



COOS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

HCR 204 Deputy Gil Datan

To: Senate Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness on February 26, 2018.

**Deputy Gill Datan-End of Watch 04-20-2015
Case # SO2015-05616**

As the Sheriff of Coos County it is honor, to provide you a brief summary of the service of Deputy Gil Datan provided to the vast community he served. He was killed in the line of duty. Although his death was not from a criminal act, it was just as heavily impacted all the law enforcement community. Gil was beloved and admired by those whom he served with.

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 both local and tribal police. 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, 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. At approximately 1800 hours the communications center notified the duty watch commander that Deputy Datan was over due to check in. Other officers then began a systematic search of the area where he was last known to be in, finding him deceased form an ATV accident.

When an officer is lost in the line of duty, it is felt well beyond his family, coworkers and the agency for which he worked. It is felt throughout the law enforcement community and the communities which he or she served. I would request that you refer HCR 204 to the Senate floor with your support for consideration.

**Craig Zanni
Coos County Sheriff**