



Please join Sheriff John Gese in congratulating his newly appointed Undersheriff, Russ Clithero. Undersheriff Clithero assumes this position on December 5th after having served as the Chief of Detectives and Support Services since August of 2021. He replaces Undersheriff Steve Duckworth who has retired after 30 years of service.

Undersheriff Clithero is a native of Yakima, Washington and graduated from Eastern Washington University in 1987 with a bachelor's degree in Recreation Management.

Undersheriff Clithero began his career at KCSO in 1994 after having worked for two years as a Patrol Officer at Wapato Police Department (near Yakima). He served as a Patrol Deputy and Traffic Investigations Deputy, attaining certification as a Technical Collision Investigator.

Then Deputy Clithero returned to the Patrol Division in 2004 when he was promoted to Sergeant. In 2013, Sergeant Clithero was again promoted to Lieutenant and remained in Patrol where he managed 12 Sergeants as well as the Traffic Unit and served as the KCSO SWAT Commander. He was also in charge of Training and the Citizens on Patrol.

In 2021, then Lieutenant Clithero was appointed as Chief of Detectives and Support Services by Sheriff John Gese, the position he held until his appointment as Undersheriff.

During his career at KCSO, Undersheriff Clithero has served as a Field Training Officer, Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC) instructor, Technical Collision Investigator and SWAT Team Commander.

Undersheriff Clithero graduated in 2018 from the 272nd Session of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia and is a 2015 graduate of Leadership Kitsap.

Congratulations Undersheriff Clithero on your new assignment!

