

Letter of Recommendation

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To my fellow Park County Residents:

I would like to give my full support to Undersheriff Steve Spodyak. I have known Undersheriff Spodyak since 2006 when I was assigned to Park County as the Colorado State Patrol corporal. Through his career with the Park County Sheriff's Office, he was always a person you could count on to assist you with securing a scene and starting initial paperwork for the investigation. I have been the Undersheriff's back-up on major scenes with him. His command presence was always present, and you always knew what your function was. After he became the Undersheriff, if he arrived at one of my scenes, he would assist and accomplish tasks I would ask him to do, so that I could accomplish other tasks. He has never forgotten where he has come from; coming up through the ranks will be an asset as the sheriff.

Through my years assigned to Park County I have watched the personnel issues that affected the sheriff's office. Over the last five years or so the personnel issues have stabilized, especially in the supervisory roles which help stabilize the deputy ranks. I believe this has happened due to Undersheriff Spodyak's strong leadership.

Undersheriff Spodyak believes in partnerships with other agencies throughout Park County and the State of Colorado. He is not afraid to get your input on situations. I have personally observed him get input from other Park County agencies, State Patrol, and CDOT and use the information to make situations and events safer.

As a retired State Patrol Corporal with thirty and half years in law enforcement I believe Undersheriff Spodyak is the best choice for Park County Sheriff. As your sheriff, he will continue to improve and change the Park County Sheriff's office for the better.

Thank you for your time,


Boyd Manz

Retired State Patrol Corporal