



**SPOKANE COUNTY  
CHAPLAINCY  
SERVICES**

“Whether it's police officers, firefighters, first responders, or 911 dispatchers, many dedicated Americans work long hours, and often in difficult conditions, to make sure that when someone's in need, they can help.”

--Ajit Pai

SPOKANE COUNTY SHERIFF CHAPLAINCY

**CHAPLAINS WHO SERVE YOU**

Robert Kinnune

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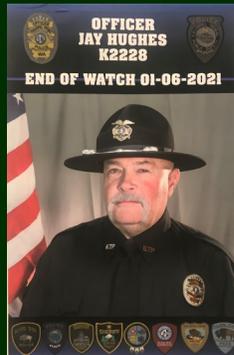
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**CHAPLAIN MESSAGE: “OUR FRIEND JAY HUGHES”**

Greetings to our Spokane County Sheriff Office Family, and to all our First Responders, and to everyone on our large county team,

I begin by asking each of us to pause and offer a moment of silence in honor of Officer Jay Hughes and his dedicated life of selfless service to our community and for the greater good.



My friends, there are so many of our local First Responders who served alongside Jay Hughes, who know his quality of character, and love him, and are mourning the sad loss of our friend and colleague.

Let us never forget Jay's powerful and vibrant example of public service for our community, and also to all those around him. As we think about how Jay cared for his friends and family and peers; this love and honor can be our roadmap to how we all should care for one another, and how we should treat each other as we serve together in ways that would allow Jay to look down from heaven and smile.

In Jay's long and distinguished career, he was able to proudly represent the members of law enforcement with the Spokane County Sheriff's Office and with the Kalispell Tribal Police, and Jay also represented the members of the Fire District as he was a current Volunteer Lieutenant Firefighter/EMT with Spokane County Fire District #4.

Jay's healthy attitude of One Team is something we can all strive to emulate in our careers as well.

Jay is our unforgettable example of dedication to public service, and he is truly missed.

Please see the touching poem below written and shared by his good friend, Phin Haglin.

God Bless,  
Chaplain Robert Kinnune

**My Friend Jay**

*Old friend, this is a sad time  
To reflect on a man who fought crime  
Over a life lived so well  
Remembering you makes my heart swell  
With stories come memories of good time  
Which will be etched in our minds and shine  
Your time with us was far too brief  
But your time of rest in heaven, a relief  
From being a true servant  
And catching a many a warrant  
To being free from earthly concerns  
And playing your guitar as your heart yearns  
Fireman, EMT, and servant of God  
When called to service, always a nod  
For people in trouble you were there  
Because you really did care  
Year after year, you answered the call  
The toll on you was not small  
A kind and caring heart was yours  
With modesty, a bit of humor, and some scars  
I have never met anyone who has spent so much time  
in jail  
About this fact, many would pale  
Not you old friend, lieutenant to those inside the jail  
Fundamentally fair to colleague and criminal  
Which to you was not trivial  
Sometimes you were kind of crusty  
And even seemed old and musty  
But when one become your friend  
You were always a god send  
As I wind down my thought  
You will never know how much you taught  
The beauty of such a large heart  
Honor, kindness, friendship apart  
Most of all friendship from the heart  
I am so sad to say goodbye  
That I must pause for a great cry  
Someday in the future we will meet  
On heaven's kind street  
It will not surprise me to see you walking a beat  
Or in a fire truck officer's seat  
God bless you, brother, enjoy your rest  
You have earned it, you are the best.*

Detective Phin Haglin

**Romans 15:1**

*We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves.*

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