



Undersheriff (Retired) Travis Chaney - (208) 660-1543
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TRAVIS CHANEY has worked in the field of Public Safety for almost 40 years. He started as a firefighter with the California Department of Forestry, presently known as CAL FIRE, and switched to law enforcement as a Reserve Deputy Sheriff in 1977. In 1978, Travis began his full time career with the Kootenai County Sheriff's Office. During his distinguished service he has worked his way through the ranks starting in the Patrol Division as a Patrol Deputy. He has served as the Patrol and Detective Division Commanders. Travis has Commanded the Operations and Jail Bureaus and the Multi-Agency Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT). Travis developed the Field Training Officer Program (FTO) and served as the Coordinator of that unit for many years. He also developed the Personal Patrol Vehicle Program which enhances law enforcement visibility and response to critical incidents requiring immediate attention. Additionally, he was a longtime rescue diver for the KCSO Dive Rescue Team.

Travis has held various ranks that include Deputy, Specialist, Sergeant, Staff Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Captain. In 2009, he was appointed to Major assigned as the Commander of the Jail Bureau. In 2011, he was appointed as Undersheriff to Sheriff Rocky Watson and was re-appointed again in 2013 as the Undersheriff to newly elected Sheriff Ben Wolfinger.

Travis holds a Bachelors Degree and is a Graduate of the 175th Session of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy. He is a past president of the Montana/Idaho Chapter of the FBI National Academy Associates and the Idaho Jail Administrators Association. Travis also served well over a decade as the Chairperson for the Region 1 Idaho Advisory Board for the FBI National Academy. He is a current Idaho P.O.S.T certified Police Instructor in Leadership, Ethics and Investigations.

Travis retired from the Kootenai County Sheriff's Office on June 30, 2014, and recently retired from the Performance Leadership Institute as a Leadership and Ethics instructor and consultant. Currently, he owns and operates TC Command Leadership Consulting.

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