) and a 2015 graduate of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. He is also a 2019 recipient of the FBI-LEEDA "Trilogy" award.

Undersheriff Duckworth is a 2013 graduate of Leadership Kitsap and served on its board in 2014 as the project co-chair. He has been on the board of Kitsap Shop with a Cop since 2020 and is an advisory board member of the West Sound Tech Criminal Justice program.

Sheriff Gese recently presented Undersheriff Duckworth with the Sheriff's Award for "Distinguished and Devoted Service".

Congratulations Undersheriff Duckworth on an exemplary career! We wish you and your family well in retirement and will miss you greatly here at KCSO!

