

After more than 34 years on the job, Lieutenant John Sprague has called it a career! With his wife Joanne by his side, Lieutenant Sprague signed "Out of Service" for the final time on Thursday afternoon, December 2nd.

After a brief stint as a Reserve Deputy for the King County Sheriff's Office, John started his career at KCSO in March of 1987 as a Deputy Sheriff and retired last week as a Patrol Lieutenant. Here is a snapshot of Lieutenant Sprague's career at KCSO;

1987-1998: Patrol Deputy (Badge #84)

1998-1999, 2001-2003: Patrol Sergeant (Badge #18)

1999-2000: Traffic Investigation Unit Sergeant

2000-2001: Patrol Administrative Sergeant

2003-2005: Civil and Court Security Sergeant

2005-2021: Patrol Lieutenant (Badge #10)

1989 Deputy of the Year

Lieutenant Sprague held many roles while at KCSO including the Lead Search and Rescue Coordinator for the Sheriff's Office, Marine Safety Officer, Traffic Safety Officer and Field Training Officer.

He was a member of Sheriff Steve Boyer's transition team, wrote the agency's Y2K plan, served as the chair for the Operations and Interoperability Committee for the Washington State Homeland Security Region 2 and was the Sheriff's representative to the FBI and Navy task force for Local Integrated Response Planning.

Lieutenant Sprague was very involved in technology for the Sheriff's Office and was the long time Sheriff's Office representative on the CenCom Law Enforcement User's Group committee. He was the project lead for the selection and implementation of Mobile Computer Terminals (MCT's) in KCSO patrol cars as well as a member of the committee for the replacement of the Computer Aided Dispatch system in 1998.

Among his peers, Lieutenant Sprague may best be remembered for writing and implementing the scheduling program that Patrol Sergeants used daily to assign Deputies to patrol beats throughout the county. This program became affectionately known as "TeleSprague" and Lieutenant Sprague was awarded a Sheriff's Award for Professional Excellence for this accomplishment.

Congratulations on an exemplary career Lieutenant Sprague! Enjoy your retirement sir...you have earned it!

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