

Jeff Thurman

Jeff Thurman is currently a Sergeant with the Spokane County Sheriff's Department. Starting his career in the field of emergency services as a volunteer Firefighter/EMT, he changed career paths and has served as a police officer for over 20 years. His assignments have included working the patrol divisions in the City of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; Kootenai County, Idaho; and currently Spokane County, Washington. He has worked undercover as a Narcotics Detective with a multi-agency drug task force, the Criminal Interdiction Team, the Property Crimes Unit, a Tactical Flight Officer in the helicopter unit, a K9 Officer with K9 Laslo, member of the Special Response Unit, Dive Team, and Motor Officer. He is currently assigned to the Patrol Division in the City of Spokane Valley, Washington as a graveyard supervisor and is also the supervisor of the multi-agency Helicopter/UAS unit.

He has served as a Field Training Officer, a Technical Accident Investigator, and is currently the Lead EVOC/PIT instructor for Spokane County Sheriff's Office. He has received numerous informal commendations, to include 2 Sheriff Star Awards, a Medal of Merit Award, multiple Unit Merit Awards and received the National Tactical Flight Officer of the year award in 2013 for his work in the apprehension of a homicide suspect, and he also assisted with the pursuit of a suspect that shot and wounded two Deputies.

He is a graduate of the Idaho Police Academy, Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST), the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Center EVOC Instructor course, and the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center Advanced Law Enforcement Driving Course. He has been training law enforcement in specialized topic areas for over 17 years.

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