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TO: All State Agencies

FROM: Jay Inslee
Governor

SUBJECT: Lowering of the Washington State and United States Flags

I am deeply saddened by the death of Clallam County Fire District 3 Captain Charles “Chad” Cate, 46, and direct that Washington State and United States flags at all state agency facilities be lowered to half-staff in his memory on **Saturday, January 21, 2023**. Captain Cate died in the line of duty on Thursday, January 12, 2023.

I have no objection to agencies lowering the flags at the close of business on Friday, January 20, 2023. Flags should remain at half-staff until close of business or sunset on **Saturday, January 21, 2023**, or first thing Monday morning, January 23rd.

Please notify all of your field offices and facilities around the state.

Other government entities, citizens and businesses are encouraged to join this recognition.

A memorial service will take place on January 21st, at Sequim High School at 12:30 pm.

Please email FlagRequests@gov.wa.gov if you have any questions about this flag lowering.