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PRESS RELEASE



The Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office is proud to introduce their newest Deputy, Christopher Johnson. Deputy Johnson graduated from the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission's Basic Law Enforcement Academy on March 19th, 2013. Deputy Johnson graduated at the top of his class, receiving numerous awards including the class' top #1 overall graduate award.

Deputy Christopher Johnson has been a resident of Walla Walla for nearly 20 years and is a graduate of Walla Walla High School. He completed a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science from the University of Idaho and simultaneously earned a commission in the United States Navy as an Ensign. Designated as a Naval Aviator, Deputy Johnson was stationed at Naval Air Station Pensacola. Due to force reductions within the Navy, Deputy Johnson was released from active duty into the Navy Reserve. In 2007, his transfer to the United States Marine Corps was approved and he reported to Marine Corps Base Quantico, VA in October of that year to begin The Basic School. Deputy Johnson graduated from The Basic School in July 2008 and was then assigned to Fort Knox, KY to attend the Armored Officers Basic Course. After completing the course in December 2008, he was assigned to Company B, 4th Tank Battalion, 4th Marine Division based out of Yakima, WA.

Deputy Johnson deployed with Company B in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom as a Mobile Security Detachment platoon commander. While deployed, his platoon completed or supported 59 combat missions throughout the Al-Anbar and Nineveh Provinces of Iraq. Upon his return in September 2009, Deputy Johnson remained with Company B, 4th Tank Battalion and became their Executive Officer. In January of 2011, Deputy Johnson deployed to Afghanistan as the advisor to the Chief of Staff for Afghan National Army Development. He arrived at Camp Eggers, Kabul, Afghanistan in April of 2011 and assumed command of the Afghan National Army Directorates pool of linguists and became the mission security coordinator for all combat missions conducted by the Directorate. While in Afghanistan, Deputy Johnson coordinated and led 53 combat missions throughout the Kabul and Paktia Provinces of Afghanistan. Deputy Johnson was promoted and is currently the Commanding Officer of Company B, 4th Tank Battalion. After returning home from Afghanistan, Deputy Johnson began working as a Sheriff's Office Court Security Officer at the Walla Walla County Superior Courthouse. He was hired in August 2012 as a Walla Walla County Deputy Sheriff and began his law enforcement training. Deputy Johnson graduated as the top graduate of the Washington State Basic Law Enforcement Academy in March 2013. Deputy Johnson is married with one daughter.

Deputy Johnson is another outstanding example of the quality individuals who are starting careers with the Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office in order to serve our community. In the past two years of BLEA and COA academy graduates, the WWSO has enjoyed two #1 graduates, one #2 graduate, and one #3 graduate; these are great jobs and tremendous accomplishments by these new employees serving our county.