

# Nevada County

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## CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

### Sheriff Keith Royal

The Nevada County Board of Supervisors takes great pleasure in recognizing Sheriff Keith Royal for 20 years of dedicated service as the 33<sup>rd</sup> Sheriff of Nevada County for a total of 45 years of public service in law enforcement. His 20 years of service as Sheriff is the second longest tenure in Nevada County.

Sheriff Royal comes from a family with a long history of public service in law enforcement that has come with its own sacrifices with his father losing his life while in the line of duty as a Sacramento County Sheriff's Deputy. Sheriff Royal's twin brother, another brother and a nephew, all have served with the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff Royal holds a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice from the California State University, Sacramento and several certificates with California Peace Officer Standards Training, as well as emergency training through FEMA and the FBI.

Sheriff Royal is an eloquent speaker; he knows his facts and can provide an engaging presentation at a moment's notice. Sheriff Royal possesses an established management style that is simple, yet effective: hire good people and let them do their job. He has brought the Nevada County Sheriff's Office into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century by bringing many technological advances to the County's communication systems including but not limited to implementing multi-data terminals in patrol vehicles.

Sheriff Royal also established the Nevada County Sheriff Volunteer Program and Search and Rescue Team priorities with the vision of understanding the benefit of tapping into valuable and vital community resources. He has focused on community-based needs in developing programs to improve the quality of life in Nevada County. Some of those programs include Neighborhood Watch, School Resource Officer Program and Community Oriented Policing Projects.

Moreover, Sheriff Royal's leadership extends well beyond County lines. Sheriff Royal has served as the President of California State Sheriff's Association, where many of his colleagues complimented him during his tenure as President for his ability to bring the members together in one accord to accomplish their mission. Sheriff Royal has built relationships with Sheriffs of surrounding counties who know and trust each other and are ready to help at a moment's notice.

Sheriff Royal's ability to handle the challenges, and never-ending stresses associated with being Sheriff with routine ease, is an impressive feat in of itself to both his staff and fellow peace officers. The commitment and professionalism that he has embedded into the Sheriff's Office is a testament to his leadership and the many people he has worked alongside.

Therefore, it is with great pleasure that the Nevada County Board of Supervisors congratulates and thanks Sheriff Keith Royal for his 20 years of dedicated service as the 33<sup>rd</sup> Sheriff of Nevada County for a total of 45 years of public service in law enforcement and wishes him the best in his future endeavors thereafter.

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