



HARFORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Dear MCAA President Thomas D. Reece:

Senior Deputy Kevin Kegley has been employed with the Harford County Sheriff's Office, as a Correctional Deputy, for 11 years. He is dedicated, intelligent, and has proven himself to be a valuable asset to the Agency. Senior Deputy Kegley has fully embraced his role as a member of the Work Release Unit with enthusiasm and interest. He generously supports other staff and the other units within the Detention Center. Senior Deputy Kegley exhibits a rigorous work ethic in every facet of his assigned tasks. Accordingly, Senior Deputy Kegley has received numerous positive performance entries from both supervisors and fellow deputies, both within and outside of his job classification.

Senior Deputy Kegley maintains a high level of competence in duties outside his general duties. He is able to conduct the operations of the Commissary Unit without assistance and provides assistance to the Community Services Coordinator, by routinely conducting inmate health agency phone interviews.

During the initial stages of this preparation little information was known about COVID-19, just that it was suspected of being highly contagious and in some cases deadly especially in a correctional environment. When the Work Release Unit was officially suspended in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, priorities and job functions within the Unit shifted to other specialty units and security functions. Through it all, Senior Deputy Kegley remained steady, reliable, and helpful. He assisted with COVID-19 housing preparations within the Detention Center. Senior Deputy Kegley assisted with securing emergency supplies as directed, and as a result, our Agency did not experience the issues related to a lack of PPE that were experienced in many other facilities throughout the Country.

Senior Deputy Kegley can consistently be relied upon to backfill staffing shortages in various units without complaint or hesitation. He has worked in IPC/Booking numerous times, making interdictions to contraband entering the facility when working in those roles. Senior Deputy Kegley was also detailed to the Transportation Unit during the trial of Radee Prince, the suspect in a mass shooting where five people were shot, three of which did not survive.

Senior Deputy Kegley is always willing to help wherever he is needed. On December 17, 2020, the Detention Center was preparing for the arrival of a full-body scanner. An unexpected snowstorm provided an interesting challenge placing the full-body scanner unit into the booking area from the delivery vehicle. With multiple units being short staffed due to the inclement weather, Senior Deputy Kegley assisted wherever he was needed, including snow removal. He also assisted the Maintenance Unit with necessary preparations to get the body scanner installed.

Senior Deputy Kegley's interactions with his coworkers and the public contribute to a safer environment for those in our custody and care and the betterment of our profession and the community for which he serves. Senior Deputy Kegley has continuously promoted the Agency's goals and mission by displaying exceptional work ethic, expertise, integrity, and superior overall performance in the areas of responsibility for which he is assigned.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Galbraith

Warden

Harford County Detention Center

