



# KOOTENAI COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## Natalie Elzbeth Detention Deputy

### What made you want to be a Detention Deputy?

The idea of “serve and protect” was something that resonated with me even as a child and something I incorporated into my personal ethos. As a result, Law Enforcement was a perfect fit. I chose the Sheriff’s Office and not a local Police Department because of the diversity the Sheriff’s Office offers. There is a lot of history in the Sheriff’s Office and a wide range of job details. Being sworn in 18 years ago is one of my proudest moments. I take my oath seriously and have great pride in the work I do every day.

### What is your favorite part of the Detention Deputy job?

The variety in the work is what makes this job so satisfying. Every day is different. No situation is the same. You are constantly thinking, adapting and overcoming obstacles. The work we do here is important, valuable, honorable and necessary. You have the ability to effect people and the trajectory of their lives in a very real and profound way.

### What do you think are the most important attributes of a Detention Deputy?

I believe it is important your personal and professional values match the mission and/or vision statement of your agency to include integrity, resiliency, fortitude and basic common sense. These characteristics aren’t just important cornerstones to become a deputy, they will assist you in having a successful career as a deputy.

### What special teams are you assigned to?

In my current position, my specialty details include Honor Guard, Recruiting and Transportation.



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