



**THE AMERICAN LEGION**  
**DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON**  
**911 OPERATOR OF THE YEAR APPLICATION**

Award to be presented annually at the Department Convention to an outstanding full time paid 911 Operator, selected from a public or private agency that is responsible for receiving 911 calls and dispatching fire, medical, or law enforcement services. The selected nominee may be either a call receiver and or dispatcher. The individual will be selected from Post Law & Order Committees. Nominations must be received at Department HQ by February 1<sup>st</sup>, of each year. See Department of Washington Operating Procedure 28.

Candidates Name: **Dawn Perry** Cell Phone #: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]  
Home Address: [REDACTED] City: [REDACTED] Zip: [REDACTED] Nominating Post: **0149 - Bremerton**

Post Commander: **Dave Marsland**

Commanders Phone #: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Post Address: **4922 Kitsap Way** City: **Bremerton** Zip: **98312** Agency Head: [REDACTED]

Phone #: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

Agency Address: [REDACTED] City: [REDACTED] Zip: [REDACTED]

Please complete the answers to the below questions. Attach additional sheets of paper to fully explain your answers if needed. Also, attach all documentation that is available.

1. Why is candidate outstanding? Endorsed by his peers or superiors. **See attached sheet.**
2. Did candidate commit and act of Valor? YES ( ) NO ( **X** ).
3. If an act of valor occurred and given publicity, please attach newspaper clippings, photos, or time and date of radio or TV coverage. **NA**
4. Has the candidate received local recognition from other organizations, including the Legion Post? **Dawn received Kitsap 911's Employee of the quarter for 1st quarter 2020 and was selected as the 2020 Employee of the year. Dawn's performance has continued to exceed standards year after year.**
5. Has the Legion Post presented a certificate and or plaque to recognize the individual for their achievements? **No**

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**ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION**

1. Why is candidate outstanding? Endorsed by his peers or superiors.

- Dawn has had many successes this year! She was awarded a lifesaving pin for performing telephone CPR that saved a citizen's life. She quickly identified the need for CPR and walked the caller through how to perform CPR quickly.
- Dawn handled an airplane accident event working as the fire dispatcher and then taking control of the TAC channel where all radio traffic and requests were aired. These are events we train for, yet rarely handle. She did a great job remaining calm and professional during this high priority, low frequency event.
- Dawn participates in numerous committees at Kitsap 911. We always say it takes a village to do this job. Dawn continually steps up to the plate without being asked. She is a certified training officer, spending countless hours training new employees to take 911 calls and dispatch events to fire and law agencies. She is a mentor, who displays true investment in helping everyone succeed. Dawn is also a member of our Wellness Committee which plans wellness events to help keep employees healthy. She is also a member of our Peer Support Team, helping others deal with the difficult events we encounter at 911.
- Dawn easily builds a rapport with everyone she works with, peers, citizens, and member agency personnel. Her genuine caring nature is felt by everyone she interacts with.
- Dawn is flexible with her schedule, commonly taking overtime or volunteering to work a 14 hour day so that a coworker does not get mandated to stay. She arrives to work early and prepared.
- Dawn is the Kitsap 911 Employees Guild Vice-President. She communicates openly and honestly with all parties. She goes into every situation with no preconceived information. Dawn is a pleasure to work with in this capacity as well.
- She is truly a role model employee every day.

Questions 2 through 5 are answers on the application.