

Ozzie Knezovich was unanimously appointed as Sheriff of Spokane County on April 11, 2006 and was elected to the Office of Sheriff in the fall of 2006. After serving nearly 17 years as the elected Sheriff of Spokane County, WA he retired on December 31, 2022 with 32 years in the Law Enforcement Profession.

As Sheriff of Spokane County, Ozzie oversaw the law enforcement activities in the unincorporated areas of Spokane County and several contract cities and towns to include the City of Spokane Valley. He was also responsible for managing the County's Department of Emergency Management.

Prior to being appointed to the office of Sheriff, Ozzie held the following positions within the Sheriff's Office: patrol deputy, field training officer, property crimes detective, sex crimes detective, SWAT team operator, SWAT team supervisor, patrol supervisor, and training supervisor.

Ozzie started his law enforcement career in 1990 as the Chief of Police for the Town of Superior, Wyoming. He also served as a patrol officer for the City of Olympia, Washington and the City of Rock Springs, Wyoming.

Ozzie served as president of the Washington Sheriffs' and Police Chiefs' Association and co-chair of the following committees and Boards for the Washington Sheriffs' and Police Chiefs' Association and the state of Washington:

- Washington State Intelligence Fusion Center executive board member
- The Homeland Security Intelligence and Technology Committee co-chair
- Law Enforcement Standards, Training and Education Committee co-chair
- WASPC Law Enforcement Accreditation Committee co-chair
- Washington State Training Commission's Basic Law Enforcement Standards and Training executive board member

He also served as an executive board member and president of the FBI-Law Enforcement Executive Development Association (FBI-LEEDA). FBI-LEEDA is an organization dedicated to developing professional law enforcement leaders within the law enforcement community.

As Sheriff Ozzie was dedicated to reaching out to the community and our youth. He served on the following community outreach boards:

- The United Way
- The Salvation Army
- Frontier Behavioral Health (formally Spokane Mental Health)
- ARC of Spokane
- Boy Scouts of America
- Community Service Team
- Founding Board Member for the Spokane County Human Rights Task Force