

# Agenda



## County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

Board of Supervisors Room  
County Administrative Center  
224 North Edwards  
Independence, California

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**Note:** Historically the Board does break for lunch; the timing of a lunch break is made at the discretion of the Chairperson and at the Board's convenience.

**January 19, 2022 - 1:00 P.M.**

### **SPECIAL MEETING**

1. ***PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE***
2. ***PUBLIC COMMENT (Comments may be time-limited)***
3. **County Administrator - Personnel** - Request Board: A) conduct interviews of the individuals who applied to be appointed the Inyo County Sheriff; and B) deliberate and possibly make an appointment or direct staff to schedule appointment for the next Board meeting.



# County of Inyo



## County Administrator - Personnel

### DEPARTMENTAL - ACTION REQUIRED

**MEETING:** January 19, 2022

**FROM:** Sue Dishion, Leslie Chapman

**SUBJECT:** Sheriff Interviews and Possible Appointment

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#### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

**County Administrator - Personnel** - Request Board: A) conduct interviews of the individuals who applied to be appointed the Inyo County Sheriff; and B) deliberate and possibly make an appointment or direct staff to schedule appointment for the next Board meeting.

#### SUMMARY/JUSTIFICATION:

In response to former Sheriff Jeff Hollowell resigning effective December 15, your Board discussed at its November 16 meeting the options for appointing someone to serve out the remainder of his term, which expires at noon on the first Monday in January 2023. The options discussed were: 1) appointing an individual without recruitment; or 2) seeking resumes and letters of interest, publicly interviewing the applicants, and making an appointment in open session. Your Board chose the latter. This decision is in keeping with past practice - particularly the last three times elected officials resigned mid-term.

A total of four (4) letters of interest were received for the Sheriff position. Staff recommends conducting the public interviews by the following procedure (which was used in the last three appointments as discussed above):

1. Take public comment at the start of the agenda item
2. Interview each candidate for no more than 45 minutes, including:
  - 2a. Inviting each applicant to make a presentation to your Board and the public no longer than 5 minutes in length, in which they describe the role and responsibilities of the Sheriff as they understand them, and describing why they are best qualified for the office; and
  - 2b. Each Board member asking one question of each candidate from a list of pre-determined questions distributed to the Board just prior to the agenda item
3. Take public comment a second time
4. Consider whether to begin public deliberations and making an appointment to the unexpired term for the Sheriff, or direct that appointment be scheduled for the next meeting, which in this case is January 25, 2022 unless a special meeting is requested and scheduled between now and then.

While there is no specific statutory deadline for making this appointment (See Gov't Code section 25304), it is preferable that the appointment be made sooner rather than later.

**BACKGROUND/HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:**

Mr. Jeff Hollowell announced his resignation at the November 9 Board meeting. His last day in office as Sheriff was December 15. Since that time, while the office of Sheriff has been vacant, the Undersheriff has been able to legally perform all of the duties of the Sheriff by virtue of his position. The Board is ultimately required to formally appoint a qualified individual to fill the vacancy in the elected office, and that person will serve for the remainder of Mr. Hollowell's unexpired term. There is no specific statutory deadline for making that appointment (see Gov't Code section 25304).

**ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**

Your Board may choose to make an appointment today, or schedule it for a future time.

**OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

N/A

**FINANCING:**

Salary for the Sheriff is included in the County Budget.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Letter of Interest - Kelvin Johnston
2. Letter of Interest - Eric Pritchard
3. Letter of Interest - Stephanie Rennie
4. Letter of Interest - Thomas Wunsch

**APPROVALS:**

Darcy Ellis  
Sue Dishion  
Leslie Chapman

Created/Initiated - 1/12/2022  
Approved - 1/18/2022  
Final Approval - 1/18/2022

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Kelvin G. Johnston

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January 1, 2022

Inyo County Personnel Office  
P.O. Box 249  
Independence, Ca. 93526

To Board of Supervisors,

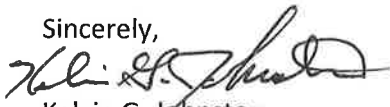
I'm very excited at the prospect of serving as Sheriff for Inyo County.

I have been serving the communities and guest of Inyo County for 22 years, from March 1, 1999 until present time. I began my career as a Patrol Deputy assigned to the Tecopa/Shoshone Resident post. I was assigned to the Inyo Narcotics Enforcement Team (INET). I was promoted to Investigator where I have been stationed in Bishop, Lone Pine and then back to Bishop. I was reassigned to the Inyo Narcotics Enforcement Team (INET) as the Commander holding the rank of Sergeant. I was reassigned back to investigations were I have continued to serve the people of Inyo County.

I have over 22 years' experience working for the Inyo County Sheriff's Department. I have worked in every community with the Sheriff's Department with exception of custody.

My resume is enclosed with this letter so you can review my education, work experience and achievements.

Sincerely,

  
Kelvin G. Johnston



# Kelvin Johnston

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## **Objective**

To obtain the position of Sheriff with Inyo County Sheriff's Department where I can apply my 22 years of law enforcement knowledge, employment experience and knowledge of the citizens of Inyo County to assist with the needs and demands of the Sheriff's Department and the County of Inyo.

## **Experience**

**09/01/2008 until present Inyo County Sheriff's Department, Independence, Ca.**

### **Sheriff Investigator**

Assigned to Inyo County Sheriffs Investigations to handle all types of Felony investigations from homicides, sexual assaults, burglaries, domestic abuse, missing persons, kidnappings, and serious misdemeanor crimes. Responsible for and supervised the illegal marijuana grows and coordinate with local Law Enforcement and Drug Administration Enforcement (DEA) in eradicating grows from the Inyo County's public lands. Manage the Domestic Cannabis Eradication Suppression Program conduction surveillance tactics to monitor illegal marijuana cultivations on public lands. Supervise and assist Deputies with calls and provide guidance on handling various crimes.

**03/01/2003-09/01/2008 Inyo County Sheriff's Department Independence, Ca.**

### **INET Agent/ Deputy Sheriff**

Assigned to the Inyo Narcotics Enforcement Team as an investigator to conduct Narcotic Investigations, conduct surveillances, manage informants, collect and process evidence, write reports, write and serve search warrants, make arrests and conduct probation searches.

**03/01/1999-03/01/2003 Inyo County Sheriff's Department Independence, Ca.**

### **Deputy Sheriff**

Assigned to the Death Valley/Tecopa/ Shoshone Residential Post. Handle assigned calls for service, patrolled several 1000 square miles of desert area. Conducted investigations, make arrests, write reports, respond and assist with calls for medical assistance. Enforce Federal laws, State laws and Inyo County Ordinances. Collect and maintain evidence.

09/01/1993–06/01/1996 Lewistown Police Department, Lewistown, Mt.

**Police Officer**

Patrolled the City of Lewistown and the unincorporated areas enforcing all Federal laws, State laws and city ordinances. Investigate crimes, write reports, make arrests and book prisoners. Collect and maintain evidence.

03/01/1993–08/31/1993 Deer Lodge Police Department, Deer Lodge, Mt.

**Police Officer**

Patrolled the City of Deer Lodge and County of Powell (2700 square miles) enforcing all Federal and State laws. Investigate crimes, write reports, make arrests, book and house prisoners. Collect and maintain evidence.

**05/07/1982-05/19/1992**

**United States Marine Corp**

Served ten years in the United States Marine Corp as an Ammunition Technician. Served in Okinawa, Japan and Pohang, Korea. Obtained the rank of Sergeant in August 1986. Was in charge of 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 11<sup>th</sup> Marines, Alpha Battery's Armory while stationed at Camp Pendleton, California, maintained accountability of ordnance for the unit from 1984 to 1986. Stationed with 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division, 7<sup>th</sup> Marines Regiment, as the Regiment Ammunition Technician from 1986 to 1989 while stationed at Camp Pendleton, California. Maintained accountability, dispersed allocations of ordnance for training and deployments for five battalions with in the 7<sup>th</sup> Marines Regiment. Assigned to Marine Corp Special Forces Company Bangor, Washington from 1989 to 1992. Maintained security for the Trident Submarines where I held a top secret clearance. Received an Honorable Discharge.

**05/20/1992-04/30/1993**

**United States Marine Corp Inactive Reserve**

Inactive Status

**05/01/1993-05/31/1996**

**Montana Army National Guard**

Served three years in the Montana Army National Guard as a Staff Sergeant (E-6) with 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 163<sup>rd</sup> Cavalry Regiment, Company A. Maintained M1A2 Abrams and conducted guard training for 30 to 40 soldiers. Released from Active Duty to inactive status.

**09/01/1996-10/01/1998**  
**United States Marine Corp Reserve**

Served two years in the United States Marine Corp Reserve obtaining the rank of Gunnery Sergeant (E-7) with 4<sup>th</sup> Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion (4<sup>th</sup> LAR). Was in charge of S-4 Office where I maintained accountability of the units ordnance, maintained maintenance records for the M1A2 Abrams, all other vehicles, conducted inspections and supervised 80 to 100 marines. Returned to inactive status until discharged in 01/01/2000.

**Education**

09/01/1992-11/30/1992 Montana State University, Bozeman, MT  
Attended and graduated from the Montana Law Enforcement Academy.

10/31/1995-03/30/1996 Riverside Community College, Riverside, CA.  
Attended and graduated from the Riverside Community College/Riverside County Sheriff's Academy.

Hold a California Peace Officers Standards and Training Basic Post, Intermediate Post and Advanced Post Certifications.

**Additional Training**

Domestic Violence for First Responders Course	05/10/1999
State & Local Anti-Terrorism Response	09/14/2000
Interrogation Law & Search and Seizure Law	11/14/2001
Orientation to Clan Labs & Designer Drugs	02/07/2002
Targeting Drug Trafficking Organizations	07/26/2002
Drug Abuse Recognition (D.A.R.)	04/11/2003
Dealing with Informants	06/14/2003
Counter Drug Field Tactical Police Operations	07/11/2003
80 hour Narcotic Investigation Course	09/19/2003
76 hour Clandestine Laboratory Investigation Course	12/12/2003
32 hour Advanced Highway Criminal Interdiction	02/26/2004
Basic Asset Forfeiture Investigation Course	05/20/2004
Basic Thermographer Course	06/17/2004
Taser Certification	12/16/2004
Advanced Recertification Thermography Course	09/07/2005
Criminal Investigation Course	04/18/2008
Child Abuse Investigation Course	05/16/2008
Missing Children & Predator Abduction Course	06/12/2008
Supervisor Course	07/31/2009
Officer Involved Shooting & Investigations	08/31/2009
Coroner's Basic Death Investigation-Mod. A	09/28/2009
Coroner's Basic Death Investigation-Mod. B	11/02/2009

**Associations  
Professional**

Member of the Deputy Sheriff's Association since 03/01/1999

Member of the California Narcotics Officers Association since 11/14/2003

Member of Mule Days Parade Director from 05/01/2014 to 05/01/2018



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Inyo County Board of Supervisors  
224 North Edwards Street  
Independence CA, 93526

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Dear Board Members,

I respectfully submit this letter to express my interest in being appointed to the Office of the Sheriff. I've dedicated my law enforcement career to the Inyo County Sheriff's Office, this community, and the men and women whom I've had the honor to work with.

I started my career in 1999 as a Correctional Officer, graduating 4<sup>th</sup> academically with a 94% GPA from Correctional Deputy Academy. In 2000, I was given the opportunity to promote to Deputy Sheriff, where I graduated top of my class academically with a 97% GPA from Basic Peace Officer Academy.

Throughout my career I have held nearly every rank within the Sheriff's Office. Additionally, I have been an instructor in Tear Gas Weapons, Less Lethal Weapons, Pepperball Launcher, and Diversionary Devices. I served for 10 years as a member of our S.E.D team (S.W.A.T), executing high risk warrant arrests, fugitive apprehension and critical incident response.

During my tenure as an administrator, I have had the privilege of playing a role in the recruiting and hiring a large number of our personnel, who are now proudly serving our community. I have also had the opportunity to work closely with community members, county officials, and countless allied agencies to enhance services our citizens.

In closing, I have a vested and sincere interest in seeing the Office of the Sheriff succeed, and I take great pride in this Office, its members, and this community. It would be an enormous privilege and honor to serve as Sheriff for the citizens of Inyo County.

Respectfully submitted,



Eric Pritchard

Acting Sheriff

# Eric A. Pritchard

## Summary

Over 22 years of law enforcement experience Ability to manage administrative and supervisory personnel, while ensuring community safety needs are being met county wide, through strategic planning to enhance public service.

## Positions Held

Correctional Officer: 1999-2000  
Reserve Deputy  
Deputy Sheriff: 2000-2008  
Sheriff's Corporal: 2008-2009  
Sheriff's Sergeant: 2009-2014  
Sheriff's Lieutenant: 2014-2018  
Undersheriff: 2018-2021  
Acting Sheriff: 12/12/2121

## Professional Training

- Jail Operations
- Boat Patrol
- OHV Patrol
- Emergency Operations
- Tear Gas Weapons Instructor
- Less Lethal Weapons Instructor
- Diversionary Distraction Device Instructor
- Basic SWAT Certificate
- Pepperball Launcher Instructor/Armorer
- DAR training
- Cell Extraction training
- IA investigation training
- Certified P.O.S.T. academy instructor

## Certifications

Basic POST Certificate  
Intermediate POST Certificate  
Advanced POST Certificate  
Supervisory POST Certificate  
Management POST Certificate

## Experience

### Inyo County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff | Independence, CA 2021

-Over 22 years of professional law enforcement experience as correctional officer, patrol deputy, S.E.D member, Department instructor, supervisor and administrator.

-Over 13 years of supervisory and administrative experience.

-Supervised and managed administrators, supervisors, sworn, correctional and civilian personnel.

-Coordinated with Administration and Personnel Department to recruit and hire new personnel.

-Supervised and organize interview panels for new hires and promotions.

-Coordinated with correctional and deputy academy personnel to train our new personnel.

-Supervised ongoing STC training for Jail personnel.

-Worked closely with allied agencies in and out of the county to accommodate; inmate transportation, extraditions, medical/mental health issues and needs of the court.

-Member of the CCP (Community Correctional Partnership). Participate in the collaborative efforts to adapt and meet the needs of the realignment population inside the jail.

-Managed court security operations.

-Attend California State Sheriff Conferences to stay apprised of current challenges and legal issues that face the law enforcement profession state wide.

-Oversee division commanders in Operations, Administration and Support Services.

-Work closely with County partners, as well as allied agencies to develop partnerships in order to facilitate common goals and public safety interests.

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December 27, 2021

Inyo County Board of Supervisors

District 1 Supervisor Dan Totheroh  
District 2 Supervisor Jeff Griffiths  
District 3 Supervisor Rick Pucci  
District 4 Supervisor Jennifer Roeser  
District 5 Supervisor Matt Kingsley

224 North Edwards Street  
Independence, California 93526  
(760) 878-0370

Dear Honorable Members of the Inyo County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express my interest in the position of Inyo County Sheriff. I have several years' experience working in law enforcement, including employment with the Inyo County District Attorney's Office, Inyo County Sheriff's Department and the Kern County Sheriff's Department. I would like to use that experience to serve the citizens of Inyo County as their Sheriff.

While this letter outlines the details of my training and experience, I want to emphasize that the most important lesson that I have learned in my career is that successful law enforcement depends on positive and cohesive relationships with the community, with partner agencies, and fellow coworkers. Building relationships and truly listening to the needs of Inyo County's communities are crucial in the daily functions of the Inyo County Sheriff's Office.

In early 2003, I began my law enforcement career as a Correctional Officer with the Inyo County Sheriff's Department. Over the course of the next few years, I gained a great deal of knowledge regarding inmate supervision and jail operations as it pertains to the State of California Title 15 minimum standards for local detention centers. In 2005, I transferred to Kern County Sheriff's Department as a Detention Deputy, where I was assigned to Laredo Maximum-Medium facility in Bakersfield, and the Mojave Substation and holding facility.

I returned to the Inyo County Sheriff's Department and promoted to the rank of Deputy Sheriff in early 2006. I attended the Riverside County Sheriff's Academy at the Ben Clark Training Center, where I graduated third in my class. During my time with the Inyo County Sheriff's

Department my assigned duties and assignments included, patrol, court services, crimes scenes investigations, the collection and preservation of evidence, and participation in community based programs such as drug awareness presentations for students and the Native American community.

As a Deputy Sheriff, I became a member of the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) where I assisted the Inyo County Sheriff's Department investigators and other allied agencies in the investigation and successful prosecution of sexual assault crimes. I am especially proud of my work with the members of the Sexual Assault Response Team to improve the quality of services offered to survivors of sexual assaults.

In 2010, I accepted a position at the Inyo County District Attorney's office as a Criminal Investigator. As a Criminal Investigator I expanded my expertise and become a more versatile law enforcement officer. During my time with the Inyo County District Attorney's Office I have investigated a variety of criminal cases and assisted attorneys in the successful prosecutions of such cases. I have investigated many cases involving sexual assaults, child abuse and child abductions, Brown Act violations, financial and consumer crimes, public assistance fraud, homicides and suspicious deaths, domestic violence and other violent crimes, elder abuse, narcotic suppression and law enforcement use of force issues. I also prepare and assist in reporting to the State of California for Statutory Rape Vertical Prosecution (SRVP) and Public assistance fraud. I was the lead investigator in what has been probably the largest public fraud case in Inyo County history, working to secure a conviction and lengthy prison sentence.

Perhaps as important as my actual investigative assignments, my duties with the Inyo County District Attorney's Office include participation in many collaborative partnerships as part of multidisciplinary teams (MDT). These MDT's include the Sexual Assault Response Team, Domestic Violence Counsel, the Elder and Dependent Adult counsel and the Addiction Task Force. These Multidisciplinary teams consist of personnel from the Inyo County Superior Court, Inyo County Sheriff's Department, Bishop Police Department, Inyo County Probation, Inyo County Health and Human Services, Northern Inyo Hospital and victim advocacy nonprofit agencies such as Wild Iris and Relief After Violent Encounters (RAVE). The focus of these teams is to combine efforts to provide effective services to individuals in adverse situations. These efforts have proven to be successful in the recovery and rehabilitation to victims and their families as well as criminal offenders. They have also taught me the vital importance of collaboration and team work to provide services to the residents of Inyo County.

One example of this collaboration was in 2015, when Inyo County agencies were facing difficulties in partnering with child advocacy centers within close proximity to our area. The lack of child advocacy centers made the investigation and prosecution of child abuse and child sexual assault cases much more difficult. Working with other local resources I was able to craft a solution to non-acute cases by bringing forensic interviewing training to local investigators and social workers. This training was in compliance with the National Children's Alliance standards, and I implemented protocols that encompassed a team of several agencies to successfully collaborate and minimize trauma to child victims.

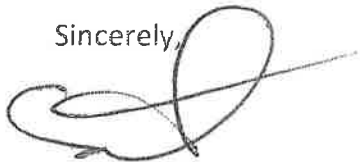
In 2016 I promoted to the rank of District Attorney Chief Investigator. This position required me to sharpen my managerial skills and broadened my knowledge of personnel and fiscal affairs. I prepare and assist with budgetary matters including Community Options for Police Services (COPS) grant, the RAN grant, Victim Witness unserved/underserve grant, and annual personnel module and purchasing. I supervise the Inyo County District Attorney's Office Investigations unit by providing training, direction and guidance to investigators within the District Attorney's Office, District Attorney Victim Witness unit, as well as staff from the Inyo County Sheriff's Department and the Bishop Police Department. I am also involved in the Inyo County District Attorney's office employment hiring process and training programs. I have become the primary advisor to the Elected District Attorney in all affairs pertaining to interactions with allied law enforcement agencies and I have maintained professional relationships with command and managerial personnel at partner agencies.

My dedication, determination, strong work ethic, organizational skills, integrity and honesty will make me successful in the position of Inyo County Sheriff. If I am chosen for the appointment for Inyo County Sheriff, my main goals will be to build public trust and maintain unified community relationships. I will be committed to providing quality police protection, custodial management, and efficient court services. I will be transparent with the Inyo County Board of Supervisors as well as partnering agencies. I will provide guidance and direction to the Inyo County Sheriff's Department Staff in addition to allied agencies, and I will uphold and support the United States Constitution and the Inyo County Sheriff's Department mission statement, policies and values.

I am excited to be considered for the post of Inyo County Sheriff. I am confident that I have the skills necessary to efficiently execute the required duties as Inyo County Sheriff and serve the citizens and visitors of Inyo County. I look forward to the opportunity to speak with you further regarding my qualifications for the appointment of Inyo County Sheriff.

Additional qualifications and certificates are listed in the accompanying resume. I feel my determination, drive and strong work ethic will make me successful in a supervisor capacity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephanie Rennie', with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

Stephanie Rennie  
Enclosure

# STEPHANIE RENNIE



## OBEJECTIVE

Advance to the position of Inyo County Sheriff to provide quality police protection, custodial management, and efficient court services, maintain effective and cohesive community relations, guidance and direction to the Inyo County Sheriff's Department Staff as well as allied agencies, and to uphold and support the United States Constitution and the Inyo County Sheriff's Department mission statement, policies and values.

## LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPERIENCE

### INYO COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

12/2016 to Present Chief Investigator

05/2010 to 12/2016 Criminal Investigator II

- Primary advisor to the Elected District Attorney in all affairs pertaining to interactions with allied law enforcement agencies. Maintain professional relationships with command and managerial personnel at partner agencies.
- Supervises, and provides direction and guidance to the District Attorney Criminal Investigations unit, the Inyo County Sheriff's Department personnel, the Bishop Police Department personnel and the District Attorney's Victim Witness Unit.
- Prepares and assists with budgetary matters including COPS grant, Ran grant, Victim Witness unserved/underserve grant, annual PMOD and purchasing.
- Manages and directs employment hiring process and training programs.
- Investigates law enforcement use of force matters including, but not limited to, office involved shootings in accordance to Senate Bill 230 guidelines.
- Investigates a variety of major crimes including, but not limited to, sexual assaults, child abuse and child abductions, Brown Act

violations, financial and consumer crimes, public assistance fraud, homicides and suspicious deaths, domestic violence and other violent crimes, elder abuse, etc.

- Arrest and detain criminal suspects, interview and interrogates such suspects, interview witnesses and victims, and prepare reports accordingly.
- Prepares and executes search and arrest warrants, as well as courts subpoenas and other court related summons.
- Prepares cases for court room proceedings and assists attorney's which includes preparing victims and witnesses for court, interview victim and witnesses, transportation of victims and witnesses to and from court, testify, and served subpoenas.
- Assist allied agencies with criminal investigations.
- Process crimes scenes and collect evidence.
- Assist in narcotics enforcement and suppression of illegal drugs.
- Prepares and assists in reporting to the State for SRVP and Public assistance fraud.
- Conducts Child Forensic Interviews in compliance with the National Children's Alliance standards.

#### **INYO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

02/2006 to 05/2010 Deputy Sheriff

- Patrol assigned areas, investigate criminal activity, enforce laws and county ordinances, protect life and property, arrest/detain criminal suspects, maintain custody of prisoners, preform Bailiff duties and provide court security, and assist allied agencies.
- Provide effective community policing services and programs.
- Use and apply career knowledge to mentor, guide and assists subordinate Deputies.

- Perform duties in accordance with the Inyo County Sheriff's Department policies and mission statement.
- Member of the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART), assisting the Inyo County Sheriff's Department and other partner agencies in the investigation and prosecution of sexual assault crimes.

03/2003 to 02/2006 Correctional Officer

- Maintained custody of inmates, ensured welfare of inmates, and provided security of the Inyo County Jail facility in compliance with Title 15.
- Supervise inmate work crews.
- Processed inmates for commitment, release, and transfer to and from detention facilities.
- Provided transportation of inmates to court and provided court security.
- Provided assistance and training to junior Correctional Officers.
- Completed sexual offender registrations per California Penal Code 290.
- Obtained Deoxyribonucleic acid samples from offenders per California Penal Code 296 and court mandates.
- Maintained inmate records.
- Acted as an Officer in Charge in the absence of supervisors.



## KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

03/2005 to 08/2005      Correctional Deputy

- Maintained custody of inmates, ensured welfare of inmates, and provided security of the Kern County Sheriff's Department custodial facilities in compliance with Title 15.
- Processed inmates for commitment, release, court appearances, and transfer to and from detention facilities.
- Maintained inmate records.

## EDUCATION

- Graduate, Lone Pine High School, 1988.
- Graduate, Riverside Sheriff's Academy, 2006.
- Certificate, Riverside Community College, 2006.
- Cerro Coso Community College, 67 units.

## CERTIFICATIONS AND ACHIEVMENTS

- Management POST Certificate.
- Supervisor POST Certificate.
- Advanced POST Certificate.
- Intermediate POST Certificate.
- Basic POST Certificate.
- Basic Peace Officer Academy Certificate.
- Corrections CORE Certificate.
- PC 832 POST Certificate.
- Reserve Academy levels 3 and 2 POST Certificates.
- Completed California Homicide Investigator Association Conference, Las Vegas, 2020.
- Completed Use of Force update Conference, Anaheim, 2019.
- Completed Management Course, California state University Long Beach, Dana Point, 2018.
- Completed Officer Involved Shooting Investigations, San Diego Training Center, 2017
- Completed Advanced Forensic Child Interview, Santa Cruz Police Department, 2016.
- Completed Multidiscipline Team Response to Child Sexual Abuse, Santa Cruz Police Department, 2016.
- Completed Supervisory Course, Golden West Community College, 2015.

- Completed California Sexual Assault Investigator Conference, CSAIA, Shell Beach, 2015.
- Completed Sexual Assault Response Team SART SUMMIT Conference, CDAIA, Huntington Beach, 2013.
- Completed Drug Endangered Children Investigations, CNOA, Sparks, 2012.
- Advanced Child Abuse/Sexual Assault, San Diego Sheriff's Department, 2011.
- Completed California Narcotics Officer Association training, CNOA, 2011.
  - District Attorney Investigator Investigation and Trial Preparation, Irvine Valley College, Roseville, 2011.
  - Completed California Sexual Assault Investigator Conference, CSAIA, Napa Police Department, 2011.
- Completed Off Highway Vehicle training, Inyo County Sheriff's Department, 2011.
- Completed Domestic Violence on Tribal Lands/Public Law 280, Inyo County Sheriff's Department, 2010.
- Completed Behavior Analysis Investigative Interview and Interrogations Techniques, Behavior Analysis Training Institute, 2010.
- Completed Child Abuse/Sexual Assault training, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, 2009.

- Completed Crisis Management for School Based Incidents, Mono County Sheriff's Department, 2009.
  
- Completed Sexual Assault Response Team training, Sacramento County Sheriff's Department, 2008.
  
- Completed Tactical Response to School/Community Violence, Cerro Coso Community College, 2008.
  
- Completed Drug Awareness Recognition, CNOA, Irvine Police Department, 2007.
  
- Completed Sex Offender Registration and DNA Collection PC 290 and 296 training, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, 2004.



*The*  
**Commission on  
Peace Officer Standards and Training**

*Has awarded this*

**Management Certificate**

*to*

STEPHANIE JANE RENNIE  
INYO COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

November 29, 2018

*who has satisfactorily completed  
the requirements for the award described in Title 11,  
Division 2, of the California Code of Regulations.*

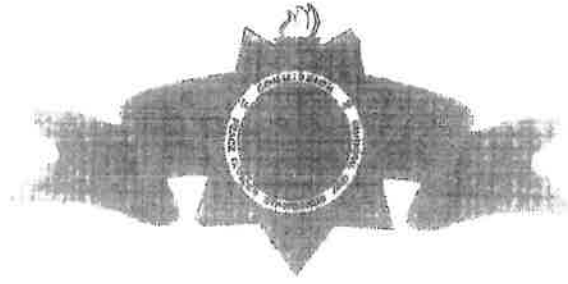
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JOYCE E. DUDLEY  
CHAIR

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MANUEL ALVAREZ, JR.  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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*The*  
**Commission on  
Peace Officer Standards and Training**

*Has awarded this*

**Supervisory Certificate**

*to*

STEPHANIE JANE RENNIE  
INYO COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

May 1, 2015

*who has satisfactorily completed  
the requirements for the award described in Title 11,  
Division 2, of the California Code of Regulations.*

SANDRA HUTCHENS  
CHAIRMAN

ROBERT A. STRESAK  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
GOVERNOR

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

KAMALA HARRIS  
ATTORNEY GENERAL



*The*  
**Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training**

*Hereby awards the*  
**Advanced Certificate**

*to*

STEPHANIE JANE RENNIE

February 18, 2015

*For having fulfilled the requirements for character, education, training, and experience  
as prescribed in Title 11, Division 2, of the California Code of Regulations.*

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SANDRA HUTCHENS  
CHAIRMAN

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ROBERT A. STRESAK  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
GOVERNOR

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

KAMALA HARRIS  
ATTORNEY GENERAL



*The*  
**Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training**

*Hereby awards the*

**Intermediate Certificate**

*to*

STEPHANIE JANE RENNIE

June 19, 2012

*For having fulfilled the requirements for character, education, training, and experience  
as prescribed in Title 11, Division 2, of the California Code of Regulations.*

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LAI LAI BUI  
CHAIRMAN

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PAUL CAPRIELLI  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER  
GOVERNOR

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

JERRY BROWN  
ATTORNEY GENERAL



*The*  
**Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training**

*Hereby awards the*

**Basic Certificate**

*to*

STEPHANIE JANE WUESTER  
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

February 14, 2007

*For having fulfilled the requirements for character, education, training, and experience  
as prescribed in Title 11, Division 2, of the California Code of Regulations.*

  
ANTHONY BATTS  
CHAIRMAN

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HAL SNOW  
INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Board of Trustees of  
**RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

on recommendation to the faculty grant to  
**Stephanie Jane Wuester**

this Certificate of Achievement in

**Administrative of Justice/Basic Peace Officer Training Academy**

Given in Riverside in the State of California  
December 16, 2006

  
President, Board of Trustees



  
Chancellor, Riverside Community College District

RENNIE, STEPHANIE JANE

AKA: WUESTER, STEPHANIE JANE

DATE: 12/17/2021

**A. PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION**

Agency	Birth Date	Sex	Race
A52-Z09 INYO CO DA		F	W

**B. CERTIFICATES AWARDED**

Agency	Grade	Start Date	End Date	Hours	Rate	Comments
	B	02/14/2007		43.00		
	I	06/19/2012	46	0.00	51.00	BASIC THRU COLLEGE 24 UNITS @ CERRO COSO COLL. 18 UNITS @ RIVERSIDE CITY COLL. 4 UNITS @ IRVINE VLY. COLL.
	A	02/18/2015	71.00	43.40	16.30	49.00 @ CERRO COSO COMMUNITY COLLEGE 18.00 @ RIVERSIDE CITY COLLEGE (Basic Through College) 4.00 @ IRVINE VALLEY COLLEGE
	S	05/01/2015	71.00	0.00	0.00	49.00 @ CERRO COSO COMMUNITY COLLEGE 18.00 @ RIVERSIDE CITY COLLEGE (Basic Through College) 4.00 @ IRVINE VALLEY COLLEGE
	M	11/29/2018	71.00	0.00	0.00	49.00 @ CERRO COSO COMMUNITY COLLEGE 18.00 @ RIVERSIDE CITY COLLEGE (Basic Through College) 4.00 @ IRVINE VALLEY COLLEGE

Total Number of Certificates: 5

**C. EMPLOYMENT**

Hire Date	Term End	Grade	Rank	Start Date	Agency	Agency Name	PIP	P/Is	Notes
02/01/2006	04/30/2010	1	DPTY	02/01/2006	14000	INYO COUNTY SO	F	P	
05/01/2010	06/19/2012	7	INV	05/01/2010	14920	INYO CO DA	F	P	
05/01/2010	12/16/2016	7	INVS	06/19/2012	14920	INYO CO DA	F	P	
05/01/2010			CHFI	12/16/2016	14920	INYO CO DA	F	P	

\*Reason for Separation: 1 = Resignation, 2 = Discharge, 3 = Retirement, 4 = Death, 5 = Felony, 6 = Other, 7 = Promotion/Demotion

**D. POST CERTIFIED TRAINING**

Start Date	End Date	Agency	Grade	Hours	Rate	Agency	Subject	Comments		
09/23/2000			O	3220-80100-00-003	64		Y	60000	CC CC	ARREST & FIREARMS
11/18/2000			A	3220-00130-00-001	116	X	Y	60000	CC CC	LEVEL III MODULAR TRNG-PART 2
06/02/2001			A	3220-00140-00-001	277	X	Y	60000	CC CC	LEVEL II MODULAR TRAINING
09/21/2005			K	1024-21065-05-015	4		Y	14000	SELF/DEF.	* FORCE OPTION-SIMULATOR
07/28/2006			A	2200-00100-05-003	868	R	Y	14000	RIVERS SD	BASIC COURSE-INTENSIVE
01/03/2007			K	3220-22297-06-001	16	R	Y	14000	CC CC	RAPID INTERVENTION SCHOOL VIOL
04/10/2007			K	1024-21065-06-005	4	R	Y	14000	SELF/DEF.	* FORCE OPTION-SIMULATOR
08/21/2007			K	3220-32075-07-001	16	R	Y	14000	CC CC	FIREARMS/TACTICAL RIFLE
01/04/2008			K	3220-22289-07-002	8	R	Y	14000	CC CC	TACTICAL RESP.SCHOOL/COMM.VIOL
10/24/2008			K	2310-33420-08-001	40	R	Y	14000	SACTO SD	SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE TEAM
12/02/2008			K	1024-21065-08-020	4		Y	14000	SELF/DEF.	* FORCE OPTION-SIMULATOR
10/09/2009			K	2330-32340-09-001	40	R	Y	14000	S BRND SD	CHILD ABUSE
11/02/2009			K	1024-21065-09-002	4		Y	14000	SELF/DEF.	* FORCE OPTION-SIMULATOR
01/22/2010			K	9180-25560-09-206	1	X	Y	14000	POST	OFFICER SAFETY: HOT OR NOT (WEB)
01/29/2010			K	9590-31445-09-017	40	R	Y	14000	B.A.T.I.	INTERVIEW & INTERROGATION
04/05/2010			K	9180-25554-09-279	2	X	Y	14000	POST	* COMMUNICATION: KEEPING YOUR EDGE (WEB)

RENNIE, STEPHANIE JANE

AKA: WUESTER, STEPHANIE JANE

DATE: 12/17/2021

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**D. POST CERTIFIED TRAINING** *continued*

Date	Code	Agency	Hours	Req	Met	Score	Category	Training Title
04/11/2010	K	9180-25575-09-285	3	X	Y	14000	POST	SEARCH WARRANT FUNDAMENTALS (WEB)
11/19/2010	K	9070-32428-10-003	8		Y	14920	GTA	DOMESTIC VIOL./CA TRIBAL LANDS
12/01/2010	K	1024-21065-10-030	4		Y	14920	SELF/DEF.	* FORCE OPTION-SIMULATOR
10/13/2011	K	6140-28000-11-001	8	X	Y	14920	INYO SO	TRAINING CONFERENCE
10/28/2011	K	4480-30660-11-001	80	R	Y	14920	IVC	INVEST AND TRIAL PREPARATION
11/02/2011	K	1024-21065-11-026	4		Y	14920	SELF/DEF	* FORCE OPTION-SIMULATOR
11/15/2011	K	8790-28000-11-001	20	X	Y	14920	CNOA	TRAINING CONFERENCE
12/07/2011	K	9070-32322-11-001	24		Y	14920	GTA	CHILD ABUSE/SEXUAL ASSAULT/ADVANCED
04/26/2012	K	8790-22246-11-018	8		Y	14920	CNOA	DRUG ENDANGERED CHILD. INVEST.
03/13/2015	K	2540-28000-14-014	28	X	Y	14920	SOBAYRTC	TRAINING CONFERENCE
04/24/2015	D	3670-00400-14-002	80	R	Y	14920	GLDN WEST	SUPERVISORY COURSE
03/21/2016	K	1214-31474-15-004	8		Y	14920	CIR	CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE INVESTIGATIONS/MDT RESPONSE
03/24/2016	K	1214-31461-15-004	24		Y	14920	CIR	INTERVIEWING/ADV FORENSIC
04/21/2017	K	4530-22450-16-004	40		Y	14920	SD MIRAMAR	OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTINGS, INV
03/09/2018	E	5270-00501-17-009	40		Y	14920	CSU-LNGBCH	MANAGEMENT COURSE-MODULE A
04/12/2018	E	5270-00502-17-009	32		Y	14920	CSU-LNGBCH	MANAGEMENT COURSE-MODULE B
05/03/2018	E	5270-00503-17-009	32		Y	14920	CSU-LNGBCH	MANAGEMENT COURSE-MODULE C
02/28/2020	K	2540-28001-19-003	20	X	Y	14920	SOBAYRTC	TRAINING CONFERENCE

\*Meets Perishable Skills

**F. FOOTNOTES**

NO FOOTNOTE ON FILE.

PLEASE REFER TO THE ENCLOSED EXPLANATION SHEET FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

Dear members of the Inyo County Board of Supervisors,

I would like to take this opportunity to make a personal recommendation for Inyo County District Attorney Chief Investigator, Stephanie Rennie, for Sheriff of Inyo County. I make this recommendation based upon my personal and professional relationships with Chief Investigator Rennie and my knowledge of her honesty, devotion to her current position and fair approach to all which reflects her strength of character.

Even though this is a personal recommendation, not a recommendation from Wild Iris as an organization, I have worked with Wild Iris Family Services and Counseling Center for over 14 years in many different capacities. It is within my varying roles with Wild Iris that I first became acquainted with Investigator Rennie in 2010. At this time, Ms. Rennie became an Investigator with the Inyo County District Attorney's office, where we worked closely together on many cases. I was immediately impressed with her involvement in the community and her commitment to justice and victim rights. I have observed and learned from Investigator Rennie the value of being even-handed and fair when making decisions regarding criminal investigations. Over the last 10 years, I have observed Investigator Rennie deal with victims and defendants with care and sensitivity while affording them the respect required of this office. I am continuously impressed with Investigator Rennie's independent decision making and impartiality despite the pressure from victims, defendants, law enforcement, political interests, and small-town nepotism.

In 2016, when Ms. Rennie became an Inyo County Chief District Attorney Investigator, I began working closely with her to address the systemic issues regarding pediatric victims of sexual assault accessing forensic medical examinations/interviews. This work was conducted through our close involvement with the Inyo County Sexual Assault Response Team. Investigator Rennie and I attended many trainings together both locally and outside of the area. We worked tirelessly in bring both a Multidisciplinary Team and Child Forensic Interviewing training, here locally for Law Enforcement, Advocates, Medical professionals, and Social Service agencies to address the problems we were seeing. It was through the attendance and planning of these trainings; I realized the intrinsic motivation Investigator Rennie has for a safer and healthier Inyo County.

Over the years, I witnessed Investigator Rennie bring out the best in her co-workers, Law Enforcement and Advocates. Her extensive work in bringing these disciplines together enhanced a collaborative approach to service delivery in Inyo County. Chief Investigator Stephanie Rennie demonstrates a collaborative community response which is emblematic of her strong character and ethical approach to investigative practices. I consider it a privilege to be affiliated with Investigator Rennie and provide this recommendation for her election to the office of Sheriff for Inyo County.

Sincerely,

Misti Clark-Holt



THOMAS L. HARDY  
*District Attorney*

P.O. Drawer D  
Independence, CA 93526  
760 878-0282 Fax 760 878-2383

County of Inyo  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

January 10, 2022

The Honorable Dan Totheroh, Chairperson, *on behalf of the*  
Inyo County Board of Supervisors  
Post Office Drawer N  
Independence, CA 93526

*Via Email to dellis@inyocounty.us*

RE: Application of Stephanie Rennie to serve as Inyo County Sheriff

Dear Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors:

I am writing to support the application of Stephanie Rennie to serve as Inyo County Sheriff. Chief Investigator Rennie has served the District Attorney's office admirably since 2010, and as my Chief since December, 2016. I am confident that she would make an excellent Sheriff.

As you can see from her application letter and resume, she is well-qualified for the position. Since she began in law enforcement, she has worked across many aspects of the profession—from corrections to patrol to investigations of serious crime. While in the DA's office, she has moved into a supervisory role and obtained her POST Supervisor and Management certificates.

While Chief Investigator Rennie would bring many positive attributes to the job, I have been most impressed with her ability to work well with others in my office and our partner agencies, and her overall work ethic. It is probably no secret that the law enforcement profession has its share of substantial egos (my own included, probably) but Chief Investigator Rennie always seems able to put hers aside, figure out what needs to be done, and works with whomever she needs to to accomplish the task at hand. I have seen her do everything from a delicate interview with a child sexual assault victim to vacuuming the office—if it needed to be done. She has provided me with excellent advice and guidance while working on individual cases, and while working through issues of office policy and relations with partner agencies.

Perhaps most important to me, Chief Investigator Rennie is a pleasant person to work with. She is emotionally balanced—we deal with a lot of very unpleasant matters in the DA's office, and she is always able to keep her head about her, stay focused on our mission, and to treat people respectfully and professionally. From my observations, she is well-respected not only by the "rank and file" officers and deputies of our partner agencies, but by management and leadership staff as well. From our many conversations, I know that she cares about the communities in Inyo County, and wants to make them better places to live. She is open to new ideas about community policing and sees law enforcement as an integral part of a community, not something separate from it.

As I write this, I do not know who all will apply for the position, and by supporting Chief Investigator Rennie I am not denigrating other qualified candidates. You will likely have a difficult

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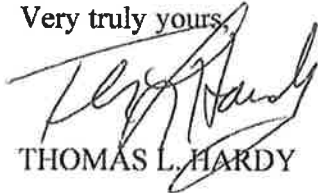
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choice, and I do not envy you your task. However, based on my experience, Chief Investigator Rennie would be a strong and able Sheriff for Inyo County. My only regret, should you select her, is that she would no longer be my Chief Investigator—but it is a sacrifice that I can make for the citizens of Inyo County.

If any of you have any questions, or would like to discuss the matter further, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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THOMAS L. HARDY



RECEIVED

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 5, 2022 4:58 PM  
**To:** Personnel; Thomas Wunsch; Thomas Wunsch  
**Subject:** Letter of Interest for Inyo County Sheriff employment

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INYO COUNTY  
PERSONNEL

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I'm submitting my letter of interest to compete in the hiring process for Inyo County Sheriff.

I have worked for the Los Angeles Police Department for 39+ years, from December 1982 to January 2022.

Police Officer from June 1983 to June 1995.

Experience in Patrol, various Task Forces, Special Weapons and Tactics, Community Relations.

Sergeant June 1995 to January 2022.

Experience in Patrol Field Supervisor, Internal Affairs Investigator, Supervised various Task Forces, Commanding Officer Adjutant.


Currently assigned to Foothill Patrol Division, LAPD

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thanks.

Thomas Wunsch  
[REDACTED]

Thomas M. Wunsch  
Professional Resume



Minimize Liabilities Through Effective Risk Management

**EXPERIENCE**

June 1995 – Present

**POLICE SERGEANT**

Field Supervisor – June 1995 to Present

Commanding Officer Adjutant – 2 ½ years

Internal Affairs Investigator – 5 years

February 2000 – February 2001

**UNITED NATIONS – STATE DEPARTMENT - International Police Task Force**

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Advisor, Sarajevo SWAT Team (63 officers) - 11 months

Auditor, Rogatica Police Station – 1 month

June 1983 – June 1995

**POLICE OFFICER**

Special Weapons and Tactics Team – 6 years

Patrol/Community Engagement/Crime Suppression – 6 years

**REFERENCES**

Captain Johnny Smith, Commanding Officer, Foothill Area LAPD (818) 756-8860

Captain Chris Zine, Commanding Officer, Foothill Patrol Division LAPD (818) 756-8860

**EDUCATION**

June 1983

Los Angeles Police Academy

June 1979

Bishop Dubourg HS

**SKILLS**

- Leadership
- Effective Risk Management
- Community Engagement