



One Year End-of-Watch Memorial for Detective Sergeant Wilson *Steamboat Springs Police Department Honors Officer with Procession & Service*

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-March 30, 2021-Many of us have lost loved ones during the past year and paying our respects have proved challenging amidst the pandemic and that was the case for the Steamboat Springs Police Department (SSPD) when Detective Sergeant Jeff Wilson lost his battle with cancer nearly a year ago.

“The pandemic was rapidly expanding, gatherings were limited so we couldn’t come together as a department to honor Detective Sergeant Wilson,” said Police Commander Jerry Stabile. “On the anniversary of Jeff’s passing, we’ll be able to recognize him, his family and his service to our community and we hope the community will join us.”



This Saturday, April 3, marks the one-year end-of-watch anniversary for Wilson and a procession of public safety personnel is planned to travel from the Combined Law Enforcement Facility (CLEF) to the Steamboat Christian Center.

The memorial service will feature the Routt County Color Guard and a traditional bagpipe player.

Individuals wishing to pay their respects to Detective Sergeant Wilson and his family can gather along US40/Lincoln Avenue during the memorial procession which will depart the CLEF around 9:45am. Vehicles should pull over to the side of the road as the procession passes.

The memorial vehicle escort will include members of the Steamboat Springs Police, Steamboat Springs Fire Rescue, North Routt Fire, and many other first responder agencies from Northwest Colorado. The Classic Air Medical helicopter will also join the slow-moving procession overhead.

“Being able to have a positive impact on the community we serve is a big reason many of us join the force,” continued Stabile. “Jeff’s influence is still being felt every day within our department and across the community. It’s hard to believe it has been year since he left us.”

As the Steamboat Pilot & Today’s John Russell reported, Wilson got his start in law enforcement with the Hutchinson, Kansas, police department in October 1998. He then spent 10 years with the Hesston, Kansas, police department before moving to Steamboat Springs in November 2011. He was a patrol officer before being promoted to patrol sergeant in 2013. In 2018, he became the department’s first detective sergeant and worked several high-profile cases.

In addition to his work as an investigator, he was responsible for coordinating rapid response training sessions across the county and surrounding area to ensure that first responders, including police, fire, and medical personnel, were prepared for the worst-case scenario of an active shooter. He also was a volunteer with the North Routt Fire Protection District.

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