



## COOS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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**Deputy Gill Datan  
End of Watch 04-20-2015**

**January 24, 2018**

**Summary:**

**Deputy Gill Datan was hired as a criminal patrol deputy by the Coos County Sheriff's Office on 12-20-2009. He came to this agency with prior law enforcement experience with another local agency. During his tenure with this Office he worked as a criminal patrol deputy, field training officer, narcotics investigator, criminal investigator, dunes deputy and forest patrol deputy. He was well educated, superbly trained and dedicated to his duties. After being assigned to the forest patrol duties he conducted forest patrol and criminal investigations related to forest projects and thefts from logging sites along with patrolling remote areas of the county for possible criminal violations, assisting stranded tourist, hikers or other recreational forest users.**

**On April 20, 2015 he was conducting such patrols in a remote (outside of radio or cell phone signal access) area known as Green Acres. When the communications center notified the duty watch commander that Deputy Datan was over due to check in. Officers then began a search of the area where he was in, finding him deceased on a remote logging landing access road.**

**Deputy Datan was killed when the ATV which he was operating flipped over killing him instantly. The investigations by multiple agencies found no wrong doing, inappropriate actions or mechanical issues that would account for Deputy Datan's death. It was an accident that happened while he was doing his job.**

**On behalf of all of the members of the Coos County Sheriff's Office, I wish to express our sincere appreciation to all those who helped and continue to support us both during our time of loss and our continued efforts. It is with humble hearts and sincere appreciation to all those who have shown and continue their understanding and support for those of us who serve as first responders.**

**Many times in law enforcement, officers only get to see or hear the criticisms or derision aimed at individual officers who have not lived up to the standards that we strive to maintain.**

**Thank You all for taking the time to consider the memorial for Deputy Gill Datan. Who truly served the citizens of Oregon to the very best of his ability. By your actions of supporting this memorial, you not only honor Deputy Datan, you honor us all.**

**Respectfully**

**Craig Zanni – Sheriff  
Coos County**